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1. Answer all questions in this question paper.
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1	20	
2	10	
3	30	
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ANC OFFERS KANU, ODM LOTS OF LESSONS

On January, Africa's largest, oldest political party- the African National Congress will be having her centenary celebrations. This would be a **gigantic milestone** for former South Africa Nelson Mandela's party and it my passionate prayer he will be in a good shape to attend the momentous event.

The main event of the celebrations will be the presidential centennial gala dinner at Vista University in Free State to be hosted by President Jacob Zuma on January 7.

This will be a spectacle to **behold** Media **reports have** it that Zuma has extended official invitations to Kenya's Prime Minister Raila Odinga and his deputy Uhuru Kenyatta to attend the January 7 event.

The ANC events provide us with an opportunity to reflect on the significance of our parties in shaping our country's political, economic and social landscape. It would be **prudent** to ask ourselves whether our own political parties are anywhere in comparison to ANC. Have our parties fulfilled their mandate or have they only operated vehicles to ascend to power?

CONSCIENCE OF MANDATE

Raila Odinga sits at the helm of ODM, which is currently Kenya's largest political party while Uhuru is the chairman of Kenya's oldest political party, Kanu. The two are therefore important in Kenya's political landscape and deserve the ANC invitation. Kanu is currently re-inventing itself while ODM has just concluded its grassroots election in compliance with the new Political Parties Act.

ANC was formed on January 8, 1912 in response to perceived injustices against black South Africans at the hands of the then white South African Government and has remained strong to date. ANC basically delivered its original mandate when it led South Africa in ending apartheid after the successful and fully-representative multi-democratic elections in 1994.

This was a big plus for ANC and will remain etched in the minds of South Africans and the world in general for a very long time.

Kanu is also credited with leading Kenya into independence; however, its leadership later took a completely different path which was nowhere near her original vision. After assuming power, it immediately engaged itself in an amazing plunder of national resources through mismanagement, tribalism, cronyism and political patronage.

Today, Kanu cannot boast of the kind of exploits ANC will be parading on January 8. ODM should also be measuring itself against ANC.

Let this be an opportunity for Kenya's political parties to learn and reflect on what it means to exist for posterity.

(David Sonye, Nairobi)

1. Identify the personal pronoun used with ANC and KANU? (1mks)

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2. Name any two dignitaries officially invited to the event. (3mks)

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3. Give three reasons why KANU cannot boast of the kind of exploits as ANC (3mks)

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4. In a summary of about 25 words, write the lessons learnt from ANC. (3 mks)

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5. Explain the reasons why ODM and KANU were invited to the event. (3mks)

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6. Where was the main object of ANC? (1mk)

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7. The writer's presentation of this passage is , objective. Give two examples as is evident (5mks)

8. Explain the meanings of the following words and phrases as used in the passage. (5mks)

i) Gigantic milestone

ii) Behold

iii) Reports have it

iv) Prudent

v) Etched in the minds

Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.

Nyambura still feared her father. She knew that if he saw her standing there he would be angry. She was often lonely. The death of Muthoni had **deprived her** of the only companion she had ever had. So now she went to the river alone. She went to church alone. Now and then she would strike up a friendship with one or two girls on her ridge. But not one of them could replace Muthoni. Often Nyambura wept when she remembered her and all the places where they had been together, all the secrets they had ever whispered to one another flooding her mind. Then she would feel the pain inside her; the pain **wrung dry** her heart and no tears would fall. And sometimes she would run to Honia and just stay there watching the flow of the water. Then she would go home feeling at peace.

So the river, especially on Sundays, was her companion. She had her own place where she often went. To her father she grew cold. Although she obeyed him in everything and thought that Muthoni had been wrong to disobey a father, she could not fail to connect Joshua with her sister's death. She still thought it a sin to be circumcised. When such a thought came, she wondered if the death had not been a punishment from heaven. But somehow, she could not accuse her sister of sinning.

"Tell Nyambura I see Jesus". She always remembered these words and she clung to them. She was grateful to Waiyaki from bringing them to her. She wondered about him. She could never understand him. He was educated at the Mission yet he was leading the **elements** had broken away from Siriana. Was it not known everywhere that it was this young man who had started the schools? Marioshoni was famous everywhere.

Nyambura thought Waiyaki proud. Why, whenever they met he would never stop to talk. Perhaps he feared her father. Not that she wanted anything from him; but somehow, she often longed to discuss Muthoni's death with somebody who would understand. Waiyaki was the only person who had been close to her sister, and Nyambura could never think of Muthoni without Waiyaki coming into the picture. Sometimes she wished he had been on their side. He was so young and strong and knew so much. She would have spoken to him about many things. She **rarely** met him and whenever they met she always waited for him to make it possible for her to talk to him. But he always passed on after a quick greeting. A **queer** man.. Sometimes she feared him and thought that he refused to talk to her because she was the daughter of Joshua.

9. a) Say what happened immediately before this excerpt?

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b) "Tell Nyambura I see Jesus" What does Muthoni mean by this expression?(4 mks)

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c) Using evidence from the excerpt, show what Nyambura's attitude towards Waiyaki is. (2mks)

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d) combine the following sentences into one, avoiding unnecessary repetition.

i) “ So now she went to the river alone. She went to the river alone. She went to church alone. Now and then she would strike up a friendship with one or two girls on her ridge. (1mk)

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ii) Waiyaki was the only person who had been close to her sister, and Nyambura could never think of Muthoni without Waiyaki coming into the picture.

(Rewrite beginning : Never.....)

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iii) Nyambura still feared her father (Negate this expression) (1 mk)

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e) “ Was it known everywhere that it was this young man who had started the schools” What is the effect of the above expression? (2mks)

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f) From your knowledge of the text, outline the importance of the river Honia. (4mks)

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g) What is the outcome of the encounter between Waiyaki and Nyambura? (4mks)

h) Identify two aspects of style employed in the passage above. (4mks)

PART II (POETRY – COMPULSORY)

Public Butchery:

by Jagjit Singh

Some people fear death,
Others must face it before a crowd
specially invited
to witness the ceremony of their last breath.

Coups have succeeded elsewhere,
and heads have rolled,
and blood has flown,
quite indiscriminately.

But on condemned conspirators,
your fate is martyred while you watch,
heads and hearts held high,
dead defiance lurking still
in eyeballs bathed in sweat,
as the judge performs the abortion
for your baby hatched in haste,

before the mother was fully pregnant.

Once you were greeted and treated
as VIPs.

Now there is blank silence
as a crowd watches
four hooded ministers
hanging in the air.

- a) (1) What s the theme of the poem?
Support your answer with illustrations from the poem. (3mks)

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- (b) Using your own words, explain two consequences of coups as stated in stanza
two, three and four. (6mks)

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- (c) Identify two poetic devices and show the effectiveness of each in bringing out the
subject matter of the poem. (6mks)

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- (d) Explain the meaning of the following phrases as used in the poem. (4mks)
(i) to witness the ceremony.

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(ii) Your baby hatched in haste before the mother was fully pregnant.

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(e) Suggest another suitable title for the poem. (1 mk)

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Rewrite the following sentences according to the instructions given after each.

i) What was stolen? (Change into active voice).

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ii) Shut the door. (Add a question tag).

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iii) I have never seen a more beautiful girl. (Rewrite beginning: This is

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b) Fill in the blank spaces with the correct forms of the words given in brackets. (3mks)

i) Ndeko still wants more food even after clearing a whole plateful of ugali. His appetite is simply _____ (satisfy).

ii) After the inferno, the Roche's had to buy new _____ (furnish) for their house.

iii) The _____ (broad) of the material could not easily be established.

c) Supply one word which means the same as the underlined phrases in the following sentences. (3mks)

i) The meeting was postponed after failing to realize the minimum required number of members.

- ii) The telephone rang without stopping.
- iii) The lawyer treated all those who required his services with respect.
- d) i) Rewrite the following sentences replacing the underlined pa with the appropriate phrasal verb.
The circulated pamphlet made the meeting to be cancelled in the last minute. (call)
- ii) They hired this bus as theirs was declared complete loss after the accident. (Write).
- iii) I am surprised you cannot discover the deception in the lies he tells you. (see)
- e) Insert the most appropriate prepositions in the blank spaces. (3mks)
- i) Her performance was amazing _____ any standards. (3mks)
- ii) Since he no longer runs the business, he has been reduced _____ begging.
- iii) Traffic was moving _____ a snail's pace.