MUMIAS DISTRICT JOINT EVALUATION EXAM

Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (K.C.S.E.)

English
Paper 3

INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CANDIDATES:-

- Answer three questions only
- Questions one and two are compulsory
- In question three choose only one of the optional texts you have prepared on
- Where a candidate presents work on more than one optional text, only the first one to appear will be marked.
- Each of your essays must not exceed 450 words or 1 1/2 pages of your answer sheet
1. **IMAGINATIVE COMPOSITION (COMPULSORY) (20 MARKS)**

   Either
   
   (a) Write a composition to illustrate the fact that things are not always what they look like.
   
   Or
   
   (b) Write a composition on how academic excellence can be improved in Kenyan schools today.

2. **THE COMPULSORY SET TEXT**

   **NGUGI WA THIONG’O: The River Between (20 MARKS)**

   Drawing illustrations from Ngugi wa Thiong’o’s *The River Between*, write an essay in support of the assertion that: “The River Between” is a portrayal of a society at war with itself.”

3. **THE OPTIONAL SET TEXTS (20 MARKS)**

   Answer any one of the following three questions

   Either

   (a) **THE SHORT STORY.**

       Macmillan (ed.), *Half a Day and Other Stories.*

       Using Naguib Mafouz’s story “Half a Day” for illustrations, write an essay to illustrate the fact that a school is a factory.

   Or

   (b) **DRAMA**

       JOHN RUGANDA: *Shreds of Tenderness*

       Supporting your answer with specific examples from Ruganda’s *Shreds of Tenderness*, write an essay entitled: Causes of coups d’etat.

   Or

   (c) **NOVEL**

       VELMA POLLARD: *Homestretch*

       With illustrations from Pollard’s *Homestretch*, write an essay on the problems faced by Africans in the diaspora.