

**ALLIANCE HIGH SCHOOL
TRIAL EXAMS JULY 2014
ENGLISH PAPER 1 101/1
TIME: 2 HRS.**

1. Functional Writing.

You have just got your KCSE results and wish to join college for a short term course as you wait to go to university. Write a letter of inquiry to the college.

2. Fill each blank space with the most appropriate word.

Using language accurately is as vital to a _____ as using numbers accurately is to an accountant. One student found this _____ the hard way. In a speech about the criminal justice system, he _____ several times to "criminal persecution." What he meant, of _____, was "criminal prosecution." This one error _____ ruined his speech. As one of his classmates said, "How can I believe what you say about courts when you don't even know the difference between prosecution and persecution?" _____, such outright blunders are relatively rare among college students. _____, we all commit more subtle errors – especially using one word when another will capture our ideas more _____. Every word has shades of meaning that _____ it from every other word. As Mark Twain said, "The _____ between the right word and the almost right word is the difference between lightning and the lightning bug."

3. (a) The following are parts of speeches made by Winston Churchill and Godwin Brown. Read them and then answer the questions that follow.

(i) We cannot tell what the course
of this fell war will be...
We cannot yet see
how deliverance will come,
or when it will come.

But nothing is more certain
than that every trace of Hitler's footsteps,
every stain of his infected and corroding fingers,
will be sponged and purged
and, if need be,
blasted from the surface of the earth.

(W. Churchill)

(ii) If not now, when? If not us, who? If not together, how?

(Gordon Brown)

Identify and illustrate the ways in which the speakers enhance the impact of their words. (8mks)

- (b) Volume and pauses are aspects of voice that a speaker should control for effective speech delivery. Explain what each of them is and briefly state how a good speaker uses them. (8mks)

- (c) Write two words to show that each of the following spellings can be pronounced in two ways. (4mks)

(i) 'eo' _____

(ii) 'ea' _____

- (d) For each of the following words, write another that is spelt differently but pronounced the same way. (2mks)

(i) Board

(ii) Morning

- (e) Indicate the stressed syllable in the following words. (3mks)

(i) Maintenance

(ii) Comparable

(iii) administrative

- (f) (i) What is empathetic listening? (2mks)

- (ii) What does a good empathetic listener do? (3mks)