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**ENGLISH**

**Paper 2**

**(Comprehension, literary Appreciation and Grammar)**

**JULY– 2015**

**2 ½ hours**

**STAREHE GIRLS’ CENTRE**

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**MOCKS EXAMINATION**

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**Instructions**

a) All questions in this paper are compulsory.

b) Answer ALL questions in the spaces provided.

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| **Question** | **Maximum Score** | **Candidate’s Score** |
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| **TOTAL** | 80 |  |

This paper consists of **11** printed pages. Students should check the question paper to ensure that all pages are

Printed as indicated and that no questions are missing.

**1 Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow. (20mks)**

We all face different challenges and obstacles, and sometimes the pressure is hard to handle. When people experience nervousness, fear, apprehension and worry, they are described as anxious. On the other hand, when we feel overwhelmed, under the gun, or unsure of how to meet the demands placed on us, we experience stress. Stress is therefore, a psychological and physiological reaction to events that upset our personal balance in some way. These demands are known as stressors. Sometimes anxiety takes one cause of stress and blows it out of proportion. Anxiety can be future oriented; hence, the two are different and should not be confused as is often the case. Human beings differ on what they find stressful but the body responds similarly to all stressful situations.

Although human beings may be divided on what they find stressful, research on causes of stress in humans done by the Centre for Disease Control, The American Institute of Stress and many others, confirm that there are certain life events that almost all humans find stressful. They include death of a loved one even when the death was expected, serious financial issues, lack of children in a relationship, long illnesses, rocky relationships, major examinations especially when one is not well prepared e.t.c.

We usually think of stressors as being negative, such as an exhausting work schedule or a rocky relationship. However, anything that forces us to adjust can be a stressor. This includes positive events such as getting married or receiving a promotion. Stress can also come from your own irresponsible behavior, negative attitudes and feelings, or unrealistic expectations. In small doses, stress can be a good thing. It can give you the push you need, motivating you to do your best and to stay focused and alert. But when the going gets too tough and life’s demands exceed your ability to cope, stress becomes a threat to both your physical and emotional well-being

Regardless of whether an event is good or bad, if the changes it brings strain our coping skills and adaptive resources, the end result is the **subjective feeling** of stress and the body’s biological stress response. Ones **self awareness** and is very important when it comes to stress. Frequent headaches, colds, fever, sweaty hands, constipation, excessive belching, obsessive or impulsive behavior, hostility or frustration, little interest or lack of keenness even in punctuality, feeling overloaded or overwhelmed, **insomnia**, nightmares, difficulty concentrating and racing thoughts, frequent urination, weight gain or loss, decreased or increased appetite, anxiety, constant tiredness, less efficiency in work and lies to cover to up many others are all red flags.

The stress response of the body is meant to protect and support us. When faced with a threat, whether it be to our physical safety or emotional **equilibrium** the body’s defenses kick into high gear in a process known as ‘fight or flight’ response. The sympathetic nervous system pumps out adrenaline, preparing us for emergency action. Our heart rate increases and blood flow to the large muscles increase, the blood vessels under the skin constrict to prevent blood loss in case of injury, the pupils dilate so we can see better, and our blood sugar ramps up, giving us an energy boost.

**Questions**

a) From the first paragraph, what is the difference between stress and anxiety? (3mks)

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b) How is stress related to anxiety? ( 2marks)

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c) Why do you think the author mentions the research done by institutions and people? (2marks)

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d) We usually think of stressors as being negative.

Rewrite adding a question tag (1mks)

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e) Make notes on how our bodies respond to stress. ( 5marks)

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f) Explain what causes stress. ( 1marks)

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h) Give the meaning of the following words and phrases as used in the passage? (4mks)

i) Subjective feeling

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ii) self-awareness

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iii) insomnia

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iv) Equilibrium

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**2. Read the following excerpt and answer the questions that follow. (25marks).**

“ Yes dear. I’ve already spoken to the headmaster-so just get into the car and we’ll go right home”. Firm decisive Elizabeth was standing there looking confused and unsure of her next action. When they got home, she walked into the sitting room and again stood there. She had the most oppressive premonition of doom pressing in on her from all sides and she simply could not make any sensible move. So Mark took over, packed a few things for her, made arrangements with the neighbours to collect little Mary, put his wife in the car and drove off.

Most children have a father and a mother and Elizabeth had been no exception apart from the fact that her father had been a woman- her grandmother Akoko. Now her mother was ill, probably dying and she experienced completely different pain from the one she experienced at her grandmother’s death. There is a bond that exist between mother and child that is completely **primeval** in nature and only comes to the surface of the conscious mind in all its primitive force when either mother or child is in some sort of peril-not surprising considering that as a child lies in its mother’s womb, the first sound it hears is her heartbeat and the first human voice it recognizes is hers. For the next many months, the child’s most satisfying experience will be to lie to her heart, nursing at the breast-so that the powerful connection is not **severed** with the cutting of the cord.

Maria Nyabera had been a good mother to Elizabeth and her cousin Peter and in her own generous way, had given **unstintingly** of herself to them and to her own mother. Elizabeth remembered how tenderly she had looked after Akoko when she became old and ailing and she hoped with a sick despairing dread that she would get the same chance to show her mother how much she cared in spite of the distance between them.

“I have failed her”. These were the first words she had spoken since their departure from Nakuru and now they were approaching the outskirts of Kericho town. Mark cautioned himself to tread carefully for he remembered only too clearly how she had almost broken off their engagement at her grandmother’s death, blaming him for God alone knew what.

“How have you failed, dear?” he asked cautiously.”Don’t keep on calling me dear! You know very well I should have visited her more frequently- instead of just staying with you, who are young and healthy and don’t need me!”

Mark knew better than to point out that not more than two months had ever passed without Elizabeth dashing west to see her mother; or the great sacrifice they had both made in giving up two of their children to her. He knew her well enough to know that she would only bite off his head and he liked it well enough where it was-firmly attached to his body. He was lucky for he had many brothers staying at home with his own mother so he didn’t have to constantly worry on that score. He really understood her predicament.

“You don’t understand anything at all!” the lady declared asif reading his mind. “You don't know how torn I’ve often felt, how I long to divide myself in two, so that I can be in both places at once!”

Mark said nothing but thought to himself that marriage was a very useful: there was always someone to vent one’s fury on however and especially unjustifiably. Elizabeth kept on alternating between long silence and **irrational** self accusatory statements until they were a few miles from Aluor. She then kept completely quiet. It was dark by then but when they approached the hut they found a crowd of people gathered there and both their hearts sank. She must be dead!

The twins rushed out into their parent’s arms, and the people surrounded them; but Elizabeth had no eyes for anyone-she just walked into the hut. She had to see that beloved face one last time.

a). What happens just before this extract. (2 marks).

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b). What premonition of doom did Elizabeth have? (1 marks).

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c). Who are ‘the twins’ and why are they in Aluor? (1 marks).

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d)In not more than 45 words explain the bond that exists between mother and child. (4marks)

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e). Briefly discuss one major theme in this excerpt. (2 marks).

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f). Comment on any two stylistic device used in the excerpt. ( 4 mark).

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g) Identify two character traits of Mark as seen from the excerpt. (4 marks).

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h). What is the general mood prevailing in this excerpt? (2 marks)

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i). “How have you failed, dear?” he asked cautiously. (Rewrite into reported speech.)

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j). Give meanings of the following as used in the excerpt. (4 marks).

i) primeval ………………………………………………............................…..

ii) severed ……………………………………………….............................…...

ii)unstintingly ...........................................................................................................

iv)irrational ……………………………………….......................................……

**3. POETRY ( 20 marks)**

**Read the poem below and answer the questions that follow**

**MOTHER PARROT ADVICE TO HER CHILDREN**

Never get up till the sun gets up,

Or the mist will give you cold,

And a parrot whose lungs have once been touched,

Will never live to be old.

Never eat plums that are not quite ripe,

For perhaps they will give you a pain:

And never dispute what hornbill says,

Or you’ll never dispute again.

Never despise the power of speech:

Learn every word as it comes,

For this is the pride of the parrot race,

That it speaks in a thousand tongues.

Never stay up when the sun goes down,

But sleep in your own home bed,

And if you’ve been good, as a parrot should,

You will dream that your tail is red.

**QUESTIONS**

1. Who is the persona in the poem? (2mks)

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2. In note form, write down what we learn from the poem about the habits of a parrot (4mks)

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3. Identify and illustrate two poetic devices used in the poem and show their effectiveness (4mks)

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4. Explain the meaning of the following lines

(i) And a parrot whose lungs have once been touched will never live to be old (3mks)

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(ii) For this is the pride of the parrot race. That it speaks in a thousand tongues

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5. Describe the character of mother parrot. (4mks)

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6. Identify the tone of the speaker in the poem (2mks)

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7. What is odd about the last line of the poem? (1mks)

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**4. GRAMMAR (15 MARKS)**

a) Rewrite each of the following sentences according to the instructions given after each. (5 mks)

i) It is wrong to throw litter anywhere except in the dust bins.

(Use a gerund)

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ii) You have amazing hair.

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iii) The teacher asked Lila if she would go home that day or the following day.

(Change to direct speech)

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iv) If they had been careful, they would have noticed that the girl was not feeling well.

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v) They will bear the responsibility

Begin : The...

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b) Complete the following sentences with the correct form of the word in the brackets. (3 marks)

i) She did not care about her academic work. As a result her grades were...........................

(disaster)

ii) She found the reptiles............................................ (loathe)

iii) What had happened was........................................., so I do not know what to say. (explain)

c) Replace each of the underline word with a phrasal verb which has the same meaning. (3 marks)

i) We always admire successful people.

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ii) The problem has been solved.

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iii) I want to buy a car since the prices have been reduced.

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d. Fill in the blank spaces with the correct preposition. (2 marks)

i) They are travelling to London................................ business

ii) The assignment is ..................... page ten.

e. Complete the following idiomatic expressions correctly. (3 marks)

i) What you have said is........................................... to me.

ii) This dress cost me an arm and a ...................................

iii) I could read this novel till the ............................. come home.