

# ENGLISH PAPER 1

## 2011

### FUNCTIONAL SKILLS

1 Your Drama Club is organizing to stage a performance of Henrik Ibsen's play,

*An Enemy of the People*. You are inviting neighbouring schools and the general public to the event.

(a) Write the notice announcing the event and inviting other schools and the public to attend. (8 marks)

(b) In not more than 200 words, write a **synopsis** of the play to accompany the notice.

(12 marks)

Read the passage below and fill in each blank space with an appropriate word.

As you think about the different aspects that go   1   our persona, it is important to

  2   your best traits and recognise the   3   you may have been taking for

granted all   4  . Doing this will provide a foundation of confidence that serves as a

  5   to connect you to other people.

  6   your appearance is what makes people curious to get to know you, your presence

is what makes them respond to you. Your presence is your energy, your spirit and your aura. It includes   7   those qualities that help you bond with another human being. It starts with eye contact and moves into your listening skills as well as the extent to which you are engaged in a conversation. Some people are   8   there, giving 100 percent; others give 20 percent at   9   because their minds are elsewhere.

Eye contact is an   10   powerful tool. So long as you are making eye contact while talking, the topic is not likely to matter much.

*Adapted from Love Smart by Dr. Phil, McGraw (2006). Simon & Schuter, UK Ltd.*

(a) Against each of the following sentences, indicate whether you would end with a **rising** or **falling** intonation. (5 marks)

(i) You actually saw the pyramids?-----  
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(ii) My younger sister has identical twins. -----  
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(iii) Why did you oversleep?-----  
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(iv) Could I come with you, please?-----  
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(v) What a tragic experience that was!-----  
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(b) Read the following poem and then answer the questions.

Lazybones, let's go to the farm  
    Sorry, I've got a headache  
Lazybones, let's go pounding  
grain  
    Sorry, my leg isn't right  
Lazybones, let's go fetch firewood  
    Sorry, my hands are  
hurting  
Lazybones, come and have some  
food  
    Hold on. let me wash my hands!

(From *Oral Poetry from Africa*. Compiled by Mapanje and White. Longman Group, U.K)

(i) How would you say Lazybones' responses in lines 2,4 and 6? Give reasons for your answer. (3 marks)

(ii) If you were performing this poem, how would you say the last line? (2 marks)

(iii) Provide another word that has the **same pronunciation** as each of the following words:

some:.....

right:.....

come:

.....  
.....

(3 marks)

(c) Apart from the voice, what else would you use to capture and maintain an audience's attention when delivering a speech? Explain, (6 marks)

(d) *Read The dialogue below and then answer the question that follows;*

JUMA: Do you know? I think the new law will transform our

society. OWING: Juma, you can't argue like that. You sound like somebody from...

JUMA: I don't want to argue with you, anyway, How can I stoop so low. You are unlikely to comprehend my point,

OWING: You see. You are rude and unrefined.

JUMA: And you. of course, have such fine manners!

Whats wrong with what I said?

OWING: A document or mere legislation cannot transform a society. It's the people who must change their thinking and demonstrate a willingness to make things better.

JUMA: But the new law provides guidelines that will put us on the right path. It's like a compass. If we follow it, we won't get distracted...

OWING: You have made your point.

JUMA: I give up. Every word you say confirms that I shouldn't be talking to you.

Explain the features that make the conversation between Juma and Owino ineffective.

(6 marks)

(e) Underline the part (syllable) where the **stress** falls in each of the following words.

(5 marks)

(i) descent

(ii) contest (*verb*)

(iii) discuss

(iv) friendly

(v) present (*noun*)

