

MAKUENI COUNTY CLUSTER PREPARATORY EXAMINATION 2016

Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education

101/1

ENGLISH

PAPER 1

(FUNCTIONAL SKILLS, CLOZE TEST AND ORAL SKILLS)

JULY / AUGUST 2016

TIME: 2 HOURS

1. **FUNCTIONAL WRITING.** (20 marks)

You are a student of Ushindi High School. Your class has just finished reading 'The Caucasian Chalk Circle' by Bertolt Brecht. They would like to perform the play at your School Hall.

 - a) Write a book review of the play. (12 marks)
 - b) Write an E-mail to the Principal seeking permission to stage the performance. (8 marks)
2. **CLOZE TEST** (10 Marks)

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

Abortion is the (1).....of pregnancy by the expulsion of a foetus or embryo (2)..... the uterus. An (3).....can occur spontaneously due to (4)during pregnancy; or can be induced. (5) abortion induced to preserve the health of the mother is termed as therapeutic abortion, while (6)..... induced for any (7) reason is termed as elective abortion.

From time (8), abortion has been induced by various methods including the use of sharp tools and other traditional methods. Currently, abortion is (9).....in Kenya except if performed to save the (10) of the mother.
3. **ORAL SKILLS** (30 marks)
 - a) *Read the following poem then answer the questions that follow:-*

A song in springs
 O little buds all burgeoning with spring
 You hold my winter in forgetfulness
 Without my window like branches swing
 Within my gate I hear a robin sing
 O little laughing blooms that lift and bless!

So blow the breezes in a soft caress
 Blowing my dreams upon swallows wing;
 O little merry buds in dappled dress
 You fill my heart with very wantonness
 Oh little buds all burgeoning with spring

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Questions

 - a. Explain what makes this poem an oral poem? (2 marks)
 - b. How has rhythm been achieved in this poem? (2 marks)
 - c. How would you perform the last two lines in this poem? (2 marks)
 - b) **Use stress markers to identify the primary stress in the underlined words below.** (4 marks)
 - (a) (i) His record has just been released in the market.
 - (ii) We have been asked to record all the transactions in the new book.
 - (b) (i) He subjects the detainees to a lot of torture.
 - (ii) The king had great respect for his subjects.
 - c) **Complete the list below by getting another word pronounced in the same way as the ones below.** (4 marks)
 - i) Pair, pear, _____.
 - ii) _____, sent, cent.
 - iii) Write, _____, right.
 - iv) _____, chord.
 - d) Identify and explain two situations in which it would be courteous for you to maintain a respectable distance as you interact with people. (4 marks)
 - e) **You are the president of the students' council in your school. You are supposed to give a speech on students leadership during Prize Giving Day to be held in your school.**
 - (i) What preparations would you make to ensure that your speech is a success? (3 marks)
 - (ii) What would you do during the actual speech delivery in order to be understood properly? (3 marks)
 - d) **Read the conversation below and then answer the questions that follow.** (6 marks)

Mr. Mwatu : Hallo, is that Ilovoto Secondary School?
Secretary : Yes, what is your name?
Mr. Mwatu : Mwatu Endelea.
Secretary : What do you want?
Mr. Mwatu : May I speak to the headteacher?
Secretary : He's out of the country. He attended a SMASE conference in Japan.
What did you want to tell him?
Mr. Mwatu : Sorry it is confidential. May I speak to the deputy?
Secretary : He's not in school just as always.
Mr. Mwatu : Oh! I will call later.
Secretary : It's okay.

i) Comment on the secretary's telephone etiquette. (4 marks)

ii) Identify two instances of politeness in the conversation. (2 marks)

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