

English Department
End-year Examination – 2017
Form 1
(Functional writing and oral skills)
Time: 2 Hours

instructions

Write your name and class on each foolscap you use.
Answer ALL the questions in this paper.
Each question will be collected separately at the end of the exam.

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Functional writing.

{20 marks}

1. A friend of yours has written you a letter, telling you that he or she is bored during his or her spare time. Write a reply giving him/her advice on how to spend this time usefully.

2. **Fill in each of the blank spaces in the passage below with the most appropriate word.**

{10 marks}

Correct pronunciation (1) words is essential in speech because it determines (2) effective communication will be. Pronunciation (3) bringing out the right speech sounds and (4) stressing the right syllable of a word as well (5) the right word in a sentence. It also includes bringing out the correct (6) appropriate intonation in a sentence. However as second learners of (7) English language, we (8) words the way we were taught or how we got them from our (9) environment whether correct or incorrect. That is why it is important to study stress, intonation and pronunciation for us to speak (10) English.

3. **ORAL SKILLS (30 marks)**

Read the poem below then answer the questions that follow

I have wished a bird would fly away,
And not sing by my house all day.

Have clapped my hands at him from the door
When it seemed as if I could bear no more

The fault must partly have been in me.
The bird was not to blame for his key.
And of course there must be something wrong
In wanting to silence any song.

Questions

- a) i) Identify two pairs of words that rhyme the rhyme scheme in the above poem. {2 marks}
- ii) Identify and illustrate any other two sounds patterns used in the poem. {4 marks}
- iii) Which words would you stress in the last line of the poem and why? {2 marks}
- b) For each of the following words provide another that is pronounced the same way. {6 marks}
- i) not
 - ii) would
 - iii) him
 - iv) face
 - v) sight
 - vi) there

c) Pick the odd word out according to the sounds given.

Court	short	cord	cork
Said	shed	raid	red
Snoop	blood	roof	groom
Act	angel	aspect	ate
Bird	bad	hurt	church

d) You have just received your English examination papers from the teacher after marking. Two ticks have not been counted and you need the mistake corrected. How would you address the teacher regarding the issue? {3 marks}

e) Identify the silent letter in the following words. {5 marks}

- i) hitch
- ii) climbing
- iii) often
- iv) receipt
- v) rhythm

f) Complete the following conversation appropriately. {3 marks}

Jane: Good afternoon mother.

Mrs Mwangi: {1 mark}

Jane: Meet my friend Maryann Mbugua. Maryann (pointing at Mrs Mbugua) this is my mother Mrs Mwangi.

Mrs Mwangi: Good afternoon Maryann. Pleasure to meet you too. How do you do?

Maryann: {1 mark}

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