



2. Read the passage below and fill in each blank space with an appropriate word. (10 marks)

A rich vocabulary can only be acquired through wide reading, and can only be (a) .....  
 ..... in the mind through (b) ..... extensive reading. Dictionaries are useful up to  
 a point. They give information where needed. (c) ..... the exact flavour of a word can  
 only (d) ..... familiar with repeated encounters of (e) ..... in different contexts. It is  
 (f) ..... remembering that we acquire (g) ..... all our active vocabulary without the  
 help of a dictionary at all. (h) ..... in the acquisition of vocabulary, the course book and the  
 dictionary are mere (i) ..... in a more natural process founded chiefly (j).....  
 leisure-time reading.

Adapted from: Practical English; *A Comprehensive Secondary Course*, Teachers' Book by  
 P. A. Ogundipe and P. S. Tregidgo, London: WPS, 1968.

3. (a) Read the Song below, and answer the questions that follow: (30 marks)

Maize has a market  
 Sorghum has a market  
 Maize has a market  
 What about my children?  
 My children's market is the graveyard  
 What about my children?  
 My children's market is the graveyard  
 You are a backbiter  
 You are a witch  
 You are a gossip  
 My children  
 You will kill them because of jealousy  
 My children  
 You will kill them because of jealousy.

Adapted from Magomoro: *Portrait of an African Village* (1987) Landeg White, Cambridge  
 University Press, 1987



- (i) With an illustration in each case, identify any three features that contribute to the oral nature of the song. (6 marks)

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- (ii) Briefly explain why the word "You" should be stressed while performing the song. (2 marks)

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- (b) Identify a sound feature in each of the short forms given below. (6 marks)

(i) Challenger: It can be cracked, It can be made.  
It can be told, It can be played.  
What is it?

Respondent: A joke

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(ii) A good wife and health are man's best wealth.

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(iii) Ken can can a can of curled Kales.

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- (c) Group the following words according to the pronunciation of the underlined letters. (4 marks)

guide	fluid	juice	cruise	biscuit
anguish	built	quite	suitable	equipment
guilt				

(i)

(ii)

(iii)

(iv)

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- (d) For each of the following words underline the part that is stressed. (5 marks)

Mis . use  
 Pro . se . cute  
 dis . like  
 a . buse  
 a . gree . ment

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- (e) You have just attended a public meeting where various speakers were sensitizing people on the problem of cheating in national examinations. A news reporter who was covering the function decides to interview you.  
Fill in the gaps in the conversation so that it flows naturally.

Reporter: Hello, what is your name and what do you do?

You: .....  
..... (1 mark)

Reporter: .....  
..... (1 mark)

You: I found the talk both enlightening and useful.

Reporter: What is the most outstanding thing that you have learnt today?

You: .....  
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..... (2 marks)

Reporter: .....  
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..... (1 mark)

You: I would like to tell them that .....  
..... (1 mark)

Reporter: .....  
..... (1 mark)

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