**GATITU DAY MIXED SECONDARY SCHOOL Name:……………………………....**

**ENGLISH FORM 2 Adm no:……………………………**

**TERM 1 OPENER EXAM 2015 Date:………………………………..**

**COMPREHENSION** : (**20mks**)

Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.

 **BETTY’S JOY TURNS SOUR**

As I walked a short distance behind father whose long **strides** I could not match, my attention was drawn to a matatu heading for Migori. To my surprise, there were passengers on the rack of the vehicle. I stared at it in disbelief until it was out of sight.

“Betty!” Father called. I saw him standing outside a shop looking at mattresses piled on the verandah. He beckoned to one of the attendants and asked him how much a four-inch wide mattress costs.

“One thousand five hundred shillings,” answered the attendant.

“**Is the price fixed**?” father asked.

“Talk to the shopkeeper.”

Going straight to the counter, father asked the shopkeeper if he would accept half the price.

“Half the price! That would be a very big loss,” the shopkeeper answered.

After bargaining, father bought the mattress for one thousand three hundred shillings. He then suggested that we should go to Boarder Supermarket which was about twenty metres further on. When we entered the supermarket, father instructed me to pick a shopping basket and select the items I needed from the shelves. I walked up and down the aisles picking what I wanted.

After paying for them, father told me that we were going to leave our purchases at the hotel directly opposite the supermarket. On entering Karibu Hotel, I was surprised to see Chacha Mwita, father’s best friend approaching us. He smiled broadly as he shook our hands.

“Please keep our shopping. We’ll be back for lunch,” father told him.

“That’s fine, Marwa. I’ll be right here.”

Father led the way to the **open air market**. It was so crowded that we had to push their way through. The sellers who were shouting out their prices competed with a voice from a loud speaker. We walked in the direction of the voice. I was amazed to see the great variety of goods displayed neatly on tables.

While I was admiring some earrings and bangles, father moved towards a **stack** of metal boxes and carefully selected one.

“I’m buying this one for you,” he told me.

“For me? Surely father, boxes are out of fashion,” I said.

“Are you going to Nyaroha Girls Secondary School for a fashion show or are you going there to learn?” he asked.

“Father, I haven’t said anything about fashion show. But the students going to school nowadays all have travelling bags.”

“Fashion is not going to dictate what you have. I’m buying you a trunk which I know is strong and safe for your property.”

“But father, that’s unfair…”

“What? Don’t be so ungrateful. Don’t you realize that your shopping is costing me a

fortune? I’m buying you a trunk and that’s final.”

A huge lump formed in my throat and by the time father had paid for the trunk, I was sobbing uncontrollably. A crowd of people had by now surrounded us trying to find out what was wrong. I heard a boy’s voice shout, “tell him off! If he lays a finger on you, **I’ll sort him out!**” Father glared at him in disgust, took the trunk and pushed his way through the crowd. I knew he was very angry. I followed him meekly back to the hotel.

I had looked forward to this day all week and now it had been ruined.

**Questions**

1. Why was Betty in town? (**1mk**)
2. Identify the places Betty and his father visited. (**3mks**)
3. Suggest a reason why Betty was surprised when they got to the hotel. (**1mk**)
4. Do you think Betty came from a rural or urban area? Give reasons for your choice.(2mks)
5. Why do you think Betty said that her day had been ruined? (**1mk**)
6. Who is Marwa? (**1mk**)
7. Explain the idiom sort him out. (**1mk**)
8. Match the words used in the passage in column A with the words that mean the same in column B. (**5mks**)

**A** **B**

strides determine

fixed long steps

stack controlled

fortune pile

dictate a lot of money

1. Betty was instructed by her father to pick a shopping basket and select the items she needed from the shelves. Write her shopping list. (**5mks**)

**GRAMMAR**: (**20mks**)

1. Study the pronouns used in the sentences below and state the type of pronoun in each case. (**5mks**)
2. They **themselves** must come and explain why they are late.
3. **It** fell and broke.
4. **We** all arrived late.
5. The bookshop is **ours**.
6. Why lie to **yourself**?

 2)Form three compound nouns from the following words. Use a word only once. (**3mks**)

e.g cupboard

green, bag, lifting, house, tea, weight

 3.The word in bold is used instead of another that sounds the same or nearly the same but is spelt differently. Rewrite the sentence using the correct word. (**4mks**)

1. The **heal** of my right shoe is broken.
2. The head teacher does not **except** such excuses.
3. Ren wondered **weather** the team had wonor lost.
4. Rodgers has no **piece** of mind since his house was broken into.

 4.Identify the error in the following sentences and **rewrite** them correctly. (**3mks**)

1. He went to town to buy a trouser.
2. We remained quite throughout the evening prep.
3. The angle appeared to Mary at the tomb.

**(c) Choose from the brackets the correct word to use in the following sentences. (5mks)**

1. You are not \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to speak \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ during an exam. (allowed, aloud)
2. The news you gave me this morning \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ disturbed me the whole day. (has, have)
3. I learnt to play \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ piano when I was in form one. (the, a)