**KAHUHO UHURU HIGH SCHOOL**

**FORM 1 ENGLISH**

**MID TERM**

**TERM 3 2011**

**TIME 1 ¼ HRS**

**Answer all the questions**

**Name………………………………………………ADM/NO……………………CLASS………**

**Q 1. Read the following passage and answer the questions after it**

**SPARE THAT SPIDER**

If, one morning, you happened to see a spider on the window, you probably would say; “Nasty, horrid spider.” You might even run for a duster or a brush or roll up a newspaper and knock the poor spider down. If you did this; you would have slandered and perhaps murdered one of your best friends.

Why, you may wonder, should spiders be our friends? The reason is that they destroy so many instects, and insects include some of the greatest enemies of the human race. If it were not for the protection we get from insect-eating animals, insects would make it impossible for us to live. They would devour all our crops and kill our flocks and herds. We owe a lot to the birds and beasts who eat insects, but all of them put together kill only a fraction of the numbers destroyed by spiders. Moreover, unlike some of the other insect eaters, spiders never do the least harm to us or our belongings.

How many spiders are engaged in this work on our behalf? One authority on spiders made a census of the spiders in a grass field in the south of England. He estimated that there were more than 2,250,000 in one acre. That is something like 6,000,000 spiders of different kinds on a football pitch.

Spiders are busy for at least half the year killing insects. It is impossible to make more than the wildest guess at how many they kill, but they are hungry creatures, not contented with only three meals a day. It has been estimated that the one year would be greater than the total weight of all human beings in the country.

There are in Britain about 540 species of spider, ranging in size from the one we are all familiar with, the house spider, which is the largest, down to some so small that one can barely see them. And they are everywhere, from the tops of the highest mountains down to the edge of the sea.

The only spiders that count for anything are the ladies. Men are kept very severely in their place by their wives. Indeed, some spiders appear to think that the only proper thing to do with a husband is to eat him! It is essentially a woman’s world.

Even if you cannot learn to like these hard-working faithful friends, remember the old rhyme that warns you:

If you wish to live and thrive, let a spider run alive.

***Comprehension Questions***

1. Why might you describe a spider as nasty and horrid? (2mks)

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ii) Explain why the spider is one of your best friends? (2mks)

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iii) Give the advantages the human race gets from spiders. (4mks)

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iv) How can you tell from Spare that Spider that a football pitch is larger than one acre? (2mks)

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v) Find proof from the passage to show that some spiders are cannibals. (2mks)

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vi) Why are ‘men’ spiders severely kept by their wives? (1mk)

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vii) Give the meanings of the following words as used in the passage. (2mks)

a) Horrid

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b) Devour

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**Q2. Grammar**

1. Give another word that is pronounced the same as these ones below (5 mks)
2. Aren’t
3. Ewe
4. Wait
5. Sin
6. One
7. Complete each sentence with one of the words given in brackets (5 mks)
8. I arrived in Nakuru one year……..( ago/ before / for)
9. Victor has a new cow………..( its / it’s ) called Maziwa.
10. Although …………….boys and girls came to her birthday party, she was not disappointed ( a few / few).
11. Add some water and heck the petrol ……………….( also / as well / too)
12. We remained ……………(quite / quiet / quit) throughout the evening prep.