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ENGLISH PAPER 1

(FUNCTIONAL SKILLS)

MARCH/APRIL 2017

TIME 2 HOURS

3KNT COMMON EVALUATION EXAM – 2017

KENYA CERTIFICATE OF SECONDARY EDUCATION (KCSE)

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Write your name and admission number in the spaces provided.
2. Sign and write the date of the examination in the spaces provided
3. Answer all the questions in this paper
4. All your answers must be written in the spaces provided in the question paper
5. Candidates must answer questions in English
6. This paper consists of 8 printed pages, candidate should check the question paper to ascertain that all the pages are printed as indicated and that no question is missing.

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| QUESTION | MAXIMUM SCORE | CANDIDATES SCORE |
| 1 | 20 |  |
| 2 | 10 |  |
| 3 | 30 |  |
| Total score |  |  |

1. Functional writing (20mks)

Imagine that you are the director of studies in your school and you plan to hold the third departmental meeting of the term, write a memo to the heads of department of English, Kiswahili and French informing them about the intended meeting. In your memo include the Agenda for the meeting covering the following items. Improving the performance of languages, preparation for the language day and debate programme for candidate class 2014. Remember to have your memo copied to the principal.

1. CLOZE TEST

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

I met Frank as soon as he 1……………………………………….from the hospital. He left 2…………………………..to be alive. His seat-belt had kept him from going 3………………………… the windscreen and he had only a 4……………………………. Cheek and some double vision to indicate he 5……………………………………….had a nearly fatal crash. In the weeks that followed 6…………………………………………..I began to notice strange after effects. Frank forgot to return phone calls. One afternoon, while writing out payroll cheques for his staff, he repeatedly asked me the date. I watched as his pen froze over the yellow cheque-book. He would 7………………………….. flip the pages to cheek the spelling of a colleague’s name. At the piano, he played the same note over and over again, seemingly 8………………………………..to proceed to the next. It 9…………………..be months before any of us were willing to accept the painful 10…………………that his music career was over.

1. ORAL SKILLS

Read the poem below and answer the questions that follow

ISOTOU DIED

Isotou died

When she was only five

And full of pride

Just before she new

How small a loss

It bought to such a few

Her mother wept

Half grateful

To be so early before

And did not see the smile

As tender as the root

Of the emerging plant

Which sealed her eyes

The neighbor waited

As they were paid to do

And thought how big a spread

Might be her wedding too

The father looked at her

Through marble eyes and said;

“who split the perfume

Mixed with morning dew?”

Lenvies Peter

From :The Earth is ours. Edited by Ian Gordon)

Questions:

1. Identify any two pairs of rhyming words in this poem (2mks)
2. Which word would you stress in line 2 of this poem, and why? (2mks)
3. How would you say the last two lines of this poem. (2mks)

b) Identify the silent letter in each of the following words (5mks)

i) Poignant

ii)biscuits

iii)Moisten

iv)Plumb

v)Receipt

c) For each of the following words underline the part that is stress (5mks)

i)Col.league-

ii)re.gi.ster-

iii)Ap.proach -

iv)a.larm-

v)a.buse-

d)You are a radio presenter with classic FM and you are scheduled to interview the Deputy President about terrorism and Piracy in Kenya.

i)What preparations would you carry out before the interview? (3mks)

ii) What strategic would you employ during the interview? (3mks)

e) Your school choir is rehearsing a choral verse of the school’s music festivals. They are making a presentation for the rest of the school so as to get some feedback. Give four things that the listeners need to pay attention to and explain why (8mks)