**GATITU MIXED SECONDARY SCHOOL**

**OPENER EXAM TERM 2 2015 NAME:…………………………………………….**

**ENGLISH FORM 3 ADM NO:…………………………………………**

1Functional Writing (20 mks)

Imagine you are the entertainment Captain in your school.Write a Memo to the class prefects asking them to prepare an entertainment item per class for the forthcoming Prize Giving Day as agreed.

2.CLOZE TEST (10 mks)

Fill the blank spaces with the appropriate word from the brackets

No country ever developed from donor funding.In fact,the donor………………1(agents,agencies urgent) are pure business organizations whose aim is to……………………………………………..2 (mint,make,create) money from poor economies,usually…………………………………………………………3 (sickened,plagued,attacked) by corruption and budgetary embezzlement.When a country………………………4 (locks,yokes,ties) itself to external borrowing,it loses its……………………………………5 (energy,ability,power) to control its priorities as well as the sovereignty to decide how to spend the money…………………………..6 (given ,lent,advanced )to them.This is so because there are always strings………………………………………7 (attached.connected,pulled) to each loan a country borrows.Furthermore,certain………………………………………………………….8 (conditionalities,expectations) have to be metbefore further aid can be 9……………………………………………… (accorded,disbursed,extended) to them.In effect,this becomes a new form of colonization.Yet few third world countries can………………………………………………….10 (live,survive,exist)without this aid which so impoverishes its people and enslaves them to the Brettonwood institution.

3 COMPREHENSION

 **Angels of Mercy**

Shortly after dusk on February 26th 2000, Sofia Carolina Shivure and her family were eating dinner in their humble clay and thatch home in rural southern Mozambique. Her husband was away working in the capital,Maputo.Sofia,24,was heavily pregnant with the third child. They were discussing her impending to hospital when, seemingly from nowhere, the rolling brown waters of Limpopo River reached their tiny village.

The eight adults, carrying three children, waded **panic -stricken** in the dark towards two large trees, scrambling up them just in time to escape a roaring wall of water that suddenly swamped their land. The torrent swept away their home, livestock, crops and what few other possessions they had.

That night, and the next two days and nights, passed in terror. Sofia and her family were trapped in the trees by raging waters that stretched as far as the eyes could see. They watched horrified as the bodies of people and animals floated by.

Starving, blistering under the sun as the storm clouds cleared, and unable to sleep for fear of slipping into the water, they passed the time keeping each other awake, comforting the children with songs and praying for help. On the second day, exhaustion overcame 70 year old Niasse Mabuiango, Sofia’s husband’s grandmother. She fell from her branch and **succumbed** to the rising floodwaters.

Sofia kept her son baby Benete, two, strapped to her back with a blanket but the hungry toddler cried constantly and weakened steadily. Her daughter Celina, five, was in the other tree and Sofia worried that she might tire and fall.

Hopes of salvation **soared** when men from a nearby village came in a boat. But they refused to help because the family had no money. At dawn on the third day, they heard the sound of rotor blades and saw a helicopter flying across the water. They cheered and waved, but it sped by.

At that moment, Sofia cried out. Her contractions had begun. She urgently needed help, but she only had her tiny son,Benete and teenager Sonja Cumaiyo with her. Her brother in-law Carlito Mabuiyango, 30, bravely dived from the other tree into the water and swam towards Sofia’s group. After **coaxing** them down, he helped the two young women and baby across the 10 metres of turbulent water to the second tree.

Settled **precariously** on a branch and tended by relatives, Sofia bore labour in a blur of pain..Her pain was so severe it overshadowed even the terror at being perched above the raging floodwaters. ‘I can’t go on like this!’ she cried. Suddenly helicopters were roaring overhead. Out of the heavens had come help.

Sofia’s group was hidden by the leaves. People yelled and scrambled for branches to wave at the helicopter, trying to attract their attention.’’Please God, let them see us’’ Sofia whispered. Her prayers were answered as the chopper turned towards them.

Captain Berlyn, and his crew, had rescued a man minutes before who alerted them to Sofia’s group, but they did not know how best to reach them-or what they were dealing with a woman about to give birth.’’This is going to be difficult. Those people are deep in the tree,’ said Berlyn, a calm, quiet young man and a talented pilot.

He descended the helicopter slowly, his crew watching out obstacles and directing him towards the top branches. Too low and the blades would slice into the woods, sending the craft hurling into the tree.

Crew member, Sergent Buck slipped on a rescue belt and was lowered into the branches. Pushing aside leaves, he saw nearly a dozen people below and around him. They included a young woman, lying on her side writhing in agony on a plank.

He grabbed two children, **winched** them up and told Berlyn: ‘’I think there’s a woman in labour down there.’’ At that moment, Sofia’s baby was born. The pain eased and a crying newborn was placed in her arms.

Buck could not believe his eyes when he went back down and saw the woman crying but happy, with a newborn baby. He felt a momentary sense of panic. Nothing in his years of training or flying had taught him what to do with fragile newborns. But the initial shock, he quickly regained his composure.

Judging that Sofia and her baby were not in immediate danger, the chopper crew decided to leave them there for a moment, and bring back medical help as quickly as possible. After taking a few more people from the tree on board, they flew to Chebuto, twenty five kilometers away. There, they dropped the rescued at a camp and picked up a medic, Corporal Nengovhela.When they returned and he was lowered into the tree, he cut the umbilical cord and pronounced mother and child healthy.

They wrapped the baby in a blanket. Buck took Sofia up first leaving Nengovhela to attend to the baby. On his return, they carefully brought the baby to the top of the tree, with Buck holding one hand over the soft spot on her head, making sure she did not bump into anything. Nengovhela held her as they were **winched** up to the helicopter, into the arms of a relieved Sofia.

“She is one brave lady, “Buck told the crew.

**Questions**

1.(a) How many people including children climbed the two large trees? (1mk)

(b) How many were rescued? (1mk)

2.How did Sofia’s brother-in- law help to ease her problem? (2mks)

3. (a) How did the rescuers discover Sofia’s group? (1mk)

(b) Why was it going to be difficult to rescue them? (1mk)

4.Why did Buck panic when he realized that one of the victims was a newborn baby? (1mk)

5.Describe **two** character traits of Sofia as portrayed in the passage. (4mks)

6. (a) What do you think Sofia and her family felt when the boat refused to help them? (1mk)

(b) Under whatever the circumstances, do you think that lack of money was a valid reason for the villagers not to offer help? Why? (1mk)

7. In about **60 words**, write a summary of the effects of the flood on Sofia’s family during the first two days.

 **Rough copy** (5mks)

**Final copy**

8. Write the meaning of the following words according to the passage. (6mks)

 (a) panic-stricken

 (b) succumbed

 (c) soared

 (d) coaxing

 (e) precariously

 (f) winched

9. *Too low and the blade would* ***slice*** *into the wood.* Construct a sentence that contains the other meaning of the underlined word. (1mk)

GRAMMAR (20 MKS)

1. **Complete the sentences with the appropriate word formed by adding a prefix to make the word in the bracket opposite. (4mks)**
2. The director was sacked due to alleged …………………………………….of funds. (management)
3. Hostile communities are……………………………………. to strangers. (hospitable)
4. Due to his height, he was …………………………as a policeman. (qualified)

 d)Rape does …………………………………damage to any woman. (repairable

1. **Choose the correct word from the brackets to complete the sentences. (5mks)**
2. **­**Peter’s ……………………….. is not very good. (contact, conduct)
3. The teacher asked the students to assemble in the …………………….hall. (dining, dinning)
4. Daddy Owen is a very popular…………………………. (artist, artiste)
5. Most students flock to their class teachers for a word of ……………………… (advice, advise)
6. The insect has been …………………………… from one tree to another.(hopping, hoping)
7. **Use suitable prepositions to fill the blanks in the following sentences. (3mks)**
8. “What can I do ……………….. you?” the teacher asked.
9. The price of this radio is inclusive………………… tax.
10. Patrick’s engagement ………… Mrembo has been cancelled.

**4.Use the following words in their PAST TENSE to form grammatical sentences. (3 mks)**

a)Admit

b)Integrate

c)Grind

**5.Write one word which replaces the underlined idioms. (2 mks)**

a) I wish Mutuku was not **so full of himself.**

b) He entered the boxing ring **his heart in his boots.**

**6.Rewrite the following sentences according to the instructions given in brackets. (2 mks)**

a)Health is preferable to wealth. (Begin:I’d rather be………………………………….)

b) Neither Peter nor Stanley (has/have) been paid. (use the correct verb)

**7Identify the errors in the following sentences and rewrite each correctly (2mks)**

 a)The bell has just ringed.

 b)Kimani was punished for jumping a page in his exercise book.