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FORM ONE - ENGLISH – MIDTERM- EXAM – 2ND TERM 2016

Q1. READ THE FOLLOWING NARRATIVE AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS THAT FOLLOW.

A long time ago, there was a pregnant woman whose husband had gone to work in a distant land. He was a blacksmith. This woman got a baby and ogre played mid-wife to her. He also played the role of her nurse, cooking for her and gathering firewood.

Every time the ogre came back from the forest with firewood, he would pretend to offer the food to her saying, “*Wagaciari nduke tuhiuhio*: (Newly delivered mother, take this delicacy). He then munched down the food himself. He would repeat the same with gruel saying: “*Wagaciari nduke gacuru. Warega nganywa.*” And drank it himself.

This practice continued and the nursing mother became very thin and weak. The ogre himself became fat and sleek.

In those days, women used to put out castor seeds to dry in the sun. Doves used to come and steal these seeds. So one day, the woman talked to one of the doves saying: “You dove, you have eaten all my castor seeds. Now, if I ask you to carry out a small errand for me, can you do it?”

“Yes, I can,” answered the dove.

“Right, I would like you to fly to the land of the blacksmiths and once you get there, pass the following message:

Muthuri uguturai

Cangarara-il-ca

Taratura narua-il

Cangarara-il-ca

Mukaguo niaachiarire-i

Cangarara-I-ca

Agiciaithio ni irimu -I

Cangarara-I-ca

Ekwiruo nduke tuhiuhio-I

Cangarara-i-ca

Na warega ngaria-I

Cangarara-il-ca

I say, oh you blacksmith

Cangarara-I-ca

Hasten to finish whatever you’re doing

Cangara-I-ca

your wife is with child

Cangarara-i-ca

An ogre is playing nurse to her

Cangarara-i-ca

She’s being offered food

Cangarara-I-ca

But the ogre eats it all

Cangarara-i-ca

The dove did as she was told. When she got to the place where blacksmiths were working, she sang the song. The blacksmiths heard the dove’s song and asked each other, “Which left his wife expecting a child?”

One of them confessed he had and so the others asked him to go and find out what was going on at home.

When he got home, he found his wife had given birth to a baby boy but the mother was very thin and weak. She told the husband the whole story and how the ogre was eating all her food and tormenting her.

By this time, the ogre was in the forest gathering firewood. The husband sharpened his spear and hid himself in the house. Presently, the ogre came home with a load of firewood on his back. He dropped the firewood with a thud and malevolently rebuked the nursing mother. “*Wagaciari urogua na mururumo ucio.*” (Newly delivered mother, may you fall with a similar thud!)

The nursing mother answered back, “*O nawe urogua.*” (You too!)

The ogre was surprised. He said, "You surprise me with your arrogance today. Could it be that the blacksmith has come back?"

The woman's husband was very angry. He could see all that was going on from his hiding place. Even before the ogre had finished talking about the gruel, the husband stood up, took aim and speared the ogre in the mouth knocking him flat on the floor.

Before he died, the ogre cried with aloud voice saying, "It is just as I had said. The sojourners have come back. Oh dear me I am dying because of my greed!" And with these words he died.

There ends my story. But may I not end with it.

- (i) Why is it **ironical** that the ogre mistreats the nursing mother? (2mks)

- (ii) Explain **two** character traits of the ogre as brought out in this story. (4mks)

- (iii) Explain why words in **vernacular** have been used in this story. (2mks)

- (iv) With specific reference to this story, explain what the ogre symbolizes. (2mks)

- (v) "You dove; you have eaten all my castor seeds." (write in reported speech) (1mk)

- (vi) What features characteristics oral narrative are present in this narrative? (4mks)

(vii) Discuss **one** major theme in the story.

(2mks)

(viii) Identify **one** moral lesson that is evident in this story.

(3mks)

10mks

Q2. CLOZE TEST

Fill in the blank spaces with the correct forms of the **present simple tense** of the verbs in brackets.

Every day at school, the prefect _____ (ring) the bell at six o'clock in the morning. All the girls _____ (get) up and _____ (prepare) for the morning preps. Breakfast _____ (to be) at 6.30 a.m. and by 7a.m. the dormitory captains _____ (make) sure that everybody has done his share in tidying up the dormitories. The bell for the lessons to start _____ (go) off at 7.30 a.m. every day at this time our principle _____ (stand) in the middle of the school compound to make sure that all the students _____ (go) to class in time for the morning lessons. Although some students say she _____ (to be) a strict principal, most of us like her because we _____ (understand) her. Her motto is "Hard Work".

30Mks

(5mks)

Q3. ORAL SKILLS AND GRAMMAR

A. Provide another word pronounced the same as the following words.

- i. Flower -
- ii. Missed -
- iii. Ware -
- iv. Cell -
- v. Sail -

B. Identify the silent letters in the following words.

- i. Depot
- ii. Tomb
- iii. Succumb
- iv. Transport
- v. Condemn

(5mks)

C. Use the correct form of the words given to fill in the blank spaces.

(5mks)

- i. I am not afraid to die; I just don't want to be there when it _____ (happen)
- ii. Two prisoners _____ from Naivasha Maximum Security Prison last night. (escape)

- iii. They _____ warders uniform and calmly walked through the main gate. (steal)
- iv. The boxing team _____ in Japan tomorrow. (arrive)
- v. The hen _____ eggs in the bush. (lay)

D. Complete these sentences with the given verbs in their correct form. (5mks)

- i. Have you considered _____ for the competition? (enter)
- ii. Pardon my _____, but why did you threaten resigning?
- iii. Why did you delay _____ the Cheque? (send)
- iv. Would you mind putting the letter where I shall not forget _____ it in the morning? (collect)
- v. The accused person admitted _____ in the area at the time, but denied entering the house. (be)

E. Write down a complete riddling session. (5mks)

F.i. Assume you have been invited to your former primary school to give the class eight candidates a talk on how to pass KCPE. Mention **two** ways in which you would know that your audience is fully participating. (2mks)

ii. during the above presentation, you look around and notice that some pupils are looking at their watches, a few are yawning and one or two are shifting in their seats. What would be likely cause of such behaviour? (3mks)