

ENGLISH FORM TWO MID TERM EXAMINATION 2015 TERM I.

Short Answer



MANYAM FRANCHISE  
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1. Read the story below and then answer the questions that follow;

Hare, the cleverest and funniest of animals, was once on good terms with Elephant and Hippo. He knew very well that he was weaker than his mighty friends, yet oddly enough he was always seeking ways of showing that he was, in fact, much stronger than they.

While drinking at the lakeshore one day, he met Hippo, "How are you, brother, you big -for -nothing brute?" He began. "I've been waiting a long time to prove how much stronger than you I am. It's time you recognized your betters and gave me the respect I deserve."

"What!" Hippo retorted, unable to believe his ears, "do you really dare to address me like that, you worthless little creature? Have you forgotten I'm the biggest and strongest of all the water creatures?"

Hare's reply was deliciously cool. "You may well be," he said, "but I'm the strongest of all animals wherever they live; and from now on be sure you remember it. If you want to see how weak you are let's meet here in three days' time and try a little tug-of-war. I promise you I'll haul you clean out of the lake into the forest". Such imprudence infuriated Hippo. "stop this idle prattle!" he retorted. "Go home and eat for a few years. You'll need to get strength before you start dreaming of pulling me from the lake."

And so they parted. Now as it happened, Hare, as yet, had no idea how he could outwit Hippo. He spent the remainder of the day deep in thought. by late afternoon the rather obvious idea of tying one end of a rope to a tree-trunk was **taking root** in his mind when suddenly his friend Elephant appeared.

His mind raced like the wind. "Hello, you long-eared oaf!" he shouted. "Why on earth do you keep swinging your snout like that?"

Elephant was not amused. He replied in rather hurt tones. "What's wrong with you today, Hare?" he asked. "Have you taken leave of your senses? You sound like someone who's never slept a night in his grandfather's house. Have you forgotten how to respect your elders?"

Hare pretended that he had. "stump-footed fool!" he roared. "Don't talk such nonsense. It's you who should recognize your betters and one day I'll teach you how."

Elephant was growing weary. "Look, I'm busy today," he said, "run along and find a child to play with – someone like yourself."

Hare now pushed out his tiny chest, quite swollen with self-confidence. "All right," he shouted, "I'll offer you a challenge. Come here in three days and I'll prove I'm stronger than you by dragging that great carcass of yours out of the forest and into the lake." And without more ado, he turned on his heels and bounced off into the forest.

Three days later, Hare took the longest rope he could find and ran to the shore to find Hippo. He gave his friend one end, saying, "Here, catch this and hold tight. Do nothing until you hear a horn blowing then pull as hard as you can." Taking the rope, Hippo sank back complacently into the water, his big eyes twinkling merrily on the surface of the lake. The rope's other end Hare carried to Elephant who reliable and punctual as ever, was waiting in the forest. Raising his voice to his huge friend, Hare shouted, "Hold this and stay put. Don't pull until you hear a horn blowing. Now I'm off to drag you into the lake."

And away he sped, hiding himself in a clump of bushes where he enjoyed a clear view of both animals. In the forest, elephant waited patiently; in the lake Hippo smiled to himself, convinced in his heart that it was all just a bad joke. Hare now blew his horn, and with a crashing of trees and a wild cascading of water, the colossal beasts began their tug-of-war. Hour upon hour the struggle went on, forest and shore echoing to the noise of their furious grunting and trumpeting.

At last, seeing his friends reduced to complete exhaustion, Hare again blew the horn and told them to stop.

Then quickly rolling in the dust, he ran down to the shore and addressed himself to Hippo. "Brother", he began, "I hope you now realize your mistake. You see, I 'm not only clever but remarkably strong as well. From now on perhaps you'll respect me." They shook hands and parted, Hare leaving his friend to go to Elephant. "Well, you wouldn't believe me," he said, speaking boldly to Elephant, "Now you've learnt your lesson. You may be as big as a mountain, but basically you're a weakling." Puzzled and dumbfounded, Elephant shook his head, and after reluctantly shaking hands, lumbered away into the forest.

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a) From the first paragraph how can we tell that Hare was not contented with his state  
(2 mks)

b) Why is it ironical that Hare is asking to be respected?(2 mks)

c) Explain the character traits of the Hippo(3mks)

d) Explain the character traits of the Hare .

(3 mks)

- e) in about forty words, summarize Elephant's feelings about Hare.(6 mks)
- f) Both Hippo and Elephant do what Hare says.(rewrite in present tense) (2 mks)
- g) Classify the above narrative and explain why?3mks
- h) Explain the meaning of the following expressions as they are used in the story:
- i) Imprudence (1 mk)
  - ii) Taking root (1 mk)
  - (iii Lumbered (1 mk)
  - (iv puzzled (1mks

2. Read the oral song below and then answer the questions that follow:

After a brief struggle I got myself a job;  
My food was meat and banana flour  
A hundred cents a month and soon I had some money.

So afterwards I bought myself  
a beautiful ~~g-~~ me this  
My heart was telling -  
was a fortune, - I  
So, heart you were deceiving me and  
believed you.

On a Saturday morning as I was  
leaving work;

I was thinking I was being  
awaited at home  
But on arrival, I couldn't find  
my bride.  
Nor was she in her parent's home  
I ran fast to a river valley;  
What I saw gave me a shock –  
There was my wife conversing  
with her lovers

I sat and silently wept;  
People are not trustworthy and  
will never be  
Girls are not trustworthy and will never be!

**Questions**

a) Place this song in its appropriate genre. (2mks)

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b) Who is the probable singer of this song? (1mk)

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c) What evidence is there to show that this is an oral song? Give  
Two well illustrated features. (4mks)

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d) What do we learn about the economic setting of the community depicted in this song? (2mks)

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e) Briefly explain what the following lines mean. (1mk)  
"Soon afterwards I bought myself a beautiful girl."

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3.(a) Rewrite the following sentences according to the instructions after each. (2 mks)

(i) Joshua not only plays the Piano but he also plays the guitar. Begin: Not only.....

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(ii) We can control the spread of HIV/AIDS by educating the public.

Begin: The spread.....

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**b) For each of the following sentences, use the correct form of the word in brackets to fill in the blank space. (3 mks)**

- (i) The news came as a \_\_\_\_\_ (reveal)
- (ii) I find your answer most \_\_\_\_\_ (ridicule)
- (iii) The headmaster always tell students to have a \_\_\_\_\_ approach to life. (Vision)

**(c) Rewrite each of the following sentences in the past tense (3 mks)**

- (i) We usually leave when the clock strikes six  
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- (ii) Magdalene sends her children to bed early  
.....
- (iii) I spring to my feet every time I hear I knock on the door.  
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**(f) Correct the errors in the following sentences. (2 mks)**

- (i) Regina is more prettier than Lucio  
.....
- (ii) When the snake heard my footsteps, it went away.  
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**4. GRAMMAR**

**a) Fill in the blank spaces in each of the following sentences with the adjectives given in brackets in their correct order (2mks)**

- i). The baby played with a .....toy (plastic, small, lovely)
- ii). She gave me a .....story book(new, interesting, big)

**b). Select the best of the four choices given to complete the following sentences. (3mks)**

- i). I would like to apply but I am not sure whether I am really ..... for job (Legible, illegible illicit)
- ii). The commander in chief said that their action had been highly ..... ( commentary, commemorative, commendable, complementary)

**c) Complete the second sentence using an appropriate form of the underlined word. (4mks)**

- i) She is always studying  
She is very.....
- ii) He behaved like a coward

He is .....

iii) His spine was injured during the accident

He sustained a .....injury

iv) The meat is not fresh enough to eat

It is .....

d) Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verb from the brackets (2mks)

i). The little girl ..... (hang, hung)  
the coat on the nail.

ii). After he had ..... (swam, swum) in the sea, he began to feel co

5. GRAMMAR

(a) Complete the sentences below by using the correct form of the word in brackets (3mks)

(i) The news came as a ..... (reveal)

(ii) I find attitude most ..... (ridicule)

(iii) A ..... approach to teaching helps pupils to learn quickly. (vision)

(b) Rewrite each of the following sentences according to the instructions given after each (8mks)

(i) That was the worst storm they had ever experienced.  
(Rewrite beginning: Never)

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(ii) Let us go to the gardens (add a question tag)

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(iii) He ate more and more but he grew thinner and thinner (rewrite beginning:  
The more .....

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(iv) They had to eat the food even though they didn't like it  
(Rewrite using .....whether.....

6. (a) Complete the sentences below with a word derived from the one given in brackets. (3 mks)

(i) The deal was so appealing that it was ..... (resist)

(ii) Kenyans seeking jobs in the Middle East end up facing a lot of .....  
from their employers. (treat)

(iii) The boda boda Motor cycle hit a tree and became a wreck. It  
was ..... (repair).