**GATITU MIXED SECONDARY SCHOOL**

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

**ADM NO:………………………………….**

**ENGLISH FORM 1**

**Answer all questions in the spaces provided**

**Dictation (5 mks)**

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**10.**

**1 In the following sentences, fill the blanks with the appropriate words, choose from the brackets. (6mks)**

i) The old man narrated the------------------- about how the horse got its beautiful ------------- (tail, tale)

ii) The young boy felt very tired and told his --------------- that he could not walk------------- (father, further)

iii) The thief wanted to------------- the door made of---------------- (steel, steal)

**2 Identify the collective nouns in the following sentences by underlining them. (4mks**)

i) The pirates demanded a ransom from the ship’s crew.

ii) David’s case will require a jury.

iii) The preacher asked the flock to start avoiding drugs.

iv) The committee has met and rejected the idea.

**3. Use a, an or the to fill the blanks in the following sentences (5mks)**

i) The president of ……….United States of America will visit Kenya.

ii) He was such …………brilliant boy when he was in school.

iii) I stood here for………….hour waiting for you.

iv) He told me he had planted…………..eucalyptus tree in his compound.

v) Such young children cannot complete………………..three kilometer race.

4. **Fill in the blanks spaces of the following sentences with either reflexive or an emphasizing pronoun. In each case indicate whether it is reflexive or emphasizing. (4mks)**

1. My grandfather cleans his car……………………………
2. Infants cannot feed………………………………
3. Please help…………………………to some sweets.

d) We cleaned the class by …………………………………

**5.Identify the errors in the following sentences and rewrite correcting them. (5mks)**

1. The sun was shinning brightly that morning.
2. The cieling in the store is collapsing.
3. The passangers in the vehicle complained of hiked fare.
4. The hotel we went to offered reliable accomodation.
5. The maintainance of a vehicle is very costly.

6. **Complete the following sentences by filling in the blanks with the plural form of the verb in brackets. (2 mks)**

a) I need four \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of water to cook the rice. (**cupful**)

b)We saw three \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ run across the plain. (**deer**)

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**7.Change the following words to plural or singular or leave it if it retains the same state in both. (5 mks)**

a) terminus

b) Attorney General

c) staff

d) cutlery

e) garbage

f) mother-in-law

g) hoof

h) goose

i) oasis

j) half

**8.Place the following words in alphabetical order. (5 mks)**

complaint, cocoa, correct, coffee, condition, coarse, collection, course, colonel, colour

9. Use the following words (instead of **‘’nice’’**) to describe: (5mks)

(agreeable, beautiful, convenient, delicious, enjoyable, fine, good, interesting, pleasant, pretty)

i) a/an………………………………garden

ii) a/an………………………………walk

iii) a/an………………………………day

iv) a/an………………………………book

v) a/an……………………………….bonnet

vi a/an……………………………….house

vii) a/an……………………………….cake

viii) a/an……………………………………man

viii) a/an…………………………………concert

ix) a/an……………………………………train

**10. Use the correct form of the auxiliary verbs to fill in the blank spaces below. (4mks)**

a) My cousins ………………….still at home yet schools have opened.

b) My new pair of trousers ………………….. stolen from my box.

c)I………………………to meet her tomorrow.

d) We……………..to be married in December.