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FORM FOUR MIDTERM- EXAMS 1ST TERM -2015- ENGLISH

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Q1. Read the passage below and fill in each blank space with an appropriate word. (10 mks)

One evening John (1) _____ into his uncle's house and found him enjoying a meal (2) _____ fried arrowroots. Since there was no more food in the pot, his uncle's wife, as was the custom, (3) _____ him a spoon to share his uncle's plate. His uncle, (4) _____, was not happy to share his delicacy with the young man. He began looking for ways of (5) _____ pushing the young man away from the plate. He added Chilli to the food (6) _____ the young man seemed to enjoy the food even more. His uncle kept (7) _____ Chilli until the food was too hot for him. His nose started running and his (8) _____ began to water. When John noticed that his uncle had stopped adding Chilli, he looked (9) _____ and asked, "Is the Chilli finished? I wouldn't mind some more. The food has just (10) _____ getting some flavour"

Q2. Read the narrative below then answer the questions that follow.

A. The Little Girl and The Wolf

One afternoon a big wolf waited in a dark forest for a little girl to come along carrying a basket of food to her grandmother. Finally a little girl did come along and she was carrying a basket of food and a small sack. Are you carrying the basket to your grandmother?" asked the wolf. The little girl answered "Yes I am." So the wolf asked her where her grandmother lived. When the girl told him, he disappeared to the woods. When the little girl opened the door of her grandmother's house she noticed that there was somebody in bed with a night cap and a night gown. She had approached on nearer than twenty-five feet from the bed when she saw that it was not her grandmother but the wolf, for even in a night cap the wolf does not look any more like any grandmother than the Metro-Goldwyn lion looks like Casper Milquetoast. So the little girl took out of her sack a bow and an arrow and shot the wolf dead.

- (a) If you were narrating the story, how would you ensure that your audience remains glued to the story? (3mks)
- (b) Use an onomatopoeic word to describe the sound of the arrow as it left the bow. (2mks)
- (c) In the course of narration, you realize that your audience is uneasy. What could be the reason for this? (3mks)
- (d) Mention at least one feature characteristic of oral narratives used in the narrative. (2mks)

Q3. For each of the words below, provide another word that is pronounced in the same way. (5mks)

- a. Pair.....
- b. Ring.....
- c. So.....
- d. Mete.....
- e. Blue.....

Q4. Read the following conversation paying particular attention to ways in which the four speakers interrupt each other.

Kolan: Ladies and gentlemen, we are here to nominate our representative.

Lenga: I wish to propose Mwiba.

Dema: I wish to propose Wima.

Bena: I wish to propose Neema.

Kolan: It is obvious we have three candidates. Would each proposer care to justify their choices?

Lenga: I propose Mwiba on account of gender. We need to move with time. Ladies...

Dema: Gender notwithstanding Mwiba doesn't have what it takes. Wima has expire...

Lenga: I don't understand his argument. There is always a beginning. Mwiba has qualities of leadership.

Dema: I was coming to that. If you'll allow me Ms. Lenga, leadership is not just about qualities. Experience, they say, is the best teacher.

Lenga: (addressing Dema directly) Are you insinuating that Mwiba cannot lead because of lack of experience?

Kolan: Come on Messrs Dema and Lenga! Ms Bena also needs time to justify her choice.

Bena: Thank you Mr. Kolan. Ms. Neema is my choice because she has the papers. She has a degree in Business Manag....

Dema: (Snapping) That is irrelevant in this situation! Someone who has had a hand on real business...

Kolan: With all due respect colleagues, we need to draw ballots to determine who is to be our representative.

a. Identify and write the areas you feel the interruptions and disagreements were not done politely. (6mks)