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**Paper 2**

**Comprehension, literary appreciation and grammer.**

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***This question consists of 10 printed pages. Check to ascertain that all pages are printed.***

1. **Read the passage below and then answer questuins that follow.**

Lake Victoria is a huge lake located in east central Africa along the equator and borders the countries of Uganda, Kenya, and Tanzania. I would like to give you interesting facts about Lake Victoria including just how big it is, who the lake is named after, and when the lake was formed. This information is written for both kids and adults.

Lake Victoria is Africa's largest lake and has a surface area of 26,600 square miles (68,800 square kilometers).It is also the largest tropical lake in the world.It is the world's second largest freshwater lake measured by surface area. The only larger freshwater lake is Lake Superior in North America.

Lake Victoria is about 400,000 years old. The average depth is 130 feet (40 meters) with the deepest point being 276 feet (84 meters).Approximately 80 percent of the lakes water comes from rain. The other 20 percent comes from small streams flowing into the lake. Geological studies have shown that the lake has dried up completely a few times in the past. The last time was approximately 17,300 years ago.The Kagera River is the largest river that flows into the lake. Two rivers flow out of the lake. They are the White Nile (called the "Victoria Nile" where it leaves the lake), and the Katonga River.

Arab traders were the first to record the discovery of the lake. A map of the lake was created by them dating back to approximately 1160 AD. John Hanning Speke was the first European to sight the lake. This occurred in 1858 on an exploration to explore central Africa. He named the lake after the queen of England at the time, Queen Victoria. In 1858, John Hanning Speke, the first European to travel to the lake, claimed that it was the source of the Nile river. This claim caused a great debate in the scientific community before being proven correct.

On May 21st 1996 the ferry MV Bukoba sank in the lake. Approximately one thousand people lost their lives making it one of the worst maritime disasters in Africa's history.

Lake Victoria faces many problems that are affecting its ecological health. Scientist fear that if action is not taken soon all life in the lake may disappear. There are several factors affecting the lake’s health. Many towns surround this body of water. These towns dump thousands of gallons of raw sewage into the lake on a daily basis. This coupled with the fertilizer and chemicals from farms cause a huge pollution problem. Water Hyacinth is another issue. This plant was introduced to Africa by Europeans; it reproduces rapidly and covers large areas of the lake. The dense mat of plants block sunlight needed for survival by the life below the surface. The demand for fish has been increasing rapidly with the population of Africa. This is bringing the fish populations down to dangerously low levels.

1. Where is Lake Victoria found according to this passage? (2 marks)

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1. Name the largest fresh water lake in the world. (2 marks)

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1. Give the facts about the size of Lake Victoria. (2 marks)

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1. Explain the irony in the passage. (2 marks)

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1. According to the passage, which tragedy has been the worst recorded in African waters?

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1. In note form, explain three ecological health problems affecting Lake Victoria. (6 marks)

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1. Rewrite each of the following according to instructions given. (2 marks)
2. Arab traders were the first to record the discovery of the lake.

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1. Scientist fear that if action is not taken soon all life in the lake may disappear.

*Begin: it is…*

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1. Give the meaning of the following words as used in the passage. (2 marks)
2. Approximately …………………………………………………………………………
3. Rapidly …………………………………………………………………………
4. **THE RIVER AND THE SOURCE .Margaret A Ogola**

 ***Read the excerpt below and answer the questions that follow.***

She looked at him and then lowered her eyes to the letter. It was characteristically Aoro – brief and to the point. She felt kind of sorry to Mark. First there had been Becky who had left home unceremoniously only to return with a white man in tow. A very nice man but apparently not nice enough for Becky. He had found out that she was having an affair during his trips abroad and had sued for divorce. Now she was living alone with the children, financially well off, but unhappy. It was one thing to enjoy the thrills of an affair, but a different thing altogether to have a carte blanche to do exactly as you pleased. John had been terribly hurt of course and mark had been furious with her.

Then Tony had joined priesthood – Mark resisted it at first but recently, during Tony’s ordination he had been full of pride for his son – whose face had shone with joy and youthful dedication. Vera’s case had been the hardest to accept. Mark thought of the world of Vera, and deferred to her in everything. Then she had arrived home one day and declared that she wanted to join the catholic prelature of Opus Dei as a non – marrying member. But he had eventually accepted because he loved her. Because she looked so radiant. Anything that could bring such joy and serenity could not be that bad. It was a pity though that she did not wear a veil or a habit. That way he could at least have bragged about her a little to his friends. His children were a source of great envy to his less lucky friends. Vera for one was a fully qualified electronics expert and had a lucrative job in the city with large salary and all sorts of benefits. Women like that tended to marry the most amazing wimps and Mark had held his breath in fear. But in the end all Vera wanted was to dedicate her life and her work to God, and there was no turning her back. So Elizabeth secretly hoped that Aoro would bring home a nice girl – naturally a Luo like himself – who would proceed to have many children – all a nice, ordinary black colour.

1. State three actions that happen just before this excerpt. (3 marks)
2. State the contents of the letter mentioned in the excerpt.. (3marks)

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1. In note form, why should Mark be petied? (4marks)

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1. What is the major stylistic device employed in the excerpt? Give three illustrations. (4marks)

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1. Discuss two character traits of Mark as brought out in the excerpt. (6 marks)

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1. Discuss two themes present in the excerpt. (4 marks)

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1. “Elizabeth secretly hoped that Aoro would bring home a nice girl.” Does the wish come true? In which two ways does the girl satisfy her wish? (3 marks)

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1. ***Read the poem below and then answer questions that follow***.

**The Black Land**

*By Joseph Warren Beach*

I will plough the land,

Turning up the black soil.

I will ride upon this heaving surface

As a boat rides upon the water.

Even as a boat

Cleaving the water with an eager keel,

I have run a furrow

Straight across the ridges.

I will sow down this field,

Scattering gems.

With both hands will I scatter

Quivering emeralds out of a bottomless pouch.

As I tread the loam

My feet sink deep.

The black earth embraces my ankles

And clings to my bent knees.

I sing as I go

Scattering emeralds.

The wind sings upon my lips,

And pearls stream off my neck and forehead.

I am bathed in a sweat of pearls.

Eyes straight forward

Rest on a brightening ultimate slope.

1. Who is the persona in the poem? (2 marks)

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1. What is this poem about?  Explain your response. (2 marks)

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1. Identify with examples **three**  figures of speech evident in the poem. (6 marks)

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1. Describe the dominant trait of the persona in the poem. (3 marks)

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1. What is the **tone** of this poem?   (2 marks)

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1. Discuss the moodof this poem?   (3 marks)

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1. Explain the meaning of the following as used in the poem. (2 marks)
2. Turning up the black soil.

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1. The black earth embraces my ankles.

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1. **GRAMMAR**
2. Use the most appropriate form of the word in bracket to complete the sentence. (3 marks)
3. I did not have any money because I **………………………………….. (lose)** my wallet.
4. Tonight, they **………………………………………..**(eat)dinner, **discussing** their plans, and **having** a good time.
5. Look! Joan …………………………….(swim) in the pool.
6. Fill in the blank space with an appropriate preposition. (3 marks)
7. She feels inferior ……… ………………him.
8. Richy is notorious ……… ……………..making noise.
9. All of us are pessimistic …… ……………the outcome.
10. Choose the correct pronoun to fill the gap. (3 marks)
11. …… ……….and Fred have been invited to the party. (her/she/himself)
12. The discussion between Fred and …… ……………lasted one hour. (her/she/his)
13. Sambili is taller than …… ……….. (them/him/they)
14. Rewrite the following sentences according to instructions after each. (4 marks)
15. The matter could be explained in no other way.

*Begin: in…*

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1. We had hardly started when it began to rain.

*Begin: no sooner …*

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1. If Justin had been kinder to his employees, his business would not have collapsed.

*Begin: had…*

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1. He didn't realize that he had lost the key till he got home.

*Begin: not…*

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1. Give two possible meanings of the sentence. (2 marks)

**Call me Ruth.**

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