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ENGLISH

PAPER 2

(Comprehension, literary appreciation and grammar)

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TIME: 2 ½ HOURS

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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Write your Name and Index Number in the spaces provided above
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QUESTION	MAXIMUM SCORE	CANDIDATES SCORE
1	20	
2	25	
3	20	
4	15	
TOTAL SCORE		

1. Read the passage below and then answer the questions that follow.

I also did not always understand what your grandfather thought. It was difficult, because he did not like people to know him so well. Even when he spoke to you, he would look away for fear that you would know his thoughts. So it was with his attitude towards the white man.

One day he would say one thing, and the next day it was as if he was saying something else. I know that he respected the white man for his power, for his machines and weapons and the way he organized his life. He would say that the white man was always improving himself, whereas the African was **suspicious** of anything new. "The African is thick," he would sometimes say to me. "For him to do anything, he needs to be beaten."

But despite these words, I don't think he ever believed that the white man was born superior to the Africans, he did not respect many of the white man's ways or their customs. He thought many things that they did were foolish or unjust. He himself, he would never allow himself to be beaten by a white man. This is how he lost many jobs. If the white he worked for was **abusive**, he would tell the man to go to hell and leave to find other work. Once an employer tried to cane him, and your grandfather grabbed the man's cane and threatened him with it. For this he was arrested, but when he explained what had happened, the authorities **let him off** with a fine and a warning.

What your grandfather respected was strength. Discipline. This is why, even though he learnt many of the white man's ways, he always remained strict about Luo traditions. Respect for elders. Respect for authority. Order and custom in all his affairs. This is also why he rejected the Christian religion. I think. For a brief time, he converted, and even changed his name to Johnson. But he could not understand such ideas as mercy towards your enemies, or that this man Jesus could wash away a man's sins. To your grandfather, this was foolish **sentiment**.

*(Adapted from Barrack Obama: Dreams from my Father
New York: Three Rivers Press, 1996.)*

a) Explain why the grandfather in this passage respected the white man. (3mks)

(b) Why do you think the grandfather did not want people to know him so well? 2mks)

(c) What did the grandfather dislike about the white man? (4mks)

d) In a summary of 25 words, write on what we learn from the passage about Luo traditions and beliefs? (3mks)

(e) Identify two character traits of the grandfather that came out of this passage (2mks)

(f) What is the narrator's attitude towards the grandfather? (2mks)

(g) Explain the meaning of the following expressions as used in the passage (4mks)

Suspicious

Abusive

Let him off

Sentiment

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

"Are you surprised? You had everything-guts, drive, ambition and brains. You always seemed to know where you were going and what you wanted. And mum and dad thought the sun rose and set in your eyes. Everytime you stood up to receive one more present, one more accolade, to give one more vote of thanks to big shot on behalf of the students body- I would be consumed with jealousy. Do you know I never got one single, miserable present in school? I lived for the day when I would be equal to you."

"But Becky! You were, are so beautiful. In all my life, I am yet to see anyone who looks anything like you. Boys started hanging around you practically in nursery school!"

"And you think it is enough? Would you trade places with me?"

"That's not fair."

"Grow up. Nobody is fair in this world. Don't expect it. Answer my question."

Mercifully, at that time, there was a knock and a big, sunburnt blue-eyed yellow-haired mzungu entered. He walked in looking quizzically at Vera and then went to Becky. He gave her a peck on the cheek and said:

"Hi honey. How was the flight?"

"Ok John. Did you miss me?"

"Miss you! In this town full of pretty girls?"

Then he saw the look on Vera's face, laughed and hastened to add, "Of course I missed you. I even miss you when you go down-town to do some shopping. Who's your friend?"

"Not my friend. This is my sister Vera. Vera this is John Courtney-he is a pilot and my fiancée, we intend to get married next month."

"Hi Vera. I've heard a lot about you."

"All good I hope," muttered Vera utterly shocked. She knew it could happen but now she verified the sad dreaded possibility. What a day!

Questions

a) Place this excerpt in its immediate context. (4mks)

b) What is it that surprises Vera as they converse with her sister Becky? (2mks)

c) Why is Vera "utterly shocked" at the end of the passage? (2mks)

d) From information found elsewhere in the novel, explain how Becky finally settled for her dream job as an air hostess. (4mks)

e) What two character traits of Becky feature in this excerpt that are evident elsewhere in the novel? (4mks)

f) Explain the use of any one feature of style in this excerpt. (3mks)

g) "You had everything-guts, drive, ambition and brains." Add a question tag.(1mk)

3. Study the following poem and answer the questions that follow.

THE FINAL JUDGEMENT

He felt a longing for revenge
The death of his most dearest brother
So he took a shining dagger
And passed a juryless sentence
Whose execution
Made him ^{murder} ~~muder~~ his brother's killers
It was an eye for an eye

A few days later
The uniformed took him on chains
A few days later he stood with the withering hope
Before a band of grey-haired judges
Who judged him fit
For nosting but the gallows
It was a tooth for a tooth

A few decades later
The many wise judges
Deserted the transient terrestrial world
And stood before God
Ready for judgement
For nothing but well
It was an eye for an eye

The final judgement will come
When God shall stand before a great wise jury
And be judged for helling many
Since the same saying still goes:
An eye for an eye

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a) What is the poem about? (4mks)

b) What do the following lines mean in the poem? (3mks)

(i) And passed a juryless sentence

(ii) The uniformed took him in chains

(iii) Deserted the transient terrestrial world

c) Give the character of each of the following. (6mks)

(i) The He

(ii) Judges

(iii) God

d) Identify two styles used in the poem and their effect. (6mks)

e) What is the tone of the poem? (1mk)

4. (a) Rewrite the following sentences according to instruction given in brackets

(4 marks)

i. John never reported late to work last year. (Begin: Not once...)

ii. His excuse was flimsy. He ended up in jail. (Combine the two sentences beginning: So...)

iii. If I had not missed the plane last night, I _____ (give) my first lecture now. (Use the correct tense of the verb in brackets)

iv. As soon as the sun rose, they set out. (Begin: no sooner)

(b) Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the ones given in brackets after each sentence (2 marks)

i. The bride was looking forward to walking down the _____ on her wedding day (aisle/isle)

ii. We cannot accommodate another person there is _____ space left (little/a little).

(c) Use the correct form of the words in brackets to fill in the blanks (2 marks)

- i. The modern world today has many _____
forms of communication (sophistication)
- ii. The gas was stored in a _____ container (pressure)

(d) Fill in using appropriate prepositions (3marks)

- i. Many people claim that girls are good _____ arts subjects
- ii. Unemployed youths often subscribe _____ illegal groups.
- iii. They attended the party dressed _____ smart casuals

(e) Replace the underlined word with an appropriate phrasal verb. (2mks)

- (i) The fire brigade managed to extinguish the fire.

- (ii) The meeting was postponed indefinitely.

(f) Explain two meanings of the following. (2mks)

The gas can explode.