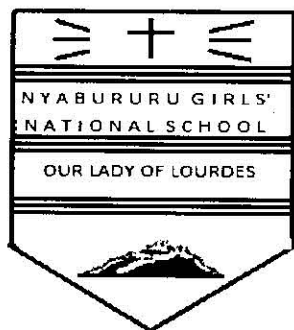


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ENGLISH PAPER 2

MARCH SERIES

KCSE TRIAL EXAMS 2015

TIME: 2 ½ HOURS

(COMPREHENSION, LITERARY APPRECIATION AND GRAMMAR)

INSTRUCTIONS

- ❖ Write your name, class, class number and adm. No in the spaces provided.
- ❖ Answer all the questions as instructed in this paper.
- ❖ All your answers must be written in the spaces provided in this question paper.
- ❖ Candidates should check the question paper to ascertain that all the pages are printed and that no page is missing.

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QUESTION	MAXIMUM SCORE	CANDIDATE'S SCORE
1	20	
2	25	
3	20	
4	15	
TOTAL	80	

COMPREHENSION

Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow.

(20 Mks)

How to dress to impress, how to communicate to invoke trust, how to posture to exude confidence, how to stand out as the best above the rest are all challenges that we persistently face when we compete for jobs, positions and even social acceptance.

We live in a society that judges us primarily by our physical appearance and ability to advance our propositions. Those who have the gift of garbs, the skill in creating an impression and the art of swagger tend to make it further in the path of life as compared to those who sit pretty waiting for manna to fall and for ability to be recognized.

Quite philosophically, we can postulate that every time we step out into the world, we face intense scrutiny and vetting from all those around us. Our neighbours scrutinize our behavior to determine whether the home front is pleasant or tumultuous, colleagues examine our demeanor to gauge our propensity to win or lose clients assess our conduct to deliver on promises and strangers create an impression of whether our persona is repulsive or attractive just from the first glance.

In fact, everywhere we turn, there's sure to be someone judging whether or not we are who they think we are. Due to this persistent societal inspection we learn that image is everything and invest heavily in our outward appearance. And for those who understand just how pivotal it all is, they invest even more heavily in the 'inward' appearance that provides the zest, zeal and gusto to face with enthusiasm no matter what. While image is everything, it's nothing void of intricate preparation. As we venture for job interviews, business pitches or even social engagements, we are tasked with anticipating all technical questions that could be posed, preempting all personal issues that could be raised and predicting any historical sensitive occurrences that could be revisited.

Even more critically we are expected to conduct background and emotional intelligence on those we shall come face to face with in the judging panel. Most panels tend to consist of three types of people; the neutral, the balanced and the biased. Those who are neutral are often fence-sitters keen on taking the safe middle ground. Where they could make a decisive choice, they make generalized conclusions; they make more decisive ones often rationalizing why. Those who are biased unashamedly take a stance based on their predispositions and values. They are often inclined towards a candidate who is their tribe, gender, schoolmate or friend. They have no qualms going out of their way to defend their preference.

Without doubt we have all been victims of the three personalities, seldom to our pleasure and frequently to our dismay. The vetting you and I undergo in our daily endeavours is not at all easy. Yet in the success and failures we learn to improve for the next encounter.

As we face the realities of constant scrutiny and vetting, it must have been interesting to watch our Cabinet Secretaries during the recently concluded vetting exercise. The kid-glove approach that was applied with many of the candidates suggested that the exercise was more of a rubber stamp for the nominations made. The lukewarm manner in which technical competence was established, personal character was unearthed and historical scandals or grey areas were clarified made us realize that what the candidates had undergone was a field day in comparison to the grilling sessions we endure in our quests for jobs. Indeed, watching the events unfold made me wonder whether we currently have a constitution whose tenets are ahead of its time. Whatever the case, its refreshing that we have embarked on the journey.

Moving forward, as our new executive starts its mission to help us all fulfill our dreams, let's hope they will work with honesty, dignity and utmost professionalism. Let's pray that they will endeavour to exceed our expectations, proving that despite neutrality and bias witnessed in select cases, they were worth every penny. Finally, start the week more balanced than neutral, wont you!

(Angela Ambitho, Standard on Sunday, May 19, 2013)

Questions.

1. Which challenges do people face when competing for jobs, positions and even social acceptance? (2 Mks)
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2. According to the writer, what should one do if one wants to succeed in our society? (3 Mks)
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3. Identify the writer's attitude towards the neutral panelists. (2 Mks)
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4. In note form outline the various forms of societal inspection as outlined in the passage. (3 Mks)
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5. In your opinion, what could be some of the historical sensitive occurrences that could be revisited in a job interview? (2 Mks)

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6. Citing examples from the passage explain what emotional intelligence is. (2 Mks)

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7. Without doubt we have all been victims of three personalities, seldom to our pleasure and frequently to our dismay (Replace the underlined word with a synonym). (2 Mks)

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8. The kid – glove approach that was applied with many of the candidates suggested that the exercise was more of a rubber stamp for nominations made. (Explain the meaning of the underlined expression). (1 Mk)

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9. Whatever the case, it's refreshing that we have embarked on the journey..... (put a question tag). (1 Mk)

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10. Give the meaning of the following word and expression as used in the passage. (2 Mks)
- (a) Lukeworm

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- (b) Grey areas

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Q 2. Read the excerpt below and then answer the questions that follow. (25 Mks)

“As time went by, Nyabera was shown a place to put up a house, being a widow and away from home it was a very lonely place but then beggars cannot be choosers. She had come so far to seek a new way and something as insignificant as location could not deter her. Was she not the daughter a chief? Was her mother not Akoko, daughter of great chief Otero? Far be it from her that she should succumb to cowardice and fear. She would learn all she heard to. She would get her baptism and become a member of the one, holy apostolic Catholic Church. One day, and may the day come quickly, she would partake of the body and blood of Krista and become a branch, finally grafted to a tree.

She had also decided that the first thing she would do after baptism was to go for her mother and daughter. She suspected that her mother would take faith like ngege (fish) to water. It offered such consolation for one could identify oneself with desolation of Mary (a sword shall pierce your heart), with joy of Elizabeth (whose barrenness was removed by God), the warm love of weak Peter (Lord you know everything, you that I love you!) and that he had just denied him to a little slave girl! What ignominy!

One law she knew should be hard to keep was a church's law on marriage the church that one man should marry one woman and there was no compromise in that matter. Now who would want to marry a widow such as herself as his first and only wife? No one. She knew her people well enough not to deceive herself. Her problem was that she wanted children badly. Children were consolation, laughter and security. Children were everything. At least chick had provided for particular contingency by the institution of tero. It was only a kind of half marriage and not very fulfilling but at least children would be forthcoming. Nyabera knew herself well enough to know that if she ever failed, it would be because of this. However, only a fool tries to peer into the future enough unto the day were the problems thereof and the problem of that particular was to give satisfaction in catechism and get baptized.

Questions.

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

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(b) Identify and illustrate any three aspects evident in this excerpt. (6 Mks)

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(c) Describe any two themes that come out in this excerpt. (4 Mks)

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(d) What is tero? In the light of what happens elsewhere in the novel how is tero “ not very fulfilling? (4 Mks)

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(e) Describe the role of Nyabera which is evident in this extract. (2 Mks)

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(f) According to this excerpt why does Nyabera find it difficult to keep the church’s law on marriage. (3 Mks)

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(g) What does the word peer mean? (1 Mk)

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(h) Illustrate one character trait of Nyabera with her mother. (1 Mk)

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Q. 3. Read the poem below and answer the questions that follow.

A SECOND OLYMPUS

From the rostrum they declaimed
On martyrs and men of high ideals
When they sent out
Benevolent despots to an unwilling race
Straining at the yoke.
Bull dozers trampling on virgin ground
In blatant violation.
They trampled down all that was strange,
And filled the void.
With half digested alien thoughts;
They left a trail of red.
Whenever their feet had passed
Oh, they did themselves fine.
And strutted about the place,
Self-proclaimed demi-gods
From counterfeit Olympus
One day they hurled down thunderbolts
On a toiling race of the earthworms.
They might have rained down pebbles.
To pelt the brats to death
But that was beneath them
They kept up the illusion
That they were fighting foes
Killing in the name of high ideals.
At the inquest they told the world
The worms were becoming pests.

Moreover they said?
They did not like wriggling things
Strange prejudice for gods.

Questions

(a) What is the poem about? (3 Mks)

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(b) Giving a relevant explanation, identify the persona in the poem. (2 Mks)

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(c) Whom do you think the person refers to as 'they'? Explain. (2 Mks)

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(d) What is the attitude of the poet towards 'they' in the poem? (2 Mks)

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(e) Identify and illustrate any two themes evident in the poem. (4 Mks)

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(f) What is the dominant style that the poet has used to deliver the message in the poem?

Cite one illustration and explain its effectiveness. (3 Mks)

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(g) Describe the character trait displayed by 'they' in the poem. (2 Mks)

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(h) Explain the meaning of the following lines as used in the passage. (2 Mks)

(i) The trampled down all that was strange

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(ii) With half digested alien thoughts

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GRAMMAR

(15 Mks)

(a) Rewrite the following sentences according to the instructions given.

(3 Mks)

(i) If I were the Cabinet Secretary incharge of internal security, I would ensure all criminals were jailed. (Begin: Were.....)

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(ii) I like Nairobi more than Machakos. (Use prefer.)

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(iii) The army has rounded all the rebels. (Rewrite in passive)

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(b) Use the correct form of the words in brackets.

(3 Mks)

(i) The liberals were subjected to (relent) bombarding by the loyal soldiers.

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(ii) The..... (certain) of the petition outcome has made him very nervous.

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(iii) No single female candidate won the seat in the concluded elections. (Governor).

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(c) Replace the following phrasal verbs with one word.

(2 Mks)

(i) The students have taken to the new teacher quite fast.

(ii) Selfish leaders have brought about the fall of many states.

(d) Fill in the blank spaces in each sentence with the most appropriate choice from the ones provided.

(3 Mks)

(i) Odongo introduced Apundo and..... (her / she) to his father.

(ii) Mrs. Swazuri sent two students..... (I, me) and John out of her class.

(iii) We are better than (they, them)

(e) Use the correct order of adjectives in brackets to fill in the gaps. (2 Mks)

(i) Karita is a (Kenyan, basketball, brilliant, short) player.

(ii) My Laptop is very efficient (ugly small old, dell, grey).

(f) Use prepositions to fill in the blank spaces. (2 Mks)

(i) He was charged murder.

(ii) He was willing to get the treasure..... any cost.