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FORM 2 TERM 2 ENGLISH EXAMINATIONS 2018

Read the narrative below and answer the questions that follow.

The talking skull

Once upon a time, in the village of Githioru lived a man by the name Njagi. He was a hunter. He hunted big and small game of meat. One day, while in the forest he found a skull of a man. At first he thought his eyes were playing tricks on him. Then he moved closer to it and asked, "Skull, how did you come here?" to Njagi's amazement the skull opened its mouth and answered, "Talking brought me here."

Njagi hurried home puzzled. He went to the king's palace and sought to talk with him. He knelt before the king and spoke: "My lord, in the forest I found a talking skull." The king was silent for a while. Then he pensively said, "Never since I was born of my mother, have I seen or heard of a skull that spoke."

The king thought of what to do for a while. He then summoned his guards. "All of you will go with Njagi and find that talking skull," the king barked. "But if his tale is a lie and the skull speaks no word, Njagi must be put to death." The king added.

The guards followed Njagi anxiously to the forest. But to their amazement for days and nights they found nothing. Luck, however, was on Njagi's side. At last they saw the skull. Njagi out of excitement asked it, "How did you get here?" The skull said nothing. Njagi begged it to reply. But the skull said nothing.

The guards ordered Njagi to kneel down. He obeyed. They killed him with a sword and spear and left briskly. No sooner had the guards left than the skull asked the dead man, "Hunter how did you come here?" The dead man answered, "Talking brought me here."

Questions

1. What was Njagi doing when he saw the skull? (2mks)
2. With illustrations from the passage, explain the king`s reaction to Njagi`s statement about the talking skull. (2mks)
3. The guards followed Njagi anxiously to the forest. Begin- Anxiously..... (1mk)
4. `Njagi begged it to reply`. Rewrite in reported speech. (1mk)
5. Explain the meaning of the following words as used in the passage. (4mks)
 - i) Amazement
 - ii) Summoned
 - iii) Tale
 - iv) Briskly
6. Summarize the passage in about 80 words. (10mks)

b) Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the pronoun for the ones that are given. (5mks)

a) Jane and _____ heard the dog bark (me/I)

b) Lucy left _____ unattended (them/their)

c) Nobody but _____ was allowed in. (she/ her)

d) Between you and _____ one of us is lying (me/I)

e) We passed as well as _____ (them/they)

c) Choose the correct verb from the bracket to fill the blank spaces. (5mks)

1. The school bus _____ early in the morning (leaves/left)

2. They _____ last week. (opens/opened)

3. They _____ for many hours last year. (studied/studies)

4. My uncle _____ tomorrow. (arrive/arrived)

5. The principal _____ to send you. (wants/is wanting)

d) Rewrite the following sentences choosing one word from the bracket to fill each blank. (4mks)

1. The _____ chairs are nailed to the floor (stationery, stationary)

2. It is against my _____ to cheat (principals, principles)

3. We found a convenient _____ for a picnic (sight/site)

4. She uses special _____ to write her homework (stationary/stationery)

e) Change the following into their possessive form (4mks)

1. The drugs of my patients have expired

2. The leg of the bed was not fixed properly.
3. The yoke of the oxen is too much
4. A friend of my sister bought us a computer.

f) Choose the correct word to fill in the blanks in the sentences below. (5mks)

1. _____ people live to see their great-grand children. (few, little)
2. There is _____ water in the lake, now that it has been raining. (plenty, plenty of, little, many)
3. they haven't bought _____ new books lately. (any, much, little)
4. Is there _____ milk left in the jug? (any, little, most)
5. They had work to do during the weekend. (little, many, few)

g) Use the correct form of the word in brackets to complete the sentences below. (5mks)

1. The manager _____ told her deputy to resign on the spot. (tact)
2. The man walked away _____ (angry)
3. _____ the other workers went to their offices (misery)
4. The following day everybody came to work _____ (early)
5. The workers _____ went back to work (gradual)

h i) List a genre /forms of oral literature (5mks)

ii) state and explain the 6 genres /forms of oral narratives. (6mks)

i) **Find the misspelt words in each of the following sentence and rewrite them correctly**

a) He truely loves his wife

b) My niece is an air hostess

c) Many people misspell very simple words

d) Musembi is actually siting on the floor

J) Rewrite the following sentences in your exercise book underlining the verbs phrases. (5mks)

- i. The message has been passed to me
- ii. I already having to respect what I have said
- iii. Adrian has read a lot of books
- iv. People ought to take care of their environment and stop disposing garbage anyhow
- v. She will have worked all the clinic for ten years this June

K) use the preposition phrases listed below to fill the blanks in the following sentences. (6mks)

In the event of _____ in spite of _____

For the sake of _____ by way of _____

According to _____ away from _____

1. She moved to a bigger house _____ her children
2. They all went _____ the scene disgusted at what they had seen.
3. He travelled to Kisumu _____ Kapsabet
4. _____ his death all his wealth should go to Charity
5. The crop did not thrive well _____ the heavy rains
6. _____ the doctor In charge, all the accident victims are in a stables condition.

L Rewrite the following sentences inserting commas where necessary.
(3mks)

1. As a consequence the ministry of works started tarmacking the rural access roads.
2. ``Stella'' the mother said , ``remember that education is the key to good life''
3. He lived a long enjoyable life

M) Rewrite the following sentences into plural (3mks)

1. My big shelf is broken
2. I don't have any mango
3. The shelf was too high for the child.