**KAHUHO UHURU HIGH SCHOOL**

**ENGLISH DEPARTMENT**

**NAME…………………………………………………………………………………..…..……...……..ADM NO……..……..……..CLASS…..…..……**

**FORM 1 English**

**End of Year Exam 2011**

**TIME: 2 HOURS**

1. **Comprehension (20 Marks)**

**Read the passage below and then answer the questions that follow**

Without doubt, Kenya is in the throes of a serious food crunch that is likely to turn into a major crisis. It has the hallmarks of going down into history as one of the most haunting food security scenarios Kenya has ever faced.

Much blame is already being thrown around and much will follow. However, it is important to understand the origins of the crisis and the various additional factors that have fuelled it.

The problem started in 2007 when the short rains were deficient. This led to food production short falls nationwide. This compounded by the destruction of maize stocks in Northern rift during the post-election violence early last year. At the time, over four million bags of maize were destroyed.

There was also panic selling of surplus maize during the post –election period with a significant quantity finding its way across borders to Tanzania and elsewhere.

As a result, by February last year, the country had a stock of about 20 million bags of maize. This was only enough to last about seven months since the country consumes about three million bags a month.

Bearing in mind that the critical annual North rift crop would not be harvested until late 2008, it was clear from February last year that Kenya would need to plan for imports starting from last September.

The tenuous food security situation was then aggravated by the following factors from February: Planting in the strife-torn grain baskets of North Rift and Trans Nzoia was severely reduced due to insecurity and displacement of farmers; failed and erratic rainfall in many parts of Kenya during march/April long rains; rising cost of fertilizer which meant many farmers cut back on inputs which in turn reduced yields and escalating world food prices.

Further, there was the prospect of Kenya having a continuing maize deficit throughout much of 2009 due to the projected production shortfalls in the North Rift. As a rule, if the North Rift crop is not enough, the need to importing maize increases. That means Kenya is only half way through its maize crisis.

We must also bear in mind that Kenya is a major importer of staple foods even in a year of self sufficiency in maize production. The country imports most of the wheat and rice it needs and a significant amount of sugar. When maize goes short or becomes less affordable, people resort to other food which in turn increases the cost of such foods. This effect is even more pronounced when there is drought, such as the one being experienced in the country now.

**(Adapted from “Daily nation”, January 2009)**

**Questions**

1. According to the information in the first paragraph, what in your own words seems to be Kenya’s crisis? (2marks)

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1. Make notes on factors that worsened the food security situation (3 marks)

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1. “We must also bear in mind that Kenya is a major importer of staple food even in the year of self sufficiency in maize production.” Rewrite this sentence in the passive voice (2 marks)

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1. Why is the North rift an important section of Kenya’s land? (3 marks)

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1. What were the effects of post-election violence on agriculture, according to the passage?(3 marks)

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1. Why is maize portrayed as a crucial agricultural product in Kenya (2 marks)

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1. Explain the meaning of the following expressions as used in the passage (5 marks)

Throes…………………………………………………………………………………………………..

Compounded……………………………………………………………………………………..

Strife-torn……………………………………………………………………………………………

Staple foods…………………………………………………………………………………………

Imports……………………………………………………………………………………………….

1. **Grammar**
2. Rewrite the following sentences according to instructions given after each (6 marks)
3. That a farmer not only plants maize but he also rears chicken ( begin; Not only…..)

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1. “You must not talk in classrooms at prep time, for that is a school rule” the head boy ordered the junior classes. (Rewrite in indirect speech)

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1. Lets go and play basketball(Add a question tag)

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**B. Fill in the blanks with the appropriate form of the word in brackets. (6 marks)**

1. Triza sang……………………………….(melody) to the…………………………..(accompany) of the piano.

2.The Japanese construction company will undertake the………………………….(maintain) of the road)

3. This meat is not fresh enough to (eat), it is……………………………………………………………..

4. Rolland (loathes) spiders. To him, they are…………………………………………………………….

5. During the dry season there is a lot of (dust).It is usually………………………………………

**C. Fill the blank spaces with the appropriate prepositions (5 marks)**

1. The Harambee stars was no match…………………………………Egyptian team.

2. The spectators were up………………………………………their feet after John scored.

3. I ran………………………………………my former classmate in town yesterday.

4. He has hired………………………………….Mombasa for 20 years.

5. She is a friend…………………………mine.

**D. Identify the odd word in each set (5 marks)**

1. Enough, staff, rapport, graph…………………..………………….……..

2. Watched, wanted, laughed, rushed………………….………………..

3. Wept, debt, receipt, doubt………………………………………………….

4. Machine, chef, chess, machete…………………………………………..

5. Depot, report, rapport, debut…………………………..…………………

**E. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the adjectives (8 marks)**

**Positive Comparative Superlative**

Tall …………………………… tallest

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Much …………………………….. ……………………………..

Bad ……………………………… Worst

Thin ……………………………… ………………………………

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