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**PAPER 2**  
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**2 ½ HOURS**

**FORM FOUR MID-YEAR CONTINUOUS ASSESSMENT TEST**  
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**INSTRUCTION TO CANDIDATES**

Write your name and index number in the spaces provided above  
Answer all the questions in this question paper  
All your answers must be written in the spaces provided in this question paper

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Question	Maximum score	Candidates score
1	20	
2	20	
3	20	
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Total score		

*This paper consists of 10 printed pages*

*Please Turn over*

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

Smoking is a dangerous and life threatening habit. Yet, many continue engaging in it. They say it gives them a good feeling while others claim that it makes them fit in a crowd. Still, others do it because it is 'fashionable' and provide fun. Perhaps, if these people knew the full extent damage caused by smoking, they would think twice before indulging themselves.

Cigarette smoking is the major cause of lung cancer; approximately 85 to 95% of lung cancer patients are smokers, and most of the reminders are exposed to second-hand smoke. And, unfortunately, lung cancer has no cure, so once you contract, it you are destined for death.

In women, smoking increases the risk of getting cancer of the cervix and uterus. It is more difficult for a smoking woman to conceive and up to three times more likely for her to have a miscarriage. She is more likely to have stillbirths and low birth weight babies because of the carbon monoxide and nicotine that affect development of the foetus. Smoking can also cause premature menopause. Second-hand smoke has also been associated with breast cancer.

In men, smoking reduces the blood flow to the genital areas, resulting in impotence. The chemical compounds contained in tobacco can also damage sperms, thus leading to babies born with defects. Male smokers have been known to have higher oestrogen and lower testosterone levels.

In both men and women, smoking increases the chances of an individual getting a heart disease. It does so by causing high blood pressure and clogging arteries. This eventually leads to heart attack and stroke.

Emphysema is another condition brought about by smoking. This is progressive respiratory disease characterized by coughing incessantly, shortness of breath and wheezing. These then lead to extreme difficult in breathing, a situation that may cause disability and death.

Furthermore, smokers have twice the risk of developing cataracts in their eyes than non smokers. A cataract is a clouding of the eye lens thereby blocking off light and causing blindness. Smoking can also lead to premature loss of the ability to see in fine details and to differentiate colors. All this is brought about by the constant irritation of the eyes by tobacco.

Yet another medical condition associated with smoking is Buerger's disease. Here, blood vessels get blocked thereby cutting off blood flow to certain parts of the body. The affected areas are literally starved to death. This leads to amputatin, especially of legs and hand.

Most of us care about how we look right? Then, we should not smoke, for tobacco interferes with the chemistry of the mouth, with the consequence of the tooth decay, bad breath and discolored teeth. Besides, chemicals in tobacco reduce the ability of the skin to restore itself.

The result is a dry lathery complexion and etched lines around the lips and eyes. These make one look far older than one's actual age.

Lastly smoking leads to lighter and weaker bones by interfering with calcium deposits in the body. A smoker's bones therefore lose density, fracture more easily and take up 80% longer to heal.

Given these multiple adverse effects of smoking, it would be shocking to find someone wanting to start, or to continue, this potentially fatal habit.

*(Adapted from the daily nation of 27<sup>th</sup> December 2005)*

1. (a) What does the writer think would make people reconsider their smoking habit (2mks)

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(b) How do smokers endanger the lives of others? (4mks)

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(c) Add a question tag to the following sentence (1mk)  
Male smokers have been known to have higher oestrogen and lower testosterone levels

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(d) Join the following sentences by replacing the first full stop with another punctuation mark (1mk)

In both men and women smoking increases the chances of an individual getting heart disease. It does so by causing high blood pressure and clogging arteries.

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(e) Make notes on respiratory problems caused by smoking (3mks)

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(f) Provide a suitable title for this passage

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(g) Explain why it might be difficult to tell the real age of a smoker

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(h) Given these multiple adverse effects of smoking, it would be shocking to find someone wanting to start or to continue this potentially fatal habit.  
Re-write the sentence beginning with:  
It would.....

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(i) For each of the following words, provide another that is opposite in meaning

(3mks)

(a) Premature

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(b) Clogging

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(c) Incessantly

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**2. Read the extract and then answer the questions that follow.**

She was waiting him at the next valley. Her heart beat as she saw him approach. She did not know what she would tell him. For she felt guilty at her failure to go to Marishoni on the day she had promised to see him. She had wanted to go but it would have been a big risk. Her father had been at home at the time. Waiyaki had never been out of her mind since that day they met in

the moonlight. She was always excited, at the thought of him. And her eyes shone so that sometimes Mariamu asked her what she was dreaming about. She did not know what was happening to her but she knew that since that accidental meeting she had not been the same again. And now she felt a strange longing for something that not even the river could give her.

For the last two weeks she had wanted to meet him, if only to greet him and pass. She had not been able to see him and she feared going to his school. Today she had not gone to church and was strolling aimlessly when she saw him walking towards the valley. But when she saw hi stand with Kamau she passed at a safe distance.

And Waiyaki was pleased to see her. He had not set eyes on her since that night. And there she now stood, quiet and rather reserved. She did not appear as she had in the moonlight. But he could see that she was beautiful. He approached her hesitantly, his heart beating. She smiled. He thought it a beautiful smile.

“Are you well?”

“I am well. And you?”

“I am well too.”

There was silence between them. They did not look directly at one another

“I waited for you.”

“I am sorry I could not come.” She hesitated a little. “I had much work at home and I -I could not get time.”

Waiyaki understood, or rather, he thought he did. He did not press the point further.

“It is all right. You can come another day.”

Well – I don’t know – maybe. If I get a chance.”

2.(a) Place this excerpt in its immediate content

(4mks)

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(b) Why did Nyambura fail to go to Marishoni? How does she feel about it?

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(c) In about fifty word, summarize how we can fell that Nyambura loves Waiyaki (4mks)

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**3. Read the following poem and answer the questions that follow**

**SYMPTOMS OF LOVE**

Love is a universal migraine  
A bright stain on the vision  
Blotting out reason  
Symptoms of true love  
Are leanness jealousy  
Laggard dawns.

Are omens and nightmares-  
Listening for a knock  
Waiting for a sign

For a touch of her fingers  
In a darkened room  
For a searching look.

Take courage lover!  
Could you endure such pain  
At any hand but hers?

(Literature: reading fiction, poetry and drama McGraw hill, 2000)

(a) Identify the persona in this poem

(2mks)

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(b) What is the persona's attitude towards love? Explain your answer

(3mks)

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(c) Describe the tone of the poem giving evidence to support your answer (4mks)

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(ii) You ought to pay more attention  
(supply the correct question tag)

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(iii) John did not show up for the meeting. Kamau as well did not.  
(Rewrite the sentence as one starting: Neither .....)

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(b) In each case, give a phrasal verb that means the same as the word underlined (3mks)

(i) The suspect confessed after a long interrogation

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(ii) Only very irresponsible parents can abandon their children

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(iii) It is wrong to despise the less fortunate.

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(c) Use the correct form of the word in brackets to complete the sentences (3mks)

(i) It \_\_\_\_\_ (cost) three hundred shillings a year

(ii) The news came as a \_\_\_\_\_ to use all (reveal)

(iii) The principal was accused of \_\_\_\_\_ of funds (manage)

(d) Correct the error in each of these sentences (2mks)

(i) At midday, in the middle of the day, we went for early lunch

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(ii) The two twin sisters are identical twins

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(e) Fill in the blank spaces with appropriate prepositional phrase made with the word in brackets (3mks)

(i) They crossed the river \_\_\_\_\_ a boat (means)

(ii) \_\_\_\_\_ the school rules and regulations every student should be in full school uniform (accordance)

(iii) \_\_\_\_\_ the prefect's negligence, he was demoted (account)

(f) Explain the meaning of the following demoted expression (1mk)

(i) The money recovered from the bank robber was a drop in the ocean

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