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Paper 1

(Functional Skills, Cloze Test and Oral Skills)

2 hours

MAKUENI COUNTY KCSE 2015 PREPARATORY EXAMINATION

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Instructions to candidates

- (a) Write your name, index number and school in the spaces provided at the top of this page.
- (b) Sign and write the date of the examination in the spaces provided above.
- (c) Answer **all** the questions in this paper.
- (d) All your answers must be written in the spaces provided in the question paper.
- (e) **This paper consists of 8 printed pages.**
- (f) Candidates should check the question paper to ascertain that all the pages are printed as indicated and that no questions are missing.
- (g) **Candidates MUST answer all the questions in English.**

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Question	Maximum Score	Candidate's Score
1	20	
2	10	
3	30	
Total Score		

2. CLOZE TEST (10 marks)

Read the passage below and fill in each blank space with an appropriate word.

Newspapers are a vital source of information the world _____1. Besides electronic media, newspapers _____2 an important role in the dissemination of news and information to the _____3 public. Unlike other types of _____4, newspapers are affordable even to those in the lower-income _____5, and are easily accessible.

The front page of every newspaper has a _____6. This identifies _____7 hottest news in the issue. It is always printed in capital letters in order to catch the _____8 of the reader. In this country, other topical stories are printed on the back page and are _____9 to as the subheadlines. _____10 on the quality of the newspaper, world news may occupy one to two middle pages.

3. ORAL SKILLS (30 marks)

(a) Read the oral narrative below and then answer the questions that follow.

One day the chameleon and the donkey were arguing as to who could run faster than the other. The donkey said, “You can’t compete with me in a race.”

The chameleon replied, “Don’t blow your own trumpet. I am not going to praise myself but I know you can’t defeat me in a race. We shall be equal.”

The race began and the chameleon jumped on the donkey’s tail. The donkey ran until he was so tired that he stopped to rest. As soon as the donkey stopped, the chameleon jumped from the donkey’s tail and asked, “Now, my friend Donkey, are you any faster than I?”

“No, now I know that you are a man,” Donkey admitted.

(i) How would you perform the line:

The chameleon replied, “Don’t blow your own trumpet. I am not going to praise myself but I know you can’t defeat me in a race. We shall be equal.”? (2 marks)

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(ii) If you were part of the audience, explain three things you would do to show that you are participating in the performance. (3 marks)

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(iii) How would Chameleon react to Donkey’s last words? (2 marks)

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(b) Provide a homophone for each of the following words. (4 marks)

(i) But

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(ii) Aisle

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(iii) Wretch

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(iv) Wet

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(c) In the following sets of words, identify the underlined speech sound which is the odd one out. (3 marks)

(i) Gene germs gesture game

(ii) Chair chord chore chain

(iii) Sun raise rays pause

(d) Read the tongue twister below and answer the questions that follow. (5 marks)

*Ding' dang'o tek kade anyalo dang'o
ding' to de adang'o ding dana. (Luo)*

Translation:

Cutting mumps is hard. If it was possible I would have cut my grandmother's mumps.

(i) Explain what is lost when the above tongue twister is translated into the English language. (2 marks)

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(ii) In the performance of a tongue twister, which skills does one require? (3 marks)

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(e) Grusha patiently waited for Simon to return from the war. (3 marks)
Explain the meaning of the sentence when the following words are stressed.

(i) Grusha

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(ii) Patiently

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(iii) The war

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(f) *Read the following conversation below between Jane and the Guidance and Counselling master and then answer the questions that follow.* (8 marks)

Mr Kamau: (Looking up, smiling) Hallo, Jane. How are you going on? Please don't fear. Have a seat.

Jane: I can't believe that school is over now, I feel like committing ...

Mr Kamau: (Interrupting) Please relax, Jane. Remember that you promised to keep it a secret. I have also not told anyone. Don't be worried about anything.

Jane: Why have you summoned me to your office? You want to mean that it's now visible and there may be danger?

Mr Kamau: Relax, Jane. It's just the early stages and the good news is that we are about to close school.

Jane: (Worried) I fear that soon the whole world will know so I better ...

Mr Kamau: Procuring an abortion has its side Seffects, not forgetting the guilt.

Jane: Advise me then on the next course of action.

Mr Kamau: Relax and accept your condition as at now. You only tripped, you never fell. Nowadays you can give birth and after get re-admitted to school. Give your baby that important opportunity to live.

Jane: Thank you for your encouraging words. Good day.

Mr Kamau: Good day.

Questions

(i) Explain how the Guidance and Counselling master establishes good rapport with Jane.

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(ii) Comment on Mr Kamau’s participation in the meeting.

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(iii) State the shortcomings in Jane’s speech.

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(iv) What is the purpose of Mr Makau’s interruption?

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