

NAIROBI SCHOOL

ENGLISH FORM 2 HOLIDAY HOME WORK APRIL - 2016

1. POETRY - 10 MARKS

Read the following poem and answer the following questions

The stem of the branch

None on earth is like her,
She that made me breath

None on earth is like her,
She the filled my stomach

None on earth is like her
She that protected me.

None on earth is like her,
She that gave me my first lessons.

None on earth is like her,
She whose death orphans me.

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1. Who is the speaker ? Give reasons.

(2 marks)

2. Who do you think the poet refer to as “she” Give reasons.

(2 marks)

3. List down four things that make the poet remember her.

(4 marks)

4. How is the last verse different from the others.

(2 marks)

2. ORAL LITERATURE - (10 MARKS)

(a) Define oral literature ?

(2 marks)

(b) You have met your primary school friend who thinks that studying oral literature is a waste of time. Give him four well explained reasons why oral literature is an important area of study.

(8 marks)

3. GRAMMAR

Complete the sentence using the correct word from the choice given. (6 marks)

1. He promised his _____(creditors, debtors)that he would pay them in full.
2. The lawyer read part of an ancient _____(statue, statute) to the members of the jury.
3. Since her mother died when she was young, she has lacked _____(maternal, paternal care)
4. Paul is an _____(Industrial, Industrious)boy who does his best.
5. In this country nobody may be _____(deprived, derived) of freedom of speech)
6. A dentist will not _____(distract, extract) a tooth if he can possibly save it.

Use appropriate prepositions to fill in the gaps. (4 marks)

1. I divided the cake _____ three parts
2. Could you translate this _____ Greek?

3. Your key is _____ the reception desk

4. Stop shouting _____ me !

Fill in each blank the correct form of the word in brackets. (4 marks)

1. The rabbit _____ out of its burrow (creep)

2. When asked whether he was going to participate in the competition, the tennis star replied in the _____ (affirm)

3. She was shocked at how she looked when she saw her _____ in the mirror (reflect)

4. There is a _____ of food and water in that refugee camp (short).

4. Form abstract nouns from the following words. (3 marks)

Beautiful

Polite

Present

5. **Fill in the blanks with the correct articles 'a' 'an' and 'the'** (3 marks)

1) Please bring me _____ book on the table

2. I would like to become _____ scientist after school. But Ali wants to be _____ soldier.

7. ORAL SKILLS (10 MARKS)

(a) For each of the following words give another word with the same pronunciation. (5 marks)

(i) sun

(ii) meat

(iii) check

(iv) be

(v) dear

(b) During orientation you never got the chance to sit at the front. State the 3 disadvantages and two advantages of sitting at the back.

(5 marks)

Use the correct form of the word given in brackets to fill the gap in each sentence. (3 marks)

(i) The _____ of the right of expression is a violation of human rights. (deny)

(ii) Saving the child from the burning house was a _____ act. (hero)

(iii) They were asked to _____ the alarm. (active)

Rewrite the following sentences as instructed.

(3 marks)

(i) We can control the spread of H.I.V/Aids by educating the public.(Begin: The spread of)

(ii) The man was arrested. His cattle destroyed the maize in the school farm. (Rewrite as one sentence).

(iii) Mt. Kilimanjaro is the highest mountain in Africa. (Rewrite using “higher” instead of “highest”).

Use the correct form of verb given in brackets.

(3 marks)

(i) Measles _____ not common among adults.(be)

(ii) Every morning, either the kitten or the puppy _____ for me at the door. (wait)

(iii) The Department of Health has _____ an extensive inoculation programme for children under five years. (begin)

Complete each of the following sentences in the most suitable way. (3 marks)

(i) If you really loved Kenya, you _____ buy Kenyan products more.

(ii) I would have cleaned the toilet if the detergent _____ available.

(iii) Hardly had she left the house _____ the guests arrived.

Choose the most appropriate conjunction from these given below to fill the gap.

(when, what, while, which, who)

(3 marks)

(i) She couldn't tell me _____ i wanted to know.

(ii) He walks to work everyday, _____ keeps him healthy.

(iii) _____ they waited at the secretary's office, the suspect left by a back door.

Writing

1. Write a composition that ends with the following statement:

.....the incident is still fresh in my memory five years down the line.

2. Write a composition to illustrate the saying "A journey of a thousand miles begins with one step."

3. Write a story beginning:

"The birds had already started their morning songs, and here I was, wondering whether....."

4. Write a composition to illustrate the saying.

"Truth will always set you free."

5. 'A good student's council depends, to a large extent, on the quality of the students' that vote. Write a composition to support this statement.

Reading

1. Take time to read at least 4 novels from your home library.

For each novel, note:

- (i) The title and author
- (ii) The key characters.
- (iii) At least five new words and expressions you learn.

