

MARKING SCHEME – ORDINARY LEVEL ENGLISH EXAM 2011

SECTION A: COMREHENSION AND VOCABULARY

1) Choose the best answer to these questions: **(10 marks)**

- i. C
- ii. A
- iii. B
- iv. C
- v. C
- vi. A
- vii. A
- viii. B
- ix. B
- x. D

2) Answer these questions in your own words **(10 marks)**

- a. The wedding was on December fifth, in the year of Kenya's independence.
- b. The bride may have felt excited and nervous as she was waiting for the groom to arrive
- c. The woman asked if there was no water in Murang'a because people from Murang'a with their cars were so muddy and they did not wash them away.
- d. The two women were not fair to the two men because they asked them sarcastically what those muddy people wanted, and they also asked one of them to speak in English.
- e. The women were happy what the two men said as they nodded and approved.

3) In the following paragraph replace the underlined phrases with expressions taken from the text. **(5 marks)**

The boy was dresses to kill (a) and was looking forward to meet his dream girl (b). He was sure that in the case his friend was not present he wasn't going to be left out (c) since there would be other birds to kill (d). He did not need to take a taxi since the distance to take place was not like that from the nose to the eye (e).

4) Choose the correct word in the box below to complete each sentence. (5 marks)

- i. Sterilization
- ii.intrigue
- iii. strategies
- iv.trowel
- v. Paces

SECTION B: GRAMMAR AND PHONOLOGY (45 marks)

GRAMMAR (35 marks)

5) Choose the best answer to complete the sentence (15 marks)

- i. B. the same height
- ii. B. are coming
- iii. A. is
- iv. C. than
- v. C. like
- vi. A. is
- vii. C. such a
- viii. B. the most talented
- ix. C. the bus comes
- x. A. has come
- xi. A. did
- xii. B. where you were
- xiii. D. spoke
- xiv. C. Much better
- xv. A. does Paul sing.

6) Use the correct tense of the verb in the brackets. (10 marks)

- i. I would feel happier if they were taller. (2 marks)
- ii. That the company invests in new property. (1 mark)
- iii. When he placed(1 mark)
- iv.if nothing was done. (1 mark)

- v. Peter is not used to light (1 mark)
- vi.because no one had explored it before then.....(1 mark)
- vii. The man had been broughtthe doctor operated.....(1 mark)
- viii. He would have bought me a drink..... (1 mark)

7) Correct the following sentences (10 marks)

- i. On the way home, I saw a dead dog.
- ii. Many people are going to the town this afternoon.
- iii. They were singing beautiful songs.
- iv. Why did they cry?
- v. She goes to school every day.
- vi. How does Mary travel to Kigali?
- vii. My uncle's cattle are very healthy
- viii. The news I heard this morning is very bad.
- ix. Our teacher is absent today. He has been sick since last Sunday.
- x. Mobutu was the president of Congo from 1961 to 1998.

PHONOLOGY (10 marks)

8) One of the following words is stressed differently from the three others. Indicate it by writing the letter a, b, c or d corresponding to it. (7 marks)

- i. d. incident
- ii. b. positive
- iii. c. police
- iv. a. difference
- v. d. machine
- vi. d. report (noun)
- vii. d. control (verb)

9) One of the four underlined sounds is pronounced differently from the three others. Write the letter corresponding to it. (3 marks)

- i. b. thorough
- ii. a. says
- iii. a. lose

SECTION C: SUMMARY (10 marks)

10) Read the following passage very carefully, and then in no more than 50 words summarize what the author says about the feeding and drinking habits of elephants.

Points to consider:

- Sentences should be concise and complete.
- A summary should not include unnecessary information.
- Should not illustrate
- Should avoid repetition
- Should use connectors to join sentences.
- Grammar skill should be upheld.
- Number of words should be respected.
- Should have a title
- Should not abbreviate.

Placing of candidates and award of marks:

- A. The summary should have all the above characteristics of a good summary. **(A=10 marks)**
- B. Positive ability; the summary should have many of the above characteristics of a good summary. **(B=7 – 9 marks)**
- C. Good ability in summarizing; the summary should be good but lacks many of the characteristics of a good summary. **(C= 5 – 6 marks)**
- D. Fairly good in summarizing; a few characteristics of a good summary with some errors. **(D= 3 – 4 marks)**
- E. Many mistakes; few characteristics of a summary. **(E=1 – 2 marks)**
- F. The writer knows nothing about summary writing or didn't write anything. **(F=0 mark)**

SECTION D: COMPOSITION (15 marks)

11) Attempt only one of the following and write a composition of no more than 200 words.

The composition should consist of:

1. Presentation:

- Title
- Margin
- Legibility
- Neatness

2. Content and relevance:

- Introduction
- Clarifying the context
- Highlighting the most important points of your writing.
- Give facts.
- Your personal opinion.
- Length of the composition

3. Language and coherence

- Excellent/very good
- Good
- Acceptable
- Poor

Award of marks

Introduction: (2 marks)

Body: (8 marks) – 4 Points: (4 marks)

– 4 explanations (4 marks)

Conclusion: (1 mark)

Grammar: (1 mark)

Spelling: (1 mark)

Logic: (2 marks)