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Instructions to candidates

- (a) Write your name and index no. in the space provided.
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- (c) Answer all the questions in this paper.
- (d) All your answers must be written in the space provided.

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| 3 | 20 | |
| 4 | 15 | |
| Total score | 80 | |

1. Comprehension (20 marks)

Read the following passage and then answer the questions that follow.

There is no accomplishment so easy to acquire as politeness and none more profitable. These are Bernad Shaw's words.

This holds very true in today's age. Young busy executives fresh out management schools venture into the cooperate world with sound professional knowledge. But what they do not teach in school of business is social skills- etiquette.

Etiquette is the norm of social behaviour. It evolves from showing consideration for other people's needs, feelings and sensibilities. The principle of social etiquette serve the same function as traffic signs, provide common language of behaviour and conduct so that people may meet, talk, dine and drink, travel and do business with ease. Good manners are neither inherited nor do they come to us naturally. They must be learnt and put to practice. As every executive knows, good manners constitute a necessary compliment to good business. Without it he would jeopardize relationships that are basis to business success.

He would fail to project a professional image of himself and his organization. Good manners help oil daily interactions. They lay the foundation for good working relationship that is in turn indispensable for co-ordinating team efforts for achieving organization goals.

Behavioral studies largely reveal that many unhappy clients never complain about discourtesy. Many of them will almost always never do business with the company that offends them. Further the unhappy client will tell the story to many other people. Just think what a big price to pay for discourtesy! And what an even bigger price to pay for ignoring it.

Good manners leave a good impression especially so when you are meeting a person for the first time. Get your act right when you are introduced for the first time always arise, shake hand with a firm grip. It is even better if you offer your hand first. Remember and repeat the name looking straight in the eyes of the person you are being introduced to. This will show you are paying full attention.

1. (a) Why is the writer so critical of the professionals joining corporate engagement? (2 marks)

- (b) What is the writer's opinion about the nature and origin of good manners? (3 marks)

- (c) How does social etiquette serve the same functions as traffic signs? (3 marks)

- (d) What does the writer find disturbing about clients in business? (3 marks)

(e) In note form, state how you can get your act right when you are introduced for the first time. (3 marks)

(f) Rewrite the following sentence as instructed. Do not change the meaning. Behavioral studies largely reveal that many unhappy clients never complain about discourtesy. (Rewrite beginning: Never.....). (1 mark)

(g) Explain the meaning of the following words as used in the passage (i) Constitute (1 mark)

(ii) Indispensable (1 mark)

(iii) Discourtesy (1 mark)

(iv) Impression (1 mark)

(h) Supply a suitable title for this passage. (1 mark)

Read the extract below and answer the questions that follow.

“She means everything to me”. She looked at him steadily for a little while. “So do you -though I am beginning to think it’s a waste of time. When are you going to propose if at all?. We’ve known each other for six years. Six years? What I don’t have by now I’ll never get. I am twenty six years old and you are looking at

the finished product. And I am tired of being asked when I will bring home the man from Rugune- meaning the man from the west as my relatives refer to you”.

“You do not mean it, don’t you? It is not brain fever due to overwork and lack of sleep, is it?” he said it half in rest, half in earnest. “You really are too much,” she said getting up.

“Come on! Do have a sense of humor. It isn’t every day a girl proposes to me. As a matter of fact this is the first time – so forgive me if don’t quite know what to say. But you know there’s never been anyone else since I met you. To heal with it, since we are in the age of equality, why don’t I just say that there’s never been anyone else? The answer is yes I’ll marry you. Any day you want. Today, if we can get anyone to marry us”.

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You are really a comedian, you know. What are you still doing here- an underpaid intern? You should be out there earning your millions with bill Cosby and the rest”. This was how there conversation always ended. Two strong wills pitted against each other. She wondered if she was taking on more than she could manage. But he had a power over her- which even he did not know. There was no one else, there could be still she was piqued by him.

“Point taken. But I am dead serious. You can tell your mum that I’ll over pay my courtesy call as soon as this internship business is over. My intentions towards her daughter have always been good even if I am not a son of Mumbi and Gikuyu- the founders of your great tribe”.

The alarm rang and cut him short. “Yak! I’ve got to run, honey. I have gallonfuls of blood testing yet to be done. I’ll just walk you to the bus stop and then get on with the job at hand. “He grubbed his coat and opened the door. She understood. After all, she herself was an intern and at the mercy of the clock and the back and call of others. It was one hell of a life and once heel of a courtship. Why couldn’t she fall in love with an ordinary guy who worked ordinary hours? One doctor in the house was than enough. She wondered if the marriage would survive the onslaught of medicine. Time would tell.

Questions

- (a) Explain what happens immediately before and after this excerpt. (4 marks)

- (b) Identify and illustrate any one theme evident in this excerpt. (2 marks)

- (c) (i) She means everything to me” who is referred to a “she” in this sentence? (1 mark)

- (ii) What makes the ‘she’ age faster than she should have later in the story? (1 mark)

(iii) I am twenty six years old and you are looking at the finished product".

Explain the meaning of the underlined phrase.

(1 mark)

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(d) Both Wandia and Aoro are interns in different hospitals. What challenges do they encounter as they serve as interns?

(4 marks)

(e) Which trait of character is shared by both Aoro and Wandia in this excerpt?

(3 marks)

(f) Illustrate any two features of style used in the excerpt.

(2 marks)

(g) Where do Aoro and Wandia meet for the first time in the story?

(1 mark)

(h) "There's never been anyone else since I met you" (Beginning: Never.....).

(1 mark)

Question 3 Oral literature (20 marks)

Read the following oral narrative and answer the questions below.

One day on a farm, cat took out her walking stick and started to walk laboriously along the road, leaning heavily on her stick. Hen, who was pecking at the ground nearby, looked up and said, “Aunty Aunty, where are you going?”

The cat said, “I am off to the holy city to give my annual offering”. Hen said, “May I come with you? I will accompany you on your long journey and at the same time perform my pilgrimage as well”. Cat replied “If you must, there is no stopping you”. So both of them started moving further on the road. Then they met Duck.

Duck said, “Aunty, where are you going?”

Cat replied, “Come if you must,” Duck joined them.

A little ahead they met Mouse. Mouse asked, “Aunty where are you going?” Cat replied, “I am going to the holy city,” Mouse asked, “May I come along with you?” Cat said, “If you want to dear.” They walked along the road for sometime then cat said, “Oh my old bones, now they ache ohoo.” The three stopped and offered to rest along with her. Cat said, “Hen may wait with me if she likes, the two of you go on ahead. We will catch up with you.” The cat pounced on the Hen and ate her up.

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After a few hours, Cat caught up with Duck and Mouse. When they enquired about Hen, Cat said, “Oh, she had forgotten her offering at home and has gone back for it,” And they walked on.

The next day Cat began to groan again, and this time asked Duck to stay with her. Mouse went on ahead. When Cat caught up with Mouse she said Duck has forgotten her offering as well.

At this Mouse got suspicious for if Duck forgotten her offering as well she would have turned back with Hen. Meanwhile, Cat thought: “Now it is the turn of Mouse, what a delicacy! The taste will linger for a long time in my mouth.”

Then she said to the Mouse, “Mouse let us stop for a rest.” After a while she said, “It is long since I played catch and catch with anyone. Why don’t I fulfill this desire for who knows how long I have to live?”

Mouse began to play; he ran here and there; soon he realized that Cat was out to get him so he quickly darted into a hole in the ground. Now cat know she could not get Mouse so she said, “Mouse, Mouse, come out. I want to tell you a story,” Craftily Mouse replied, “You tell the story and I will listen to it in here.”

So, you see whenever Mouse sees Cat, he runs quickly to hide for he knows that Cat is after him. He has not forgotten the uncompleted journey to the holy city.

(a) Giving a reason, classify this narrative. (2 marks)

(b) What features of oral narratives are evident in this story? Explain any 4. (4 marks)

(c) Briefly explain any two character traits of the Cat in this story. (4 marks)

(d) What two lessons do we learn from the story? (4 marks)

(e) Why do you think the Duck did not complete the journey? (2 marks)

(f) What does the story reveal about the community from which the story was taken? (2 marks)

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(g) Explain the two problems you could encounter when collecting this type of oral genre. (2 marks)

4 GRAMMAR (15 MARKS)

(a) Rewrite the following sentences according to the instructions. Do not change the meaning .(5 marks)

- (i) If it were not for our friendship, I would hit him hard. (Begin: But.....)
- (ii) John shows hardly any understanding of the problem. (Begin: Little.....)
- (iii) The players were so excited that they would not sleep. (Rewrite to use too.....)
- (iv) Why did the burglars break into the house? (Rewrite in the passive)
- (v) Soccer can be watched by anybody while seated on a bias. (Begin: Seated.....)

(b) Complete each of the blank spaces with the correct form of the verb in brackets. (3 marks)

- (i) The director proceeded with his speech to the _____ (accompany) of loud applause.
- (ii) The doctor asked for the patient’s re-examination because the results given were _____(satisfy)
- (iii) The vast office blocks in Nairobi occupy _____ (value) space.

(c) Fill in the blanks with a phrasal verb from the verb given in brackets. (3 marks)

- (i) An epidemic has _____ in the town of Kakuma. (break)
- (ii) His suspicious behavior _____ to the police. (give)

(iii) I could not _____ such nasty talk much longer. (put)

(d) Rewrite the following sentences to remove gender bias.

(2 marks)

(i) A senior policeman led the operation: save the girl child.

(ii) Women have equal rights to men. (Begin: All.....)

(e) Explain the different meanings of the following sentence.

“I do not dislike my boss as much as Christine.”

(2 mark)

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