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2	25	
3	20	
4	15	
TOTAL	80	

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

Problem drinkers and alcoholics pay severe penalties for their drinking. It has been estimated that alcoholics are likely to die ten to twelve years sooner than non-alcoholics and half die before the age of fifty, which is one reason there are so few elderly alcoholics. The mortality rate (that is, the number of persons per 100,000 who die each year) among alcoholics is more than two and a half times higher than that of the general population.

Alcoholics often die under violent circumstances; serious accidents, homicide, and suicide are not uncommon. This, together with the physical deterioration accompanying alcoholism, helps explain the limits on life expectancy. No one really knows how many deaths are directly attributed to drinking, and all such statistics are estimates. One reason for our limited knowledge is that many physicians do not report alcoholism as the main cause of death out of concern for the feelings of the family of the deceased.

Research on the physiological effects of alcoholism has increased in the last few years. Heavy drinking is known to be associated with various types of cancer, particularly among persons who also use tobacco. Alcohol abuse also increases the probability of hypertension, stroke and coronary heart disease. Alcoholics frequently suffer illness and death from cirrhosis of the liver, a disease in which the liver becomes fatty, scarred, and incapable of functioning normally. In large urban areas, cirrhosis is the fourth most common cause of death among men aged twenty - five to forty -five.

Alcohol affects the brain, often permanently damaging the mental functioning of alcoholics. Drinking may reduce the number of living cells in the brain. Since brain cells do not grow back, alcoholics may suffer from organic psychosis (a mental illness traceable to brain damages), loss of memory, and poor physical and mental co-ordination. One out of four persons who are admitted to mental hospitals are diagnosed as alcoholics and 40 percent of all admissions are alcohol related.

Many of the alcoholic inmates are unlikely to recover.

The unborn children of female alcoholics are subject to harm from drinking in what is called foetal alcohol syndrome. Because alcohol tends to be a substitute for a balanced diet, alcoholics are often malnourished. Consequently, the infants of alcoholic women are likely to be less healthy and less well developed than other babies. Moreover, when a pregnant woman drinks, so, in effect, does her foetus. The new born children of alcoholic women may die shortly after birth unless they are medically treated from the shock to their systems for suddenly being cut off from alcohol. Furthermore, the impact of alcohol on the woman and her foetus is a major cause of birth defects and organically based mental deficiency among the newborn. The effects of foetal alcohol syndrome on the children of female alcoholics are usually chronic and may be permanently disabling.

Clearly, it is not too much of an exaggeration to say that alcohol kills and maims people. When abused, alcohol is a highly dangerous drug.

i) What are the major causes of death among alcoholics? (2mks)

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ii) Which reason does the writer give as to why physicians do not report alcoholic related deaths? (2mks)

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iii) One out of four persons who are admitted to mental hospitals are diagnosed as alcoholics. (Rewrite starting with a few ...) (2mks)

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iv) Alcoholics often die under violent circumstances ... (Re write adding a question tag) (1mk)

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v) What is the attitude of the writer towards people who abuse alcohol? (3mks)

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vi) Explain what the following sentence means. *Alcohol tends to be a substitute for a balanced diet* (2mks)

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vii) Make notes on the effects of alcohol to expectant mothers and their children. (4mks)

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viii) Explain the meanings of the following words and phrases as used in the passage. (4mks)

a) attributable

b) scarred

- c) abuse
- d) statistics

2. Read the extract below and answer the questions that follow. 20 marks

“My Chief! My Chief! They are both gone. They left last night before the first cockcrow. And, and ...,” here he stammered and then stopped. “And what you fool! Tell me!” The Chief, a man never known to raise his voice almost screamed at the hapless herdsman.

“Yes my chief! Their families said they heard them talking to a third man just before they left, but they did not see him because it was very dark.” Akoko fell down in a deep faint. Nyabera ran to her mother screaming and held her head. The chief started **barking** orders to a group of people who had now gathered to find out the cause of the commotion. “Get the scouts, except those on watch. Tell them to prepare two search parties – one to take the route of Gem and the other to follow the route of Asembo. Maybe we can intercept them before they reach very far.” The search parties were hastily formed, each consisting of twelve men well trained in tracking game. The groups started out together but separated at the edge of the village.

They were gone for two nights and two days and while they were gone, Akoko **lay prostrate** on her papyrus pallet. She dared not sleep for she was haunted by nightmares. She was beyond even praying to Were and she lay there hour after hour staring, dull eyed, into space. Her children hung around her, trying to make her eat but to no avail. Sometimes she said something to herself but try as they would, they could not catch her words. The older women watching her feared for her **sanity** for everyone knew that this was her son just like the younger was his father’s. He had been the only seventeen year old in the whole village who ever obeyed his mother without questions.

- a) Place this extract in its immediate context. 4mks

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- b) Briefly explain why Akoko faints. 2mks

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- c) Describe the general mood of this excerpt. 2mks

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d) Identify and comment on the significance of any **two** features of style evident in the extract.

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e) State any two character traits of Akoko as shown in the extract

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f) What do the following words and expressions mean as used in the extract?

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- i) barking
- ii) lay prostrate
- iii) sanity

g) Identify and explain **one** theme evident in the extract above.

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h) Explain the significance of the above occurrence to the plot of the story.

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3. Read the following narrative and answer the questions that follow. (20 marks)

There was once a man who had a wife who was barren after giving birth to an only boy. After consulting a witch doctor, he went in search of an ogre's tail as he had been instructed. After a long and hazardous journey through unknown lands he came into the country of the ogres. That day the ogres were celebrating the installation of a new chief. He joined in their beer party and the ogres welcomed him although they had difficulty in restraining their cannibalistic nature.

When all the ogres went to bed, the man with his knife in his hand stealthily crept to the bed chamber of the new chief. Overcome with too much beer, the chief was sleeping too heavily to notice that his tail was being slashed off. When he woke up the following morning, he found the other ogres dancing and singing:

Omwami Keinyalile

The chief has urinated

Khane omwami kenyalanga So the chief urinates.

He looked about him and saw blood, then he noticed that his tail was missing. The visitor was also missing!

The chief then changed himself into a beautiful woman. After a long journey she came upon herds boys playing *lifundo* with a ball made out of banana leaves. The beautiful woman asked each boy in turn what great thing his father had done. One said, "My father killed an elephant." Another said that his father had a killed a company of ten Teso warriors. The third said, "My father cut off the tail of an ogre." The woman rejoiced and asked the boy to take her to his father's home. The man, struck by her great beauty, made her his wife that same day.

That night the woman tried to change into an ogre but the man's two dogs, Kutubi and Mulikho, barked at her fiercely and she gave up the attempt. The following day she told the man that she wanted some firewood from the forest. She told him to tie the dogs in heavy chains. She then led him deep into the forest, and then asked him to climb one of the trees that were dry. "I will hand the axe to you when you are up," she said.

But as soon as the man was up the tree, she turned into an ogre, "Now I have got you," the ogre said and started cutting down the tree. The man started calling for his dogs:

"Asa, asa, mbwa change Kutubi na Mulikho." ("Come, come, my dogs Kutubi and Mulikho.")

Each time the tree showed signs of falling, a dove on a nearby tree said, "Kurr Murongoro kwase yililisia." ("Kurr, my tree, regain your former state.") The ogre in a fury chased away the dove, which returned almost immediately.

In the meantime, the dogs after the struggle had cut their chains and came at breakneck speed as their master kept calling. When they arrived, the ogre threw away the axe, turned into the same beautiful woman and begged for mercy. But the dogs did not stop their onslaught until she was completely dead.

a) State two characteristics of ogre stories evident in the above narrative. (2 marks)

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b) Identify the social activities mentioned in the passage? (2 marks)

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c) From the story, do you think the wife was cured of her illness? Explain your answer. (2 mks)

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d) Identify and illustrate two character traits of the man? (4 marks)

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e) With an illustration, identify **one** way in which the narrator has achieved the use of suspense in the above narrative. (2 marks)

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f) State features of oral narratives evident in the above narrative. (3 marks)

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g) State any two functions of the song used in the narrative. (2 marks)

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h) Suppose you are the narrator of the above story, how would you have ended the story? (1mk)

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i) What moral lesson do you learn from the above narrative? (2 marks)

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4. a) Rewrite the following sentences according to instructions and do not change the meaning. (5Mks)

i) Many students benefit if they read early in the morning. (Rewrite using a gerund)

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ii) When I went to the shops, I saw the thieves arrested for stealing. (Rewrite in progressive tense).....

iii) They suddenly stood up and left the room. (Use: sudden)

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iv) "It went missing last night," she informed us. (Rewrite in reported speech)

- v) I saw a heifer by the roadside. (Replace the underlined with the opposite)

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b) Use correct form of the phrasal verb formed from the word given. (2Mks)

- i) The lion the unsuspecting boy. (come)
ii) We could not our tears when we saw the mauled moran.
(hold)

c) Fill in the blank space with the appropriate pronoun. (1Mk)

- i) I work harder than
ii) Let you and decide who caused the accident.

d) Explain the difference in meaning. (2Mks)

- i) You like her as much as she.
ii) You like her as much as him.

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e) Explain the meaning of the underlined idioms. (2Mks)

- i) Marlin, the founder of Soweto children's home, enjoys a lot of popularity with the villagers. She has a heart of gold.
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ii) Don't be sure. On this matter, I am sure Brian is keeping his cards close to his chest.
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f) Complete the following sentences with the correct form of the word in brackets. (2mks)

- i) The Tsunami claimed a lot of lives in Asia. (disaster)
ii) To him, they are creatures. (loathe)

g) Use a suitable quantifier to fill in the blanks (1 Mk)

- i) You can get information from the internet
ii) There are of mangoes in the basket.

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