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MARANDA SCHOOL KCSE TRIAL

AND PRACTICE EXAM 2016

(COMPREHENSION, LITERARY APPRECIATION AND GRAMMAR)

PAPER 2

(Comprehension, literary appreciation and grammar)

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

(20 marks)

They are best seen not on foot or from outer space but through the window of an aero plane; the newly cleared lands, the expanding wave of roads and settlements, the spirals of smoke and the shrinking enclaves of natural habitat. In a glance, we are reminded that the once mighty wilderness has shriveled. We measure it in hectares and count the species it contains; knowing that everyday something vital is slipping from us, a million year old history fading from sight.

I invite you now to try to **visualize** the loss in biological diversity due to the reduction of natural habitat. Consider the loss, most invincible to us today but destined to be painfully obvious to our descendants that occurs when entire wilderness is degraded or destroyed. On a worldwide basis, extinction is accelerating and could reach **ruinous** proportions before too long. Not just birds and mammals are vanishing but such smaller forms such as mosses and insects. A **conservative estimate** of the current rate of extinction is 1000 species a year, mostly because of the destruction of forests and other key habitats in the tropics.

To arrest this devastation, we must protect biological diversity. One compelling reason for doing so is that we are part of life on earth and share its history. The acceptance of this fact does not diminish humanity but raises the status of non human creatures. We should pause and think before treating them as disposable matter.

Another reason why we should fiercely want to conserve land and species is that there is material gain involved for ourselves, our kin and our community. Looked at it from that perspective, the diversity of species is one of the most important resources. It is also the least utilized. We must come to depend entirely on less than one percent of living species for our existence, with the reminder waiting untested and fallow.

It is therefore not surprising that recent estimates show that we have only utilized about 7000 kinds of plants for food, with emphasis on wheat, maize, rye, and a dozen other highly domesticated species. Yet, at least 75800 species exist that are edible and superior to the ones we use. Among the potential star species is the winged bean found in New Guinea. It contains more potential than cassava and has a nutritional value equivalent to that of soya bean. It matures within few weeks and wonderfully, the entire plant can be eaten; tuber, seeds, leaves, flowers, stems, and all. It can be eaten raw or ground into flour. What's more? A coffee like beverage can be extracted from it. Any wonder that it has been called a one- species supermarket?

Also unexploited are natural resources that have medical value. These have been called the sleeping giants of the pharmaceutical industry. Actually, one in every ten plants species contains compounds which can combat cancer. One such species is the rosy periwinkle found on the West Indies. You have no doubt heard of the neem plant (baptized "maurubaini" in Kenya) which is reputed to cure or manage a host of ailments.

If we, the inhabitants of the old good earth, know what is good for use, we will arise, one on all, and conserve our biodiversity with all that we have got.

Questions

1. What evidence of the destruction of the wilderness can be seen from the air? (2 marks)
2. Why will the destruction of the habitat become very obvious to future generations? (2 marks)
3. Rewrite the following sentence to begin: it
Not just birds and mammals are vanishing but such smaller forms as mosses and insects.
(1 mark)
4. Add a question tag.

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5. Why does the author think there is no conflict between humans and non- humans? (2 marks)
6. In note form summarize the evidence the author gives to show that we have utilized the diversity of species. (2 marks)
7. In what way is the winged bean similar to supermarket? (3 marks)
8. Why are some natural products referred to as sleeping giants? (2 marks)
9. Explain the meaning of the following words and phrases are used in the passage.(3 marks)
 - i) Visualize
 - ii) Ruinous
 - iii) Conservative estimate

2. Question 2

The Caucasian Chalk Circle by Bertolt Brecht (25 marks)

The prosecutors, among whom a worried council has been held, smile with relief They whisper.

COOK: Oh dear!

SIMON: A well cant be filled with dew, they say.

LAWYERS (*approaching AZDAK, who stands up, expectantly*):A quite ridiculous case, Your Honor. The

accused has abducted a child and refuses to hand it over.

AZDAK (*stretching out his hand, glancing at GRUSHA*): A most attractive person.(*he fingers the money, then sits down, satisfied.*) I declared the proceedings open and demand the whole truth. (*To GRUSHA*) Especially from you.

FIRST LAWYER: High court of justice! Blood, as the popular saying goes, is thicker than water. This old adage....

AZDAK (*interrupting*): The court wants to know the lawyers' fee.

FIRST LAWYER (*surprised*):I beg your pardon? (*AZDAK, smiling, rubs his thumb and index finger.*)Oh, I see. Five hundred piasters, Your honor, to answer the Court's somewhat unusual question.

AZDAK: Did you hear? The question is unusual. I ask it because I listen in quite a different way when I know you're good.

FIRST LAWYER (*bowing*): Thank you, your honor. High court of justice, of all ties of blood are strongest. Mother , and child- is there a more intimate relationship? Can one tear a child from its mother? High court of justice, wshe has conceived it in the holy ecstasies of love. She has borne it with pain. High court of justice, it has been observed that the wild tigress, robbed of her young, roams restless through the mountains, shrunk to a shadow. Nature itself....

AZDAK (*interrupting, to GRUSHA*): What's your answer to all this and anything else that lawyer might have to say?

GRUSHA: He's mine.

AZDAK: Is that all. I hope you can prove it. Why should I assign the child to you in any case?

GRUSHA: I brought him up like the priest says “according to my best knowledge and conscience.” I always found him something to eat. Most of the time he had a roof over his head. And I went to such trouble for him. I had expenses too. I didn’t look out for my own comfort. I brought the child up to be friendly with everyone, and from the beginning taught him to work. As well as he could, that is. He’s still very little.

FIRST LAWYER: Your honor, it is significant that the girl herself doesn’t claim any tie of blood between her and the

AZDAK: The court take note of that.

FIRST LAWYER: Thank you, your honor. And now permit a woman bowed in sorrow- who has already lost her husband and now has also to fear the loss of her child- to address a few words to you. The gracious Natella Abashwili is.....

GOVERNOR’S WIFE (quietly) : a most cruel fate, sir, forces me to describe to you the tortures of a bereaved mother’s soul, her anxiety, the sleepless nights, the

SECOND LAWYER (bursting out): its outrageous the way this woman is being traeted! Her husband’s palace is closed to her! The revenue of her estates is blocked, and she is cold- bloodedly told that it’s tied to the heir. She cant do a thing without that child. She cant even pay her lawyers!! (*TO the FIRST LAWYER, who desperate about this outburst, makes ftantic gestures to keep him from speaking:*)dear III Shuboladze estates are at stake?

FIRST LAWYER: Please, honored Sandro Oboladze! We agreed’ (To AZDAK) Of course it is correct that the trial will also decide if our noble client can take over the Absshwili estates, which are rather extensive. I say “ advisedly, for in the foreground stands the human tragedy of a mother as Natella Abashwili very properly explained un the first words of her moving statement. Even if Michael Abashwili were not heir to the estates, he would still be the dearly beloved child of my client.

AZDAK: Stop!the court is touched by the mention of estates. It’s proof of human feeling.

SECOND LAWYER: Thanks, your hionor. Dear III Shuboladze, we can prove in any case that the woman who took the child is not the child’s mother. Permit me to lay before the court the bare facts. High court of justice, by an unfortunate chain of circumstances. Michael Abashwili was left behind on that Easter Sunday while his mother was making her escape. Grusha , a palace kitchen maid, was seen with the baby....

COOK: All her mistress was thinking of was what dresses she’d take along!

SECOND LAWYER (*unmoved*) :Nearly a year later Grusha turned up in a mountauin village with a baby there entered into the state of matrimony *with*.....

AZDAK: How’d you get to that mountain village?

GRUSHA: On foot!your honor. And he was mine.

SIMON: I’m the father. Your honor.

COOK: I used to look after it for them. Your honor. For five piasters.

SECOND LAWYER: This man is engaged to Grusha . high court of justice: his testimony suspect.

AZDAK: Are you the man she married in the mountain village?

SIMON: No, your honor, she married a peasant.

AZDAK: (to Grusha): Why? (Pointing at SIMON) He was in the war, your honor

AZDAK: And now he wants you back agauin, huh?

SIMON: I wish to state the evedince...

GRUSHA (angrily): he’s an ordinary child.

AZDAK: I mean- did he have refined features from the beginning?

GRUSHA: He had a nose on his face.

AZDAK: A very significant comment! It has been said of me that I went out one time and sniffed at a rosebush before rendering verdict- tricks like that are needed nowadays. Well, I'll make it short, and not listen to any more lies. (To GRUSHA) Especially not yours. (to all the accused) I can imagine what you've cooked up to cheat me! I know you people. You're swindlers.

QUESTIONS

- a) Give three reasons that Grusha gives for her to be given the child. (3 marks)
- b) "I went to such trouble for him," give four challenges that Grusha went through in order to save Michael from pursuing ironshits. (answer in note form) (5 marks)
- c) i) Simon: "No, your honor, she married a peasant." What is the name of the peasant mentioned by Simon and what was wrong with him? (2 marks)
ii) Why was it necessary for Grusha to get married to the peasant? (3 marks)
- d) One of the lawyers says something that ruins chances of Mrs. Abashwili this case. What is it that the lawyer says and how does it spoil the case? (4 marks)
- e) AZDAK: Did you hear? The question is unusual; I ask it because I listen in quite a different way." In what way would you say that AZDAK's judgments are unusual? (2 marks)
- f) Give one example of another case that AZDAK presided over and the judgement passed.(2 marks)
- g) i) Before judge Azdak passes judgement on this case he begins to listen to yet another case. What is this other case about? (2 marks)
ii) What is the significance of this case to the case involving Grusha and Governor's wife? (2 marks)

3. POETRY

Read the following poem and answer the questions that follow

SECOND OLYMPUS

From the rostrum they declaimed
On martyrs and men of high ideals
Whom they sent out
Benevolent despots to an unwilling race
Straining at the yoke
Bull dozers trampling on virgin ground
In blatant violation
They trampled down all that was strange
And filled the void
With half digested alien thoughts
They left a trail of red
Whatever their feet had passed
Oh, they did themselves fine
And struttled about the place
Self proclaimed demi- gods
From a counterfeit Olympus
One day they hurled down thunder bolts
On toiling race of earthworms
They might have rained own pebbles
To pelt the brats to death
But that was beneath them
They kept up the illusion
That they were fighting foes

Killing in the name of high ideals

At the inquest they told the world
The worms were becoming pests
Moreover, they said
They did not like wriggly things
Strange prejudice for gods.

Questions

- 1) Who is being talked about in this poem? Give evidence. (2 marks)
- 2) With two evidences, discuss the poet's general attitude towards the subject of the poem.(3 marks)
- 3) What do you understand by the following three lines?
"they trample down all that was strange
And filled the void with half digested alien thoughts?"
- 4) Who are referred to as "toiling race of earthworms" and why? (3 marks)
- 5) Discuss two stylistic devices used in the poem. Give their effectiveness
- 6) Explain the significance of the title. (2 marks)
- 7) What is the tone of the poem? (1 mark)

4. GRAMMAR (15 MARKS)

- a) **Fill the blank with the right form of the word in brackets.** (3 marks)
 - i) You will have to pay for the of the house. (maintain)
 - ii) Fortunately, they are able to look at the matter with(objective)
 - iii) The workers decided to wait for the outcome of the (deliberate)
- b) **Fill the blank spaces with the correct article**
 - i) The students said they wanted.....union.
 - ii) What is Ewe?
- c) **Fill the blank with the correct preposition**
 - i) The hotel is now open..... its customers from six to six.
 - ii) They congratulated him his good performance.
 - iii) The guest arrived and sat the host.
- d) **Replace the underlined phrases with one word.**
 - i) I took for granted that you would come.
 - ii) His research brought to light some interesting facts.
 - iii) He looks down his nose at anyone who is not rich.
- e) **Rewrite the following sentences according to the instructions given.** (4 marks)
 - i) It is not surprising that Africa's representative in the world cup performed dismally. (Begin: it is little.....)
 - ii) We all agree that Mwalimu Nyerere was humble. (rewrite in the past tense)
 - iii) Early elections results indicate that Sisi will not be defeated. (rewrite using "unassailable")
 - iv) She loves him. (add a question tag)