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ENGLISH PAPER 3

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23.1.3 English Paper 3(101/3)

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Paper 3
(Imaginative composition
and composition based
on set texts)
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2½ hours

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*Answer **three** questions only.*

*Questions **one** and **two** are **compulsory**.*

*In question **three** choose only **one** of the optional texts you have prepared on.*

Where a candidate presents work on more than one optional text, only the first one to appear will be marked.

*Each of your essays must **not** exceed **450** words.*

This paper consists of 2 printed pages

Candidates should check the question paper to ascertain that both pages are printed as indicated and no questions are missing.

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1 Imaginative Composition (compulsory) (20 marks)

Either

(a) Write a composition beginning with the following sentence:

When I left home that bright Sunday afternoon, I did not realise that the events of the next few days would completely change my life.

Or

(b) Write a story to illustrate the saying:

“Experience is the best teacher.”

2 The Compulsory Set Text (20 marks)

Marjorie Oludhe Macgoye, *Coming to Birth*

Using the story of Martin and Paulina, write an essay on how intolerance and suspicion can ruin relationships.

3 The Optional Set Texts (20 marks)

Answer any **one** of the following three questions.

Either

(a) **The Short Story**

Macmillan (Ed), *Half a Day and other stories*

Drawing your illustrations from the life of Mme. Lady in Wangui wa Goro’s “Heaven and Earth” write an essay on the saying “**All that glitters is not gold**”.

Or

(b) **Drama**

John Ruganda, *Shreds of Tenderness*

Illustrating your answer with examples from *Shreds of Tenderness*, write an essay entitled: “**The effects of coups d’etat**”.

Or

(c) **The Novel**

Velma Pollard, *Homestretch*

Write an essay illustrating the following saying: “**In love, all is well that ends well.**” Refer to *Homestretch* for your examples.