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ENGLISH

PAPER 2

(Comprehension, literary appreciation and grammar)

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1	20	
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1. COMPREHENSION

Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow.

if you travel by plane from Europe to Nairobi by night ,you know you have reached African soil when the lights disappear and darkness dominates the landscape.Africa is a dark continent ,thanks to its energy shortage and its remain poor due to its failure to generate enough power .

The netherlands alone produces as much electricity per year as the all of sub-saharan Africa ,minus south Africa.even if you are lucky enough to have electricity ,you still have to contend with the frequent power cuts.

Just about everyone owns a cell phone these days but most lack power to recharge them. Universal access to electricity should have been one of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)for this continent suffers from “energy poverty “just as much as material poverty. Affordable, reliable and accessible electricity is a basic right and must never be considered a luxury.

Yet every time there is drought ,we know that prices rise and electricity rationing is frequent .this is unacceptable in the 21st century, especially when we claim to be a progressive nation.

The government is looking towards the Gibe III hydro electric project on the Omo river in Ethiopia as a source to meet its increasing electricity demand .it is projected that Kenya will purchase 500 MW of the expected 1,870MW output from the hydro project.

However **feasibility** studies suggest that the Gibe Project will have a devastating effect on lake Turkana and its people .research indicates that 80 % of waters of lake Turkana come from the omo river,and when the Gibe project is fully operational ,the water level of the lake could fall by as much as 10 meters. This will endanger the livelihoods of 20,000 fishermen and destroy the Omo delta as a grazing research for several nomadic communities in the contested Ilemi Triangle.

One wonders why the government is not, instead looking at alternative sources of energy like the lake Turkana wind power project. This wind farm is under construction and will consist of 353 wind turbines.

Electricity production is expected to begin later this year and when fully operational next year, it will provide 300mwof clean power to the national grid . That figure represents 17%of Kenya’s planned power needs for 2012.kenya is ranked 5th worldwide and first in Africa in terms of wind power generation potential.

Yet all of this requires long term planning, financing and investment .put another way energy like every other economic item, requires good governance, integrity,and visionary leadership.

When you have leadership hell-bent on turning public utilities into **personal honey pots** and making public appointments based on cronyism, you know you are still in the dark age. What we recently

witnessed with the ICC farce and judicial appointments is a confirmation that we have energy and material poverty because of poverty in leadership we will remain doomed in darkness unless new, enlightened leadership offers us light and hope urgently.

(adopted from Sunday nation of 5th February 2011)

QUESTIONS

- a) Why does the author refer to Africa as a “dark continent”? (2mks)

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- b) Why does the author mention the Netherlands in this passage? (2mks)

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- c) Why is the phrase ‘energy poverty’ put within quotation marks (2mks)

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- d) Yet all this requires long planning and investment .(rewrite adding appropriate question tag)(1mk)

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- e) Identify one instance of irony in this passage 2MKS

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- f) What evidence is given to show that Kenya experiences bad governance? Give your answer in note form(4mks)

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g) What reason does the author give to show that electricity is a basic need?(2mks)

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h) Describe the author's attitude towards Kenyan leadership?(2mks)

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i) Explain the meaning of the following as used in the passage?(3mks)

Personal honey pots.....

Farce.....

Feasibility.....

2. Read the excerpt below and then answer the questions that follow.(25mks)

'when I grow up ,I want to be a doctor. I want to make sick people well".

Sickness and death were never far from her since the death of her father from liver failure two years before.

"Oh I thought you wanted to be a teacher ?'Teased her mother.

"Well yes! that too "she admired her mother great deal, it was no joke raising five children single handed-her husband having been sole bread winner .she had to work very hard on the five acre plot of land to keep food on the table, clothes on the back but most essential of all ,get money for school fees.

"You must love her a great deal "what he meant was of course that she must care a great deal about him to have stopped by to see him during such a mission.Wandia sighed again.

"She means everything to me". She looked at him steadily for a little while .``so do you-though iam beginning to think it's a waste of time. When are you going to propose it at all? We've known each other for six years. Six years! What I don't have by now I'll never get.iam twenty six years old and you are looking at the finished product .And iam tired of being asked when I'll bring home the man from **ruguru**-meaning the man from west as my relatives refer to you"

“you do mean it, don’t you?it is not brain fever due to overwork and lack no sleep, is it?” he said in jest, half in earnest.

“you really are too much,’ she said getting up.’ come on! do have a sense of humour.It isn’t even day girl proposes to me. As a matter of fact this is the first time-so forgive me if I don’t quite know what to say. But you know there’s never been anyone else since I met you. To hell 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.”

“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 Crosby and the rest.”

This was how their 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 no one else. Still she was piqued by him.

Questions

a) Where and when are the events in this excerpt taking place?(2mks)

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b) Explain what happens immediately before this excerpt(2mks)

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c) Explain how Aoro and Wandia come to know and fall in love with one another (3mks)

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- d) Using your knowledge of the entire novel and what is brought out in the excerpt state any four similarities between the lives of Wangechi and Akoko(4mks)

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- e) "she means everything to me"
Re-write the sentence changing it to reported speech(1mk)

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- f) Explain an unheard of episode which takes place in the excerpt(2mks)

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- g) Where is Wandia going to and why?(2mrks)

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Question three

Read the following poem and answer the questions that follow

From song of prisoners

Where is my gold pen?
I want to write letters
To my children
And send them money
I will not tell them
To know that iam
A Prisoner
I want them to grow
Without suffering,
I want to pass
Their examinations
And get jobs
And buy land,
Houses,
Cars.....

I do not want my children
To get shocked
I do not want them
To feel sad and sorry
And cry for me,
I do not want them to know
That my hands and feet
Are tied with ropes
And iam sitting
On my naked thigh
Of the stone floor.....

There is an empty chair
In the cabinet room,
The occupant is on leave,
He is alone
Buried in soft cotton wool
Thought of hope
Filled with poison needles
Of hopelessness.....

Where is my writing pad?
I want to write
To my parents

I want to send a fat cheque
To my old mother
And another fat cheque
To my old father
But how can I tell them
That I am shoeless,
That my feet are swollen,
Blistered and bleeding?
How can I tell
My mother that I am
Naked and bruised
All over

(O kot P'Bitek)

Questions

- I. Who is the persona in the poem? (2mks)

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- II. What is the poem about (4mks)

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- III. Explain the persona's attitude towards his family (2mks)

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- IV. Identify an instance of repetition in the poem and comment on its effectiveness. (3mks)

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- V. Apart from repetition describe two other features of style in the poem. How effective are their uses? (4mks)

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VI. Describe the mood of the poem in the second stanza (2mks)

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VII. Explain the meaning of the following expressions as used in the poem. 3 MKS

a) Fat cheque-

b) Blistered-

c) Cry for me-

Question 4 GRAMMAR 15 MKS

a) Rewrite the following sentences according to the instructions given.(5mks)

- I. The students were advised to consider the consequences of their behavior by the visitor.
(Rewrite in direct speech)

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- II. He was amazed to hear that he was considered the best speaker in his school.(rewrite to use
``amazement’’)

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- III. The fans lined up along the pitch. They cheered on their team.

(combine into one sentence beginning with a present participle

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- IV. Why can't my mother buy me a bicycle on Sunday? (Begin: I wish.....)

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- V. The doors of the bank opened and at once a crowd of customers burst in.(rewrite using
``hardly’’)

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b) I)explain the differences in the meaning among the three sentences below.3mks

a) Mwangi went in with his cap on

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b) Mwangi just went in with his cap on

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c) Just mwangi went in with his cap on

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c) Fill in each of sentences below with the correct form of the underlined words.(2mks)

I. The motor was -----but the defect was not defected in time

II. It isto hold items obtained through crime.

d) Rewrite replacing the underlined word with a phrasal verb formed from the verb in brackets.(2mks)

I. She supported him even when the rest of the committee did not (back)

II. Idleness causes poverty and want(bring)

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e) Answer as instructed after each.(3mks)

I. We like him because he is gentle and -----(child)

(complete using the correct form of the word in bracket)

II. Poor handwriting enhances -----of a student essay.(legible)

(complete using the correct form of the word in brackets)

III. The vice chancellor ate the humble pie and returned to the negotiation table.(explain the meaning of the underlined idiom)

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