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ENGLISH
PAPER
MARCH 2018
TIME: 2 ½ HOURS

SCHOOL BASED EXAMINATIONS

Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (K.C.S.E.)

INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CANDIDATES

- ❖ Answer **three** questions only
- ❖ Questions **one** and **two** are compulsory.
- ❖ In question three choose **only one** of the optional texts, for which you have been prepared.
- ❖ Where a candidate presents work on more than one optional text, only the first to appear will be marked
- ❖ Each of your essays must not exceed **450** words

This paper consists of 2 printed pages. Candidates should check to ascertain that all pages are printed as indicated and that no questions are missing.

1. Imaginative composition (Compulsory)

Either

(a) Write a story to illustrate the saying:

‘It is blessed to give than to receive’

Or

(b) Write a story ending with:

..... I overcame despite growing up in abject poverty

2. COMPULSORY SET TEXT

“Good things go to who deserve” Referring closely to the text **The Caucasian Chalk Circle** by **Bertolt Brecht** discuss the validity of this statement.

3. The Optional set texts

Answer any one of the following questions

Either

(a) The short story

.”Memories we lost and other stories’

Using the story Memories we lost by Lidudumalingani Mqomboti(south Africa) Discuss the challenges that a family encounters as a result of having a sick child in the family

(b) Francis Imbuga, *Betrayal in the city*

The outside of one cell may as well be the inside of another. Discuss the relevance of the above statement basing your argument from Francis Imbuga’s

“*Betrayal in the city*”

(c) *The Pearl*

“Wealth can at times become a curse instead of being a blessing to the people’ Discuss the truth in this statement using the novel **The Pearl by John Steinbeck**