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**SECTION A :GRAMMAR (10marks)**

**I- Tick the letter of the correct answer (5marks)**

1. There are hardly \_\_\_\_\_ errors in good essays
  - a) no
  - b) any
  - c) none
  - d) some
2. Nobody gave the appropriate answer, \_\_\_\_\_?
  - a) didn't it
  - b) did she
  - c) did they
  - d) not so
3. Traditional method of farming is \_\_\_\_\_ than modern ones
  - a) cheap
  - b) more cheaper
  - c) cheapest
  - d) much cheaper
4. If he had not been fast, he \_\_\_\_\_ the thief.
  - a) would not catch
  - b) would have caught
  - c) would not have caught
  - d) will not catch
5. Did he \_\_\_\_\_ he passed his examination?
  - a) says
  - b) say
  - c) said
  - d) saying

**II- Rewrite the sentences without changing the meaning.They have been begun for you.(5marks)**

1. Françoise Mbango won a gold medal in the Olympic games.

A gold medal \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2. "My father has just bought these books, here and now, today," said Loveline.  
Loveline said that \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. If students work hard, they will pass their exams.  
Unless \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. John was very intelligent. He failed his entrance into this school.  
Despite \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. Francis is courageous. Benedicta is also courageous.  
Benedicta is as \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### SECTION B: Vocabulary (10mark)

I- Give the opposites of the underlined words in the following sentences (5marks)

1. I don't know if the bag is expensive or \_\_\_\_\_
2. This college is not a public school, it is a \_\_\_\_\_ school.
3. Many things in life have advantages and \_\_\_\_\_
4. Do you agree or \_\_\_\_\_ with my proposal?
5. Racist look down on black people \_\_\_\_\_

II- Tick the letter of the correct answer (5mark)

1. Armand was told to send his \_\_\_\_\_ into the guest room.
  - a) luggages
  - b) bags of luggages
  - c) luggage
  - d) pices of luggages
2. when you receive guests, always try to make them feel \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a) home
  - b) homely
  - c) homesick
  - d) at home
3. Before the sermon, the pastor asked the \_\_\_\_\_ to sit down
  - a) audience
  - b) assembly
  - c) spectators
  - d) congregation
4. Are you \_\_\_\_\_ that the Minister of Secondary Education is visiting our school next week?
  - a) conscious
  - b) inform
  - c) aware
  - d) knowledgeable

5. Laziness is part of him, it will cause his \_\_\_\_\_

- a) downcast
- b) downfall
- c) fall down
- d) down

### SECTION C: Reading Comprehension (10marks)

Read the following passage and then tick the letters of the correct answers below it

My ten years in America had been happy and eventful: but at the same time, they had been remarkably strenuous. Life would have been so much easier if I could have devoted all my time to study. As things were, however, I was always in need of money and had to work out ways and means of earning my livelihood.

On one occasion I found a job in a soap factory. I had imagined that I would leave work each day **exuding the scent of roses or honeysuckle**, but this was far from the case. It turned out to be by far the filthiest and most **unsavoury** job that I ever had. All the rotting entrails and lumps of fat of animals were dumped by Lorries into a yard. Armed with a fork, I had to load as much as I could of this reeking and utterly repulsive cargo into a wheelbarrow and then transport it, load after load, to the processing plant. As the days went by, instead of being steadily toughened, I had the greatest difficulty in trying not to vomit the whole time. At the end of two weeks I was almost fit to be transformed into a bar of soap myself.

A doctor friend of mine advised me strongly to leave the job. If I did not, he said, I would certainly never complete my education in America. Taking his advice, I began to look for another job. I decided to go to sea and was lucky in getting one aboard the SHAWNEE, a ship plying between New York and Vera Cruz in Mexico. The pay was reasonably good and we were always assured of three good meals a day. On the other hand, there was always a most haunting feeling of loneliness, not just being without companion, but of being nobody's concern. Many times as I walked in the streets of Vera Cruz or in other foreign ports, the thought struck me that anybody could have set upon and killed me and nobody would have missed me unduly.

I learned too that to sleep under the stars in my native Africa was, in spite of the marauding mosquitoes, a far happier prospect than sleeping out in cities of America. When I first visited Philadelphia with a fellow student, neither of us had any money for lodging and as we had nowhere else to go, we walked back to the railway station and sat on one of the benches intending to pass the night there. We had not reckoned with the **ubiquitous** American police. At about midnight, we were rudely shaken out of our doze and greeted by a firm but not unkind voice spying "move on, chum, you can't sleep here." Thereafter I devised another plan.

For a nickel I bought a subway ticket and boarded a train plying between Harlem and Brooklyn. With this ticket I travelled backward and forward on the train the whole night, getting what sleep I could. It was, of course, a very disturbed night, for every time the subway reached its destination, I got out and changed coaches in case the guard became curious about me being in the same coach for so long.

#### QUESTIONS

1. Where did the narrator school?
  - a) in Europe
  - b) in Shawnee

- c) In Africa  
d) in America
2. What did he do to earn his livelihood?  
a) He worked in a restaurant.  
b) He worked in a soap factory and in a ship.  
c) He worked in a train.  
d) He worked in an office.
3. What advice did the doctor give to the author?  
a) He should go back to Africa.  
b) He should leave the job in the soap factory if not, he wouldn't complete his studies.  
c) He should work in the ship.  
d) He advised him to visit Philadelphia.
4. According to the passage which one difficulty did the narrator not face in America  
a) He was always in need of money  
b) He got loathsome jobs  
c) Late payment of fees  
d) Feeling of loneliness
5. When the narrator says that finding a job in a soap factory he imagined that he would leave work each day "~~exuding~~ the scent of roses or honey suckle" he means that \_\_\_\_  
a) He would be in possession of sweet scented perfumes  
b) He would be given roses and honey suckle to smell  
c) He would be smelling of sweet perfumes  
d) He would be given roses and honey to distribute
6. The writer's work in the factory consisted of \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) Loading soap in to big lorries  
b) Performing the filthiest and most unsavoury jobs  
c) Transporting loads of intestines and fats of animals into the soap processing plant  
d) Shipment of the end products.
7. The word **unsavoury** is nearest in meaning to \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) Insipid  
b) Unpleasant  
c) Unwanted  
d) Unpalatable
8. The writer's inability to sleep peacefully on the subway train was because \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) He knew that the guard had become suspicious of him  
b) He had to keep getting in and out  
c) It kept going backwards and forward all night  
d) It kept stopping on the way
9. "**Ubiquitous**" as used in the passage means \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) Alert  
b) Efficient  
c) Friendly  
d) Ever present
10. The writer's feeling of being "nobody's concern" indicates that \_\_\_\_\_

- a) Everybody minded his own business
- b) He was discriminated against
- c) He felt a sense of loneliness
- d) He was not happy being in America

**SECTION D: Essay writing**

**II- Essay writing (10marks)**

Write an essay of about 300 words on any **ONE** of the following topics

- A) Identify problems faced by youths in your society today and suggest possible solutions
- B) What are the advantages and disadvantages of technological changes to human activities?
- C) Write an essay which begins with "one early morning, on my way to school, I saw a man lying helplessly on the road" .....