

ENGLISH ( P A )  
MID-TERM EXAMINATION

Duration : 2 hours

Name : .....Form : .....

SECTION A: Grammar (10 marks)

I. Complete the following sentences with the correct answers from brackets (5 marks)

- 1) While my car....., I used that of my wife (was painting, was being painted, has been painted, painted, is painting)
- 2) .....enjoy interacting with the common man (the few presidents, few presidents, an few presidents, little presidents, much presidents)
- 3) Absolutely! I.....with you completely (accept, agrees, agree, agreed, accepted, accepts)
- 4) Let us travel to the village next week, ..... ? (won't we,, shall we, shan't we, will they)
- 5) What I've just.....from you is terrible (hears, hear, hearing, heard, listened, listens, listening)
- 6) The doctor cautioned me.....drink beer again (don't, to not, not to, not, didn't).
- 7) If that child had been more careful, he.....in the hole (would fall, would have fallen, would not have fallen, would not fall, will not fall)
- 8) My cousin.....in the choir since 2008 (has been singing, had been singing, will sing, singing, sang, sings, have been singing)
- 9) Are you sure that child is.....the truth? (saying, telling, talking, laughing, crying)
- 10) We .....watch the midnight news because it is too late ( seldom, often, regulary, always, habitually)

II. Complete these sentences in the most appropriate way (2,5 marks)

- 1) The architect arrived. New houses started to appear.  
No sooner.....
- 2) "I was the first person to have shown that a struggle can be waged without violence" Nelson Mandela told Fw De Klerk.....
- 3) She has written several books including memories, called Unbarred and the Challenge of African. Several books.....
- 4) To hear that someone from your country has succeeded in very uplifting. It is.....
- 5) He was kind. She was not submissive.....  
In spite of.....

**III. Correct these sentences and then write in the spaces provided (2,5 marks)**

1) The children has been brainwashed into believing that it were good to be a child soldier.

2) The kingdom of Denkyira was much more bigger than any other in the region.

3) The principal can hardly not understand why students throw papers out of the dust bins.

4) Did you sought the advices for your parents before selecting subjects ?

5) After form study groups the performing of students incresed.

**SECTION B : Vocabulary (10 marks)**

**I. Complete the sentences below using the appropriate words from the brackets (conservatory, witness, amputee, face the music, breakthrough, monarchy, remains) (2,5 Marks)**

- 1) To accept punishment or criticism for something bad that you have done.....
- 2) Special school where people are trained in music.....
- 3) A person whose limb have been cut off.....
- 4) Someone who sees a crime happen and talk about it in court.....
- 5) Ruling regime where power is inherited from father or mother to children.....

**II. Choose the best explanation for the underlined words in each sentence. (2,5 marks)**

- 1) Schools resumed after the students took the christmas break. (resolved, started again, began).....
- 2) The discipline master sought the students in connection with theft (found, looked for, charged).....
- 3) To look for christmas items, we had to go into the labyrinth of stalls at the Mokolo market. (Legs of the stalls, many stalls close together, closed stalls).....
- 4) The secret of papermaking by chinese was swept under the carpet for centuries (hidden from others, put under the carpet, disclosed to everyone).....
- 5) Child soldiers who were rescued from the armed men were looked after by the government (taken care of, watched, hidden)

**III. Complete the following sentences with suitable words (2,5 marks)**

- 1) I feel like eating, I am very.....
- 2) Who .....that song? The person has a lot of imagination
- 3) We can only win the.....when we achieve something that is of great benefit to humanity.

- 4) I have broken all the glasses in the cupboard so I have to face.....when my parents come back this evening.
- 5) There will be an exciting football.....In November this year in Cameroun.

**IV. Give the correct forms of the underlined words in the following sentences (2,5 marks)**

- 1) I am pleased to work for my boss. He is so nice and it's such a.....working for him.
- 2) My uncle is under.....in Douala now. He has been detained for something wrong he did.
- 3) Some people in our country are so poor and this.....makes them commit so many crimes.
- 4) I don't want anyone to disturb me now. I don't tolerate any.....when i have much to do.
- 5) Sexual..... is not very common in the society to day but some people still keep themselves pure.

**SECTION C: Comprehension (10 marks)**

**Read the following text and answer the questions which follow in complete sentences.**

**Text: GROWING OLD GRACEFULLY**

President Nelson Mandela celebrated his 80th birthday in July 1998 getting married. A more positive role model for the launching of the United Nations International Year of Older Persons on October 15 would be hard to find. Although the South African President will soon retire, as one of the world's senior statesmen, he has also been one of the continent's most active citizens, at a time when most of Africa's elderly are becoming increasingly invisible and marginalised.

Traditionally, of course, Africa has respected its elderly? And extended families have provided guarantees for old age that would be the envy of many isolated and lonely old people in Western world. In Mali, old age has traditionally been symbolised by a tree with deep spreading roots providing stability, and leafy branches giving shade against the ravages of the sun.

However, with rapid urbanisation and difficult economic circumstances across the continent, many families find it impossible to look after the elderly, even though they may want to. Extended family structures are breaking down just at the time when the continent will need them most.

In some African countries more than half the population is under 15, but the reality is that with improved life expectancy, many more of those young people will live to a ripe old age.

Between 1960 and 1980, the number of people living beyond 65 years increased by 63 percent world wide. This demographic trend of more people living longer is set to explode early next century, with much of the increase taking place in the poorer nations those least able to cope with the problems of an ageing population. According to Dr Nana Apt of the Centre for Social Policy Studies at the University of Ghana, the proportion of Africa's population living beyond 65 is currently at three percent, the lowest of any world region. But this is set to change dramatically by the year 2025.

These demographic changes call for drastic action by both government and individuals alike. New policies and priorities will have to drawn up to ensure adequate provision from birth to death. But these new priorities will be competing for resources that are in many places already over stretched. Clearly, govenments alone will not able to meet the demographic challenges ahead. Individuals will have to take greater responsibility for planning their own future instead of depending on their children's support.

The vast majority of Africa's elderly live in rural areas, and as the younger generations go to the cities in search of work and better prospects, the older generation finds itself increasingly isolated and neglected. For children in the cities often struggling to make ends meet, it is difficult to find the time or money to make the trip home and impossible to find a reliable means of remitting regular funds to rural areas.

In many parts of Africa stricken by AIDS, it is often the older generations that are left to look after children orphaned by the epidemic. Just at the time when these old people would otherwise have looked forward to being cared for themselves, they now find they have to bring up and provide for in some instances, numerous grand children, some of whom may also be sick.

*(Culled from BBC Focus on Africa)*

### **Questions**

1) When was Nelson Mandela born? 1mrk

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2) What are the things the author admires about the African extended family system? 2mks

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3) Why are the cities such an attraction to Africa's younger generation? 2 mks

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4) Give one reason why this attraction is a big disadvantage to Africa's elderly people. 2 mks

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5) In what other way do the elderly people suffer in many parts of Africa? 2 mks

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6) Name two things the doctors say people should do to avoid the deadly disease AIDS. 2 mks

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### **SECTION D: Essay (10 marks)**

**Write an essay of between 180 and 220 words on any one of the topics.**

1. Describe the physical appearance and character of your classmate you most admire and say why you admire that particular person. What have you learnt from the person ?
2. Write about a feast in your family. Say what your family was celebrating and which people were invited. Describe the food and drinks served and the reactions of some people at the end.
3. War can be the best solution to our problems? State your argument for or against this topic.

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## Examination Correction

### SECTION A: Grammar (10 marks)

#### I. Complete the following sentences with the correct answers from brackets (5 marks)

1. While my car **was being painted**, I used that of my wife.
2. **Few presidents** enjoy interacting with the common man.
3. Absolutely! **I agree** with you completely.
4. Let us travel to the village next week, **shall we**?
5. What I've just **heard** from you is terrible.
6. The doctor cautioned me **not to** drink beer again.
7. If that child had been more careful, he **would not have fallen** in the hole.
8. My cousin **has been singing** in the choir since 2008.
9. Are you sure that child is **telling** the truth?
10. We **seldom** watch the midnight news because it is too late.

#### II. Complete these sentences in the most appropriate way (2.5 marks)

1. No sooner **had the architect arrived than** new houses started to appear.
2. Nelson Mandela told F.W. De Klerk, "**I was the first person to have shown that a struggle can be waged without violence.**"
3. Several books **have been written by her, including memoirs called Unbarred and the Challenge of African.**
4. It is **very uplifting to hear that someone from your country has succeeded.**
5. In spite of **his kindness, she was not submissive.**

**III. Correct these sentences and then write in the spaces provided (2.5 marks)**

1. The children **have** been brainwashed into believing that it **is** good to be a child soldier.
2. The kingdom of Denkyira was **much bigger** than any other in the region.
3. The principal can hardly **understand** why students throw papers out of the dustbins.
4. Did you **seek** the **advice** of your parents before selecting subjects?
5. After **forming** study groups, the **performance** of students **increased**.

**SECTION B: Vocabulary (10 marks)**

**I. Complete the sentences below using the appropriate words from the brackets (2.5 marks)**

1. To accept punishment or criticism for something bad that you have done: **face the music**.
2. Special school where people are trained in music: **conservatory**.
3. A person whose limb has been cut off: **amputee**.
4. Someone who sees a crime happen and talks about it in court: **witness**.
5. Ruling regime where power is inherited from father or mother to children: **monarchy**.

**II. Choose the best explanation for the underlined words in each sentence (2.5 marks)**

1. Schools **resumed** after the students took the Christmas break: **started again**.
2. The discipline master **sought** the students in connection with theft: **looked for**.
3. To look for Christmas items, we had to go into the **labyrinth** of stalls at the Mokolo market: **many stalls close together**.
4. The secret of papermaking by the Chinese was **swept under the carpet** for centuries: **hidden from others**.
5. Child soldiers who were **rescued** from the armed men were looked after by the government: **taken care of**.

**III. Complete the following sentences with suitable words (2.5 marks)**

1. I feel like eating; I am very **hungry**.
2. Who **composed** that song? The person has a lot of imagination.
3. We can only win the **prize** when we achieve something that is of great benefit to humanity.
4. I have broken all the glasses in the cupboard, so I have to face **the consequences** when my parents come back this evening.
5. There will be an exciting football **match** in November this year in Cameroon.

**IV. Give the correct forms of the underlined words in the following sentences (2.5 marks)**

1. I am pleased to work for my boss. He is so nice, and it's such a **pleasure** working for him.
2. My uncle is under **detention** in Douala now. He has been detained for something wrong he did.
3. Some people in our country are so poor, and this **poverty** makes them commit so many crimes.
4. I don't want anyone to disturb me now. I don't tolerate any **disturbance** when I have much to do.
5. Sexual **purity** is not very common in society today, but some people still keep themselves pure.

**SECTION C: Comprehension (10 marks)**

**Questions:**

1. **When was Nelson Mandela born?**  
Nelson Mandela was born on **July 18, 1918**.
2. **What are the things the author admires about the African extended family system?**  
The author admires that the African extended family system provides **guarantees for old age**, which would be the envy of many isolated and lonely old people in the Western world. Additionally, the system offers **stability and care** for the elderly, symbolized by the tree with deep roots and leafy branches in Mali.

3. **Why are the cities such an attraction to Africa's younger generation?**

Cities are attractive to Africa's younger generation because they offer **better job opportunities** and **improved living conditions** compared to rural areas.

4. **Give one reason why this attraction is a big disadvantage to Africa's elderly people:**

The attraction of cities is a disadvantage to Africa's elderly because it leads to **isolation and neglect** as younger generations move away, leaving the elderly without support.

5. **In what other way do the elderly people suffer in many parts of Africa?**

In many parts of Africa, elderly people suffer because they are often left to **care for grandchildren orphaned by AIDS**, which adds to their burden and reduces their chances of being cared for themselves.

6. **Name two things the doctors say people should do to avoid the deadly disease AIDS:**

Doctors recommend **practicing safe sex** and **avoiding sharing needles** to prevent the spread of AIDS.

## **SECTION D: Essay (10 marks)**

### **Essay Topics:**

1. Describe the physical appearance and character of your classmate you most admire and say why you admire that particular person. What have you learnt from the person?
2. Write about a feast in your family. Say what your family was celebrating and which people were invited. Describe the food and drinks served and the reactions of some people at the end.
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