**ENGLISH 101**

**NAME…………………………………………………………….ADMNO:…………………**

INSTRUCTION TO CANDIDATES:

Write your name and your admission number in the spaces provided above.

Answer all questions in the spaces provided

Correct spellings and grammatically correct sentences must be used

Ungrammatical constructions will be penalized.

Your work must be neat

**This paper consists of five sections:**

**A FUNCTIONAL SKILLS (20MKS)**

**B:CLOZE TEST (10MRKS)**

**C:COMPREHENSION (20MKS)**

**D:ORAL SKILLS (30MKS)**

**E:GRAMMAR (20MRKS)**

**TOTAL (100MRKS)**

1. **FUNCTIONAL WRITING (20MKS)**

Imagine you are one of the passengers in Easy Coach Bus going to Kisumu. You alight in Nakuru and later realize that you picked another passenger’s luggage by mistake. Write a letter of apology to the manager, Easy coach company Kisumu office. Direct him to pick the luggage at the Nakuru office and request him to drop yours at the same office. Remember to thank him for being kind. ……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………

**B) CLOZE TEST (10MKS)**

FILL IN THE BLANKS WITH THE MOST APPROPRIATE WORD

I 1\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_I was treated less kindly when I arrived. The host did not look directly 2 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ me. Yet I had thought that my visit would be 3 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ appreciated. There were six people in that small room and all continued to direct their 4 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ towards the television set. It was news time. I was 5 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on time for a great disappointment 6 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_I encouraged myself, “not again, not ever.”

When I asked why I was given such a hostile 7 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, I got evasive answer. Anyway, I was supposed to be a goodwill messenger from the local Government Revenue Department 8 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ six gentlemen sitting 9 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the tiny table were meant to be waiting with bated breath and appreciation for my news. Well, I decided they could wait a 10 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ longer.

C. **COMPREHENSION**

1. ***Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow:***

BAKING soda or bicarbonate or edible soda (ENO), as it is also called, is sodium bicarbonate in chemistry books. It is different from washing soda or soda ash, which is sodium carbonate. Soda bicarbonate was called ‘saleratus’ in earlier days.

In the human body, it is the main mildly alkaline substance. The human body makes it out of carbon dioxide breathed in sodium obtained from the salt in the diet. it helps to maintain the delicate balance between acidity and alkalinity that is necessary for the normal chemical activity in the body. It helps transport carbon dioxide to the lungs, neutralizes stomach acids as a component of saliva, helps cut down on tooth decay. The blood of a healthy human being is slightly alkaline. When the amount of sodium bicarbonate in the blood is insufficient, we suffer from acidosis. The digestive juices from the liver and pancreas are alkaline. The gastric juice in the stomach is decidedly acidic and it contains hydrochloric acid.

To most people, baking or edible soda in tablet form or a powder is a comforting medicine to sooth acidity. A teaspoon dissolved in a glass of water is a popular and effective remedy for indigestion. A cupful dissolved in bathwater along with two cupfuls of starch helps relieve the itching of allergic reactions.

When mixed with water to form paste, it helps alleviate the pain of minor burns and a paste of soda bicarbonate and water or cold cream, relieves the discomfort of insects bites. For fungus on your feet, especially between your toes, apply a soda bicarbonate paste. For foot odour soak your feet in a solution of soda bicarbonate in water. Take soda bicarbonate and mix it with a little bit of water, and apply it with your fingers along the gum-line in your teeth. Brush your teeth after this. It will help you stop all sorts of gum diseases. Mixed with a little common salt, soda bicarbonate makes an excellent tooth powder. Most toothpaste contains a little soda bicarbonate.

As a formidable plaque deterrent soda bicarbonate was recognized as an efficient dental cleaner in 1931 only. Soda bicarbonate is now a major component of best selling toothpastes. There is exclusive soda bicarbonate toothpaste. From the home medical cabinet, soda bicarbonate has now moved to the industry. Today, it is used to curb acid emissions from chimneys and to help prevent acid rain, to keep toxic materials like lead and copper out of drinking water, to help in biodegradation of sewage and to remove contamination from soil. It may turn out to be world’s ‘greenest’ natural chemical. It has more than 300j applications in industry and more and more uses are still being discovered. Soda bicarbonate is also added to cattle feed. Cattle raised for meat industry are fed a high energy, low-fibre diet to maximize weight gain, are given supplementary soda bicarbonate to speed up their digestion process. Dairy cows which are given a similar diet, also have soda (bicarbonate mixed with their feed).it (increases their milk production). Use of soda bicarbonate in baking was an instant success as a time-saver.

Yeast breads needing a rising time of two to three hours where quickly joined by quick-rising baking soda batters, breads and biscuits.

When soda bicarbonate is combined with an acid like vinegar (acetic acid), butter-milk containing lactic acid, carbon dioxide is released to create an instant cleaning agent.

Scour tarnished brass and copper pots with a paste of soda bicarbonate and lemon juice. They will shine once again. Flush one cup of soda bicarbonate down the toilet every week. It helps clean clogged septic tanks. For food stuck or burnt into pots and pans, cover the burned food generously with soda bicarbonate. Add enough hot water and let it soak for a few minutes. Wash thoroughly.

1. a) How does the human body absorb soda bicarbonate?(2mks

b) In note form, what is the importance of soda bicarbonate in the human body?(4mks

c) The digestive juices from liver and pancrease are alkaline.(Begin: Both ….)(1mk

d) In a paragraph of not more than 40 words, summarize the uses of edible soda at home(8mks

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e) Soda bicarbonate is used to curb acid emission from chimneys and to help prevent acid rain.

(Begin: Not only …..)(2mks

f) Give the meanings of the following words and phrases as used in the passage (1mk

i) Comforting medicine to soothe acidity (1mk

ii) Remedy (1mk

iii) Greenest natural chemical (1mk

iv) Deterrent (1mk

(f) ***Rewrite the following sentence in reported speech:***

“There are many people who can help you if you are really serious about financial success’’, he said, “so seek them out and ask for help”.(1mk)

(g) What does the writer say is the truth about loans? (2mks)

(h) ***Explain the meaning of the following words and phrases as used in the passage***: (4mks)

(i) Back to the drawing board ………………………………………………………………….

(ii) To gauge our financial health ………………………………………………………………

(iii) Seek ………………………………………………………………………………………

(iv) Premiums………………………………………………………………………………….

1. **ORAL SKILLS** **(30MKS)**
2. **Oral Poem**

***Read the following oral poem and answer questions that follow (8 marks)***

One hand cannot manage work

A threshing stick cannot thresh millet with

One hand

Some hands breed hatred at eating time

Nobody hates being assisted

Let millet be threshed

Let it be threshed, let it be threshed

Cut a threshing stick for me

A lazy wife

Is taken back to her parents

When the rain fails

It blames the wind

And a lazy woman

Blames the threshing stick

Cut a threshing stick for me-ii

My co-wife, cut me a threshing stick

You woman, owner of this occasion

Remember that work is the stomach

Take care not to starve us

The threshing sticks are sounding

Let the millet leave the threshing ground

*(Adapted from Oral Literature of the Embu and Mbeere by CiarunjiChesaina)*

**Questions**

1. Identify and illustrate two mnemonic effects (sound devices) in the poem. (2 marks)

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1. You’ve been asked to perform the above poem. Explain how you will prepare for it. (2 marks)

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1. What non-verbal aspects would you use in the performance of the poem and where? (2 marks)

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1. While performing the above poem you notice that members of the audience are murmuring what could the problem be? (2 marks)

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b) Give another word with the same pronunciation as the word given (3 marks)

1. Born ............................................................................................
2. Heard ............................................................................................
3. Gamble ............................................................................................
4. Core ............................................................................................
5. Some ............................................................................................
6. Aisle ............................................................................................

c) Identify the silent letter in the following words (3 marks)

(i) psychology

(ii) Debut

(iii) know

(iv) Tomb

(v) Lesson

(vi) Subtle

d) You attend a prize-giving ceremony in your school. Mention four things that will indicate that the students are attentive as the chief guest speeches. (4 marks)

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e) The underlined indicates the stressed word in the sentence below. Briefly explain what each sentence means (3 marks)

1. Tom visited Mary yesterday

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f) TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

Imagine that your uncle, John calls you and wants to send you to your grandmother tomorrow. Fill in the blank spaces so as to complete the conversation that took place

Uncle John: hello Jack. This is Uncle John. How are you?

You: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (1mk

Uncle John: I am happy that you are fine. Please, do me a favour. I brought some items for your grandma and she needs them urgently.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (1mk

You: tomorrow? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (1mk

Uncle John: What plans?

You: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (1mk

Uncle John: could you reschedule the visit? Joseph will you understand

You: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (2mks

Uncle John: I see your point. You cannot cancel the visit for a second time?

You: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (2mks

Uncle John: sure! I’ll try Patrick \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (1mk)-

You: I assure you he will be of help \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (1mk

Uncle John: oh! I didn’t know he enjoys travelling. Thank you for that suggestion.

You: thank you for being understanding.bye.

**SECTION E: GRAMMAR (20 MARKS)**

**1. Fill in the blanks with simple present form of the verbs in brackets.( 5 Marks)**

* 1. Nairobi \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the capital of Kenya. (be)
  2. The posts \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ very heavy. (be)
  3. She and her sister \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ very hard.(work)
  4. They \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to work by bus. (come)
  5. Raising children \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a fortune. ( cost)

1. ***Arrange the adjectives given in brackets in the correct order in the space provided. (supply a, or an where necessary). (5mks)***
2. She was wearing a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ dress. (Japanese, silk, green)
3. I have just read (a/an) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ novel. (new, exciting, Caribbean)
4. The meeting took place in a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ hall. (conference, dilapidated)
5. The company is proud to launch a\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ drink. (refreshing, sparkling, new)
6. His car was a\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ model. (French, reliable, twenty-year old)
7. Complete each of the following sentences with one of the words in brackets. (3mks)
   1. They saw \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ animals in the park than they expected. (less, fewer)
   2. After walking for three kilometers, they were lucky to get \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ water from the stream. (little, a little).
   3. We cannot accommodate another person, there is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_space left. (little, a little)
8. Use the right form of the words in brackets. (3mks)
   1. The modern world today has many \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ forms of communication. (sophistication).
   2. There are several factors which contribute to a healthy \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (exist).
   3. Victims of drug abuse become social \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (fit).

**C)supply questions tags to the following statements(4mrks)**

1. He didn’t come to school,………………………..?
2. I have not seen her,……………………..?
3. Jane rarely sleeps in class,………………..?
4. She is a smart lady,……………………….?