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English Paper 1 (*Functional Skills*)

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Time: 2 Hours.

NYAHOKAKIRA CLUSTER TWO EXAMINATION 2024
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Instructions to candidates

- Write your name and admission number in the spaces provided.
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- Answer **ALL** questions in this paper
- All answers must be written in the spaces provided after each question.

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| Question | Maximum | Score |
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| 1 | 20 | |
| 2 | 10 | |
| 3 | 30 | |
| TOTAL | SCORE | |

This paper consists of 7 printed pages. Candidates should check the question paper to ascertain that all pages are printed as indicated and that no questions are missing.

2. Read the passage below and fill in the blanks with the most appropriate word.

(10 marks)

Kenya has witnessed a (a).....of controversial policies passed (b).....parliament, including the Housing Levy, and now we (c).....the Finance Bill 2024, which threatens to exacerbate the already (d).....cost of living. Citizens, burdened by oppressive taxes, are finding it (e).....to make ends meet. Meanwhile, the Kenya Kwanza Government has increased University fees, putting higher education out (f).....reach for many students from poor backgrounds, and scrapped the Edu Afya Programme that (g).....numerous learners. This raises the question: where are the university and lecturers in these times of (h).....? Historically, university students have been at the forefront of social and political movements (i).....for change and fighting against injustice. Kenya has a (j)history of student activism.

3 a) Read the poem below and answer the questions that follow.

A Minor Bird

I have wished that a bird would fly away
And not sing by my house all day
Have clapped my hands at him from the door
When it seemed as if I could bear no more.
The fault must have partly been in me
The bird was not to blame for his key.
And of course there must be something wrong
In wanting to silence any song.

i. You are going to recite the above poem during the music festivals, how would you prepare for effective delivery. (2 Marks)

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ii. Identify and illustrate **three** sound patterns in the above poem that make it easy to remember. (3 Marks)

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iii. How would you say line **3 and 4** of the poem above? (2 Marks)

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b) i. Underline the silent letters in the following words. (3 Marks)

- I. Handful
- II. Circuit
- III. Viscount

ii. Underline the odd word out according the pronunciation of the bolded letters. (3 Marks)

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| danced | laughed | called | washed |
| Theme | thigh | think | that |
| President | listen | present | preside |

c. What would you say in the following situations?

i. Your friend has bought you a loaf of bread during tea break. (1 Mark)

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ii. You are travelling in a bus with a friend and you have booked seats altogether. However, on boarding, you find someone else sitting on the seats reserved for you. (2 Marks)

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d) You are part of the audience that is listening to a speech, you look around and notice that some people are looking at their watches, a few are yawning and others are shifting in their seats. What would be the likely cause of such behavior? (3 Marks)

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e) Read the oral literature piece below and answer the questions that follow.

Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana.

i. Classify the genre above. (1 Mark)

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ii. Identify and illustrate any dominant sound feature in the above genre. (1 Marks)

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iii. State **two** function of the above genre. (2 Mark)

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f) Complete the following conversation.

Lucy : (1 Mark)

Mother : Good morning. I've noticed you only offer to run errands for me when you want something.

Lucy :
..... (2 Marks)

Mother : I wonder why you're so keen for me to send you?

Lucy : O, mother. Nothing seems to escape you. I need a favour.

Mother : (1 Mark)

Lucy : Mother, it isn't always about money.

Mother : Then stop beating about the bush and tell me what it is you want.

Lucy : There's this party that I have been invited to and I am dying to go. Could I go?

Mother : I don't think I will allow that.

Lucy :
..... (2 marks)

Mother : (Smiling) Let me think about it . Ok, you can go.

Lucy : (1 Mark)

Mother : You're welcome.

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