

# FORM 3 MIDTERM 3 EXAM

## ENGLISH PAPER 1

**NAME:** .....**ADM. NO:** .....**CLASS:**.....  
**101/1 ENGLISH PAPER 1 (FUNCTIONAL SKILLS, CLOZE TEST AND ORAL SKILLS ) TIME  
2HRS**

### 1.FUNCTIONAL WRITING

Imagine that you are organizing secretary of Ruth Kerubo's Graduation Party. Ruth has just graduated with a First Class Honour's from Kenyatta University.

- (a) Design an invitation card to be sent to the guests .(10mks)  
b) Write a congratulatory note to Ruth to be presented that day (10mks)

### **2.CLOZE TEST (10mks)**

**Read the passage below and fill in each blank space with the most appropriate word .**

Passing National Examination in Kenya has become a matter 1\_\_\_\_\_. This is primarily because , more often than not , examination 2\_\_\_\_\_ the future of the student . From our collective experience this is very clear . A standard eight pupil must 3\_\_\_\_\_ well secure a place in a good 4\_\_\_\_\_ school . Similarly , a form four candidate must not just pass , but must also be among the students who score public 5\_\_\_\_\_. The reverse often has painful consequences for the student , 6\_\_\_\_\_ means falling by the wayside and in a country with limited employment 7\_\_\_\_\_, chances of a decent livelihood become severely compromised .It is precisely because of those stark realities that students find 8\_\_\_\_\_ under seething pressure to pass 9\_\_\_\_\_. . On the other hand , parents who know all too well that failing to score good grades could mean that the end of the road of their children's 10\_\_\_\_\_ are willing to cut all corners to ensure the children pass their exams.

### **3.ORAL SKILLS (30mks)**

- (a) Read the narrative below and answer the questions that follow.

#### **THE COCK AND THE KITE**

(The setting of the story is in Kibiro , Uganda in the Western Rift Valley near Lake Albert )

A long time ago , there lived cock and his family as well as kite and his family .The former was hard working while the latter was lazy .It happened that the place was hit by a famine .People from far used to travel a long way to go to Kibiro to barter food for salt .It also happened that both families ran out of salt . Cock's wife informed her husband that they had ran out of salt and asked him to take some finger millet to Kibiro .He agreed , went to Kibiro , obtained salt and set upon the return journey .

The other family got wind of this .Mrs.Kite also asked her husband her husband to go to Kibiro and try to get salt since the lazy family did not have anything to take to Kibiro .On the way , he met the cock resting on his way home with the salt behind him .He was standing on one leg having hidden one of his leg in his wing , as cocks do many times when resting .Kite asked cock how he managed to get the salt , where upon cock told kite that the salt miners ad cut off one of his legs in exchange for the salt .Kite accepted the lie and proceeded towards Kibiro ready to do the same .Cock continued on his journey and got home safely .

On arrival at Kibiro, Kite offered his leg for a bundle of salt which the miners readily accepted .His leg was consequently amputated , rendering him immobile , even unable to carry home salt poor kite flew back home, where he was received by his family in much grief , especially when he narrated to them the ordeal he went through . Later , kite’s family was to receive the traumatizing news that cock had actually ill-advanced Kite , leading to loss of his leg .

Hence forward , great enmity ensued between the two families with Kite’s family swearing to retaliate by hunting Cock’s family down and eat them. This goes -+on to date.

(i)The narrator notices signs of in attentiveness among the audience during the story telling session What could be the problem ? (4mks)

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(ii) Explain how you would make the narration of the first two paragraphs effective .(3mks)

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(iii)Mention three ways in which you would know that your audience in this story is fully participating in the performance . (3mks)

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(b)Underline the silent letter in the words below (4mks)

Pseudo

Subtle

Deign

Damn

(c)Explain the meaning brought out by stressing the underlined word in each of the following sentences . (3mks)

(i) Muriithi spoke to Gatwiri yesterday .

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(ii) Muriithi spoke to Gatwiri yesterday .

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(iii)Muriithi spoke to Gatwiri yesterday.

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(d)Read the following conversation and answer the questions that follow. (7mks)

MBAIRE:hi Mr.Katana , long time no see.

MR .KATANA: hello Mbaire , how have you been for so long ?

MBAIRE:I'm fit as you can see .

MR.KATANA :What a surprise to see you here! Do you live around this area?

MBAIRE:Hi , just popped in to have a glimpse of some associates of mine .And you ?

MR.KATANA : Well , I came to visit a colleague who has been ailing for some time .You remember Mr. Kwach ?

MBAIRE:Yes , the leopard !Who can forget him ? He used to .....

MR.KATANA:Well , I must be going .Goodbye.

MBAIRE:See you.

(i)Identify one short coming in Mbaire's responses.(2mks)

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(ii)Give four aspects of speech that Mbaire needs to consider so as to communicate effectively and in an appropriate manner.(4mks)

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(iii)Give two possible reasons for Mr. .Katana's exit before Mbaire finishes speaking .(2mks)

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(e)Write another word pronounced the same way as the word given below. (3mks)

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Awe-

(f) In the words given below .Underline the part that should be stressed.(2mks)

(i) Excuse (verb)

(ii) Reject (noun)