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ENGLISH

PAPER 2

(Comprehension, Literary appreciation and Grammar)

INSTRUCTIONS

Write your name and index number in the spaces provided above.
Answer ALL the questions in this question paper in the spaces provided

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Question	Maximum score	Candidate's score
1	20	
2	25	
3	20	
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*This paper consists of 8 printed pages.
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1. Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow.**Choosing a career**

The career market is full of opportunities. Gone are the days when we had ‘either... or’ career choices. The time when women, for example, choose between only nursing, teaching and secretarial work are long gone. The explosion in communication technology, and the liberalization and globalization of the world economy has ensured that there is no longer a dearth of career choice. Today, colleges and universities offer a wide range of training opportunities to high school graduates. This has made choosing a care an involving process. It has also given rise to the need for career counseling.

When choosing a career, whether you have the help of a career counsellor or not, there are several factors that you should consider. These include your abilities or talents, your interests, your priorities, and the available opportunities in the job market.

The skills required in a particular career and the ability to gain them through education must be considered when choosing careers. Becoming a doctor, for instance, requires extensive education and training, and many years of educational commitment. In addition to the compulsory subjects, the academic background required for this career is good grades in Chemistry and Biology at secondary school level. If your ability in these subjects is just average, you would be overstretching your luck to enroll for a Bachelor of Medicine degree course. In the past, students have chosen to pursue training in engineering, even when their ability to handle Physics and Mathematics was low. This, in many cases, has made them drop out of the class mid-course. The waste of time and resources would have been avoided if they had considered a career that did not require the ability to handle Mathematics and Physics well.

There are times when people have been driven to choose a particular career because of the salary and prestige associated with jobs in that field. At times, the desire to take certain courses comes from within the individual, but most times, individuals feel pressured by peers or family to take certain courses. Joining a career in which you have no interest is a recipe for a dull life since you will spend most of your working hours doing something you do not like. Your career does not necessarily have to be your passion, but it should not bore you to death either. You can work out your interests by identifying the subjects you enjoy most at school, or the topics that are of interest to you and for which you take the initiative to read on your own.

It is true that many young people are attracted move by the social mobility that the job might provide than by their interest in the career. However, big role in job satisfaction as many people think. Of course we all have to make a living, but if you do not like your job, it does not matter how much you get paid to do it. What does matter is how well a career choice matches your values. If you value variety, collaboration, and creativity, for example, you would not find job satisfaction in a career where you are working alone and doing the same thing every day.

The availability of jobs in a particular field should also be a factor in choosing a career. This should be considered alongside the skills and education sought in a given field. Most times, highly competitive field require more education but may not pay well. When there are more applicants for a particular position, unique personality traits become an added benefit. However, in fields where there are fewer applicants than the positions available, the pay may be more and the job may require less education.

Nevertheless, one should be discouraged by the scarcity of employment positions because institutions of higher learning now emphasize that they are not simply training people to get out and look for jobs. They are training people to get out and create jobs. Therefore, the availability of job opportunities is not necessarily limited to presence of employers. It also encompasses opportunities for self-employment which everyone is free to explore.

1. What has ensured that there is no longer a dearth of career choice. (3 marks)

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2. What has created the necessity for career counseling? (1 mark)

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3. Why is one's ability an important factor in career choice. (1 mark)

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4. According to the passage, which career should a person who values variety choose? (1 mark)

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5. Make notes on factors to consider when choosing a career? (4mks)

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6. What drives people to choose a particular career? (2mks)

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7. What evidence is given in the passage to support the statement 'money does not play as a big role in job satisfaction'? (1mk)

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8. Explain the meaning of the following words as used in the passage?

- (a) Dearth
- (b) Social mobility
- (c) Liberalization
- (d) Collaboration

9. Rewrite the following sentences according to the instructions given after each. (2 marks)

(a) The career market is full of many opportunities. (Begin: There)

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(b) The waste of time and resources would have been avoided if they had considered a career that did not require the ability to handle Mathematics and Physics well. (Begin: If)

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2. LITERARY APPRECIATION :EXERPT; A DOLL'S HOUSE

Nora: But you must believe me ,Mr.Krogstad :it is not in my power to power to help you at all.

Krogstad:Then it is because you haven't the will ;but I have the means to compel you.

Nora;You don't mean that you will tell my husband that I owe you money ?

Krogstad :Hm- suppose I were to tell him ?

Nora:It would be perfectly infamous of you .(Sobbing) to think of his learning my secret which has been my joy and pride ,in such an ugly, clumsy way –that he should learn it from you!And it would put me in a horribly disagreeable position-

Krogstad:only disagreeable?

Nora :(impetously) well, do it then !and it will be the worse for you. My husband will see for himself what a blackguard you are,and you certainly won't keep your post then.

Krogstad:I asked you if it was only a disagreeable position scene at home you were afraid of .

Nora:if my husband does get to know of it ,of course he will at once pay you what is still owing you and we shall have nothing more to do with you.

Krogstad:(coming a step nearer) listen to me, Mrs Helmer.Either you have a bad memory or you know very little of business.I shall be obliged to remind you of a few details.

Nora :what do you mean ?

Questions.

a)“It is not in my power to help you at all”’How is this statement ironic considering earlier events in this play .(2mks)

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b)Explain why Krogstad wants Nora to help him. (3mks)

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c)Why has Nora’s secret been her joy and pride ,in such an ugly,clumsy way?(4mks)

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d)“I asked you if it was only a disagreeable scene at home that you were afraid of ?”Rewrite in direct speech.(1mk)

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e)Explain any one theme evident in this extract (1mk)

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f)What is Nora’s attitude towards Krogstad in this extract ? (3mks)

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g)Discuss one character trait for each of the following (4mks)

Krogstad

Nora

h)Krogstad tells Nora that he will be obliged to remind her of a few details.Briefly explain these details.(3mks)

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i)Explain the meaning of the following expressions as used in this extract.(4mks)

Compel

Infamous

Disagreeable

Blackguard

3. **Read the poem below and answer the questions that follow**

I laugh at Amin

I laugh with all the skulls
Amin holds in his hands
With those perched on his shoulder
and the ones in an infinite queue
behind his back

I laugh with the victims of
the 1976 firing squad.

They were dead long before
the gunmen fired
I laugh at bullets wasted

I chuckle with the heads of school
across the nation.
It tickles to extract money
From an army of tortured widows

I remember in our school
only one child had a father
we were curious about her
we laughed to discover
she was Amin's daughter.

I laugh with the ghost of Kay Amin
Remembering Amin astride
her dismembered body
calling her "wicked woman"
before her bereaved children.

But mainly I laugh
that seventeen years after
the man was forced to retire
Ugandans still sob at the mention of his name
surely my people lack
a good sense of humour.

(Susan NalugwaKiguli)
(3marks)

(a) What are we told about Amin in this poem?

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(b) Identify and illustrate the main stylistic feature in the first stanza?

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(c) In the last two lines, the persona claims to have a 'good sense of humour'. Comment on the persona's sense of humour.

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(d) Describe the tone of this poem.

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(e) Give two lessons that we learn from this poem.

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 (f) Identify and illustrate other two stylistic devices used in this poem. (4 marks)

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 (g) With illustrations from the poem, say who the persona is (2 marks)

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 (h) Explain the meaning of the following words as used in the poem. (2 marks)

(i) Chuckle

(ii) Dismembered

4. **GRAMMAR**

(a) Use the correct form of the word in brackets to fill in the blanks. (3marks)

(i) His _____ (deceive) cost him his life.

(ii) The dog barked _____ to the stranger. (menace)

(iii) The _____ between Kameno and Makuyu is damaging. (enemy)

(b) Use phrasal verbs to replace the underlined words. (2 marks)

(i) Heavy traffic jam delayed our visitors for an hold. (hold)

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 (ii) He regained consciousness before the doctor arrived. (come)

(c) Use the correct preposition to fill the blanks. (2marks)

(i) I am indebted _____ him for the help he gave me.

(ii) She has always confided _____ him.

(d) Fill the blank spaces using the correct form of the verb in brackets. (2 marks)

(i) If I had money, I _____ (buy) a computer.

(ii) If he _____ (be) obedient, I would stay with him.

(e) Correct the error in the following sentences. (2 marks)

(i) Something is smelling awful

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 (ii) This brilliance is utter.

(f) In the sentences below, underline the nouns that are used as adjectives.

- (i) Mr. Charo amused the children by reciting nursery hymns.
- (ii) When we camped in the Maasai Plains, we felt like strangers in the new environment.

(g) Add question tags to the following statements.

(2 marks)

- (i) We need to buy a radio.

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- (ii) He dares to stroke the lion.

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