

SCHOOL BASED ASSESSMENT.
GRADE 8.
English Midterm.
Term 1.
Time: 2 Hours.

Learner Name: _____

Grade: _____ Stream: _____

Assessment Date: _____

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Score Range	Performance Level	Tick
80-100	Exceeding Expectation	
60-79	Meeting Expectations	
40-59	Approaching Expectations	
Below 40	Below Expectations	

OUT OF	50 MARKS
Learners Score.	
Learners %	

Instructions to Learners.

Answer all the Questions in the spaces provided after each question.

QUESTIONS.

1. Read the conversation below between Tim and Flo and answer the questions that follows.

Tim: Good morning Flo. Where are you heading?

Flo: Good afternoon Tim. It is already past noon.

I am heading to Mukuyu market to buy some potatoes.

Tim: And what are you carrying in a sack?

Flo: I have some arrowroots for sale. The same money will assist me in buying potatoes.

Tim: I am going to visit Allan who has been sick for a fort night.

a.) At what time of the day did Tim and Flo meet? (1mk)

_____ (1mk)

b.) Where was Flo heading to? (1mk)

_____ (1mk)

c.) Where would Flo get money to buy potatoes? (1mk)

_____ (1mk)

d.) For how many days was Allan sick? (1mk)

2. Fill in the gaps below a-e by choosing the best word or word to complete the passage from the box below.

Kitchen	at	drinking	by
Heed	from	eating	fire.
Crowd	faster	slowly	

As the saying goes that where there is smoke there is (a)_____. I hear a (b)_____ of people shouting (c)_____ a distance. "Kill him! Kill him!," I walked (d)_____ so that I could find out what was going on. The sad man lay there helpless. He was being accused of (e)_____ grade one girl porridge.

3. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.

A court is an institution that the government sets up to settle disputes through a legal process. People come to court to look for solutions to their disagreement. Courts decide what really happened and what should be done about it. They give the decision whether the defendant really committed the crime and what punishment should be given to hm/her.

Courts allow each side to present their arguments to the judge and look into the facts that support the case. In this, the court allows cross-examination between the wo parties so that flaws can be drawn from the opponent. The party that presents the most convincing facts to the case carries the day.

If the plaintiff presents weaker facts, he loses the case and the accused is found not guilty and therefore acquitted of the charges. On the other hand, if the accuses doesn't give satisfactory facts on the case, he is deemed guilty. The judge will go ahead and pass the judgment. By this, he will decide on the right punishment for the accused in accordance with the law. All the same, the judge will give the accused a maximum of fourteen days to appeal the case if he feels there was injustice in the judgement.

When one id found guilty of the charge, he or she is no longer innocent. He becomes a criminal under the law. If he has been sentenced to imprisonment, the criminal will be put behind bars for him or her to serve his or her jail term. He serves his term to the end not unless he is very fortunate to get the presidential pardon.

All in all, courts play a very vital role in bringing peace and harmony in the society. This is because, many people will not engage in crimes knowing that they can be given a long-term or even other harsh judgement like life imprisonment or death.

a.) What do courts do so as to come up with the right decisions (1mk)

b.) The court allows cross-examination between the two sides in order to (2mks)

c.) What do courts consider when making their final decision? (2mks)

d.) The term plaintiff from the passage means (1mk)

e.) When does the plaintiff lose a case? (1mk)

f.) Why is the accused given fourteen day to make an appeal? (2mks)

g.) The phrase "...carries the day..." as used in the passage means (1mk)

h.) What has contributed to peaceful and harmonious living in the society? (1mk)

i.) The word "weight" in the passage means (1mk)

j.) What would be the best title for this passage? (1mk)

4. Name four skills of oral narratives.

a.) _____

b.) _____

c.) _____

d.) _____

5. A story that originates from a community and is passed on from generations to generations by word of mouth is known as _____

6. Complete the table below.

WORD	SYNONYM	ANTONYM
Hard		
Start		
Hygiene		
Fast		

7. A group of lines relating to the same idea is known as _____

8. The beat or flow of the poem is known as _____

9. A repetition of similar words at the end of words is known as _____

10. Who is a poet? _____

11. A type of writing that uses a unique style to communicate feelings and ideas is known as _____

12. Fill in the feminine of the following.

a.) Landlord -

b.) Hero -

c.) Dog -

d.) Bachelor -

13. Use the words in the box below to fill in the parts of the fiction.

Climax	theme	setting
Plot	character	conflict

a.) The main issue or ideas in the story _____

b.) People represented in the story _____

c.) The time and place the event in the story happened _____

d.) The problem faced by the character _____

e.) The highest point of the story _____