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GRADE 8

ENGLISH EXAM

2015-2016

TIME 2 HOURS

Plus 10 minutes for Reading through the paper

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

This paper consists of 11 printed pages with the cover page.
Count them now. Inform the invigilator if there any missing or extra.

PART 1: Reading Comprehension	25 Marks
PART 2 Multiple choice (15 x 2)	30 Marks
PART 3: Vocabulary and Grammar	30 Marks
PART 4: Writing Composition	15 Marks
TOTAL	100 Marks

- Answer all questions
- No Extra papers



October 1999 was a sad day for Tanzania. On that day, Mwalimu, Julius Nyerere, and respected.

People all over Tanzania mourned the "Father of the Nation", the leader we loved and respected.

Outside Tanzania, people also mourned Mwalimu's death. They thought he was one of Africa's greatest leaders. The African National Congress (ANC) called him "a giant amongst men".

People respected him because he was a very modest and honest man. He lived quite simply and was not corrupt. He was also very wise and intelligent. He helped to solve problems in other African countries. Before he died, he was helping to build a good future for Rwanda.

Tanzania is peaceful and united because of Nyerere. Although there are more than 100 tribes in Tanzania, everybody speaks the national language, Kiswahili, because of this people understand each other well.

Nyerere believed that African countries should unite and work together. He believed that they could build a strong Africa together. He helped many other African countries to become independent. Freedom fighters from south Africa, Zimbabwe, Mozambique and other countries received help and training in Tanzania.

Although he is no longer with us, people will always remember him with love and respect. He was a shining example to us all.

Part one: Read comprehension. (25 marks)

Read the passage, then Answer the following questions:

1) Who was Mwalimu Julius Nyerere ? (2 Marks)

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2) Why 14th October 1999 was a sad day for Tanzania ? (2 Marks)

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3) Why all people of Tanzania mounted the death of their leader Mwalimu Nyerere (3 Marks)

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4) Who else other Tanzanian people mounted the death of Mwalimu Nyerere? and why? (2 Marks)

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5) Describe at least 3 good qualities of Nyerere's leadership. (3 Marks)

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6) What is the national language of Tanzania? (2 Marks)

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7) What is the name of Nyerere's party ?
And what do the letters of the party stand for ? (2 Marks)

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What does Julius Nyerere believe Africa to be in future ?

(3 marks)

9) Name 3 African countries that Nyerere specifically helped to become independent ?

(3 marks)

10) What made Tanzanian people to understand each other?

(2 marks)

1-.....

2-.....



Part two: Multiple choice (15 x 2= 30 Marks)

Circle the word or the words that have similar meaning as the underlined part. (2 mark)

1) My friend plays football very nicely.

- a) Roughly
- b) Badly
- c) Well
- d) Slowly

2. Asha spoke to the strange in a friendly manner (1 mark)

- a) Hostile
- b) Angry
- c) Pleasant
- d) Moody

3. Musa Denied committing the offense (1 mark)

- a) Promised
- b) Refused
- c) Accepted
- d) Admitted.

4. The merchant become rich gradually (1 mark)

- a) Steadily
- b) Quickly
- c) Slowly
- d) Easily

5. The girls decided to put off the trip : (1mark)

- a) Postpone
- b) Cancel
- c) Start
- d) Delay.



c) band

d) team

Jama decided to make up the time he lost :

a) Recover

b) Create

c) Restore

d) Replace

8. This phone is neither mine nor Ali's means :

a) It belongs to me

b) It belongs to Ali

c) It does not belong to me or to Ali

d) It belongs to my sister

9. The two girls are identical:

(1mark)

a) Look similar

b) Look same

c) Look different

d) Look beautiful

10. This child was quiet for many hours :

(1mark)

a) Violent

b) **Noisy**

c) Silent

d) Quite

11. The price of food is expensive:

(1mark)

e) Dear

f) Cheap

g) Reliable

h) Floating



(1mark)

12. Journey:

- a) Travel from place to another by camel
- b) Travel from place to another by bus
- c) Travel from place to another by plane
- d) Travel from place to another by any method

13. Inflation is high in Somaliland:

- a) Increase in prices
- b) Decrease in prices
- c) Bankruptcy
- d) Lack of items

14. A pronoun is a word used in place of:

- a) Verb
- b) Adjective
- c) noun
- d) Adverb

15. The child ate the mango. The right question tag for this sentence is:

- a) Doesn't he?
- b) Did he?
- c) Does he?
- d) Didn't he?



- ... the verb in the brackets (10 marks)
- 1- I can't afford in your mind on the job will produce results (keep)
 - 2- Nobody would risk it at that price (buy)
 - 3- He is heading for serious breakdown and we have told him to stop (Lose)
 - 4- I look forward to from you soon (hear)
 - 5- My aunt will us in the coming holiday (visit)
 - 6- The tourist the airport last week (arrive)
 - 7- Neither Osman nor yousuf (smoke)
 - 8- All exam candidates tried last year (cheat)
 - 9- The nomadic people usually move from place to another for purposes (graze)

Q2: Match the words on the left with their meaning on the right. (8 marks)

	Words	Meaning
1	Monsoon	Small pool of water
2	Flood	A very strong wind
3	Snow	When water covers a place
4	Puddle	A very large wave that flows over the land
5	Drought	Very heavy rain in Asian countries
6	Cyclone	A long period of dry weather
7	Tidal wave	When a lot of rain fall very quickly, often with very strong wind or thunder and lighting
8	Storm	Small soft white pieces of ice that fall from the sky and cover the ground

Q3: Make the following sentences into question using the question words
this list. (12 MARKS)

(Who, Where, Which, What, When, how, whose)

1- This is my pen _____ ?

2- We eat breakfast at six o'clock in the morning.

3- Money is exchanged in the banks.
_____ ?

4- Those thieves are very dangerous because they attack people in groups.
_____ ?

5- Ali is the tallest boy in the class.
_____ ?

6- Amina drives the car too fast.
_____ ?

Position writing (15 Marks)

Write about 10- 15 lines the importance of livestock to the economy of
Kenya.



Include in your discussion:

- Main types of livestock
- Products we get from each type
- Countries we export to
