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Important Directives

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2. All rough and final work must be done in the space provided.
3. No answer booklet will be provided and no supplementary papers must accompany this paper
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5. You are asked to choose either language or literature in question (5).

Question	Marks	Marks obtained	Marked by	Checked by
Q1. Composition	15			
Q2. Comprehension	30			
Q3. Summary	10			
Q4. Grammar	A= 05 B= 05 C= 05 D= 05			
Q5. Language or literature (Optional)	25			
Total	100			

QUESTION TWO:

COMPREHENSION (30 Marks)

Read the passage below carefully and then answer the questions that follow it.

Education

Education, more than ever before, has become an important issue all over the world. If a country wants to develop, it must take education seriously. But what do we mean by education? Education simply means acquiring the skills and knowledge that will help a person to develop him, earn a living, and contribute to the development and prosperity of a society.

According to the definition given, education helps us to know things (knowledge) and to be able to make things (skills). The reasons for education are to help us develop as people, to earn money for ourselves and for our families and also to help people around us.

Many people think of education as formal education – that is going to secondary school, university education institutions which is generally true. The importance of formal education cannot be overemphasized. In our modern society, we need people with specialist skills such as engineers, scientists, doctors and technicians. The fastest and simplest way for these people to get their knowledge is through formal education.

Yet even today, many people, both young and old do not go to school or university. We have to remember that a lot of knowledge and many skills are passed on from one person to another informally.

A) Provide short answers to the following questions (10 Marks)

1) Where is education an important issue?

2) What must a country do to develop?

3) Mention two things that education does for people

4) Why is formal education important?

5) How do many people acquire skills?

B) Put a circle around letter of the correct alternative answer (10 Marks)

1) Education means

- a) Acquiring skills for a living
- b) Acquiring knowledge to help others
- c) Acquiring knowledge and skills to earn living and to help others

2) Education today is

- a) Very important
- b) Not really important
- c) Considered unnecessarily

3) The word ***informally*** means

- a) Through schooling
- b) Through experience
- c) Through either **a** or **b**

- 4) Today, many people do not
 - a) Go to school
 - b) Go to the university
 - c) Go to school or university

- 5) The word **specialist** means
 - a) Have many skills
 - b) Has knowledge in different fields
 - c) Has knowledge in a particular field

- 6) Many people think of education as
 - a) Formal
 - b) Informal
 - c) Acquiring skills

- 7) The word **prosperity** means
 - a) knowledge
 - b) skills
 - c) progress

- 8) In modern society, people need
 - a) Formal education
 - b) Informal education
 - c) Specialist skills

- 9) Education in our time is
 - a) More important
 - b) Less important
 - c) Somehow important

- 10) An engineer is a
 - a) Skillful worker
 - b) A practitioner
 - c) A specialist

QUESTION THREE

SUMMARIES

(10 Marks)

Read the passage below carefully. Look for main ideas and in your own words, as far as possible, write summaries as guided in question A & B listed after the passage. Your summary should be a connected piece of writing.

The commonest traditional dress in South Sudan is the laawo. It is fashionable for both men and women. The different is that men usually wear a plain or white laawo while women wear decorated laawo. Another different is that men tie the knots over their left shoulder so that the right hand can move freely if they are attached by an enemy. Women tie the knot on their right should.

A) In not more than 20 words, summarize what a laawo is **(5 marks)**.

B) In not more than 20 words, summarize the differences between the laawo worn by men and that worn by women **(5 marks)**

QUESTION FOUR

GRAMMARS

(20 Marks)

**A) Put the verbs in bracket in their correct forms to complete the sentences
(5 Marks)**

- 1) My mother (be).....sleeping when the train arrived.
- 2) Listen! Mary (be).....in the room.
- 3) The teacher (let).....me go to the church on Sunday.
- 4) Would you mind (open).....that window.
- 5) We (be)in Yei for two years.

**B) Complete sentence (B) so that it has a similar meaning with sentence
(A) using the words underlined (5 marks)**

- 1) (A). The book was so interesting that I read it twice.
Such (B) it.....that I read it twice
- 2) (A). “Move that table John”
Order (B) Heto move the table
- 3) (A). I wish I could stop smoking
Give (B) I wish I could.....smoking.
- 4) (A). They haven’t caused any serious damage.
Do (B) No serious damage.....
- 5) (A). John is milking the cows
Being (B) The cows.....by John

C) Add the following suffixes to the words in brackets to form words that fit in the given space (5 Marks)

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- 1) Diseases like Malaria need proper..... (treat)
- 2) He is still looking for agift for his wife (suit)
- 3) She enjoyed the party. She had atime there (wonder)
- 4) The government will takeagainst the rebels (act)
- 5) Some drugs are very.....(poison)

D) Choose the correct preposition from the list below to fit in the blank spaces of the questions that follow (5 Marks)

Into for across towards under

- 1) The boy ranhis mother.
- 2) A dog entered.....the classroom.
- 3) The cows arethe tree.
- 4) We came..... a serious accident.
- 5) I bought the car.....ten thousand South Sudanese Pounds.

QUESTIONS FIVE: Choose either Part (A): language or Part (B): Literature

Part (A): Language

Question 1: Application Writing (7 Marks)

Your name is name is Lino or Lina. You have read an advertisement on the Public notice board in the Ministry of Health, Juba which says that a secretary is required to work in the office of the Director General, Ministry of Health, Juba.

Question 2: Complete sentence (B) so that it has a similar meaning with sentence (A) using the words underlined (5 Marks)

1. (A). Paul is so nice that he gave me fifty South Sudanese Pounds.
Such (B). Paul is.....that he gave me fifty South Sudanese Pounds
2. (A).The doctor said to the patient “are you feeling well?”
Asked (B). The doctorthe patient was feeling well.
3. (A). my uncle, “in London there are trains that travel underground.
Told (B). My uncle.....in London, there are trains that travel underground.
4. (A). “After sunset the sun is below the horizon”, said the teacher.
Indicated (B). The teacher.....the sun was below the horizon after sunset.
5. (A). John is a poor man, he cannot buy a car.
So (B). John isthat he cannot buy a car.

Question 3. Choose the correct preposition from the list to fill the space below (5 Marks).

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- 1) Oil and gold are found.....the ground
- 2) You cannot go to school if you areseven years old.
- 3) The thief jumpedthe fence.
- 4) Water boils.....50 degrees centigrade.
- 5) The policemen accused himstealing.

Question4. Summary

(8 Marks)

Read the following text carefully and in your own words as far as possible, write a summary.

The traffic policeman said that in his position, bicycles are safer to control than scooters. This is because the young people learned to ride them as young children. Nevertheless, bicycles too are not very safe in cities these days. This is because there are more cars and drivers often do not pay attention to bicycles. In addition, many cyclists do not know the rules of the road.

In not more than 20 words, summarize the reasons why bicycles are not easier and safer to control now.

Part (B): Literature

Question1. Treasure Island

(10 Marks)

A) Answer the following questions (3 Marks)

1) What is the name of the first story teller?

2) Who opened the door when the old Sailor knocked loudly on the inns doors?

3) How was Tom Killed by Long John Silver?

B) Draw a circle around the correct answers

((4 Marks)

1. Dr. Livesey and Squire John Trelawney found in a leather Packet
 - a) A pistol
 - b) Some money
 - c) The map of an island
 - d) The photo of Captain Flint

2. When the Captain chased and swung his cutlass at Black Dog's head
 - a) The cutlass hit the wooden sign above the inn's door
 - b) The cutlass did not hit Black Dog's head
 - c) The cutlass fell from the Captain's hand
 - d) The cutlass missed hitting any target

3. Long John Silver came to the stockade with a white flag
 - a) To show that fighting is about to begin
 - b) To call off fighting for some times
 - c) To show that he was a brave man
 - d) To prepare the ground for more fighting

4. The man who was marooned on treasure Island for three years is call
 - a) Long John Silver
 - b) Ben Gunn
 - c) Tom Brown
 - d) Captain Flint

C) Decide whether the following statements are true or false. Write (T) for true statements and (F) for false ones (3 Marks)

1. Captain Smallest discovered that treasure was buried by captain Flint on the Island ()
2. The people who traveled on the ship failed to locate where the treasure was buried. ()

3. The pirates were frightened when they saw captain Flint. ()
4. Jim Hawkins refused to go on Treasure Island when the ship arrived on the Island. ()
5. Captain Smallest and his friends divided the treasure equally among themselves. ()

Part (B) Literature

Question 2. Things Fall Apart

A) Give short answers to the following questions. (5 Marks)

- 1) How did Ikemefuna come into the household of Okonkwo?

- 2) Why was Okonkwo exiled from his father homeland?

- 3) For how long was Okonkwo kept in exile?

- 4) Why were the people of Umuofia very happy when the locusts began to land in their fields?

- 5) Why was Okonkwo ashamed of his father, Unoka?

B) Put a circle around the letter of the correct answer. (5 Marks)

- 1) Okonkwo did not eat any food
 - a) For three days after the death of Ikemefuna
 - b) For two days before the death of Ikemefuna
 - c) For five days before the death of Ikemefuna
 - d) For seven days after the death of Ikemefuna

- 2) As soon as Okonkwo walked out into the house that night
 - a) Nwoye cried bitterly
 - b) Nwoye become angry with his father
 - c) Nwoye felt and knew that Ikemefuna had been killed
 - d) Nwoye felt something deep up inside him that seems to break his heart.

- 3) The week of peace is.....
 - a) a period in which you don't fight
 - b) a period in which peace is not maintained
 - c) husbands are not allowed to beat their wives
 - d) Husbands are not allowed to eat with their wives.

- 4) Nwoye used to enjoy listening to stories about
 - a) Masculine adventurous stories.
 - b) Girls going to parties.
 - c) Old women quarreling young boys.
 - d) The evil spirit living in the evil forest

- 5) When the district commissioner sent his sweet tongued messengers to the leaders of Umuofia asking them to see him in his headquarters
 - a) He wanted them to pay for the destruction they had done to the church
 - b) He wanted them to go and pray in the church
 - c) He wanted to thank them for his reception
 - d) He wanted to let them tell citizens about his returns.

C) Write (T) between the brackets of the statement if the statement is true or (F) if the statement is false.

- 1) Okonkwo was not a famous man in Umuofia ()
- 2) After the death of Ikemefuna, Nwoye's life became miserable. ()
- 3) Maduka is the son of Obierieka ()
- 4) Ezinma was very much loved by her father ()
- 5) Wrestling matches in Umuofia were not all that popular ()