

3 (f) (i and ii)

(f) Give another word which is pronounced the same as the word given.

(5 marks)

(i) gnaw

(ii) boar

Weaknesses

In this section numbers (i) and (ii) gave the most trouble. For the first one there were several answers accepted because of its uncommonness. The nearest equivalent was the word "nor". But those who gave "know" and "no" were also awarded. In the second one the answer was "bore" but the majority gave "boa" and missed the mark.

4.3 PAPER 3 (101/3)

The paper was praised for its adequate coverage and for being balanced in the skills tested. The questions were good and of the standard expected. But the setting style was a departure from the usual. The questions demanded analysis and thorough knowledge of the literacy issues as well as the texts studied.

Question 1 (Compulsory)

The compulsory question was based on an oral poem.

Read the following poem and then answer the questions that follow.

Famine

The owner of yam peels his yam in the house:
A neighbour knocks at the door.
The owner of yam throws his yam in the bedroom:
The neighbour says, 'I just heard
A sound, **kere kere**, that's why I came'.
The owner of yam replies,
'That was nothing, I was sharpening two knives.'
The neighbour says again, 'I still heard
Something like **bi** sound behind your door.
The owner of yam says,
'I merely tried my door with a mallet.'
The neighbour says again,
'What about this huge fire burning on your hearth?'
The fellow replies,
'I am merely warming water for my bath.'
The neighbour persists,
'Why is your skin all white, when this is not the Harmattan season?'
The fellow is ready with his reply,
'I was rolling on the floor when I heard of the death of Agadapidi.'
Then the neighbour says, 'Peace be with you'.
Then the owner of yam starts to shout,
'There cannot be peace
Unless the owner of food is allowed to eat his own food!'

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