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ENGLISH
FORM ONE
TERM 1 EXAM

Read the following story and answer the questions that follow.

Once upon a time there were two brothers, Mjuzi and Mjanja. They were both herdsman and they shared a farm. Mjuzi had a heifer and Mjanja had a bull. They agreed that they would look after their two cows in turns.

One day, when it was Mjanja's turn to look after the animals, Mjuzi's cow gave birth. Mjanja had always wished to have a large herd of cattle. Since he was alone in the fields when Mjuzi's cow calved, he decided to cheat Mjuzi off his calf. He carried the calf home and cheerfully told Mjuzi, "I was in luck today. My bull gave birth to this healthy calf."

Mjuzi was sure that, that was sheer nonsense. Since when did bulls start having calves? But he chose not to argue with his cheating brother, and went to consult their father. The old man was very sad to hear how his children were having differences over their animals.

"Should I report Mjanja to the chief, father?" Mjuzi asked.

"No, my child," answered the old man. "Just go and tell Mjanja that I am dead."

"Dead?" Mjuzi nearly choked on the words in shock.

"Yes," insisted the old man. "Tell Mjanja that I died in childbirth."

Then Mjuzi understood the old man's wisdom. His eyes shone with delight as he ran back to the farm. When he got near their farm, he started crying and wailing loudly.

"What's the matter, Mjuzi?" Mjanja asked his brother.

"Oh, Mjanja!" Bawled Mjuzi. "Our father is dead."

"What?" asked Mjanja. "When did he die?"

"This afternoon," Mjuzi chimed back.

"But our father wasn't ill," moaned Mjanja. "What killed him?"

“Our father,” replied Mjuzi mournfully, but with slow, deliberate emphasis, “died in childbirth.”

“Nonsense!” Exclaimed Mjanja. “Since when did men start giving birth?”

“And since when, you cheat,” Mjuzi shot back, “did bulls start having calves?”

QUESTIONS (10 marks)

a) What is the name of the two brothers? (1mark)

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b) What did the two brothers agree on? (2marks)

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c) Mention the two tricks in the story. (2marks)

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d) What did the father of the two brothers instruct Mjuzi to go and tell Mjanja? (2marks)

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e) Which name is given to this type of a narrative? (1mark)

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f) What moral lesson do you learn from the story? (2mks)

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Cloze test (10marks)

Fill in the passage with the most appropriate article (a, an, the)

Three years ago 1. _____ Takasafi Partners of Shauri Yako Estate discovered that they could make money from garbage . The Takasafi Partners are 2. _____ group of young school- leavers who run 3. _____ very useful and profitable refuse disposal service in Shauri Yako Estate. They started 4. _____ work as 5. _____ voluntary activity to clean up their estate. Being on 6. _____ outskirts of the city, Shauri Yako Estate was

very much a forgotten area. 7. _____ County Public Works and Services garbage-collection trucks never seemed to reach there.

During 8. _____ six months of voluntary exercise, they put together information on what they could do about 9. _____ garbage. They went around 10. _____ estate identifying exactly where the garbage dumps were.

Grammar

a) Fill in the blanks with the plural form of the words in brackets. (3marks)

- 1. My mother asked me to keep the _____ safely. (knife)
- 2. Take your _____ to the room. (luggage)
- 3. There were many _____ in the granary. (mouse)

b) Fill in the blank spaces with the appropriate pronouns. (3marks)

- 1. Wafula worked so hard. _____ passed his exams.
- 2. Where is mary? Can you find _____ for me please?
- 3. This book belongs to me. It is _____.

c) Read the following paragraph and indicate the type of noun the underlined word is. (4marks)

The late Professor Wangari Mathai is one of Kenyans most celebrated women. A lot can be said about what she did but the most outstanding achievement was winning the Nobel peace prize in 2004. This made the first Kenyan as well as the first African woman to win the coveted prize.

Oral Skills (15 marks)

a) Define oral literature. (2 marks)

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b) Mention any three genres (categories) of oral literature. (3marks)

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c) Give one proverb and explain the meaning of the proverb. (2 marks)

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- d) Provide words which are pronounced the same as the words below. (5 marks)
- i. Farther.....
 - ii. Storey.....
 - iii. Boy.....
 - iv. Steel.....
 - v. Tee.....
- e) Identify the letters which are not pronounced in the following words. (3 marks)
- i. Debt.....
 - ii. Comb.....
 - iii. Knife.....