

ENGLISH FORM 3 EXAM

NAME.....ADM NO.....

1. Functional Writing

You are the secretary of SomoKuu High School Choir. The choir had been scheduled to be the main performer of a charity concert organized by Mjalie Mwingine Initiative. However, you were unable to offer the concert which prompted the organizers to call off the event. Through your principal, write a letter of apology addressed to the director of Mjalie Mwingine Initiative over the incident. (20 marks)

2. POETRY

Read the poem below and answer the questions that follow:

The Face of Hunger

I counted the ribs on his concertina chest

Bones protruding as if chiseled

By a sculptor hand of famine

He looked with glazed pupils

Seeing only a bun on some sky-high shelf

The skin was pale and taunt

Like a glove of a doctor's hand

His tongue darting in and out

Like a chameleon's

Snatching courfettiof flies

Oh! Child

Your stomach is a den of lions

Roaring day and night

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- a) Who is the persona in the poem? (2mks)
- b) Identify the imagery used and show its effectiveness. (6mks)

c) Explain the meaning of the sentences

i Seeing only a bun on some sky-high shelf (2mks)

ii Your stomach is a den of lions roaring day and night (2mks)

d) What is the attitude of the persona towards the boy? (2mks)

e) What is the meaning of the following words (4mks)

i chiseled

ii Glazed

iii Taut

ivCourfetti

f) What is the mood of the poem? (2mks)

3. GRAMMAR

1 Underline the adjectival phrases on the following sentences.

a Thank you for being so kind.

b My mechanic is quite skillful.

2. Rewrite the following sentences to remove gender bias.

aA professor should give his students opportunities to develop their skills.

b My sister was appointed chairman of the water project committee.

c The firemen took a long time to arrive at the scene of the accident.

3 Rewrite each of the following sentences, replacing the underlined word with a suitable phrasal verb.

a The suspect confessed after a long interrogation.

b Nyambura rejected Waiyaki's proposal for marriage.

C Our principal does not tolerate indiscipline.

4 Use the correct form of the verb given in brackets to fill in the blanks in the following sentences.

i The drama club patron wanted a written _____ from the students following their misconduct during the festivals (apologize)

ii Your explanation is based on too many _____ (presume)

iii Expectant mothers should not do _____ work (strain)

iv The government has lost all _____ following the increasing cases of corruption in high places (credible)

5 Use the correct form of nouns given in brackets

i Those _____ (student) phones were confiscated.

ii There are many _____ (hero) who fought for our independence.

iii How many _____ (editor-in-chief) were invited.