FORM 1 ENGLISH

NAME…………………………………………… ADM NO……………………………

Question 1

Composition (20 marks)

Either

Write a composition beginning with the following sentence.

a)When I left home that bright Monday morning to join form 1 in Learner’s High School, I did not realize that the events of the following days in high school would completely change my personality………………

 Or

b) Write a story to illustrate the saying:

 “Experience is the best teacher.”

Question 2 Read the following story and then answer the questions that follow.(20 marks)

HAWK AND HEN A long time ago, there lived Hen and her friend Hawk. The two were good friends and lived near each other. They shared whatever they possessed and their children too were good friends. Every morning after the planting season, one called upon the other to go out to the woods and to rubbish dumps to look for worms and other types of food.

One day, as they prepared themselves to go out to look for food, Hare called on them and told them, “My friends, as you know a friend in need is a friend indeed, I’ve called upon you this morning to invite you to my daughter’s wedding. I cannot forget,” she continued, “how you, especially you, Hen, fed my children when I was sick and bed-ridden. Please, come and enjoy with all of us,” she concluded. Hen and Hawk looked at each other and nodded their heads. They promised Hare they would go to the ceremony. Hare thanked them and ran off towards his home. After Hare had left, they looked at each other and burst out in laughter. As far as they were concerned, they did not consider Hare as a real friend but just one of them. They, however, decided to attend the wedding party out of curiosity. Hawk’s son had married a very beautiful girl the previous year and there was a lot of eating and drinking. Hawk could remember vividly how Hyena drank and drank beer until his four legs could not carry him. He had to be taken home completely unaware of what was happening. Could Hare’s party match hers? Hawk wondered. She became curious and wanted to find out. On the wedding day, Hen and Hawk dressed themselves in their best party costumes. They warned their children not to leave their home compounds during their mothers’ absence. They then left home and walked happily towards Hare’s compound. Hare saw them at a distance and hurried to meet them. “Oh! How are you my friends? Welcome home. The party is going to start in an ‘hours’ time”. They went home while Hare was holding Hen’s hand. Hawk noted this with displeasure but she said nothing. When they reached home, Hare said: “Sit down and have a drink while I prepare myself’. She asked one of her young sons to serve them drinks. When the

drinks were brought, again Hawk noted that Hen was served the drink in a glass but Hawk was served in a cup with cracked edges. This killed Hawk’s spirits. She may not have been as beautiful as Hen but that was no reason why she should be discriminated upon. After all, hadn’t she gone out of her way to dress in her best clothes, just for that party? Hawk thought bitterly. After an hour, Hare emerged from an inner room, dressed magnificently with matching shoes and a necklace. They all proceeded to the party. Hare made sure she sat next to Hen but Hawk sat a little further away. She wondered what was happening. Hen seemed very happy at the party and she laughed all the time with Hare, ignoring Hawk’s presence. Hawk became moody and decided not to talk to any of them from then on. After the party was over, Hare bid the two goodbye and left for home. It was getting dark as they walked home. Hen tried to involve Hawk in a conversation. “How did you find the party? I think it was wonderful.” Hawk did not answer Hen and she wondered why Hawk was behaving in that manner. Hen wanted to discuss the matter but Hawk said she was not interested. They went home without talking to each other until they reached their respective compounds. Hen, as usual in her high spirits, bid Hawk goodbye but Hawk looked at her sneeringly, swung her hips more than usual and shut her gate without a word. Hen closed her gate, too, and went to cook for her children. Very early the next morning, Hawk’s child knocked at Hen’s door and after Hen opened the door, she said, “Mummy sent me to you to tell you to give back all the things that belong to us. Here are all your things that were in our house” Hen was dumbfounded. She could not imagine ending the friendship with Hawk. They had been friends for such a longtime.

Nevertheless, she gave the child all the things that were not hers to take to her mother. The child left but after a short while, she returned. “Mummy told me you did not give me all the things. She needs our hoe and panga which you borrowed last week to cultivate your farm. She also needs the razor-blade which you borrowed yesterday to shave your children.” Hen went back to the house and came out with the hoe and the panga but without the razor. She could not find the razor at all. She told Hawk’s child, “Go and tell your mother I have searched for the razor-blade everywhere but I cannot get it. Tell her I will look for it later on and I will send one of my children with it” Hen called out to all her children to look for the missing razorblade and they scratched all round their compound without any success. That evening, Hen sent one of her children to report that the razor-blade was lost and they could not get it. When Hen’s child knocked at Hawk’s door, the door opened, she was pulled in by Hawk and killed. Hawk insisted that she had to have back her razor-blade and she swore to eat all of Hen’s children unless she got it back. The next morning, Hawk and her children hovered over Hen’s compound trying to get a chance to snatch one of her children. Hen clucked loudly cluck...cluck...running all over the compound, frightened and frantically calling her children to come to her for protection. They all ran to her and she protected them, and Hawk flew away disappointed. From that time until today, hens get frightened and hide their children any time they see Hawk nearby. Hawk, on the other hand, is still angry and she looks for Hen’s children to kill. She said she will never stop until she gets her razor-blade back. Hen still looks for her razor-blade everywhere and that is why hens are

always seen scratching here and there looking for Hawk’s razorblade. They wonder whether they will ever restore peace with Hawk and her family.

Questions a) Identify and illustrate the main occupation of the characters in this narrative. (2 marks) b) Explain the meaning of the following proverb as used in the passage. (2 marks) “A friend in need is a friend indeed.” c) How did Hen hide her children from the Hawk? (3 marks) d) Identify and explain the characteristics of narrative evident in this story.(4 marks) e) What incidences forced Hawk to break her friendship with Hen? (2 marks) f) Identify at least two character traits of Hawk that are evident from this story. (4 marks) g) Why do you think the words Hawk and Hen start with capital letters? (3 marks) QUESTION 3

Cloze test Read the passage below and fill each blank space with the most appropriate word. (10 marks)

It is an indisputable fact that agriculture (1) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the backbone of the economy. It is therefore (2) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that we stop over-relying on the rain-fed agriculture. Israel is a classic (3) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of a country that has reclaimed its deserts and put them. (4) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ use. Land which was (5) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ‘useless’ has been turned around and (6)

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ useful. Egypt which solely depends on (7) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ River Nile is a leading exporter of fruits and cereals. For our country to (8) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ self-sufficiency in food production and to get a (9) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for export, land should be utilized to the (10) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. This is only possible with irrigation. Grammar Question 4 Fill in the blanks in the following sentences using an appropriate article for each. (a, an, the)(5 marks) (i)She beats ......drum with great energy. (ii)John is.......university student. (iii)He is …….. Electrician. (iv)She was given ……. Shillings by her father for her pocket money. v) What ….. brilliant idea! Question 5 Fill in the blanks in each sentence with a suitable abstract noun. (5 marks) 1. Luke’s ………………………. Stopped him from sharing his biscuits with anybody. 2. Ann was envied for her ……………………. 3. The houseboy had to use great ………………. To lift the sack of maize. 4……………….. has caused much suffering in flooded areas. 5. The survivor from the plane crash suffered greatly from ……….