MIDTERM TERM 1

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QUESTION 1

Composition

You are the secretary of ‘Forever Green”, an environmental club in your school. Professor Wangari Maathai, the Nobel Laureate has been invited to lead your school in a tree planting exercise. Your principal has asked you to issues a public notice informing everybody about this important event. Write the public notice.(10 marks)

POEM Read the poem below and then answer the questions after it.(20 MARKS)

THE SMILING ORPHAN And when she passed away, they came, Kinsmen came, Friends came. Everybody came to mourn her. Hospitalized for five months The Ward was her world Fellow patients her compatriots the meagre hospital supply-her diet

when she was dying

her son was on Official Duty the State demanded his Services. Her only daughter, uneducated, Sat by her Crying, praying, waiting for an answer From God far above Wishing, she spoke the language Figures in white-coats do understand. They matched, the figures did Stiff, numb and deaf, to the cries and wishes of her dying mother.

As she was dying Friends and kinsmen TALKED of her how good, how helpful: a very practical woman. None reached her: they were too busy, there was no money, who would look after their homes? Was it so crucial their presence? But when she passed away, they came, Kinsmen came, friends hired cars to come, Neighbors gathered to mourn her, they ought to be there for the funeral

So they swore. The mourners shrieked out cries as they arrived in the busy compound of the dead. Memories of loved ones no more Stimulated tears of many.

They cried dutiful tears for the deceased now stretching their hands all over to help. The daughter looked at them with dry eyes, quiet, blank. The mourners pinched each other Shocked by the stoneheartedness of the orphaned.

She sat: watching the tears soak their garments or in the soil around them; wasted. That night, she went to her love,

In the freshly made emergency grass hut,

And let lose all ties of the Conventional Dress she wore Submitting to the Great Power, she whispered Now..... You and I must know now.... Tomorrow you might never understand Unable to lick my tears..... · And there was light In the darkness of the hut While outside the mourners cried Louder than the Orphan. By Grace Birabwa Isharaza

a) who is the persona in the poem? (2 marks)

b) Explain what the poem is about?(3 marks)

d) Comment on the effectiveness of the title of the poem.(3 marks)

e) Identify one character trait of the orphan.(2 marks)

f) Identify and illustrate any two stylistic devices used in the poem.(4 marks)

g) Describe the mood of the poem.(4 marks)

h) Explain the following lines and used in the poem(2 marks)

They cried dutiful tears for the deceased.........................................................................................

........ And there was Light in the darkness of the hut Question 3 Comprehension Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow.(20 marks)

Sales promotion involves taking measures such as advertising intended to win over and attract customers.Nowadays,people have more money to spend on goods produced in a highly competitive commercial world than was the case twenty years ago. Protection of the consumer is therefore necessary. As far as a law is concerned, both the seller and buyer are treated almost equally. However, the right of the buyers stems from the fact that the purchase of goods involves a contract between the seller and the buyer. The law recognizes that the buyers are responsible for ensuring that they set out to buy. At times, consumers feel that they are exploited and they complain. At other times, a grievance may be voiced and yet no remedy is affected. This may be due to the consumer’s ignorance of their rights, their unwillingness to complain or simply indifference on their part. Consumers dealing with public utility corporations, such as Post Office, sometimes experience frustrations yet they are taxed in order that such institutions may be financed. However weak the consumers are, they should at least be safeguarded from trade abuses such as rising prices of monopolies, poor weight and measures, false or misleading statements,description,brand names or trademarks applied to both goods and services and in hygienic conditions. The Kenya Consumer Organization is a voluntary organization

that looks at the welfare of the consumers. It acts as a ‘watch dog’ on various aspects of consumer problems. These problems include overcharging, poor quality of goods on sale, artificial shortages, faulty packaging and refusal to sells or conditional selling to non-regular customers. If consumers find that what they have purchased is not up to the expected standard, they can direct their complaints to the organization. They are then asked to forward the faulty item plus the receipt to the organization. The item is examined and if the complaint is confirmed to be genuine, the organization sends a representative with the faulty item and the receipt to where it was purchased. The representative explains the situation to the seller and requests either to replace the item or refund the money. If the seller is uncooperative; the organization then informs the Price Control Department which takes up the matter. Should the trader remain adamant, he or she will be prosecuted and fined if guilty. Members of the organization also visit factories involved in production of consumer commodities. The aim of such visit is to inspect the processing and general cleanliness of such places and the quality of goods being produced and offered to the consumer. The organization then makes recommendations and if the factory fails to make the necessary rectification, the relevant authority is notified. This may result in legal action being taken against the factory The Kenya Bureau of Standards is charged with the responsibility of ensuring that products manufactured in Kenya, either for the local market or export, measure to the international standard and specification. It also educates consumers on standardization. To promote standardization in industry and commerce, his bureau prepares specification and provides facilities for examination and testing of any commodities manufactured, produced and treated. It also controls the use of standardization and distinctive marks.

Where necessary, the bureau also tests imported commodities. The weight and measure department, on its part, ensures that all types of weighing and measuring instruments used in the country are accurate .Regular inspection and examination of these instruments is therefore a requirement. The ministry of health is charged with the duty of ensuring that foods are hygienically prepared and supplied to the consumer. In conjunction with the ministry of Livestock Development, and especially the veterinary Department, the Health Inspectorate ensures that all slaughter houses are clean and that meat is inspected before being supplied. Health Inspectorate ensures that all slaughter houses are clean and that meat is inspected before being supplied. Health Inspectors also visit public eating-places and markets to ensure that general cleanliness is maintained. The Dairy Board is a section of the ministry of Livestock Development, and is primarily charged with the supervision of dairy products. These include milk, butter, cheese, yoghurt and cream. The government also provides consumer protection through controlled monopoly and legal restrictions of charges and profits in certain commodities and services .Nationalization of certain commodities and services. Nationalization of certain services such as post and Telecommunications, banking, transport, health, education and water supply curbs exploitation. (Adapted from commerce by R.N Gichira Macmillan 1982, 86-91)

a) Why do consumers ‘grievances sometimes go uncorrected?(1 mark)

b) How is the position of consumers presented in this passage?(2 marks)

c) Rewrite the following sentence beginning 'Both ...'(2 marks)

As far as the law is concerned, both the seller and the buyer are treated almost equally.

d) Identify any four bodies that are concerned with consumer protection as highlighted in the passage. (4 marks)

e) What measures are taken by the Kenya consumer’s organization towards consumer protection?( 3 marks)

f) In not more than 40 words, summarize the role that Kenya Bureau of Standards plays in consumer protection.(2 marks) g) How is nationalization of service important in protecting consumers?(1 marks)

h) (i) What measures do you think consumers can take to facilitate their own protection?(2 marks) ) (ii) Explain the meaning of the following words and phrases as used in the passage.(3 marks) i)Legal restrictions ii) Curbs iii) Sales promotion

QUESTION 4 a) Use the appropriate form of the word in brackets.(3 marks)

(i) Her \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ cost her life. (deceive)

(ii) Such an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ had never been seen. (Occur)

(iii) When we saw the suspect fidgeting, we knew \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that he was guilty. (doubt)

b) Fill in the blanks with suitable preposition.(3 marks)

i) His breath smelt ………………………. alcohol.

ii) She was living ………………………… her means.

iii) She sang her heart ……………………. c) Using the words in brackets, complete the following sentences with the most appropriate phrasal verb. (2 marks)

(i) I was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_by his childish behavior during the academic parade. (take).

(ii) The new students could not \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ their way to the dormitory. (make) d) Choose the correct pronoun from the brackets to complete the following sentences (3 marks)

i. Mr. Kamau and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ visited us last year. (he/him/himself)

ii. John offered Njoroge and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_some biscuits. (I/me)

iii. Do you think that he is wiser than \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (I/me) e) Complete the following sentence by writing the correct tense in brackets in each case.

1. The students \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ assistance from the police after the attack (seek)

2. The visitors \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ us goodbye and left immediately (Bid)

3. All the workers have been \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ their dues. (pay) f) Insert the correct punctuation marks in the sentence given.( 1 mark) (i) Whose responsibility is it to see whether this machine is working