

LIRA TOWN COLLEGE
END OF TERM III EXAMS 2010
S.1 ENGLISH LANGUAGE

TIME: 2 HOURS

SECTION A

- *All questions are to be attempted.*
- *All your answers are to be written on this question paper.*

1. ***Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow:***

Noma and Sricula

Noma drew back the curtain. Taking hold of the window latch, she lifted it up and had to push hard before the window opened.

‘Oogh, I’m scared,’ cried Sricula.

‘Stop saying that!’ said Noma, irritated. ‘It doesn’t help.’

The roar of the water as it rushed past was so loud that she couldn’t hear the noise of the rain that was spraying her with the force of a hose-pipe. She had to stop a scream that was beginning deep in her throat.

She turned to see Sricula standing beside her. Sricula took one look outside and cried, ‘what are we going to do?’

‘The only way to escape is to climb on to the roof!’ replied Noma. She was shivering even more and was barely able to control the fear in her voice as she added, ‘And there’s no time to waste.’

Still dazed, Sricula stared at her in horror and disbelief. Then she slowly nodded.

Fearfully the girls climbed on to the dressing-table. Noma carefully put her foot on the window-sill and held the top of the open window with both hands. Then, she reached up and took hold of the guttering, first with one hand and then with the other and pulled herself up so that she was able to stand on the top of the window.

It was sharp and bit hard into her feet. The rain stopped for a moment or so before coming down more heavily than before. Her clothing was soon drenched and felt cold and wet. She pressed her face against her arms as there was a flash of lightening followed by a crash of thunder. By this time, the water was coming down the roof so fast it overflowed the gutter and ran down her hands and arms. Taking a deep breath, her heart beating, she pulled herself on to the roof and sat down with her back against the metal chimney stack.

After pausing briefly to catch her breath she called out, ‘Come Sricula, come!’

She watched as Sucula reached up and first pulled herself on to the top of the window and then gripped the guttering with both hands. It loosened slightly and Sucula swayed dangerously.

‘Noma, help me, help me!’

Inspiration suddenly came to Noma and she caught hold of the chimney stack with one hand and reaching down with the other, took Sucula’s wrist. Drawing on to all her strength, she managed to pull the other girl onto the roof.

Breathless and shivering, the girls lay on the roof, not daring to move. There was a flash of lightening across the sky.

Noma closed her eyes, trying not to see the water as it rushed past a few metres below. Another flash quickly followed and she opened her eyes to see a large log and a bedstead hitting the side of the house as they rushed past. The thunder that followed was barely heard above the noise of the rain and the water.

Whoosh! The wind swept across the roof and the rain continued to fall down on them. Noma heard a loud crash as the doors gave in under the weight of the water. She felt the house move a little as the water poured in. Sucula let out a cry of fear. Then to Noma’s great relief, the house stopped moving, but, wet and numb from the cold and fear, the girls’ courage finally left them and they held each other desperately in the darkness, convinced that for them the dawn would never come.

Finally Noma lay down on the roof and, completely exhausted, fell asleep.

(From Then Came the Dawn by Phyllis Owen)

Questions:

- 1.1 Why was it difficult to open the bedroom window?
 - A. the window was stuck
 - B. the curtain was stuck
 - C. the latch was stuck
- 1.2 How did the girls climb the window?
 - A. the girls were able to climb onto the window sill by themselves.
 - B. the girls had to climb onto a piece of furniture to climb onto the window sill.
 - C. Noma had to help Sucula onto the window sill.
- 1.3 How did Noma get onto the roof?
 - A. She used the guttering and then the chimney stack to pull herself her
 - B. She stood on the top of the window and then on the guttering
 - C. She held onto the guttering and then pulled herself up.
- 1.4 How did Sucula get onto the roof?
 - A. She pulled herself up on to the top of the window and then onto the roof.
 - B. She pulled herself up part of the way and Noma pulled her up the rest of the way.
 - C. She pulled herself up onto the guttering and then onto the roof.

- 1.5 What was the weather like?
A. it started to rain heavily B. a thunderstorm started
C. the heavy rain stopped.

2. *Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow:*

The death of Obi's mother

The death of his mother had been a great shock to Obi. As soon as he saw a post office messenger walking towards his table with the telegram he had known. His hand shook violently as he signed the receipt and the result was nothing like his signature.

'Time of receipt,' said the messenger.

'What is the time?'

'You get watch.'

Obi looked at his watch, for as the messenger had pointed out, he had one.

Everybody was most kind. Mr. Green said he could take a week's leave if he wished.

Obi took two days. He went straight home and locked himself up in his flat. What was the point of going to Umuofia? She would have been buried by the time he got there, anyway the thought of going home and not finding her! In the privacy of his bedroom he let tears run down his face like a child.

The effect of his tears was a surprise. When he finally went to sleep he did not wake up even once in the night. Such a thing had not happened to him for many years. In the last few months he has hardly known any sleep at all.

He woke suddenly and saw that it was daylight. For a moment he wondered what had happened. Then he remembered. Something caught in his throat. He got out of bed and stood gazing at the light coming in through the window. Shame and guilt filled his heart. Yesterday his mother had been put into the ground and covered with red earth and he had slept peacefully the whole night.

'Terrible!' he said. His thoughts went to his father. Poor ma, he would be completely lost without her. For the first month or so it would not be too bad. Obi's married sisters would all return home. Esther could be relied upon to look after him. But in the end they would all have to go away again. That was the time when he would feel the pain – when everyone began to go away. Obi wondered whether he had done the right thing in not setting out for Umuofia yesterday. But what could have been the pain in going? It was more useful to send all the money he could for the funeral instead of wasting it on petrol to get home.

He washed his head and face and shaved with an old razor. Then he nearly burnt his mouth out by brushing his teeth with shaving cream which he mistook for toothpaste.

Questions:

2.1 How did Obi find out about his mother's death?

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2.2 What did he do when he heard the news?

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2.3 Why did he not want to go to his mother's funeral?

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2.4 What effect did crying have on him? Why was this strange?

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2.5 Why did he feel guilty in the morning?

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3. Imagine that your friend (name him or her) has recently gone to abroad to live. You have promised to write to each other. Write to your friend a letter about the last school holidays saying exactly how you spent your time.

4. ***Rewrite each item 4.1 – 4.5 according to instructions. Do not change the meaning of the original sentence.***

4.1 Nobody doubted that he was a great doctor. (Rewrite using convinced)

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4.2 “Did you join this school with a purpose?” The headmaster asked them. (Rewrite in reported speech)

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4.3 “Don't speak English to us” said one of the women. (Rewrite in reported speech)

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- 4.4 She is intelligent. She doesn't work hard. (Rewrite beginning: Although.....)

- 4.5 This offence is much more serious than you think (Rewrite using very serious)

4.6 Complete the passage with the best form of word.

When someone dies or (1), the family has many things to do. They have to arrange the funeral itself. This is usually a religious (2).....of some kind. After or during the funeral, there is the (3).....or (4).....of the body of the (5).....person. Many people may come to the funeral to give their (6).....to the (7).....family. The family are in (8).....for a period of time after the funeral, which means they live more quietly than normal, don't go to parties and they may wear special clothes. When this period has finished, they go back to their normal life.

- 5.1 My grandfather could read and write although heto school.

- 5.2 Last year my familyto visit one of my aunts who lives in Kenya.

- 5.3 As Ito school today, I saw a crocodile on the riverbank near our house.

- 5.4 We all did well in the test because we

- 5.5 While I for my keys, I found a book I had lost three years ago!

- 5.6 Last year, 10 students passed the exam but this year 55 have passed. There has been aimprovement.
A. dramatic B. dramatically C. steady D. steadily
- 5.7 Every year Juma's results are a little bit better than the year before. He is improving.....
A. dramatic B. dramatically C. steady D. steadily
- 5.8 You must eat! You have not eatenall day!
A. anything B. nothing C. something D. everything
- 5.9 Last night I did! I just lay on my bed and read a magazine.
A. anything B. nothing C. something D. everything
- 5.10 I haven't seentoday except my family.
A. anyone B. no one C. someone D. everyone
6. Put the verb in its correct form.
- 6.1 Weeverything yesterday. (pay)
- 6.2 While painting a line in the middle of the main road, two workmen were down. (knock)
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- 6.3 He talkedto them nicely and they all him. (understand)
- 6.4 When the examination (start) every morning, we all keep quiet.
- 6.5 Susanto school everyday morning. (go)
- 6.6 Our class teacher is not in, he..... (go) out.
- 6.7 Johnto go out last year for further studies. (decide)

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