

S101/1

GENERAL PAPER:

PAPER 1

June/July -2019

**DURATION: 2 HOURS 40MINUTES**

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:**

The total time of 2hours and 40 minutes include ten minutes for you to study *the questions* before you begin answering.

Answer **two** questions; which must be chosen as follows: **one** question from section **A** and one from section **B**.

Answers to each question must begin on a fresh sheet (booklet), which should then be fastened together with others.

You are advised to divide your time equally between the two questions.

All questions carry equal marks.

Any additional question (s) attempted will **not** be marked.

## **SECTION A**

*Answer only **one** question from this section.*

*Answers should be between 500 and 800 words in length.*

1. To what extent does abstinence among the youth an effective method of curbing the spread of HIV/AIDS in Uganda? **(50 Marks)**
2. How best can we ensure quality education in the many educational institutions in Uganda? **(50 Marks)**
3. Discuss the factors that have undermined effective regional Integration of East African States. **(50 Marks)**
4. “The lifting of the presidential term limits does not promote democratic governance in Uganda.” Discuss **(50 Marks)**

## **SECTION B**

*Answer **one** question from this section.*

5. ***Study the following information and answer the questions which follow.***

Hotel Africana has been appointed by a Paris based firm to organize a beauty contest and select a lady to represent Uganda in the miss world beauty pageant. The successful candidate will among other things be the country’s ambassador of goodwill at several international events that will be organized over the next two years. The foreign firm has instructed Hotel Africana to consider the following qualities in order of their merit.

1. Education attainment
2. Intelligence quotient (I.Q)
3. Character
4. Beauty
5. Smartness

*Below are the names of the contestants:*

1. Agnes: She has a master's degree, has a high I.Q, her character is fairly good. She is very beautiful and her smartness is average.
2. Angela: She is in S.4 vacation, her I.Q is fair, her character is poor. She is beautiful and very smart.
3. Diana: She is an S.6 leaver, has average I.Q, her character is good. She is fairly beautiful and her smartness is average.
4. Florence: She is an S.6 leaver, has a high I.Q, her character is fair. Her beauty is average and she is very smart.
5. Shania: She is a graduate, has an average I.Q, her character is very good. She is very beautiful and fairly smart.

**Questions**

- (a) Who of the ladies would make the best choice? Show how you arrive at your answer. **(12**

**Marks)**

- (b) Arrange the rest of the ladies in order of their importance.

**(04 Marks)**

- (c) If the winner fell sick suddenly, who would take over her role? Give reasons for your answer. **(04 Marks)**

- (d) "Beauty contest degrade women," Do you agree? **(12 Marks)**

- (e) Suggest any possible ways to improve beauty contests organised in your county. **(08 Marks)**

**6. Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow, using your own words wherever possible.**

How many times have we subjected ourselves to it? The bling, bling of the flash bulbs followed by the eyes widening, the hand rushing to the mouth in incredulous wonder and then a *prefabricated perfect* smile slipping into place while a sash fits in place and yet another woman is crowned –most beautiful of them all.

Beauty contests endorse an ideal of beauty to which only very few women can realistically aspire, but it adds to the pressure on all participating women to conform to it. A beauty contest or beauty pageant is a competition which has become popular all around the world. It is mostly based on the physical beauty of the contesting women although men's competitions are also becoming rampant.

But such contests often incorporate personality, talent and *eloquence* in responding to questions as judged criteria. Women in beauty contests are judged largely on their physical appearances, rather than on any other qualities they might possess. Though these pageants try to emphasise the fact that it is not about physical beauty alone but also about one's personality, the truth remains that most beauty pageants have height and weight requirements, as their criteria for participation.

Does it go to say that personality is height and weight based? The participation criteria itself defeats the purpose of the whole exercise. Beauty pageants are a *consumerist celebration* at best. There are new tides and crowns to be won. A bulging one hundred and sixty billion dollar-a- fear industry has to be fuelled and kept going.

Women who watch the pageants worldwide, in order to attain the universal norms of beauty, reel compelled to become consumers of a whole range of products whose advertisements only reinforce the views of the pageant that "Success in life can be achieved through physical beauty alone."

The truth is that women are being *objectified*. Is the woman who walks the ramp a true woman? Who is a true woman? Is she someone who has the perfect hour glass figure created by strenuous exercise and diet and *cellulite chiseling off* Is she the lady from the pageant with that million dollar smile the one that has teeth which have been whitened, who's had a dentist work away the imperfections. Is she the one with the silicon curves, the one with injected lips that pour? The true woman is actually not any of these. The true woman is genuinely *phenomenal*.

She's as natural as they come. When she walks into a room, men feel compelled to stand. They swarm around her like honey bees while other women turn their heads and look at her enviously. It's not so much her figure, although that helps, it's really about the fire in her eyes, the warmth in her smile the touch of her healing hands and the comfort of her breasts.

A true woman is one who takes pride not just in her own achievements but in the achievements of her family as well. She laughs with you, she cries for you and when the whole world has turned its back on you she will still be standing right behind you. She loves you beyond reason and forgives you time and again unconditionally.

She puts her ambitions on the back burner so she can help her family with theirs. She gives\_ unconditionally, loves beyond reason and forgives you time and time again. She cries when she is happy, and laughs when she is sad. She takes pride in your achievements and holds your hand through your disappointments. Yes, that is the true woman.

You will find her not at a beauty pageant, no! You will find her at the supermarket shopping for groceries, probably dressed in something sturdy like square heels and jeans and a tee shirt. You will find her at a departmental store reaching out for a vial of cream and then hastily putting it down to buy her son a pair of socks instead.

You will find her cheering loudly for her son at a cricket match even when she can't understand the first thing about the game. You will find her helping the blind cross the street. Yes that would be her- the real, true woman.

This parade of female bodies is not entertaining at all, because it has nothing to do with aesthetics but in fact reflects the inequality between the sexes. These beauty contests are misleading and harmful, not only to plain looking women, but also to the entire community.

These contests can be harmful to women by encouraging dieting, eating disorders and *cosmetic surgery*, or simply by making them feeling inadequate and ugly. People may enjoy the beauty contests. Many women enjoy entering them. Many people enjoy watching them. Nobody is forced to do either. The beauty of a fit, healthy, well-proportioned human form is something from which we can all *take pleasure* and beauty contests, along with other forms of art, are vehicles, which enable us to do so.

Judging women, but not men, primarily on their looks contributes to the *subjugation* of women because other qualities such *as* intelligence, are not seen as part of ideal femininity and therefore, not *as* things to which women should aspire. There is nothing wrong with judging people primarily on their *physical prowess* - people do this all the time in competitive sports, where fitness and strength are major determinants of success.

**Questions:**

- a. Suggest a suitable title to this passage. **(02 Marks)**
- b. What does the author mean by: **(02 Marks)**
  - (i) “The bling, of the flash bulbs followed by the eyes widening, the hand rushing to the mouth in incredulous wonder...” **(03 Marks)**

- (ii) “You will find her cheering loudly for her son at a cricket match even when she can’t understand the first thing about the game”

**(03 Marks)**

- c. In not more than 100 words, summarise the merits and demerits of beauty contests. **(12 Marks)**
- d. Explain the meaning of the following words and phrases as used in the passage, using your own words wherever possible:
- i. *Prefabricated* **(02 Marks)**
  - ii. *Eloquence* **(02 Marks)**
  - iii. *Consumerist celebration* **(02 Marks)**
  - iv. *Objectified* **(02 Marks)**
  - v. *Cellulite chiseling off* **(02 Marks)**
  - vi. *Phenomenal* **(02 Marks)**
  - vii. *Cosmetic surgery* **(02 Marks)**
  - viii. *Take pleasure* **(02 Marks)**
  - ix. *Subjugation* **(02 Marks)**
  - x. *Physical prowess* **(02 Marks)**

MARKS ALLOCATION	
SPGE	10 MARKS
CONTENT	40 MARKS
<b>TOTAL</b>	50 MARKS

**END.**