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ENGLISH LANGUAGE MARKING GUIDE



“Don’t speak for Quality, Let the Quality Speak for
itself”

SECTION A:50 MARKS

Sub -Section I

Questions **1** to **50** carry one mark each

In each of the questions **1** to **5**, fill in the blank space with a **suitable word**.

1. Jane gave me a **knife** for peeling matooke.
2. **What** are you doing here?
3. She prefers swimming **to** dancing.
4. Aero planes are faster **than** buses.
5. Most farmers harvest crops during **dry** season.

In each of the questions **6** to **15**, use the **correct form** of the word given in brackets to complete the sentences.

6. He is **building** a nice house in his village. (build)
7. Our teacher dresses **smartly** every morning.(smart)
8. **Their** father was here today. (they)
9. The teacher has **given** some pupils gifts. (give)
10. Cindy was the **third** in the race.(three)
11. Have you **mopped** the classroom well?(mop)
12. What a kind **cleaner** Joel is! (clean)
13. She always **carries** their baby after school. (carry)
14. Musa is **busier** than Moses. (busy)
15. Two **children** were kidnapped this morning.(child)

In the numbers **16** and **17**, use each of the given words in a sentence to show that you know the **difference in their meaning**.

- **Definitions, descriptions are not allowed.**
- **Do not give examples.**
- **Correctly punctuate the sentence.**
- **Mark ideas and qualifiers.**

16. hut - **An idea of; a small temporary house or shelter.**
17. hat - **An idea of; a piece of clothing worn on the head.**
-An idea of; another professional or official position.

For questions **18** and **19**, rearrange the given words in **alphabetical order**.

*Train your learner to use separators when they have been used and vice versa.
Train them to rewrite all the given words correctly.*

18. dance, clap, food, greet
clap, dance , food , greet

19. forest, fish, ferry, fall
fall , ferry , fish , forest

In questions **20** and **21**, rewrite the sentence giving the **opposite** of the **underlined words**.

20. Why are you happy today?
Why are you sad today?

21. We got tired of running this morning.
We got tired of walking this morning.

For questions **22** to **23**, arrange the given words to form **a correct sentence**.

22. bought nice a Mother watch.
Mother bought a nice watch.

23. will tomorrow you Where go?
Where will you go tomorrow?

For each of the questions **24** and **25**, write the given abbreviations in **full**.

24. don't **do not** (reject donot)

25. Mr. **mister // Mister**

For questions **26** and **27**, rewrite the sentence giving **one word** for the **underlined group of words**.

26. The rabbit and all its young ones were stolen last week.
The rabbit and all its bunnies were stolen last week.

27. My father is not ill.
My father is well.

For each of the questions **28** to **30**, give the **plural form** of the given word.

28. thief - **thieves**

29. brother - **brothers**

30. brush - **brushes**

Sub-Section II

In each of the questions 31 to 50, rewrite the sentences as instructed in brackets.

31. Here comes the man. His son is a doctor in Mulago Hospital.
(Rewrite as **one** sentence using:whose.....)
Here comes the man whose son is a doctor in Mulago Hospital.
32. There is little water left in the jug.
(Rewrite the sentence using:any.....)
There isn't any water left in the jug.
There is hardly any water left in the jug.
33. Kapesa is strong. He can carry a bag of cement.
(Rewrite as **one** sentence using:enough.....)
Kapesa is strong enough to carry a bag of cement.
34. Billy likes mangoes. He likes apple more.
(Rewrite as **one** sentence using:prefers.....)
Billy prefers apples to mangoes.
35. A monkey is a clever animal.
(Rewrite the sentence beginning: Monkeys.....)
Monkeys are clever animals.
36. I went to school. I did not see the headmaster.
(Rewrite as **one** sentence using:but.....)
I went to school but I did not see the headmaster.
37. She is wise. Her sister is very wise.
(Rewrite as **one** sentence using:than.....)
Her sister is wiser than her.
38. Jane is a Christian. Isaac is a Christian.
(Rewrite the sentence beginning: Both.....)
Both Jane and Isaac are Christians.
39. The pupils swept the classroom.
(Rewrite the sentence using:are.....)
The pupils are sweeping the classroom.
40. She has lost her rubber. She is crying.
(Rewrite as **one** sentence using:because.....)
She is crying because she has lost her rubber.

41. Levi is very young. He managed to cross the busy road.
(Rewrite the sentence beginning: Although.....)
Although Levi is very young, he managed to cross the busy road.
42. The desk is very heavy. Betty cannot carry it.
(Rewrite the sentence using:too.....to.....)
The desk is too heavy for Betty to carry.
43. She is sweeping the compound, isn't she?
(Rewrite the sentence ending: is she?)
She is not sweeping the compound , is she?
44. Bwana eats food every day.
(Rewrite the sentence beginning: Food.....)
Food is eaten by Bwana every day.
45. moses lives in kawempe.
(Rewrite the sentence and punctuate correctly.)
Moses lives in Kawempe.
46. As mother was cooking, father was reading a newspaper.
(Rewrite the sentence using:while.....)
**Mother was cooking while father was reading a newspaper.
Father was reading a newspaper while mother was cooking.**
47. A cow is to calf as sheep is to.....
(Rewrite the sentence and complete sensibly)
A cow is to calf as sheep is to lamb.
48. Marion is the girl. She won the race last year.
(Rewrite as **one** sentence using:.....who.....)
Marion is the girl who won the race last year.
49. What a bright boy he is!.
(Rewrite the sentence beginning: He.....)
He is a very bright boy.
50. Betty usually sings well in church.
(Rewrite the sentence using:.....always.....)
Betty always sings well in church.

SECTION B: 50 MARKS

Questions **51** to **55** carry ten marks each

51. Read the passage below and then answer, **in full sentences**, the questions that follow.

Kuto village is one of the villages in Kitiki Sub-County. In this village, people do different activities to earn a living. Most of them carry out farming, fishing, carpentry, and making bricks. Mr. Tuko is one of the well-known men in this village. He is known for being a good teacher as well as a hardworking farmer.

Apart from being busy at school, he also gets time to carry out farming. He wakes up at 6:00 a.m. to feed his chicken before he goes to school. During holidays, he always moves from one market to another to sell eggs which he gets from his chicken. He is a happy man because even when his salary delays, he is able to get money from his farm to run the family, pay his children's school fees, clothing and buy enough food.

- (a) In which sub-county is Kuto Village found?
Kuto Village is in Kititi Sub-county.
- (b) Mention **one** activity carried out in lakes?
Fishing
- (c) Who is the well-known man in Kuto Village?
Mr.Tiko is the well-known man in Kuto Village.
- (d) Why is he known in this village?
He is known for being a good teacher as well as a hardworking farmer in this village.
- (e) At what time does Tuko wake up to feed his chicken?
Tuko wakes up at 6:00 a.m. to feed his chicken.
Tuko wakes up at six of the clock in the morning.
- (f) Apart from farming, what else does Mr.Tuko do?
Apart from farming, Mr.Tuko teaches school children.
- (g) From where does Mr.Tuko sell eggs?
Mr.Tuko sells eggs from one market to another.

(h) Give a **word** or **group of words** with the same meaning as the **underlined words** or **group of words** in the story.

(i) well-known - **famous // renown // notorious // noted**

(ii) happy –**delighted // glad // pleased // thankful //**

(j) Write the title of the story.

MR.TUKO A WELL-KNOWN FARMER

MR. TUKO A HARDWORKING TEACHER

KITITI SUB-COUNTY

TEACHER TUKO

52. Study the advertisement and answer the questions about it in full sentences.

Good beef	Good beef	Good beef
Place:	Kawomera Butcher's	
Fee:	Sh.10, 000 per kilogram	
Date:	Open from 6:00a.m. to 5:00p.m. from Monday to Saturday.	
Offer:	Free one kilogram of meat after buying ten kilograms.	
EVERY ONE IS WELCOME		
Enock (butcher)		

(a) What is the advertisement about?

The advertisement is about good beef.

(b) Where is the best beef sold?

The best beef is sold at Kawomera butcher's.

(c) How much is a kilogram of beef in the butcher?

A kilogram of beef is at ten thousand in the butcher.

(d) At what time do they open the butcher's?

They open the butcher's at 6: 00 a.m.

(e) For how many days is the butcher's open?

The butcher's is open for six days.

- (f) What will **one** get who buys ten kilograms get?
One who buys ten kilograms will get a free one kilogram of meat.
- (g) At what time is the butcher's closed?
The butcher's is closed at 5:00 p.m.
- (h) Which day of the week is the butcher's not open?
The butcher's is not open on Sunday.
- (i) Who wrote the advertisement?
Enock wrote the advertisement.
Enock the butcher wrote the advertisement.
- (j) From which animals is beef got?
Beef is got from cows and bulls.
Beef is got from cattle.

53. In question 53, use the words in the box to fill in the blank spaces.

finger, razorblade, washed, plaster, bleeding, loudly,
told, careful, daughter, to

Gundi wanted to cut her **finger** nails. She got a **razorblade** from the drawer. Gundi was not **careful** because she cut herself and cried **loudly**.

Mrs Mwenna heard her **daughter** crying in the house. She said I **told** you not to use a razorblade.

Mrs Mwenna **washed** the girl's finger and tied it with a **plaster**

Next time, learn **to** follow what you have been told.

54. Read the poem below carefully and then answer, **in full sentences** , the questions that follow.

Early morning, I rise in the East
To the West, my journey begins
My bright light,
Many people love it.

But as I shine more and more
People begin to hate me
Saying I am hot
But I don't care
As long as I continue with my journey

My heat helps people
To have their plants grow well
Enough food they will have
Only the lazy ones hate me
Oh! I am proud of myself

By Mwogezi Bob (P.4)

- (a) What is speaking in the poem?
The sun is speaking in the poem.
- (b) What do many people love?
Many people love the speaker's bright light.
Many people love the sun's bright light.
- (c) When do people begin to hate the sun?
People begin to hate the sun when it begins to shine more and more.
- (d) Why do they hate it?
They hate it because it is hot.
They hate it because of its hotness.
- (e) What do people get when the sun shines?
When the sun shines, people grow their plants well and get enough food.

- (f) What helps plants to grow well?
The sun's heat helps the plants to grow well.
- (g) Which people hate the speaker?
The lazy people hate the speaker.
- (h) How many stanzas are in the poem?
There are three stanzas in the poem.
- (i) Who wrote the poem?
Mwogezi Bob a pupil in primary four wrote the poem.
Mwogezi Bob wrote the poem.
- (i) In which class is the writer?
The writer is in primary four.
The writer is in P.4.

55. The table sentences below are in a wrong order. Rearrange them correctly to form a **correct story**.

- (a) Martin, the brightest boy in class gave him five reasons.
- (b) This was because he had a question for us.
- (c) After greeting us, he told us not to sit.
- (d) When he entered class and greeted us.
- (e) One day, our teacher of science came for a lesson.
- (f) Lastly , the teacher thanked Martin and told us to sit.
- (g) Secondly, people eat as a habit and hospitality.
- (h) Besides being a habit and hospitality, people eat food because they are hungry.
- (i) His question was why people eat food.
- (j) First, he said people eat food to be healthy.

Good story

- (a) One day, our teacher of science came for a lesson.
- (b) When he entered class and greeted us.
- (c) After greeting us, he told us not to sit.
- (d) This was because he had a question for us.
- (e) His question was why people eat food.
- (f) Martin, the brightest boy in class gave him five reasons.
- (g) First, he said people eat food to be healthy.
- (h) Secondly, people eat as a habit and hospitality.
- (i) Besides being a habit and hospitality, people eat food because they are hungry.
- (j) Lastly , the teacher thanked Martin and told us to sit.

