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**“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

Correctly spelt response – **1 mark**

One word only

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

1. The headmaster congratulated the school choir **on** winning the music competition.
2. The **recipient / addressee** of the letter was not around by the time the applicant came. (reject receiver)
3. Please , send me those pairs of pliers, **will** you?
4. **Having** entered the restaurant, the waiter gave us a menu.
5. Is she the girl with **whom** you bought these nice dresses?

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

6. Will you **clothe** the baby, please?(cloth)
7. Kaunda is a **knowledgeable** news anchor. (knowledge)
8. All the applicants forgot to write their **signatures**. (sign)
9. That receptionist talks to the clients **modestly**. (modest)
10. Our lawyer produced several **witnesses** in the case. (witness)
11. You **yourself** should report the stubborn boy to the teacher. (self)
12. A forest is **nearer** than a plain land. (near)
13. The athletes have been **stung** by a swarm of bees. (sting)
14. The **lonely** traveller was attacked by the thugs. (alone)
15. Four boys are **vying** for the post of head prefect.(vie)

For each of the questions **16** and **17**, use 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. herd
 - **idea of; to move or make somebody to move in a particular direction.**
 - **Idea of; a group of animals of the same type that live and feed together.**

17. heard - **Idea of ; the past simple tense and past participle form of the verb hear.**

In the numbers **18** and **19**, arrange the given words **in alphabetical order.**

- **A learner should rewrite all the given words correctly.**
- **Accept all the forms of separators.**
- **Reject an order without separators.**

18. candidate , answer , certify , aggregate
aggregate, answer, candidate, certify

19. coal , court , coach , coat
coach , coal , coat , court

In each of the questions **20** to **22**, rewrite the sentence giving the **opposite** of the **underlined word.**

20. The arrival of the school bus excited the school children.
The departure of the school bus excited the school children.

21. Moroto Community Bank allows deposits all the time.
Moroto Community Bank allows withdrawals all the time.
(Reject; withdraws)

22. Pupils should always come to school late.
Pupils should always come to school early.

For questions **23** and **24**, rewrite each sentence giving **one word** for the **underlined group of words.**

23. There was a high rate of inability in reading and writing in our society long ago.
There was a high rate of illiteracy in our society long ago.

24. All the mourners were not patient with hunger.
All the mourners were impatient with hunger.

For each of the questions **25** and **26**, rewrite the sentence giving the **singular form** of the **underlined words.**

25. People depend on animals for meat.
A person depends on animals for meat.

26. The mice were trapped by mousetraps.
The mouse was trapped by mousetraps.
The mouse was trapped by a mousetrap.

In each of the questions **27** and **28**, write the following **short forms** in **full**.

27. PS - **postscript**

28. a.m. **before noon// before midday// after midnight**

For questions **29** and **30**, arrange the given words to make a **correct sentence**.

Note:- Do not introduce a word.

- Leave no word out.

- Punctuate the sentence correctly.

Teach learners to understand the type of a sentence before rearranging it.

That is to say:

- 1.** An exclamatory sentence
- 2.** An imperative sentence
- 3.** An interrogating sentence
- 4.** A declarative sentence

29. revised if would this examination passed I had have I.

I would have passed this examination if I had revised.

30. business letter Can you write a ?

Can you write a business letter?

Sub-Section II

Correct construction -1 mark.

Punctuation error, spelling errors in the key words -0 mark.

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

31. Musimenta wrote an official letter. Then she sealed it in an envelope.
(Rewrite the sentence beginning: Having.....)

Having written an official letter, Musimenta sealed it in an envelope.

32. The candidates reached home late after doing their remedial tests.
(Rewrite the sentence using:arrive)

**The candidates arrived home late after doing their remedial tests.
(Reject : ...arrived at home....)**

33. Joan saved the news. She wanted to read it again in future.
(Rewrite as **one** sentence using:such that.....)
Joan saved the news such that she could read it again in future.
Joan saved the news such that she would read it again in future.
34. Ogwal is taking a thesaurus to the library.
(Rewrite the sentence beginning: A thesaurus.....)
A thesaurus is being taken to the library by Ogwal.
(Reject:.....is being taken by Ogwal to the library.)
35. What was the footballer's name? We measured her height last February.
(Rewrite as **one** sentence using:whose.....)
What was the footballer's name whose height we measured last February?
What was the name of the footballer whose height we measured last February?
36. The head boy is extremely hardworking. Every pupil likes him.
(Rewrite the sentence using:such a)
The head boy is such a hardworking boy that every pupil likes him.
37. "Librarian, Shall I borrow a novel from the library?" Peace asked.
(Rewrite the sentence beginning: Peace wanted to know.....)
Peace wanted to know from Librarian whether she would borrow a novel from the library.
Peace wanted to know from Librarian if she would borrow a novel from the library.
38. It was not necessary for Opio to be given a point of order.
(Rewrite the sentence using:needn't.....)
Opio needn't have been given a point of order.
39. Timothy becomes handsome as he grows old.
(Rewrite the sentence beginning: The, the... ..)
The older Timothy grows, the more handsome he becomes.
The older Timothy grows, he handsomer he becomes.
40. There are some cheap items on the menu, aren't there?
(Rewrite the sentence ending:are there?)
There aren't any cheap items on the menu, are there?
41. He would rather write formal letters than social letters.
(Rewrite as **one** sentence using:more interested.....)
He is more interested in writing formal letters than in writing social letters.

42. Mrs. Nsubuga has given birth to triplets. She sells dining tables.
(Rewrite the sentence using:who.....)
Mrs. Nsubuga, who has given birth to triplets, sells dining tables.
43. The examiners started marking the examinations at 7:00 a.m. It is now 5:00 p.m. They are still marking.
(Rewrite the sentence using:since.....)
The examiners have been marking the examinations since 7:00a.m.
44. The children did not greet the visitors. They did not smile at them either.(Rewrite as **one** sentence using:neither.....)
The children neither greeted the visitors nor smiled at them.
The children did not greet the visitors and neither did they smile at them.
45. Dad bought a horse. It was fat. It was white and old.
(Rewrite the sentence without using: ..."and" "that" "which".)
NOPSASCOMPN//DOPSASCOMPN
Dad bought a fat old white horse.
46. She did not have money. She did not register for PLE.
(Rewrite the sentence using:would.....)
If she had had money, she would have registered for PLE.
She would have registered for PLE if she had had money.
Had she had money, she would have registered for PLE.
She would have registered for PLE if she had had money.
47. He did not win the race. He ran slowly.
(Rewrite the sentence using:enough.....)
He did not run fast enough to win the race.
48. I am old. You are very old.
(Rewrite the sentence using:than.....)
You are older than I am.
You are older than I.
49. Has he returned the ball you lent him?
(Re-write the question using:borrow.....)
Has he returned the ball he borrowed from you?
50. Baale flies passenger planes daily.
(Rewrite the sentence beginning: Passenger planes.....)
Passenger planes are flown by Baale.

51. Read the given letter about of P. 7 Apple at Kurikuringa Primary School and then answer, **in full sentences**, the questions about it.

Kurikuringa Primary School
P O Box 333
Atiak

23rd March 2023

The Class teacher
P. 7 Apple Kurikuringa School
P O Box 333
Atiak

Dear Sir,

Re: APOLOGY FOR NOT COMPLETING WORK

I apologize for not completing the assignment you gave us in English yesterday. I was sincerely down with the terrible head ache after school.

I was taken to Moroto hospital for treatment and came back very late. I have done half of the assignment and I promise to have completed by evening today.

Attached here is the medical letter from Moroto hospital.

I shall be very grateful if my apology is positively regarded.

Yours faithfully,
Okiria James
OKIRIA JAMES

- (a) What type of letter is given above?

A letter of apology is given above.

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- (b) In which school was the writer?

The writer was in Kurikuringa Primary School.

It is Kurikuringa Primary School in which the writer was.

- (c) Why did the writer write the letter?

The writer wrote the letter to apologize for not completing the work.

- (d) When was the letter written?
The letter was written on 23rd March 2023.
The letter was written on 23.03.2023.
The letter was written on 23/03/2023.
- (e) What evidence is there to prove that the writer was sick?
The medical letter from Moroto Hospital (hospital) is there to prove that the writer was sick.
There is the medical letter from Mororto (Hospital) hospital to prove that the writer was sick.
- (f) When was the assignment given to the writer?
The assignment was given to the writer on 22nd March 2023.
The assignment was given to the writer the day before 23rd March 2023.
- (g) To which hospital was the writer taken?
The writer was taken to Moroto hospital(Hospital).
It is Moroto hospital (Hospital) to which the writer was taken.
- (h) What did the writer promise?
The writer promised to complete the work by that day's evening.
The writer promised to complete the work by the evening of 23rd March 2023.
- (i) Who is the writer of the given letter?
Okiria Jmaes is the writer of the given letter.
It is Okiria James who is the writer of the letter.
- (j) Which assignment did the writer fail to complete?
The writer failed to complete the assignment in English.
The writer failed to complete the English assignment.

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

**"A FIVE-DAY INTERSCHOOL DEBATE CHAMPIONSHIP"
AT GEMS INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL**

From 23rd Nov to 27th Nov 2023, lots of prizes to be won

1st prize School Van

2nd prize Water Tank

3rd prize golden medals @ participant

Registration shs.300, 000 @ school

Sponsored by:

New Vision Newspapers, Uganda

Toto Magazine and Gems International School

Don't miss chance, come and show your debating skills!!

- (a) What is the notice about?

**The notice is about a five-day interschool debate championship.
The notice is about a five-day interschool debate championship
at Gems International School.**

- (b) Where will the interschool debate championship take place?

**The interschool debate championship will take place at Gems
International School.**

- (c) What is the registration fee?

**The registration fee is three hundred thousand shillings
(each /per school)**

Three hundred thousand shillings is the registration fee.

- (d) How long will the interschool championship last?

**The interschool debate championship will last four days.
The interschool debate championship will last for four days.**

- (e) On which date will the interschool debate championship take place?

**The interschool debate championship will take place from 23rd
November.**

**The interschool debate championship will take place between
23rd November to 27th November 2023.**

- (f) How much will ten schools pay for registration according to the notice?
Ten schools will pay three million for registration according to the notice.
According to the notice, ten schools will pay three million.
- (g) Name the biggest prize to be won.
School Van// school van
- (h) Mention the sponsors of this interschool debate championship.
New Vision Newspapers, Uganda // Toto Magazine// Gems International School
- (i) Write in full the date on which the interschool debate championship will end.
27th November 2023.// November 27th 2023
- (j) What is the prize for the third winner?
Golden medals are the prize for the third winner

53. Pictures **A** to **F** tell a story. Study them carefully and write one sentence to describe what is happening in each picture. You **may** use the following words to guide you.

envelop letter open letter box postman mother
reply deliver home write read carry post



Picture A:

A postman is **carrying // taking** a letter to a home.

Picture B:

The postman is **delivering / giving** the letter to a girl.

Picture C:

The post man has **given** the girl the letter.

Picture D:

The girl is **reading** the letter.

Picture E:

The girl is **writing** a reply to the letter.

Picture F:

The girl is **posting** her letter.

- (g) What do you think the postman is carrying in the bag in Picture A?
I think the postman is carrying enveloped letters in the bag in Picture A.
I think the postman is carrying letters in the bag in Picture A
- (h) What is the girl doing in Picture C?
The girl is removing a letter from an envelope in Picture C.
The girl is letting out// uncovering//opening//unwrapping a letter from an envelope in Picture C.
- (i) Where is the girl in Picture F?
The girl is at the Post Office in Picture F.
- (j) Suggest a suitable title for the picture story.

LETTER WRITING

POSTING LETTERS

A RESPONSIBLE GIRL

REPLYING TO A LETTER

THE POST OFFICE

THE POSTMAN

DELIVERING A LETTER

RECEIVING A LETTER

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

Long ago, when a man talked,
A woman had to answer "YES"!
His directives were final.
Poor woman had to follow without questions.

All daughters were like their mothers.
They had to be given away soon like property!
The sons resembled their father.
When the father died, they inherited his way
Poor woman! She had to suffer!

But now, a woman is no longer a slave.
To remain without a say at all
Daughters and sons are all alike.
Mothers and fathers all flock together.
What a wonderful change God has made!

By Nalumansi

- (a) What is the poem about?
The poem is about gender issues.
The poem is about gender division.
The poem is about gender and urban change.
The poem is about issues of class, race and gender.
The poem is about tradition concepts gender.
- (b) Did the woman of long ago have a chance to talk?
No, the woman of long ago had no chance to talk.
No, the woman of long ago did not have no chance to talk.
- (c) Whose orders were final?
The man's orders were finals.
- (d) Who resembled their mother?
All daughters resembled their mothers.
Daughters resembled their mothers.
- (e) Write the line that shows that a girl was not important.
"They had to be given way soon like property!"
They had to be given way soon like property!

- (f) In which stanza do we read about a big change in gender issues?
In stanza, we read about a big change in gender issues.
It is in stanza that we read a big change in gender issues.
We read about a big change in gender issues in the third stanza. //stanza three.
- (g) Who has made a wonderful change?
God has made a wonderful change.
- (h) In how many stanzas was this poem written?
This poem was written in three stanzas.
- (i) Who wrote the poem?
Nalumansi wrote the poem.
It is Nalumansi who wrote the poem.
- (j) Give another **word** or **group of words** to mean the same as the **underlined word** in the poem.
- (i) **directives-**
laws/decreed/directions/instructions/commands/
orders/ words/ regulations/prescriptions/
/precepts / demands//rules

55. The sentences below are in a **wrong order**. Rearrange them **correctly** to form a **good composition**.

- (a) This was because it had double letters for some words.
 (b) Last week we did end of month examination.
 (c) The first number was very easy.
 (d) The second number was tricky.
 (e) It required us to arrange words by the first letter.
 (f) I drew tables and put each letter in its own box.
 (g) As usual there were two numbers on alphabetical order.
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