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S.1 ENGLISH LANGUAGE 2025

TIME : 2 HOURS

INSTRUCITONS

- Attempt **ALL** the numbers

SECTION: A READING AND COMPREHENSION

READ THE FOLLOWING PASSAGE AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS THAT FOLLOW.

The beauty of good manners

Last Thursday, a huge, tall man clad in a three-piece suit drove up to our school and parked his posh car outside the principal's office. He got out of the car, strode into the office and announced his presence by shouting in a rough voice, "I want Shanguya."

"I beg your pardon, Sir," said Ms Kanika, the school secretary. "Do you mean you would like to see Mr Shanguya?"

"Yeah!" bellowed the man. "I want to see Shanguya, your boss."

"I am sorry, Sir," said Ms Kanika. "Mr Shanguya is holding a meeting with the staff. Would you like to wait, please, while I contact him?"

"I can't wait," said the man irritably. "I have no time."

Before Ms Kanika could say anything else, the man brushed past her and flung open the door to the principal's office. Maybe he thought that the principal was there. He was not there. In fact, he was holding the meeting in the staffroom.

"Where is he?" asked the man, turning back to the secretary.

Ms Kanika was now totally disgusted with the man's rudeness. She coldly said, "I'm sorry but I cannot be of any further assistance to you."

Then Ms Kanika turned back to her work. The huge man glowered at her for a moment but there was little else he could do. He stormed out of the office and drove off.

In the story above, the man who wants to see the principal may be rich. He may be successful or influential, as his elegant clothes and his expensive car suggest. Nevertheless, he is certainly not civilized or even educated, if we judge by his behaviour.

The clearest mark of a truly educated person is politeness or good manners. The essence of politeness is that you respect yourself and you respect other people. People who do not respect themselves and other people are impolite and ill-mannered. It is utterly disgusting having to deal with such rude people. Indeed, you can recognize them the moment they open their mouths, for language is the most obvious means of expressing politeness. In fact, everything we say, in any situation, shows other people whether we are polite or not.

There are, especially, four little expressions which are the pillars of politeness. They are 'excuse me', 'please', 'sorry' and 'thank you'. These are the four wheels



on which the vehicle of good manners moves. Anyone who wants to drive smoothly through life must make sure that these wheels of polite speech are firmly fixed on their car.

Yet it is surprising how often people forget to speak politely. Whether you are strong, rich or powerful, you are expected to address other people politely. Acknowledge people by greeting them and calling them by their right titles. If you require something, do not demand it. The best way is to ask politely. Saying 'thank you' for every service and every kind act is a regular habit of every true lady and gentleman. It is never embarrassing to apologize for our mistakes. Indeed, it is one of the noblest things a person can do. After all, it is human to make mistakes.

To return to our four wheels of politeness, 'excuse me' is a form of attracting attention. If you want to ask for information or assistance from someone, it is good to start by saying to them, 'Excuse me ...', then you proceed with whatever you wish to say to them. We also use 'excuse me' to ask people to be patient with us and not to be upset about interruptions in our dealings with them. If you sneeze or cough in the middle of a sentence, for example, you say 'Excuse me' to the person or persons listening to you. A person having to leave a room where they are meeting with other people will say 'Excuse me for a minute' before going out.

'Please' is the most important word in asking for anything. Even when you are giving orders, please, remember to say 'Please'. If you are telling other people what to do, it is important to say, for example, 'Please sweep this house and wash those clothes'.

Some rude and crude people often go to shops or restaurants and simply demand for services. They say things like 'I want tea' or 'give me ugali'. They think that it is not necessary for them to be polite because, after all, they are going to pay for the services. This is wrong. Although you are paying for the goods or services you get, you must show respect to the person who serves you. It would be much better to say to the shopkeeper, "May I have a loaf of bread, please?" At a restaurant you can say to the waiter, "Give me a cup of tea and a samosa, please."

'Sorry' is for conveying apologies. Of course, it is necessary to apologize. 'Sorry' is one little word which can get one out of a lot of trouble. If all people learnt to say 'I am sorry' every time they made a mistake, a lot of conflicts would not arise. Yet a lot of people never want to apologize for their blunders. You feel sorry for them.

We also say 'sorry' to people to show our sympathy with them over any inconvenience caused to them, whether by us or not. A shopkeeper may, for example, say, "I'm sorry the bread is finished." The waiter at the restaurant may tell the customer, "I'm sorry we are closed today." Someone may telephone and ask to speak to a person who is absent at that moment. If you pick up the telephone, you may politely say, "I'm sorry. Mr Githinji is not in. Would you like to leave a message, please?"

Thank you very much for reading this passage. I really appreciate your effort and your attention. That is what the expression 'thank you' does. It expresses gratitude. It tells the listeners that you like and respect what they have done. It is a lovely habit to always say 'Thank you' for everything that anyone does for you.

The next time you alight from a matatu, will you please remember to say to the conductor, "Thank you very much for the ride"? We will all be grateful for your politeness.

1.1 What suggests that the visitor to the school is a rich person? (02 marks)

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1.2 Where is Mr. Shanguya when the visitor comes to the office? (02 scores)

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1.3 What, according to the passage, is the essence of politeness? (02 marks)

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1.4 Mention the four expressions which the author calls the "pillars of politeness". (04 scores)

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1.5 What does the writer suggest you should do if you want something? (02 scores)

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1.6 Do you think one should thank a matatu driver or conductor when one gets off the vehicle? Why? (02 scores)

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- 1.7 “Give me a cup of tea and a samosa, please. (Re-write in plural form). (02 scores)

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SECTION B : GRAMMAR

- 2A Rewrite the following sentences as instructed. (10 scores)**

- 2.1 Nabirye is very beautiful. She can win the beauty contest. (Use too....to)

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- 2.2 Mashaka did not attend the party. Kateeba did not attend the party.
(Begin: Neither.....nor.)

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- 2.3 The room was very crowded. We could not find anywhere to sit.
(Use.....so ...that...)

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- 2.4 Mark is tall. Blaise is taller. (Usethan.....)

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- 2.5 Cathy is hardworking
(Re-write and supply a suitable question tag)

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- 2.6 Sharon is very short. She cannot touch the ceiling. (Use....so...that...)

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SECTION C : FUNCTIONAL WRITING

(10 SCORES)

2. Your family is organizing an introduction ceremony for your elder sister. One of the desires from your in-laws is availing them with the family relation as a way of knowing each other and building the bond between the two families.

Task

As a S.1 student who has been exposed on how to construct a pictorial presentation of families, present your family tree. Include their names and their relationship to you.

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