



# AITEL EXAMINATION

UGANDA CERTIFICATE OF LOWER SECONDARY CURRICULUM

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English language

One hour 30 min.

Instructions.

All the numbers are to be attached

1. Read the passage below and answer the questions below it.

## THE BOY WHO CRIED WOLF.

A boy called Peter lived with his parents in a village on the hillside. His parents, like most of the other people in the village, were sheep farmers. Everybody in the family took turns to look after the sheep, and when Peter was 10 years old, he was considered old enough to take his turn at shepherding.

But Peter was too bored and he found it very tiresome being on a hillside with only sheep for company. So he would find ways to amuse himself, running up the rocks, climbing trees, chasing sheep, but nothing really kept him amused for very long. Then, he hit upon a brilliant idea. He climbed to the top of the tallest tree and started shouting towards the village:

"Wolf! Wolf! Wooolf! Wooooof!"

One of the villagers who heard him, got other men armed with axes, hoes and folks, and together, they ran to chase away the wolf and save their herd. Of course, when they got there, they merely found Peter perched high up in the tree, laughing, and the sheep grazing peacefully. They were very annoyed with him. That night, Peter got a spanking from his mother and was sent to bed without any supper.

For a while, life went on again as normal, and people forgot about the incident. Peter managed to behave himself whenever it was his turn to mind the

sheep. Until one day, he got really bored again. He picked up some sticks, and running through where the sheep were grazing, he started hitting the sticks together, and shouting.

"Wolf! Wolf! Wooolf! Whoohoolf! Woohooohoooolf!

Sure enough, somebody in the village heard and before long, all the men came running up the hill, armed with their sticks, axes, hoes and shovels, ready to deal with the big bad wolf, and save their sheep and the poor shepherd boy. Imagine their **consternation** when they arrived in the field to see their herd grazing peacefully and Peter sitting on a big rock, laughing hysterically.

That night, Peter got a good telling off, an even better spanking from his mother. He was again sent to bed without any supper. For a few days, people in the village went around moaning about Peter and his tricks, but before long, things settled down again, and life resumed its normal uneventful course. Peter had to do his turn at shepherding again every now and then. He decided he should behave himself. He really didn't want to upset everybody all the time, and he especially didn't want another one of his mother's spankings!

One afternoon, when Peter was in the fields with the sheep, he noticed some of them were getting nervous. They started bleating and running **hither and thither**. Peter didn't know the cause of this strange behavior. Sheep were running all over and making an even louder racket. He got worried and decided to climb a tree so he could see what was going on. He balanced on a **sturdy** branch and looked around. What he saw almost made him fall off the tree! There was a great big hairy wolf chasing the sheep, biting at their legs, snapping at their tails. For a few seconds, Peter was speechless. Then he started shouting:

"Wolf! Wooolof! Woohooohoooolf!

In the village, an old man heard the shouting.

"Oh no! Not that Peter again!" he said, shaking his head.

"What's going on?" inquired another villager.

"It's that Peter again, he just can't help himself."

"That boy enjoys being the center of attention all the time," said another.

"Wait till his mother gets hold of him," added yet another. Nobody believed that this time, there really was a wolf, and nobody got their hoe, or their axe, or their shovel. All the sticks were left in the sheds and nobody rushed up the hillside.

It wasn't until very much later that afternoon that the boy sent to take over the shepherding from Peter found bodies of sheep strewn all over the hillside, and Peter still up in the tree, **whispering**, that the villagers found out there really had been a wolf this time.

At last, Peter learnt his lesson that if you always tell lies, people will eventually stop believing you; and then when you are telling the truth, when you really need them to believe you, they won't.

### **Questions.**

1. Do you think Peter loved his work as shepherd? Give reasons for your views.

2. Why would Peter climb the tree and cry "wolf, wolf, wolf"?

3. If you were one of the villagers that came to Peter's rescue, how would you react?

4. Was the punishment given to Peter by his mother fair? Explain your answer. If you were Peter's mother, how else could you have disciplined him?

5. Imagine you were Peter, how would you have handled boredom?

6. Explain how Peter's lies affected the community.

7. Give the meaning of the following words as used in the passage.

a, shepherding

b, spanking

c, perched

d, consternation

e, perched

f, hither and thither

2. Using the adjectives of your choice, write a story of only three paragraphs describing the food and drinks you have enjoyed this term at school.