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## **Instructions**

**Answer all questions**

**TOPICS; MODERN COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY AND CELEBRATIONS**

## **SECTION A**

**Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow;**

Narrated by bradon kakooza

Long ago, there lived five youthful friends. These were ear, leg, eye, hand and stomach. The five lived together. One day, Ear heard the mooing of cattle in a distance. He told his friends:

“There are cattle mooing far away in the hills.” All the friends agreed that Mother Luck had smiled on them. They decided to acquire a cow. Who does not know the value of cows? Skin, dung, milk, horns, and blood: everything about a cow is invaluable.

The five decided to go immediately and pick one of the cows that Ear had heard mooing to bring it home. On the way, Leg transported them; Ear traced the source of the mooing; Eye showed them the way while Hand carried the rope with which to tie the cow. Now in one of the valleys, Eye saw a large herd of healthy-looking cattle. All the five friends moved closer to the herd. He identified a very fat cow and ordered Hand to tie it with the rope he had carried for that purpose. On the return journey, it was Leg who transported them once again. Eye showed them the way while Hand pulled the cow. Soon, they returned to their home. At home, the five comrades held a meeting to decide who should own the cow.

Stomach was the first to present his views. “Comrades,” he said. “let’s wait till the cow produces calves. Then each of us can take one calf in turns.”

Ear could not bear what he called nonsense from stomach! He argued, “I vehemently disagree with stomach. I am the one who heard the cow mooing. How else would you have known about the presence of the cow in the first place? The cow is mine, right,” he sat down. Eye shot up. He protested.

“What a forgetful ingrate you are, comrade Ear! If I didn’t show you the way to and from that herd of cattle, could you have found it? I think the cow is mine, in all fairness,” he sat down, brooding.

It was Hand’s turn now. “You amaze me with your thoughtlessness! Have you already forgotten that I, Hand, carried the rope, tied the cow and led the cow up to here? If the cow is not mine, whose is it?” he sat down, with a smile of satisfaction.

Leg corrected his comrades, “You are all wrong. I carried and transported you from here to the hills, then from the hills back home. How dare you want to dispossess me? How could any of you have transported anything, let alone this cow? It is obvious the cow belongs to leg, the carrier,” he sat down, uneasily. Now, Stomach changed his original stand of sharing the offspring of their cow. He said, without giving any reason, “the cow belongs to me, me alone,” he sat down, confidently.

The four friends, Eye, Ear, Hand and Leg unanimously scored and jeered at Stomach. “Ha ha ha! You? A mere escort? What part did you play in our successful expedition? You didn’t do anything! You should be ashamed of yourself!”

But Stomach calmly responded, “let’s go to the chief Judge, to establish the right owner of the cow.” They all agreed, except Ear who kept protesting that he as the one who had heard the mooing and that the rest were just assistants. At the Judge’s place, it was Ear who introduced the case. He said, “I am the one who heard the cow mooing. Now these comrades of mine want to claim it, yet I am the rightful owner. Judge, sort us out.”

The judge gave each of the comrades an opportunity to present his case. Ear, Leg, Eye and hand, each gave reasons as to why he as the rightful owner of the cow. Stomach remained silent.

The judge asked stomach, “What are you going to say in turn?” Stomach’s reply was, “My lord, I’m a man of few words. All that my friends have said is true. My concern is only one. All of them, whatever they did, they did so on my behalf.” Stomach’s friends protested heatedly about his apparent arrogance. What did stomach think he was to belittle them before the judge?

The judge said, “Take heart, young men. I will soon settle your case.” The judge summoned his servant and sent him for a clay dish, half full of water. Then he sent the servant for a twig from the *nkoni*, that herb which either cures or causes disease. When the two items were brought, the judge broke a leaf from the twig and left the sap drop into the dish. Then he ordered stomach to drink up the water.

As soon as stomach drank up the water, he developed acute diarrhea. The judge then asked Ear, “Can you hear me right now?” Ear said. “How can I hear you with all this terrible diarrhea?”

The judge turned and asked Eye, “You, Eye, can you see me right now?” Eye replied with tears streaming in his eyes, “it is impossible to see clearly, not with this diarrhea I am suffering. Then the judge told Hand, “Hold me by the wrist.” Hand said, “I can’t hold anything not with this diarrhea troubling me so.”

Finally, the judge asked leg to walk away from his presence. Leg pleaded, “My lord, why do you mock me? How can I walk with this terrible diarrhea?” Presently, the judge sent his servant for a cup of milk. Then he ordered stomach to drink it up. As soon as he drank the milk, stomach recovered immediately, and was perfectly healthy again. Even Eye, Leg, Ear and Hand became healthy and strong.

The judge then concluded, “I am sure you know the answer. What you do, you do it on behalf of stomach. Stomach is your power-house. Therefore, the ultimate owner of the cow is stomach.

The five friends went back home satisfied and praised the wisdom of the judge.

Source; Traditional Wisdom; Folktales from Uganda, Dominica Dipio and Stuart Sillars [Editors]

## QUESTIONS

1. What are the characters arguing about?

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2. Describe the feelings aroused in you after reading the passage?

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3. Who do you think deserved the cow and why?

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4. What lessons do you draw from the passage?

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5. Using a table, summarize each character's reason for deserving the cow.

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6. There are people in the society who fight over property. Give three examples of such people and what kind of property they fight over.

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7. Suppose you were a judge and two widows and their fourteen children who are conflicting over property brought their case to you, how would you help them?

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## **SECTION B**

### **Scenario**

Imagine you are an old boy or girl and your former school has emerged the winner of the national schools sports championships. You have been invited as the chief guest to grace the function and honour the school team.

### **Task**

Write a speech you will deliver on that function. In your speech, ensure to include;

1. The history of the team

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