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**ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

**PAPER 1**

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**2HOURS**

***INSTRUCTIONS;***

This paper consists of two sections: section A section B. It has four examination items.

-section A is compulsory

-answer one item from section B

-answer three items in all

-answers to section A must be written in the space provided

-Answers to section B must be written on the answer sheets provided

-any additional items answered will not be scored

**SECTION A**

**ITEM 1. Read the following passage and answer the questions after it:-**

Mad people are as much a nuisance on the roads as stray animals.

The problem with motor accidents is that everyone who travels by road or stays close to the road, is a potential victim of a tragic accident.

Delving into the causes of accidents, as a means of preventing them it of paramount importance to all.

Bearing this in mind, and still badly shaken by the Katuna and Jinja Owen Falls Dam accidents scances / set out to explore the causes of accidents: “Some of the major causes of accidents, “Said Julius Salube, the OC traffic, Katwe, “is careless use of the road by propel other than drivers.” Salube challenged my thought that drivers were not solely responsible for road accidents.

“Drunkards who cross road carelessly, careless pedestrians, amongst whom are very young kids sent to buy items from shops by their parents: Careless cyclists, many of whom we have arrested and prosecuted are all major causes of accidents” he says with a profound.

“Stray animals have caused accidents too often,” he said.

“Drivers have swerved off the road. In an attempt to save a goat, and on the process killed so many passengers.”

Bosco Berebera, an immigration officer, with experience as a driver has, many similar observations, nothing that mad people are as much a nuisance as animals or drunkards.

“A mad man can refuse to leave the road, causing an accident,” he said.

Other cases pointed out are: vehicles in poor mechanical condition: poor quality tyres: defective breaks, and the fact that most of our second – hand vehicles are not designed for own poor state of roads. Unqualified drivers, who access driving licences fraudulently, excited taxi drivers, drunk, driving, drug abuse, the tendency to driver under medication that causes drowsiness.

Ignoring road signs, poorly constructed roads (with sharp bends, large pot holes, or that are very narrow) Poor weather conditions, reckless driving, disrespect of traffic rules, switching lanes even on high ways, and switching off engines on slopes to save fuel! In addition to the issue of mental status of the taxi and bus drivers arises as another major cause; “Most of the drivers drive under extreme stress.” Said Theodara Nbingiye,, a psychotherapist. “They drive all day and most of the time, getting only a couple of hours to rest.

“Their bosses ask them for a certain percentage above which is their cut. So they work so hard to make more money. The more trips they make, so is the money. This is their problem”.

Salube says. “Taxi drivers move from trip to trip, fighting to beat deadlines off the wheel”.

Simon Nantamu psychology lecturer says, “They work under stressful conditions, pushing themselves too far. That is why they take drugs, to break the monotony of their work life. In the end, they crash,” Theodora also points out the fact that drivers, extravagance increase on their need for money. They tend to have girl friends in every trading centre. They spend the little money they make entertaining them and they are in need for more.”

Nantamu felt that certain preventive measures could be put in place. There should be stiffer penalties for drivers who cause deaths. They should be charged for man slaughter and their driving licenced either suspended or permanently withdrawn.

Traffic policemen should be put back on the highways for drivers to be alert. Taxi drivers should work in shifts and be put on regular salary by a regulating, authority, independent of how many trips they make.

Both Theodora and Simon, pointed to the fact that the people who take on the profession of taxi drivers tend to have an underlying psychological problem.

This makes them reckless, fearless, insensitive to other people’s suffering, and arrogant. In light of this, taxi drivers, on general, need counseling.

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Note that the country is holding a road safety week, you, as a member of the writers club, asked to write something for student’s news, in about 90 words summarize the cause of the road accidents in Uganda.

**SUMMARY**

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**ITEM 2. Read the passage below and answer questions that follow:**

**Kidnapped**

At first, when he came to consciousness, Ali did not know whether he was alive or dead. A soft, heavy weight pressed him about on every side. He could see nothing, and breathing was difficult. He tried to move his arms and legs, but his efforts only increased the pain in his head – a pain which seemed, when he struggled, to reach out like a whip to sting his ankles and wrists. He realized that he was bound tightly, hand and foot.

For horrifying moment Ali believed that he had been buried alive. He groaned and twisted, trying to push with his bent knees at the weight that lay on him. The weight shifted and pressed more heavily on his chest and face. He wriggled violently and the weight moved again, so that breathing became a little easier.

After a little he realized that the weight’s in which he lay wedged were shaking with regular, jerky movements. He began to be aware of sounds and smells. The throbbing, hwhich he had thought to be part of the aching in his head and body, he knew to be the sound of a lorry engine. And there was the smell of grain and sack cloth in his nostrils.

It came to him with a wonderful feeling of relief that he had not been buried alive after all. God had heard his prayer. He had by now fully recovered his sense of position. He was in the back of a lorry – an old one by the sound of its engine. He was lying half – buried in a great pile of sacks of grain – rice, perhaps. He could see nothing because he himself was tied up in a sack.

He called out as loud as he could – trying to make his voice sound above the rattle of the engine.

‘Hullo! Let me out! .... Let me out, there’!

Almost immediately he felt himself being pulled up on the pile of sacks.

Someone undid the string that tied the sack over his head. He laid staring up at a *starlit* sky and gulping the fresh air into his lungs. The next movement the sky was blotted out by two faces bending down over him: a brown, scarred face under a lot of curly, black hair, and beside it then thin, white face he had last seen in a patch of moonlight among his uncle’s banana trees.

Ketam spoke first: ‘So you’re awake....... Ah Foo, stop the lorry. I can’t hear him above the noise of this engine.’ His voice was a deep growl – like thunder heard a long way off.

Ah Foo crawled over the heap of sacks and *thumped* the roof of the driver’s cab with his clenched fist. The lorry pulled off the side of the road, and stopped under some coconut trees.

When the engine had been switched off, Ketam bent his head close to Ali’s and said in his deep, threatening voice: ‘We have the map again, but where have you hidden the red notebook?

‘I.....I don’t know. I must have dropped it when you fired at me.... in the Gardens....”

‘So you dropped it in the Botanical Gardens, did you?” said Ketam, his yellow eyes burning like a tiger’s. ‘And where did you go when you left the Gardens?

Ali wondered whether it would help him to pretend that he had been to the police. But waiting for the word ‘police’ to draw a knife across Ali’s throat.

**Answer the following questions**

1. What made Ali unconscious?

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1. What was the soft heavy weight that was pressing on him?

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1. “God had heard his prayer” What was Ali’s prayer?

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1. How did Ali know that he was in a lorry?

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1. What time of day was it?

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1. Ah Foo ordered the lorry to be stopped because;

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1. Why was Ali in the lorry?

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1. Why was Ketam’s eyes burning like a tiger’s?

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**SECTION B**

***Either:***

ITEM 3. Last night you over ate food which couldn’t let your stomach settle in the following day. Assuming you have just gassed in class and your fellow students are trying to blame you for the act. The class teacher has just called you due to the report made by the class councilor about what happened. You have been asked to write an apology letter to your fellow students in order to harmonize the situation through the class councilor. Write it.

***Or:***

ITEM 4. You were sent by your mother to the market for house shopping items, but on your way, you lost the money. Narrate a story of what happened after between you and her. In your story, tell us how you begun to express yourself to her, what she did to you and how things absolutely ended.

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