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ENGLISH LANGUAGE
COMPOSITION
PAPER 1
July/August 2018
2 hours



WAKISSHA JOINT MOCK EXAMINATIONS

Uganda Certificate of Education

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COMPOSITION

Paper 1

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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

This paper has two sections: Section A and Section B.

You must attempt both Sections.

Answer two questions in all.

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SECTION A: (Compulsory) 20 Marks

1. Imagine you are the District Education Officer for your home district. In the recent years, schools in the district have been performing poorly at National Examinations. Prepare a speech you will deliver in a meeting with the headteachers concerning academic progress in the district. You may include the following:

- Problems of education in the district.
- Role of parents in students' good performance:
- Solutions to the challenges.

(Use 150 – 200 words)

SECTION B (20 Marks)

Choose one topic from the following and write about it using between 500 and 600 words.

2. Write an original composition based on **one** of the following:
- a) He who can lick, can bite.
 - b) The dangers of playing night disco music at school.
3. Describe what happened when you presented a very poor End of Term Report to your parents.
4. Write about an education tour that brought a new discovery to your life.
5. Parents should not be allowed to take food to their children in boarding schools during visitation days. What is your view?
6. Write a story beginning: **I stood transfixed when the Headteacher slapped me in the face with a suspension letter.....**
7. The National Examinations' Body of your country should continue to cancel the results of candidates caught cheating. Argue for or against.

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SECTION A Compulsory (20 Marks)

1. Your village is one of those that have been hit by prolonged drought that has caused shortage of food and famine. The Minister of Agriculture Animal husbandry and Fisheries is visiting your village to assess what the situation is like. Write a report that will guide him convince the Government to address the situation. You may include some or all of the following ideas:-
 - How serious the problem is
 - Attempts by local people to solve the problem.
 - Effects of the drought.
 - Suggestions to government on what should be done.(Use 250 - 300 words)

SECTION B (20 Marks)

Choose one topic from the following and write about it using between 400 and 600 words.

2. Write a story to end.....that is how the situation that had begun with happiness ended on a sad note.
3. "Cheap things always turn out to be expensive". Write a composition to prove this belief.
4. "Education is a mixture of pain and pleasure". Write an essay in support of or against the above statement.
5. Suggest how students in your school can be assisted to perform better in English language.
6. Describe what happened when your neighbour was caught mistreating a step child.
7. Write a story to begin: I looked at her walk out of his room holding a holy book and realized human beings are hard to trust...

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SECTION A: (20 MARKS)

For the following compulsory questions I, write a composition of 150 – 200 words.

1. You are required to speak on the theme:
AIDS CAN BE AVOIDED on the World Aids Day celebrations held at your school.
Write the speech you would deliver to the guests and participants.
You may include some or all of the following;
 - What is AIDS?
 - Impacts of AIDS to Communities.
 - How it can be prevented.
 - Encouraging abstinence.
 - Listening to advice.

SECTION B: (20 MARKS)

Choose only one of the following topics and write a composition of 500 – 600 words.

2. Describe the most destructive storm you have experienced.
3. Write a story to end; it was indeed selfishness that drove him to such unbelievable act.
4. Write a story to illustrate the saying “**a bad beginning makes a good ending**”.
5. Write a story of what happened when a thief was caught red-handed stealing at school.
6. Religious differences are the main cause of violence in our communities. Write in support or disagreement.
7. For what reasons do young children run away from their homes to the streets? Suggest how this can be avoided.

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SECTION A

Question 1 is compulsory.

Write a composition of 250 – 300 words.

(20 marks)

1. Your sibling has gone missing on his way from school.
Write an announcement to be read over a local radio station in an attempt to find him.

SECTION B

Choose only **one** of the following topics and write a composition of 500 – 600 words.

(20 marks)

2. Write an original story based on **one** of the following topics;
 - a) Greed kills.
 - b) All that glitters is not gold.
3. Explain the problems faced by Security Agencies in enforcing law and order in your country.
4. **No Citizen should produce more than two children in Uganda.** Write your views to agree or disagree with the statement.
5. Write a story to end ... I found myself in hospital on a drip and the only memory I had was the local council tractor demolishing our house.
6. Describe your bedroom that you found disorganized by a family member after your long stay in a boarding school.
7. Write a story titled **A memorable Trip.**

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SECTION A

For the compulsory question number 1, write a composition of 250 – 300 words.

1. You have been chosen to be the secretary during your class meeting in which you discuss how to improve sanitation in and around your class. You may include some or all of the following in the agenda;

- Prayer.
- Cleaning equipments.
- Provision of water.
- Positive attitude towards work.
- Cleaning rota.

Write the minutes of that meeting.

SECTION B

Choose only ONE of the following topics from questions 2 – 7 and write a composition of 500 – 600 words.

2. Write an original story based on one of the following topics;
- a) The fight.
 - b) The festival.
 - c) Lost and found.
3. What in your opinion are the causes and effects of homosexuality in your society today?
4. Government should ban all those tight – fitting clothes and those that expose people's under wears. What are your views?
5. Give reasons for or against single sex schools.
6. Write a story based on the saying; 'A bird in hand is worth two in the bush'
7. Narrate an original story ending it as follows; It was at this moment that I realized my failure and I blamed myself for it.

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Paper 1

1 hour 30 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

There are two alternative papers: Paper 1 A and Paper 1 B.

You must **NOT** attempt both sections.

Write either Paper 1 A or Paper 1 B at the top of your answer script.

PAPER 1 A: You are advised to spend 10-15 minutes preparing, about one hour writing and 15-20 minutes checking your work.

PAPER 1 B: For each of your two answers, you are advised to spend 10 minutes preparing, 25 minutes writing and 10 minutes checking your work.

SECTION A:

Choose one of the following topics and write a composition of 500-700 words.

1. Write a story beginning; 'When I picked the telephone call, I could not believe it was such an important person I was talking to.....'
2. Write about an incident when a person you had thought was selfish helped you out of a problem.
3. Describe what happened at the marriage ceremony of a close relative or a friend.
4. What happened when a student in your dormitory was caught red-handed stealing a friend's property?
5. What should be done in your country to reduce the cost of living?
6. The immorality among the youth today is caused by the people surrounding them. Give reasons to support your view.
7. "Students in secondary schools should be allowed to decide what they are to be taught." Write in favour or against this view.

SECTION B:

Answer **question 1** and **one** other question in this section. Each of your composition should be 250-300 words.

1. The Geography society in your school is planning a field work tour to a place far away from your school. You are likely to spend a week away while on this tour. As a secretary of the society, the committee has asked you to make a write-up in preparation for the tour.
Write a proposal to present to your members about the tour, using some or all the following guidelines;
 - Suggest the place / destination for the tour
 - Reasons for your suggestions
 - Means of transport
 - Accommodation and meals
 - Cost of the tour.
 - The challenges you are likely to face.
2. Write a story based on the saying. "Opportunity knocks once at every man's door."
3. In what ways do you think the performance in English Language can be improved in various schools?
4. Discuss a popular traditional dance from your area.
5. Which type of car would you like to drive in future, and why?
6. Write about a time when you disagreed with a taxi driver.

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Paper 1

1 hour 30 minutes

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SECTION A

Choose **one** of the following topics and write a composition of **500 to 700** words.

1. Write a story to illustrate **one** of the following sayings;
 - a) All that glitters is not gold.
 - b) Charity begins at home.
2. Describe a time in your life when you had to make a painful decision to overcome a difficult situation.
3. What happened when the headteacher found you escaping from school?
4. Write a story beginning with the following statement: "A gun sounded once, followed by a loud cry of a woman..."
5. Write a story about a stranger who became very useful to you.
6. How best can corruption be fought in your country?
7. "Women contribute more to the proper upbringing of children"
Do you agree or not? Give reasons for your answer.

SECTION B:

Answer question 1 and one other question. Each of your compositions should be 250 to 300 words.

1. Assume that you are a dealer in mobile telephones and radios.
Write a magazine article intending to inform readers about your services. You may use some or all the following information,
 - guarantee period
 - discount
 - location(s)
 - working days and time.
2. Describe the most unusual person in your family clearly showing what makes him/her unique.
3. Explain the reasons why large crowds watch football games.
4. Imagine that your close friend wants to commit suicide. Explain to him/her that it is not a solution to problems.
5. Write about a party that was a complete failure.
6. Create a composition titled; "A sad experience with the police"

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1 hours 30 minutes

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Turn Over

SECTION A:

Choose one of the following topics and write a composition of 500-700 words.

1. Write a story beginning; 'As soon as the man spoke, I realized that I had seen him before...'
2. Describe your favourite show on a local television programme. Why do you like it.
3. Write a story based on one of the following sayings;
a) When the cat is away, the mice will play'
b) Pride comes before a fall!
4. Describe an incident that completely changed the life of people in your village.
5. What in your opinion are the roles of a good parent in bringing up children?
6. Should students in secondary schools be allowed to possess telephones during term time?

SECTION B:

Answer **question 1** and **one** other question in this section. Each of your composition should be 250-300 words.

1. There is increased crime rate in your village. The police would like you to assist in solving the problem. Assuming you are the Local Council one chairman of the village, prepare a report to the officer in-charge of the nearest police post, giving details of the crime events that have taken place. In your report you may include the following:
 - Nature of crime
 - When it occur
 - The people involved
 - Possible causes
 - Recommendations
2. Describe the most interesting competitions you attended in your home area.
3. You wish to be elected as a head prefect of your school, what would you do and say to win the elections.
4. What do you consider the most important event in your life? Why do you think so?
5. Should the government allow abortion in cases of rape and defilement?
6. Suggest the ways in which young people in your area can overcome poverty.
7. What should be done to reduce the number of students who fail to complete secondary school?

END