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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

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

Section A is **compulsory**.

Answer **one** item from Section B.

Answer **three** examination items in all.

Answers to Section A **must** be written in the **spaces provided**.

Answers to Section B **must** be written in the answer **booklets** provided.

Any additional items answered **will not** be scored.

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Section	Score	Examiner's signature
A		
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SECTION A

Item 1.

Read the passage below and respond to the task after it.

Many studies have shown that it is best for children to have both parents in their lives. Even if a step parent is not abusive, it will still be difficult for a child to form the kinds of bonds or relationships they have with their birth parents. If you are planning to get a divorce, it is important to do everything you can to make sure that your children have some kind of emotional support beyond you and your ex-husband or wife whether it is seeing a psychologist or just looking for social interactions that will not be affected by the divorce.

One of the hardest parts of divorce for children is trying to maintain a stable life while living between two homes. Regardless of how hard you and your former spouse may try, it may prove impossible to share custody or the care of the child that provides a consistent routine for your child. Unfortunately, it is not easy to lessen the impact of constantly having to travel from one home to another. Open communication with your child is the best way to ensure that his or her needs are met as much as possible.

Even though many children today come from broken homes, there is still an enormous social burden placed on the child. Among other things, if a child has to go from one parent's house to another on the weekends, they miss out on vital socialising opportunities with their school friends. You will also find that the constant disruption over the holidays will also take a toll on normal social development.

When it comes to custody decisions, many couples choose one parent for weekdays and the other for weekends and holidays. Aside from being confusing, there are a number of consequences to this kind of arrangement. If you find that your children do not have as many friends at school, or that they are often frustrated with social situations, it may be a good indicator that the custody arrangements are contributing to the problem.

Rather than simply ignore the fact that your child's social life is being disrupted by divorce, it is important to face this fact and take steps to amend the situation.

Adapted from: Sunday Monitor, May 10, 2009

Task:

There are rising cases of divorce in Uganda. This affects children in many ways. In your vacation, you are working with an NGO that supports children and parents from broken homes. Write the information that will help the community understand the effects of divorce to children, according to the passage. Use not more **120** words.

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From the moment Margaret had come, he had at least enjoyed the scent of her perfume and hair lotion. But now the perfume scent and the scent of these delicacies made him recall the burnt smell of beans he used to eat at

home. The bean was called 'the visitor went deliberately.' The dish was so delicious that any visitor who saw it being prepared in a particular homestead would deliberately pay a visit there so as to taste it. The people in Bungatira argued that the bean was equal to meat in taste. Obina wondered what brought him here. Why was Omara misleading him? Why should he accustom himself to standards and ways he could never live up to? And what about the forks, the knives, and the spoons before him? What was he going to do with them? And these cups very small and looking quite slippery? He began to sweat profusely. But he became ashamed because the weather since morning had been very mild. Christine noticed it.

'Oh, you are finding it hot,' she said.

'Don't mind about me,' Obina replied. But she was already by the fan. Obina felt chilly. But he could say nothing because he had proved to the hostess that he needed the fan.

'Put off that thing,' Omara protested after a short while. 'Do you want to turn us cold-blooded?' People laughed. Obina just smiled. Christine switched off the fan and Obina felt relieved. She served the sliced bread and other snacks and soon the guests started eating. Obina thought he should be very careful. He should also relax and be free just like the others. Lifting the delicate cup so slowly and timidly would only betray him. He realised that Omara and the others were swift, especially in the expert style with which they managed the forks and the spoons. Christine observed that Obina was not eating. She looked at him in a manner that seemed to remind Obina to begin using his mouth.

'Get to business man. What is wrong with you?' Omara told Obina in the native language, which the others did not understand. The guests had just taken the bite that awakes appetite when Obina created the scandal. He lifted the cup rather quickly but somehow its slippery nature baffled him and he lost his grip. He tried to catch it in mid air but grabbed the flask instead. The cup splashed its contents on his thighs and the hot tea made him kick out knocking everything off the table. There was a quacking report of breaking glass and the carpet was all in a pool of mess. Obina shivered. The rest of them became more concerned about him.

Tasks:

- a) Whenever visitors come to a place, every effort is made to take good care of them. What kind of care do the visitors in the passage receive?

- b) Being in a strange place or a place we are not familiar with often makes us nervous. What shows that Obina is nervous in the passage?

- c) We often meet strange things and foods that we are not familiar with. We may admire them or dislike them, for specific reasons. Why do you think Obina reacts the way he does in the passage?

- d) The way we behave in certain situations can show our personality and background. What does Obina's behaviour in the passage show about him?

- e) 'Get to business man. What is wrong with you?' Omara told Obina in the native language. Report what Omara says.

- f) You have planned to visit your friends with your cousin who seems to have the same problem like Obina. How would you prepare him before the visit, to avoid any embarrassing incident?

SECTION B

Either

Item 3.

You have gone through a rigorous campaign in your constituency and you have emerged victorious as the area member of parliament. A victory party has been organised to celebrate your victory. At the end of the party, you are required to speak to your voters and campaign agents. Write what you will say to them. Use **250 – 300** words.

Or

Item 4.

The young people of your village are engaging in anti-social behaviour and have become a problem to the community. They are misusing their leisure time and have failed to find meaningful employment. During your vacation, a Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO), that wants to support the youth has engaged you to carry out a research on why the causes of this problem and possible solutions.

Write to this organisation and show your findings. Use **250 – 300** words.

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