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**LITERATURE**

**IN ENGLISH**

Paper 1

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**DIOCESE OF KIGEZI**

**CHURCH OF UGANDA**

**Uganda Certificate of Education**

LITERATURE IN ENGLISH

**Paper 1**

2 Hours 30 Minutes

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

Attempt **TWO** tasks in all; the one in section A and another in section B.

**SECTION A**

1. **Read the poem below and respond to the tasks below it**

**BORN BY MISTAKE**

Everywhere I go

I am a stranger

Because they say

I was born by mistake;

Even my mother would not talk to me

Because she has her legal children

With her legal husband

Where my presence is illegal

And so, I move out;

I thought my father would care,

But he too

Has his legal children

And his legal wife

And my presence there is illegal

And so, I move out;

I see my playmates go to school

While I stay at home

For they say

All the money is legally committed

And there is nothing left for me

Who was born by mistake;

At Christmas time

My playmates are given presents:

Shoes, shirts, toys, sweets,

By their fathers and mothers

And they all go to church

To celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ

Who they say

Brought peace and love on earth;

And me

As I lie on my bed to sleep

Waiting for another day

I wonder

Why I am not taken to the legal court

Convicted

And sentenced

TO DEATH

For being born by mistake. E. STANDA (Kenya)

**Tasks**

(a) A poet chooses ‘who’ to tell the story or reveal the content in the poem. It is normally a voice different from the poet. It could be a character participating in the event(s) in the poem or a distant observer/third person who stands at a distance and sees the actions then reports them. Such a voice is called the speaker/ persona. Describe the voice in the poem and explain the message it communicates.

(b) Most poems are filled with emotions as the speaker expresses his/her feelings about the characters, situations and experiences presented in the poem. State the speaker’s feelings about the way he/she is treated in the poem.

(c) When we read we relate to the experiences presented and learn a lot about real life. Having read this poem, explain to a friend how it is relevant to your community.

(d) You have found this poem interesting and you would like to encourage your friends to read it. Identify the techniques the poet has used and any other aspects of the poem which make you enjoy reading it.

**SECTION B**

**REFERENCE SET BOOKS**

FRANCIS IMBUGA: *The Return of Mgofu*

WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE: *The Merchant of Venice*

OKOITI OMTATAH OKIYA: *Voice of the People*

SYLVESTER ONZIVUA: *The Heart Soothers*

JOHN STEINBECK: *The pearl*

LAWRENCE DARMANI: Grief Child

VICTOR BYABAMAZIMA: Shadows of Time

CHINUA ACHEBE: Things Fall Apart

DANIEL MENGARA: Mema

DAVID RUBADIRI: *Growing Up With Poetry*

AMATESHE: *An Anthology of East African Poetry*

**Either 2**

In every society people identify persons they admire and find inspiring. Readers of works of literature, too, admire and find some characters inspiring. Basing on a set book you have studied, identify a character you admire and explain why you admire him/her.

**Or 3**

The intention of the writer is to communicate to the readers certain issues in society. This is often seen in the themes presented in the text by the writer. Referring to a set book you have studied, explain the writer’s main idea in the story.

**END**