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2 hours 40 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

The total time of 2 hours and 40 minutes includes ten minutes for you to study the questions before you begin answering.

*Answer **two** questions which must be chosen as follows: **one** question from Section A and **one** question from Section B.*

*Answers to both questions must be written in the same answer booklet.
No additional answer booklet should be supplied unless the initial one is used up.
If more than one answer booklet is used, fasten them together.*

You are advised to divide your time equally between the two questions.

All questions carry equal marks.

*Any additional question(s) answered will **not** be marked.*

SECTION A

Answer one question from this Section.

Answers should be between 500 and 800 words.

1. "The struggle for women emancipation has created more problems than it has solved." Discuss. (50 marks)
2. Should the teaching of science subjects in Uganda secondary schools at Ordinary level remain compulsory? Justify your answer. (50 marks)
3. Examine the merits and demerits of the multi-party system of government. (50 marks)
4. To what extent has poverty been responsible for the environmental degradation in Uganda? (50 marks)

SECTION B

Answer one question from this Section.

5. Conggwok District Service Commission advertised the posts of District Agricultural Officer (DAO) and Sub-county Agricultural Extension Officer (SAEO) respectively.

The following candidates applied and were short-listed for an interview for the two posts;

- Ekwang.
- Walea.
- Bagendia.
- Akunu.
- Sepungu.

The commission set conditions as below:

- I. The best candidate shall take the post of DAO.
- II. The candidate who comes second shall take the post of SAEO.
- III. Candidates for the two posts must have a university degree in Agriculture.
- IV. The two posts require relevant working experience of not less than 5 years.

The criterion for choosing the best candidates is based on attributes of the candidates for the posts and are scored in the order of priority given below;

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| - Relevant University degree | 5 points. |
| - Integrity | 4 points. |
| - Relevant experience | 3 points. |
| - Personality | 2 points. |
| - Computer literacy | 1 point. |

The characteristics of the short-listed candidates are as follows:

- Ekwang:** He is a fresh university graduate with a Bachelors' degree in Human Medicine, computer literate, not corrupt and a very social person.
- Walea:** She has a university degree in Agriculture, worked as an Agricultural Extension Officer for 5 years, trustworthy, very talented in computer use but a drunkard.
- Bagendia:** She has a university degree in Law, worked as a magistrate Grade I for 10 years, has no bad track record, very social and computer literate.
- Akunu:** She has a Bachelors degree in Veterinary Medicine, worked as a District Veterinary officer for 6 years, knows how to use computers very well and is very social. At one time she was interdicted for financial mismanagement.
- Sepungu:** He has a university degree in Agriculture, worked for 6 years as an Agricultural Farm Manager, illiterate in computer, trustworthy but a drunkard.

Questions

- (a) Draw a table showing candidates' scores in the different attributes. (11 marks)
- (b) Calculate the total scores of each candidate as a percentage. (05 marks)
- (c) Which candidate is most likely to take the post of:
- (i) District Agricultural Officer? (02 marks)
 - (ii) Sub-county Agricultural Extension Officer? (02 marks)
- (d) Explain the role of agricultural extension workers in Uganda. (08 marks)
- (e) What are the obstacles to agricultural modernisation in Uganda? (12 marks)
- Spelling, Punctuation and Grammatical Expressions (SPGE). (10 marks)*

6. *Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow.*

Yes, this was the evening hour when - how long ago it seemed!- I always felt so well content with life. Then what awaited me was a night of easy, dreamless sleep. This was the same hour, but with a difference; I was returning to a cell and what awaited me was a night haunted by forebodings of the coming day. 5

And so I learnt that familiar paths traced in the dusk of summer evenings may lead as well to prison as to innocent, carefree sleep.

It is always interesting, even in the prisoner's dock, to hear oneself being talked about. And certainly in the speeches of my lawyer and the prosecuting counsel a great idea was said about me; more, in fact, about me personally than about my crime. 10

Really there wasn't any very great difference between the two speeches. Counsel for the defence raised his arms to heaven and pleaded guilty, but with extenuating circumstances.

The prosecutor made similar gestures; he agreed that I was guilty but denied extenuating circumstances. 15

One thing about this phase on the trial was rather irksome. Quite often, interested as I was in what they had to say, I was tempted to put in a word, myself. But my lawyer had advised me not to. "You won't do your case any good by talking," he had warned me. In fact, there seemed to be a conspiracy to exclude me from the proceedings; I wasn't to have any say and my fate was to be decided out of hand. 20

It was quite an effort at times for me to refrain from cutting them all short, and saying: "But damn it all, who is on trial in this court, I'd like to know? It's a serious matter for a man, being accused of murder. And I have something really important to tell you." 25

However, on second thoughts, I found I had nothing to say. In any case, I must admit that hearing oneself talked about loses its interest very soon. The prosecutor's speech, began to bore me before he was half-way through it.

The only things that really caught my attention were occasional phrases, his gestures and some elaborate tirades - but these were isolated patches. 30

What he was aiming at, I gathered, was to show that my crime was premeditated, I remember him saying at one moment, "I can prove this, gentlemen of the jury, to the hilt. First you have the facts of the crime, which are as clear as daylight. And then you have what I may call the night side of this case, the dark workings of a criminal mentality." 35

He began by summing up the facts, from my mother's death, onwards. He stressed my heartlessness, my inability to state mother's age, my visit to the bathing-pool. Then he came to the subject of Raymond. It seemed to me that his way of treating the facts showed a certain shrewdness. All he said sounded quite plausible. I would have written the letter in collusion with 40

Raymond as so to entice his mistress to his room and subject her to ill-treatment by a man of more than dubious reputation.

Then on the beach, I'd provoked a brawl with Raymond's enemies, in the course of which Raymond was wounded. I'd asked him for his revolver and gone back myself with the intention of using it. Then I'd shot the Arab. After the first shot I waited. Then, 'to be certain of making a good job of it', I fired four more shots deliberately, point blank and in cold blood, at my victim. 45

"That is my case," he said, "I have described to you the series of events which led this man to kill the deceased, fully aware of what he was doing. I emphasize this point. We are not concerned with an act of homicide committed on a sudden insult which might serve as extenuation. I ask you to note, gentlemen of the jury, that the prisoner is an educated man. You would have observed the way in which he answered my questions; he is intelligent and he knows the value of words. And I repeat that it is quite impossible to assume that, when he committed the crime, he was unaware of what he was doing." 50 55

I noticed that he laid stress on my 'intelligence'. It puzzled me rather why what would count as a good point in an ordinary person should be used against an accused man as an overwhelming proof of his guilt. While thinking this over, I missed what he said next, until I heard him exclaim indignantly: "And has he uttered a word of regret for his most odious crime? Not one word, gentlemen. Not once in the course of these proceedings did this man show the least contrition. 60

Turning towards the dock, he pointed a finger at me, and went on in the same strain. 65

Source: 'The Outsider' by Albert Camus.

Questions:

- (a) Suggest a suitable title for the passage. (02 marks)
- (b) What do the following expressions mean as used in the passage?
- (i) "... that familiar paths traced in the dusk of summer evenings may lead as well to prison as to innocent, carefree sleep." (04 marks)
- (ii) "... the night side of this case, the dark workings of a criminal mentality." (04 marks)
- (c) In not more than 120 words, summarise the court proceedings as portrayed in the passage. (10 marks)

(d) Explain the meaning of the following words as used in the passage using your own words wherever possible.

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| (i) | forebodings | (line 04) |
| (ii) | extenuating | (line 14) |
| (iii) | irksome | (line 17) |
| (iv) | conspiracy | (line 21) |
| (v) | tirades | (line 31) |
| (vi) | shrewdness | (line 40) |
| (vii) | plausible | (line 41) |
| (viii) | homicide | (line 51) |
| (ix) | odius | (line 61) |
| (x) | contrition | (line 63) |

(20 marks)

Spelling, Punctuation and Grammatical Expressions (SPGE). (10 marks)