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IN ENGLISH  
Paper 1  
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2½ hours



## WAKISSHA JOINT MOCK EXAMINATIONS

Uganda Certificate of Education

LITERATURE IN ENGLISH

Paper 1

2 hours 30 minutes

### INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

*This paper consists of **three** examination items. It has **two** Sections; A and B.*

*Section A has **one** compulsory item.*

*There are two examination items in section B. Answer **one** item.*

*Answer **two** examination items in all.*

*Any additional item answered will not be scored.*

*All answers must be written in the Answer Booklet(s)/sheets provided.*

## SECTION A

**ITEM 1.** Read the following poem and respond to the tasks after it.

I am not my brother's keeper  
*Julius Ocwinyo*

Who told you  
I am  
My brother's keeper?  
Is it to become  
My brother's keeper  
I fought so hard  
To reach  
Here, where I am?

If your lungs  
Are too weak  
To survive the climb  
Too frail to bear  
The rarefied heights  
Am I to blame?

If I am riding high  
In my Pajero  
In my Benz  
Or my Prado  
Is it me  
To blame?

Didn't you elect me  
Your eyes blind  
With the fumes  
Of yesterday's booze  
And your mouth remembering  
The savour  
Of yesterday's meat?  
Don't you recall taking  
With an eagerness feverish  
And unbidden  
The plastic cups  
And the plastic basin?

If you suffer –  
Staring up –  
The caustic stench  
Of my flatulent emissions  
Am I to blame?  
Who told you  
I am your keeper?

**Tasks:**

- (a) Poets do not speak directly to the audience. They often assign another voice to deliver their message. With evidence, explain who the speaker in the poem is.
- (b) Like all writers of literary works, poets use their poems to address social issues affecting the society. Referring to the poem, explain the societal issues the poet brings out.
- (c) The message of a poet is always packaged through techniques and language. Explain the poetic techniques used in the poem.
- (d) What we read in a poem is always a reflection of what happens in the society. In what ways is the poem similar to what goes on in your community?

**SECTION B**

Choose **one** task from this section. Illustrate your answer by referring to any of the following set books.

- WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE : *The Merchant Venice*
- FRANCIS IMBUGA : *The Return of Mgofu*
- JOHN STEINBECK : *The Pearl*
- LAWRENCE DARMANI : *Grief child*
- SYLVESTER ONZIVUA : *The Heart Soothers*
- OKIYA OMTATAH OKOITI : *Voice of the People*
- VICTOR BYABAMAZIMA : *Shadows of Time*
- CHINUA ACHEBE : *Things Fall Apart*
- DANIEL MENGARA : *Mema*
- DAVID DUBADIRI : *Growing up with Poetry*
- A.D AMATESHE : *An Anthology of East African Poetry.*

**EITHER****Item 2.**

The consequences of our actions will ultimately affect us, whether good or bad. Using a set book you have studied, show how the main character is affected by his or her actions and decisions.

**OR****Item 3.**

Literature is like a mirror that reflects our own societies. Many authors derive the experiences they write about from the societies they live. Referring to a set book you have studied, show how it reflects what happens in your own society.

**END**