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## INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES.

- This paper consists of **two** sections, **A** and **B**.
- A candidate is supposed to attempt **two** questions in all. **ONE** question from section A and **ONE** question from section **B**.
- Answers of each question must strictly begin in a fresh answer booklet which should be fastened together.
- You are advised to spend your time equally on **two** questions.
- All questions carry **equal** marks.
- Extra questions attempted will not be marked.
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## **SECTION A**

Choose **ONE** question from this section.

Answers should be between **500** words to **800** words in length.

1. Account for the rampant cases of international terrorism and suggest remedies to curb them. (50 marks)
2. Discuss the effects and causes of corruption. (50 marks)
3. To what extent is environmental degradation as a result of poor farming methods? (50 marks)
4. Alcohol is the primary cause of juvenile delinquency. Discuss. (50 marks)

## **SECTION B**

Choose **ONE** question from this section.

5. Study the information below carefully and answer the questions that follow.

In a village called Nyamhuuku, there lived five younger women and men eligible for marriage.

Controversy has risen due to failure by the youth to choose partners from amongst themselves.

A council of elders has been convened to resolve this matter using the following criteria.

- All the eligible men and women must be married.
- Any youth eligible for marriage is free to join the group at any stage in search of partners. This may lead to the displacement of an individual from the group.
- The outcome of the criteria laid down by the elders is considered final.
- The young man with the best attributes is paired with a young woman ranked highest on the list. This ranking of merit is followed until the final pair has been matched.
- The attributes agreed upon by the elders for the young men and the corresponding weights are showed below;

<b>Attribute</b>	<b>Weights</b>
Willingness to pay bride price	04
Bravery	01
HIV/AIDS test (negative)	06
Wealth	03
Education (minimum level)	05
Physical appearance	02

Zelpha is an ugly wealthy businessman but he is a miser and illiterate. He has vowed to fight bride price. He is HIV positive.

Xavier is a very handsome university graduate but he is a coward and lazy. He is yet to take an HIV/AIDS test.

Vicent has a farm of 15 Friesian cows. He has attained an O' level certificate. He lost an eye while off a lion that had attacked his cows. He is HIV negative.

Willy has twenty-five cows of local breed. He is illiterate but handsome, hardworking and a good hunter. He has refused to take an HIV/AIDS test.

Yoash comes from a wealthy family and has completed senior six. He is HIV negative.

All the young men unless otherwise stated are willing to pay bride price if it is affordable.

The elders in descending order as follows have ranked the young women;

- Grace
- Esther
- Beatrice
- Allen
- Precious

### **QUESTIONS:**

- Following the elder's criteria, determine which young man will marry which young lady in the village. (15 marks)
- If a sixth young man Quinto showed up with the following attributes; handsome, newly, a teacher and HIV negative. How would he affect the pairing in the group? (5 marks )
- Why should HIV/AIDS testing be a priority during marriage arrangement? (10marks)
- Examine the relevance of bride price payment in your community. (10 marks)

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

The catholic bishops of America issued a statement in which they said that the chaotic and bewildered state of the modern world is due to man's loss of faith and his abandonment of God and religion. For my part, I believe in no religion at all yet I entirely agree with bishops. It is no doubt over simplification to speak of any cause of the so complex state of affairs as the tortured condition of the world today. It causes that the bishops' assertion is substantially true.

Mr. Jean Paul Sartre, a French existentialist philosopher, labels himself as an atheist. Yet his views seem to be plainly to support the statement of the bishop. So long as there was believed to be a God in the skies, he says, men could regard him as source of their moral ideas. The universe created and governed by a fatherly habitation for man. We could be sure of that however great the evil could be routed. With the disappearance of God from the skies, all has changed! Since the world is not ruled by spiritual being but rather by blind forces, there cannot be any ideas, morals or otherwise the universe outside us. Our environment, which surrounds us, is nothing but immense spiritual emptiness. It is a dead universe. We do not live in a universe, which is on the side of our values. It is completely in different to them. Years ago, Mr. Bertrand Russell in his essay, a free man's workshop, said much the same thing "such in outline but even more purposeless, more void meaning, is the world which science presents for our believe. If anywhere ,our ideals are present, one would move forward and it would be a must for them to find a home.....blind to good and evil, reckless of destruction, omnipotent matter rolls on its relentless way for man condemned today to lose his dearest , it remains only to cherish, where yet the blow falls , the lofty thoughts

that unable his little day to worship at the shrine his own hands have built , a weary but unyielding atlas , the world that his own ideas have fashioned despite the trampling march of unconscious power.

It is true that Mr. Russell’s personal attitude to the disappearance of religion is quite different from that of Mr. Sartre or the bishops. The bishops think it is a calamity. So do I .Mr. Sartre finds it “very distressing” and he berates as shallow the attitude of those who think that without God the world can go on just the same as before as if nothing had happened. This creates for mankind, what he thinks is a terrible crisis. In addition, I agree with him. Mr. Russell on the other hand seems to believe that religion has done more harm than good in the world and that its disappearance will be a blessing.

Mr. Russell notes that it is science, which has produced this situation. There is no doubt that this is correct. However, the way in which it has come about is not generally understood. There is a popular belief that some particular scientific discoveries or theories such as Darwin’s Theory of evolution or the views of geologists about the age of the earth or a series of such discoveries have done the damage. It would be foolish to deny that these discoveries have had a great effect in undermining religious dogmas. However, this account does not all go to the root of the matter. Religion can probably out leave any scientific discoveries, which could be made. It can accommodate itself to them .The root cause of the decay of faith has not been as a result of any particular discovery of science but rather the general spirit of science and certain basic assumptions upon which modern science from the 17<sup>th</sup> century onwards has proceeded.

### **QUESTIONS**

- a) Suggest a suitable title for the passage. (05 marks)
- b) What does the author mean by”...an over simplifications to speak of the cause of so complex a state of affairs as a tortured conditions of the world today” (04 marks)
- c) What has caused this state of the modern world according to Mr. Jean Paul Sartre? (07 marks)
- d) What is the difference between Russell’s opinion about religion and that of the others? (08 marks)
- e) Explain in not more than 100 words the problems of the modern world. (10 marks)
- f) Explain the meaning of the following words and phrases as used in the passage
  - i. Bewildered (02 marks)
  - ii. Substantially true (02 marks)
  - iii. Existentialist (02 marks)
  - iv. An atheist (02 marks)
  - v. Friendly habitation (02 marks)
  - vi. Omnipotent (02 marks)
  - vii. Berates (02 marks)
  - viii. Dogmas (02 marks)

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