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**DATE: 26<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2017**

**TIME: 9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.**

**INSTRUCTIONS**

1. Answer THREE questions in all.
2. Question 1 is COMPULSORY.
3. Start each question on a new page.
4. Write legibly.

**QUESTION 1**

Read the article given below and answer the questions that follow.

**The article**

Joan Akiiza, legal and advocacy officer

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The World Environment Day (WED) always commemorated on June 5 reminds us how our environment has been destroyed and usually a call on what can be done to restore it and put in place measures to safeguard it.

First held in 1974, the World Environment Day has been a flagship campaign for raising awareness on emerging environmental issues from pollution, global warming, deforestation, wetland degradation to sustainable consumption, among others. The World Environment Day has grown to become a global platform for public outreach, each year.

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The day has a new theme that major corporations, NGOs, communities, and governments worldwide adopt to advocate environmental causes.

This year's theme was "connect to nature: appreciate biodiversity". The significance of this theme was to appreciate the different species and ecosystems not forgetting the role they play in our daily lives.

Professor Wangari Mathai, the founder of the Green Belt Movement which has planted over 51 million trees, once stated that "the environment and the economy are really both two sides of the same coin, if we cannot sustain the environment we cannot sustain ourselves".

We cannot, therefore, talk of economic development when our environment is perishing.

Relating this saying to the day's theme, Bujumba youth smart drama actors highlighted key impacts of oil palm growing in Kalangala.

In their performance, they showed how most of the land has been taken to grow oil palm leaving people with little or no land to grow food to sustain their livelihoods.

They also highlighted fertilisers and pesticides used in the palm oil plantations that are washed into the fragile ecosystem of Lake Victoria and deforestation among other issues.

All these are being done in the name of boosting our economy and yet it is associated with social and environment impacts. How can this be achieved when the environment is being degraded, people do not have enough food to sustain their families.

The celebrations of the World Environment Day should, therefore, be a reminder of how best to improve our environmental practices instead of having it as an event that comes and goes with nothing much put in place to stop environment abuse.

We, as human beings, need the environment more than it needs us and so let us care for mother earth as our life depends on it. It is our duty to conserve the environment.

#### The questions

- a) What steps would you make in order to write a good summary of a document? (10 marks)
- b) In not more than 50 words, write a summary of this article. (20 marks)
- c) Write a suitable title for this article. (5 marks)
- d) Explain the meaning of the following words as used in the passage:
  - i) Commemorated
  - ii) Flagship
  - iii) Consumption
  - iv) Perishing
  - v) Conserve

(5 marks)

TOTAL [40 MARKS]

#### QUESTION 2

Using real life examples, explain the following terms:

- a) Analytical thinking
- b) Ethical thinking
- c) Egocentrism
- d) Sociocentrism
- e) Thesis statement

(30 marks)

### QUESTION 3

- a) Distinguish between descriptive and informative abstracts. (10 marks)
- b) Imagine that you have done research on the topic "Education in my country". Write an abstract of the report you wrote for UNESCO in not more than 200 words. (20 marks)

### QUESTION 4

- a) How is journal writing helpful for you as an employed person? (10 marks)
- b) Write three journal entries on the topic "My work place". (20 marks)

### QUESTION 5

- a) Briefly explain the process that any writer should go through in order to write a good essay. (10 marks)
- b) Write an analytical essay to answer the following question: Are the modules *Communication Skills* and *Original and Critical Language Skills* relevant for you as a student of *Good Governance and Human Rights*? (20 marks)

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