

UGANDA MARTYRS UNIVERSITY

SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATIONS 2015/2016

**YEAR TWO – ORIGINAL AND CRITICAL LANGUAGE
SKILLS**

BAM II/BSDCII

TIME: THREE (3) HOURS

Instructions

- Attempt three questions, BUT QUESTION THREE IS COMPULSORY.

1. a) Distinguish between creativity and originality. (5 marks)
b) "Critical reading is a process that is necessary for originality and critical writing to take place". Give reasons to support the above assertion. (25 marks)
2. a) Distinguish between coherence and clarity (10 marks)
b) Using relevant examples show how coherence can be achieved in a paragraph. (20 marks)
3. Read the passage and attempt the following questions.

Most parents think that the child is too young to understand that they are quarrelling as he is too young to comprehend the reason for this discord. What most parents are not aware of is that, innocent children are definitely aware of the fighting between the parents and quite often believe that parents are fighting because of them.

Each child is a unique human being with a complex set of emotions and sensibilities. Every child's reaction is individualistic too. There is no set or definite pattern as to how a child will react to the warring parents. Undoubtedly, whatever the reaction might be, the child would be hurt by the disagreement between the parents.

Some children might just withdraw and become total introverts, others might show maturity much beyond their years. There might be a third reaction altogether, making some children revolt and become unmanageable. They end up being rude and cruel to other children around them, turning into bullies. They do not follow any set rules of society. Research done in the field of child psychology has proved that the children who see the violent interaction between their parents seem to be surrounded by troubles all their lives. They are through all their growing years constantly living with the fear that if their parents separated, from their siblings, or have only one parent around.

Similarly, in cases when a divorce takes place and where one parent gets remarried, the child believes that the union might break as well. He does not let himself get too close to the step parent in such cases. It is true that the fighting between spouses is essentially a physical, mental and emotional torture for the child. It might physically affect the health of the child as well. Even a normal child could start stammering, or his development might be hampered.

In their innocence, the children might spill the details of the parents constant fighting among the relative and friends, thereby creating embarrassment for the parents. If they feel they are not getting due care and affection from both their parents, they might turn to strangers for it. They often become vulnerable to the negative sections of the society who might abuse their trust. Imagine a situation where a child says to a stranger or a relative, "you love me so much but my own mother does not love me at all"

When parents fight constantly, the child feels physical, mental, emotional and social separation and suffers. His understanding of "Marriage" gets distorted and when this child reaches adulthood, the fear of marriage sets deep in his psyche, Marriage to him becomes not a balanced equation of love and trust, but something that would bring fights and discord in their lives. It is every parent's moral duty to take full responsibility for the child's physical and mental development.

- a) Suggest an appropriate title for the passage. (5 marks)
- b) What major misconceptions do parents have about children? (5 marks)
- c) Explain the meaning of the following
 - i. Individualistic
 - ii. Introvert
 - iii. Essentiality
 - iv. Balanced equation
 (10 marks each)
- d) What two methods has the author used in writing his conclusion? (5 marks)
- e) In not more than 100 words, give a summary of the effect of fighting between parents on the children. (15 marks)
4. Discuss how writing a research report can benefit you, the writer and other learners. (30 marks)
5. a) Discuss why it is important for a student to engage in journal writing. (10 marks)
- b) You were asked to make research on how students prepare for exams. Make four entries for four days on the above. (20 marks)
6. Choose one of the following topics and write an essay of 500 to 700 words.
 - i. "The marriage and divorce bill is useless and a waste of time"
 - ii. If you become a minister in the government of Uganda in the future. Describe the kind of life you would live so as to leave a legacy that would be admired by many. (30 marks each)