

1. Kiswahili verbs (10 marks)

Kiswahili is a Bantu language with heavy Arabic influence spoken throughout East Africa. While only about 5 million people speak Kiswahili as their first language, over 60 million people use it in their daily life. Kiswahili is an official language of Tanzania, Kenya, Uganda, the Comoros, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Q1.1. Match the Kiswahili words 1-14 with their English translations A-N. (Each translation will be used exactly once). Notice that Kiswahili distinguishes singular and plural 'you'.

Kiswahili		English	
1	Alikula	A	He/she ate
2	Atacheza	B	He/she will play
3	Mlifahamu	C	I eat
4	Mnapika	D	I played
5	Nilicheza	E	I cook
6	Ninakula	F	I will cook
7	Ninapika	G	They understand
8	Nitapika	H	They will cook
9	Tulifahamu	I	They played
10	Unacheza	J	We understood
11	Utapika	K	You (pl) understood
12	Wanafahamu	L	You (pl) cook
13	Watapika	M	You (sg) play
14	Walicheza	N	You (sg) will cook

Q1.2. Now do the same with Kiswahili words 15-27 and their English translations a-m.

Kiswahili		English	
15	Hakucheza	a	He/she did not play
16	Hamkupika	b	He/she will not cook
17	Hamli	c	He/she will not play
18	Hatacheza	d	I did not play
19	Hatapika	e	I do not eat
20	Hatukufahamu	f	I will not fear
21	Hatupiki	g	They do not fear
22	Hawachi	h	They do not understand
23	Hawafahamu	i	We did not understand
24	Huchesi	j	We do not cook
25	Sikucheza	k	You (pl) do not eat
26	Sili	l	You (pl) did not cook
27	Sitakucha	m	You do not play

Q1.3. Now, given that *ninatembelea* means “I visit” and *ninakufa* means “I die,” translate the following into Kiswahili:

- i. You (sg) visit
- ii. You (sg) do not visit
- iii. You (sg) did not visit
- iv. You (sg) will visit
- v. He/she dies
- vi. He/she does not die
- vii. He/she died
- viii. He/she will not die

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POINTS: (total 64)

1.1. 1 each -> 14

1.2. 2 each -> 26

1.3. 3 each; 1 with one error (i.e. affecting just one syllable). -> 24

1.1.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	A	B	K	L	D	C	E	F	J	M	N	G	H	I

1.2.	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	a	l	k	c	b	i	j	g	h	m	d	e	f

1.3.	i.	Unatembelea
	ii.	Hutembelei
	iii.	Hukutembelea
	iv.	Utatembelea
	v.	Anakufa
	vi.	Hafi
	vii.	Alikufa
	viii.	Hatakufa