

Problem 5 (20 points). Here are 25 half-lines of Somali poetry written in a meter known as masafó:

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| 1. ogaadeen ha ii dirin | 14. daliilkii ku siiyaye |
| 2. duul haad amxaaraa | 15. miyaad iigu duurxuli |
| 3. kaa dooni maayee | 16. dorraad adigu kama dhigin |
| 4. amba waa ku daba geli | 17. ma deldelin raggoodii |
| 5. dakanka iyo qaankee | 18. deelqaadkan aad tiri |
| 6. anaa been dabaadee | 19. diigaanyo ciidana |
| 7. galbeed uga dareershaan | 20. wax ma kala dillaallaa |
| 8. dalkaad adigu joogtiyo | 21. duunyada ka qaadoo |
| 9. dar alliyo heshiis iyo | 22. diinkiyo dugaaggiyo |
| 10. mase waa dayoobeen | 23. dildillaaca waaberi |
| 11. dacalkaaga kuma shuban | 24. dibnahaaga kama qiran |
| 12. miyaan duudsiyaayaa | 25. hobyó wixii ka soo degey |
| 13. doodaye maxaad oran | |

To help you understand the structure of masafó, here are 10 half-lines which were constructed from genuine masafó half-lines by random rearrangement of words within the half-line. Some of them might conform to the rules of the versification, but the majority do not:

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| 26. u anigaa lehe diin | 31. kuu miyuu tari wax dafir |
| 27. waad nimankaad ma diidi | 32. kuu daalasaayee nin |
| 28. qoran daftarkaaga kuma | 33. shareecada dikrigiyo |
| 29. fuushaan kaama dusha | 34. dumarkii furayaan ma |
| 30. helo dabacayuun kulaan | 35. ogaadee diyaar kuu |

(a) Describe the structure of a masafó half-line.

(b) Here are 10 more masafó half-lines. Five of them are genuine, and five are obtained by random rearrangement. Which is which?

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| 36. war ismaaciil daarood | 41. digaxaarka mariyoo |
| 37. dir miyaad wadaagtaan | 42. ciid iyo doolo diraac |
| 38. labadaad ka duudiye | 43. nooma keeneen darka |
| 39. ka jannadaad daahiye | 44. kala deyaayaa miyaan |
| 40. adiga iyo deriskaa | 45. wuxuun kaa danqaabaan |

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