

**SCHOOL:** E.S MARIE ADELAIDE DE GIHARA

## **EXERCISES**

**CLASS:** S1

**SUBJECT:** ENGLISH LITERATURE

1. What do you understand by *literature*?
2. Give the main elements of literature.
3. Why literature is important to us?
4. With examples of *prose, drama and poetry*, what differences can you identify between the three genres of literature?
5. Write a definition of: " *a novel, a fair tale, an autobiography, a tragedy, a comedy, a biography*".
6. Give the main differences between: *Fiction and Non-fiction*.
7. Give five reasons for reading literature.
8. Write a definition of: *prose, plot, setting and character*.
9. Read carefully the following text and answer the questions on it.

I was ten years old when my sister was sold away. That was two years ago. A few days before, the suitors (*suitor is one who pursues a woman for marriage*) had come. Three ugly women and four men. One of four men wanted to be the husband of my sister. I disliked the way he looked, but my father and the clan liked him very much. They said he came from a rich family. His father had many herds of cattle and large flock of sheep.

It was true they were rich. They brought as many gifts as I had never seen before. They brought beer; the local *busaa* and the other types sold in bottles. It was called *Libuma* . They brought four thick blankets. One for my father, one for my mother, one for my uncle and one for my aunt. Nothing was brought for us children. In fact, they did not want children in the house where my sister was sold. I hid myself behind a standing bag of maize. They could not see me. They thought that I was playing with the other children outside. I saw...with my own eyes. I saw the father of my sister's husband-to-be pull out a ward of red hundred-shilling notes. He gave them to my father. My father's hands quaked as he took the money. My mother smiled. I rubbed my wet eyes. They sold my sister.

(From *they sold my sister* by Leteipa ole Sunkuli)

### **Questions**

1. From the above text, make a list of the characters.
2. What actions show that the adults were unfair to the children?
3. In one sentence, summarize what happens in this story.