

ENGLISH I PAPER I

1. It is a parents' day in your school. You intend to invite your parents who have never been there. Write clear directions from your home to school.
2. Describe an embarrassing or amusing incident involving either yourself or someone else.
3. Write a story using ONE of the sentences given below as your opening sentence.

EITHER

- a) Mr. Wafula made up his mind. "I shall definitely go and talk to the manager tomorrow", he told his wife
OR
- b) At last John decided that he had no alternative but to seek an interview with Mr. Openda.
4. Discuss the ways used to control population growth in Kenya.

ENGLISH I PAPER 1 MARKING SCHEME

- ◆ General aspects to look for:
- ◆ This paper tests linguistic ability
- ◆ Note the following when marking:
 - Relevance in one's content
 - Sentence connections i.e. ideas must flow smoothly from one sentence to another
 - Word connections within a given sentence
 - Correct paragraphing: Paragraphs should not be too long or too short (i.e. one line paragraph unless the situation is the requirement)
 - Change of tenses anyhow. The tenses should be in line with the time one is talking about.
 - The use of compound words - some are written as one word and others separated (some students do confuse them)
 - Check on spelling mistakes
 - Credit proper use of idioms - but a student should not over use them.

Question 1

Giving directions:

- Should be clear and vivid
- Saying that he walked / or just move on and on) is quite vague. One can use place names e.g. after reaching Eldoret etc. or can use compass directions to direct.
- When its in a letter form, only pay attention to how she / he gives directions.
- Directions must be from where the parents stay to school and not vice versa
- Must include in the directions the purpose of writing i.e. parents day.

Question 2

- The situation being described must have something amusing i.e. social / relationship etc.
- Start from normal situation and turn slowly into a funny one
- Students should not talk about storage situations e.g. one swallowing spoons etc.
- Exaggerations are allowed but should not be overdone.

