

DEPARTMENT: ENGLISH

MONTH: MARCH

YEAR: 2018

DATE: 08/03/18

TIME ALLOWED: 2 Hours

Instructions: Do not write anything on this question paper!

COURSE INSTRUCTOR: All Staff

COURSE CODE & NUMBER: ENG 101

COURSE TITLE: USE OF ENGLISH I

TIME: 8:30 - 10:30/11:00-13:00

ENG 101

A. Vocabulary / usage: Rewrite these sentences filling the blanks with the appropriate option.

- 1) I don't understand the ____ behind the current demolition. (rationale/rational)
- 2) The president's speech is expected to ____ the simmering tension. (Defuse/ diffuse)
- 3) What do you prefer as ____? (Desert / dessert)
- 4) We don't know whether he will ____ again. (loose/lose/loss)
- 5) This is just a ____ job. (temporal/temporary)
- 6) Could you ____ me some money? (borrow/lend)
- 7) Those who hate ____ will certainly find themselves in trouble. (counsel/council)
- 8) He frequently makes ____ to the bible. (allusion/illusion)
- 9) I don't think "you look sexy" is a _____. (compliment/complement)
- 10) This position is sensitive and requires a ____ person. (discreet/discrete)

- Rewrite each sentence replacing the underlined idiomatic expression with its meaning.

- 11) The VC called on the crowd of anxious students to hold their horses.
- 12) I hate people who blow their own trumpets.
- 13) No one wants Paul at the picnic. He's such a wet blanket.
- 14) Fred didn't expect Paul to sell him down the river.
- 15) We had intended for the visit to be a surprise but Branga spilled the beans.

B. Write out each of the following sentences effecting appropriate corrections.

- 1) Can you proof to me that your father is a member of parliament?.
- 2) Fred couldn't attend the meeting because he had a running stomach.
- 3) Giving that Use of English is compulsory, we must treat it with seriousness.
- 4) Grinding spices are available here for sell.
- 5) Haven decided on a career, he pursues it with all his heart.
- 6) My junior brother was awarded the first price in physics.
- 7) The job is open to all, irregardless of sex or age.
- 8) The prisoner hung himself two days ago.
- 9) We need more stationeries in this office.
- 10) We watched a life performance of the band

C: 1) State the vowel sound in each of the following words. Example: play= /eɪ/

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| i) Just | iv) Friend | vii) night | x) thought |
| ii) rain | v) goal | viii) learn | |
| iii) Goat | vi) boy | ix) beat | |

Identify the words transcribed below:

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| 1) /tʃeɪndʒ/ | 4) /dʒɒb/ | 7) /bʌtə/ | 10) /hɜːd/ |
| 2) /pleɪəz/ | 5) /dʌstə/ | 8) /ðeə/ | |
| 3) /flæt/ | 6) /rɪŋ/ | 9) /diə/ | |

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D. Verbs and tenses: Complete each sentence with the appropriate verb forms. (10 mks)

- 1) If I ... (be) Cardinal Tumi I (stand).... for presidency in 2011.
- 2) By the time we got to the hall, the choir ____ (sing) their last number.
- 3) When Ngong noticed the error, he ____ (bind) his thesis.
- 4) If Njitap ... (be) there, we ... (win) that match.
- 5) Mohanumed ... (flee) from Mecca and settled in Medina.
- 6) We each ... (strive) to shake hands with the PM because we had never met him before.
- 7) The criminal ... (hang) though he begged for mercy.
- 8) Please, put the child on the bed. He ... (lie) here for more than two hours.
- 9) The car ... (slide) and fell into a ditch.
- 10) The patient ... (bleed) to death.

E: Rewrite each sentence replacing the underlined phrasal verbs with appropriate lexical verbs; and lexical verbs with phrasal verbs.

- 1) We got there just on time for departure as the manager was concluding the meeting.
- 2) Tim is popularly known as 'K-town Boy' because he was born and brought up in Kumba.
- 3) The Police have captured the gang of robbers.
- 4) The meeting cannot be cancelled, it is necessary
- 5) It is very difficult for many African leaders to stand down.
- 6) Fred can't tolerate his insolence any further.

Choose the appropriate verb form.

- 7) The trousers Tambe wore yesterday so well tailored. (was/were).
- 8) Fred, not his friends _____ sent out of class. (was/were)
- 9) My father, not I _____ satisfied with the new regulations. (are/am/is/were)
- 10) The Minister, along with his staff, _____ expected to lodge here. (is/are)
- 11) Neither James nor his friends ... satisfied. (is / were/ was)

F: What would you say in the following instances? (5 mks)

- 1) Paul says: "It's a pleasure to meet you, Fred."
- 2) Linda says: "You spoke so well at the meeting."
- 3) Fred says: "will you mind a cup of coffee?" (You don't want to drink).
- 4) A young man you've never met before enters your office at 8:00 a.m.
- 5) The same young man (whose name you know to be Fred Tambe) comes back a week later to make further enquiries.

G. Rewrite each sentence Choosing the appropriate pronoun/preposition to fill the blanks. (10 mks)

- 1) Just between you and (I/me), I must say in all modesty that no one else is better qualified for the job than (I/me)
- 2) Sure, Judith is tall, but she is not as tall as (he/him).
- 3) We were not satisfied with (his/him) idling around when there was so much to do.
- 4) These students prepared better for the exam than ____ (them/they/us).
- 5) Most Cameroonians prefer Nigerian films ____ Western films. A. than B. to C. from D. ø
- 6) Fred and Linda discussed ____ the questions. A. on B. about C. around D. ø
- 7) The company manager agreed ____ the terms of the contract. A. with B. to C. about D. ø
- 8) The conflict resulted __ one of the bloodiest wars in their history. A. to B. in C. into D. ø
- 9) The job of a teacher consists ____ facilitating learning. A. in B. of C. about D. ø
- 10) The new hospital comprises ____ three departments. A. out of B. of C. in D. ø

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