A SILENT SONG'S & STORIES

KCSE PREDICTION ESSAYS

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SERIES 2

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KCSE POSSIBLE ESSAYS

Novel Author: Godwin Shiundu.

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1) Alienation class differences and inequalities is still a colonial problem that goes through most African Nations. Write an essay in support of the statement with illustrations from '**The Neighbourhood Watch**' by **Reni'y Ngamije**. **(20 marks)**

2) Discuss the theme of ***Tradition*** as depicted in the **story, Ivory Bangles By Eric Ng'maryo** **(20 marks)**

3) Wrongful conviction and imprisonment is a notable thematic concern in, '**God Sees the Truth but wait**s' story by **Leo Tolstoy**. Support this statement with illustrations from the 'A Silent Song's and other stories'. **(20 marks)**

4) Regardless of the challenges a person faces in life, one's determination can make them achieve their dreams. Using illustrations in the novel with close reference to **Ninema story by Vrenika Pather**, Discuss. **(20 marks)**

5) Discuss the theme of **Religious hypocrisy** as depicted in **Leonard Kibera's story, Silent Song** in the book A Silent Songs. **(20 marks)**

6) War causes a lot of harm and thus should be avoided at any cost. Validate this statement basing your illustrations from **Chimamanda Adichie's 'Ghosts'** **(20 Marks)**

7) Discuss the theme of ***Tradition*** as depicted in the **story, Ivory Bangle's** By **Eric Ng'maryo** **(20 marks)**

8) Godwin Siundu's A Silent Song and Other Stories ***Misuse of power*** leads to regret. Write an essay in support ofthe statement with illustrations from **A Man of Awesome Power by Naguib Mahfouz.** **(20 marks)**

9) Lack of courtesy between the police and civilians leads to lethal conflicts. Justify the validity of this statement using illustrations from **Meja Mwangi's Incident** in the park**.** **(20 marks)**

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10) Action speaks louder than words. Discuss the truth of this saying using illustrations from **Leonard Kibera's A Silent Song.** **(20 marks)**

11) Ninema is a short story about challenges of women in life. By referring to the life of Ninema, support thisassertion. **(20 marks)**

12) Discuss the theme of religion as brought out in **A Silent Song** by **Leonard Kibera**. **(20 marks)**

13) Discuss the theme of ***suffering*** as depicted in the Gloria Mwaninga's story, 'Boyi' **(20 marks)**

14) Ninema is ever an admirable character. Support this from **Vrenika Pather's 'Ninema'** **20marks.**

15) When one is given power, he/she should use it only for good but more often than not people use it for wrong purposes. Support this statement basing your argument from Naguib Mahfouz's **'A Man of Awesome Power'** **(20 marks)**

16) Will determination and hard work always triumph over obstacles? Referring to **Ninema** in the anthologyA Silent Song, explain this statement. **(20 marks)**

17) Street life is sometimes the best home for people helpless in the hands of society. Support this statement usingillustrative facts from the **A Silent Song by Leonard Kibera.** **(20 marks)**

18) Marriage is a valued cultural and religious practice in most African communities. Using relevant illustrations from The Truly Married Woman by Abioseh Nicol, write an essay in support of this statement. **(20 marks)**

19) Misuse of power leads to regret. Write an essay in support of the statement with illustrations from A Man ofAwesome Power by Naguib Mahfouz. **(20 marks)**

20) Discuss the theme of **tradition** as shown in **Ivory Bangles** by **Eric Ng'maryo.**

(20 marks)

21) Ivan Dmitritch's misfortune is as a result of his insatiable obsession/desire. Write an essay to qualify this statement making reference to **God Sees the Truth, but Waits** in A Silent Song and Other Stories. **(20 marks)**

22) In the face of affliction, faith is essential for man's survival. Write an essay to validate this statement inreference to **Leo Tolstoy's God Sees the Truth, but Waits**.

(20 marks)

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SILENT SONG AND OTHER STORIES GUIDE

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- ***"A Silent Song and other Stories"*** is a unique collection of short stories from various societies across the world. They have been carefully selected to represent various generations of writers from diverse backgrounds. The stories are meticulously sought and packaged to provoke interest in young Kenyan readers and help them encounter in-depth literary experiences.

- A wide range of techniques, settings and themes that are relevant to the contemporary issues affecting Kenyans have been addressed in the collection. These will expose the students to a rich diversity of perspectives that will result in appreciating the uniqueness of cultures across the globe.

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The summary guide covers all the following stories of the silence songs

- ✓ A man of awesome power (Naguib Mahfouz-Egypt).
- ✓ Incident in the park
- ✓ Ninema – vrenika Pather
- ✓ A silence Song – Leonard Kibera
- ✓ Ivory Bangles
- ✓ The sins of the Fathers
- ✓ The truly married woman
- ✓ Talking money
- ✓ The Ghost
- ✓ God sees the truth, But waits
- ✓ The Neighbourhoods watch
- ✓ December
- ✓ Boyi
- ✓ Cheque mate

A MAN OF AWESOME POWERS

A man of awesome power is an intriguing story about Tayyib al – Mahdi, how he acquired and uses power and how the power changes Tayiid's life. The guide will also reveal what causes Tayyid to lose his incredible power and also the role of the media.

SYNOPSIS

- A Man of **Awesome Power** is an intriguing story about **Tayyib al-Mahdi**, who lives a comfortable life after retiring from many years of service abroad. His current life is peaceful and uneventful. He spends time watching television, reading newspapers or listening to the radio in the comfort of his apartment that he shares with his wife since his daughters are already married. The story captures how an individual who is empowered when least expected utilises the power given to him. His illusions of desire for a better country lead to his dream of power acquisition.

- One night, Tayyib dreams of a visitation by a man of radiant appearance who speaks to him in a kind tone, informing him that God had willed him the power to order things to be and they would be. Although he dismisses the dream like any other dream, its frequent recurrence makes him give it more thought. **Tayyib** confirms its reality when he orders his television to switch channels, and it happens. Endowed with the newly acquired power, he sets out to reform his country and the entire planet as he had often wished.

- He utilizes his power both for good and bad intentions. He starts by hitting back a taxi driver who ignores him by wishing him an accident. He also causes a man who had physically attacked a woman in a bus to suffer stomach cramps. We see him engaging in meritorious deeds such as filing a gaping pothole, locking an electric box and removing a pile of rubbish that he trips on.

- The media does not escape his wrath as he causes one radio announcer to suffer massive sneezes after making an announcement that gave false hopes. As the story progresses, **Sulayman Bey al-Hamalawi**, a political leader who had evaded tax, is ordered by **Tayyib** to go and pay the tax that he had been avoiding for a long time.

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