FORM 1; CLOZE TEST

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ENGLISH & LITERATURE

SERIES 1

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CLOZE TEST

1. Fill in each of the blank spaces in the passage below with the most appropriate answer

One of the challenges……**(1)**the country today is youth unemployment. Related to this is lack of patriotism and a sense of……**(2).** A number of interventions have been rolled to tackle……**(3**)challenges that youth issues are so……**(4),**they deserve a ministry, not just a ……**(5).**Among the notable programmes by the ministry was the creation……**(6).** Youth fund, whose objective to……**(7)** money to youth people to venture into business. ……**(8)** it is too early to assess its impact, the intention was noble.

Following this,……..(9) government now wants to re-introduce a company paramilitary training programme for school leavers…… **(10)** the National Youth Service.

2. Read the passage below and fill in each blank space with an appropriate word

Different types of oral literature can have (1) _____, if not identical functions. One can use stories, riddles and proverbs, among other kinds of oral literature, to express (2) _____. It is (3) _____true to say that one type of oral literature may have many different (4) _____. For example a work song that (5) _____people to pull together in their efforts may also be sung as entertainment for children, or as a political weapon when people are competing in parliamentary elections. It is (6) _____important that when one is collecting a song, one must also find out for what purpose it is being sung.

(7) _____the text of the song is important, its context must (8) _____be well known. The interest of the song is greatly enhanced and it is given (9) _____proper character by the (10) _____in which it is sung.

3. Fill in each blank space with the most appropriate word.

Every year, we look (1)…… to Christmas as a time for festivity and family get together. The jovial atmosphere that surrounds the season lifts our spirits. Families make last minute (2)…… to the supermarkets to buy gifts to loved ones (3)……, we forget that January is coming with (4)…….. challenges. The sooner you (5)…… planning, the better. This will help you avoid going (6) …….. in your expenditure. Most people take this time to (7) …….. their upcoming home, creating transport (8) …….. all over. A reunion of relatives is always the joy of charismas so to say. To some, it is just the onset of misery. This is because they don't have anything to (9)…….. The last week of the year to them is always injury time. Either they do not have anything to give or they are worried over (10)…….. and its responsibilities.

4. Read the passage below and fill in each blank space with an appropriate word

I do not support abortion. But there are cases of incest (1) ……. Rape where(2) ……should be given a chance to choose whether to live with the child or not. My position is informed (3) ……. the Christian faith that I profess. The Bible (4) ……states that thou shall not kill. Of course there may be a scenario in which a doctor is faced with a (5) ……. Where a mother's life is in danger and the only way to save her life is to abort the (6) …… It is unfortunate that nobody wants to address that issue directly. (7) …….. my personal view is that

doctors and experts should have the leeway to make professional judgements. There are hard (8) ……to be made like in the event of (9)…… risk of losing life, does the doctor save the foetus or the mother or let both to die? When does life begin then? According to churches, life begins at conception. And when does it end? Is it when one is put on a life support machine or when a doctor (10)……one dead? There is need to be pragmatic on this issue of abortion.

5. Fill in the blank with the most appropriate word (10 marks)

It is undeniable that our education system.**1……** Kenya has done a lot for students. Our literacy **2……** has risen tremendously over the **3……thirty** years. More youths are leaving school for the work force at **4……** educational levels. The majority of Kenyans have had the **5……** of primary education, something most of our grandparents do not **6……**

However, there are still **7……**which need improvement in our educational system. There is need for enough space experimentation **8……**the cultivation of genuine interest. **…..9…….**is required is a real understanding and appreciation of the subject,**10……**merely high marks.

6. Fill in each blank space in the passage with the most appropriate word.

The issue of birth certificates as a (1) ……..for registration of candidates has ignited a lot of concern for parents with students sitting for this year's examinations. Whereas we are concerned about the issue of foreigners in this country, this directive has (2) …….. many parents and students alike unprepared (3) …… instance, most students sitting this year's K.C.S.E. were born in the late 90s and if they happen not to have even birth

certificates, which is (4) …… likely, it also means that they don't have even their birth notification cards. (5) …… birth certificates under these circumstances, and within the given time frame, is (6) …… . The authorities (7) …….. with the issuance of these documents (8) …….. process them urgently. (9) ……..is a serious matter. Candidates have been given a very short time to (10) …… these documents.

7. <u>Fill in the blank spaces with the most appropriate words.</u>

A new research title "Underage drinking in Kenya", has **……1……**that nearly one third of form four students aged below 18 years take alcohol **……2……** As our society ponders this sad **……3……..,** the urgent message to children who are taking alcohol **……4……** do not drink another sip. Advice to those children is to strongly say "no". **……5……**irresponsible behaviour, to alcoholism, there are many**……6……**effects of alcohol. It is wrong and illegal for children to drink alcohol. This report also states that 46 percent of the children received ……7……first pint from friends and ……8…….. Do you offer alcohol to a child? As a parent or guardian, do you nurture ……9……? How much time do you spend with them?Notably, ……10……of guidance and supervision are stimuli to underage drinking.

8. During this month, the meteorological department has warned(1)..... respiratory diseases (2)..... Nairobi, Central Highlands and counties such as Kericho, Uasin Gishu and Trans Nzoia, (3)..... children and the elderly

to dress warmly. "(4)..... of respiratory diseases like asthma, pneumonia and common cold (flu) are expected to be on the increase due to the (5)..... cold and chilly conditions. The general public, (6)..... the young and elderly members of the society are (7)..... to adopt (8)..... dress code to avoid contracting (9)..... diseases." The 10).....said.

9.Some of the old people are .1…… by the fear of death. In the young there is a .....2……..for this feeling. Young men who….3…….. a reason to fear that they will be killed in battle may justifiably feel .4……in the thought that they have been …5……..of the better things that life has to offer. 6…….. , in an old man who has known human joys and sorrows, ….7……. has done whatever work he could do, the fear of the death is ……8……..ignorable. The best way to overcome it - so at least it seems to me ¬¬- is to make ……9…….. interests gradually wider and more impersonal, until bit by bit the walls of the ego…10……., and your life becomes increasingly part of the universal life.

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10. Tension was (1) _____in various parts of the country when rumors went round that phone users would die after receiving calls from (2)_____ telephone numbers. Many telephone users avoided calls (3)_____ their mobile phones after information spread that calls coming in red digits could cause death (4)_____ because high frequency waves would cause excessive bleeding in the brain. Some subscribers (5) _____ switched off their phones.

The rumours started (6) _____ in the morning when several people received (7) _____ messages warning them against receiving calls from some listed numbers (8) _____, it was later established, belonged to a company in Pakistan "I have switched off my phone because the news are (9) _____," One person said. However, it was later discovered that the rumours were only a (10) _____ to cause panic.

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