FORM 2; CLOZE TEST ANALYSIS

KCSE QUICK REVISION

Compilation of Possible Questions in English & Literature Likely to be examined in KCSE.

A Special Analysis of Prediction Questions that may be Tested in KCSE from this Topic in Form 2.

ENGLISH & LITERATURE

SERIES 1

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CLOSE TEST

1.*Fill in each of the blank space in the passage below with the most appropriate word.*

(1) .....the deliberations began yesterday, it was evident that the climate of suspicion and (2)..... blood still reigned. The M.P's and (3) ..... of their political parties must acknowledge cardinal principal (4) .....making accusation and issuing threats. They are deliberating on the (5)..... of Kenya.

They were (6) ..... by the people of Kenya to sit in the August House to (7)..... the people. They must remember that they are not discussing a constitution for themselves or any other. They are not (8) ..... a constitution for president Kibaki or Prime Minister Raila Odinga or any other individual (9) ..... may be having (10)..... for high office.

2. This may not be such a drab year after all (1) ……some good may yet be reported in the education sector following Kenya National Examination Council (KNEC) decision to (2) ……KCSE examination candidates online.

Registering all candidates (3).....…..is one way towards making the registration process efficient and accountable. (4) ……. this does not mean scrapping the time tested manual method, it is surely a (5) ……. in the right direction.

Also it is but one of (6) ……reforms being undertaken in education matters to reduce time school managers, students and parents expend ahead of national examinations.It would also significantly reduce (7) ……of Academies registering weak students (8)……..other examination centers and make it easier for

candidates to (9) ……. the status of their registration and (10).....perennial complaints of non-registration

3. *Read the passage below and fill in each blank space with the appropriate word.*

Garbage, garbage and more garbage; easy to generate but difficult to (1)_____ of. But if we stopped complaining about its chocking (2)_____ for even one minute, we would realise that there is (3)_____ that we can do about it – perhaps even earn a living (4) _____ it.

There are women groups that have been making and selling high (5)_____ manure from domestic waste such as potato and banana peels. In so doing they create employment for (6)_____ and those who collect the garbage for them. The manure is said to be so _____ that it causes crops to yield three times as much as other types of manure _____ fertilizers. This boosts our agricultural sector (9)_____.In a country like Britain, waste paper can now be eaten. It is softened and sweetened(10) ___a certain technology then fed to cows. Such cows are said to produce creamier milk.

4: *Fill each of the blank spaces in the passage below with the most appropriate word.*

The decision (1)……..information ministers (2)……..single out the Media (3) ……. what is clearly an intrusive audit of (4) ……..performance prior to , (5) …….. , and after the highly problematic December 2007 election should not come as a surprise. (6)……..has come as a surprise. (7) ……..the somewhat muted response from the media fraternity. From a lot that is usually vocal in the (8) ……. of its rights (9) ..... both real and imaginary

foes, the silence is (10) ……..frightening than government's seemingly single minded determination to gag the media.

5. Read the passage below and fill in the blank spaces with an appropriate word. (10mks)

Most parents innocently believe _____(i) parental guidance with regard to television watching means making sure that your child does not sit too close to the set. They believe that sitting close to the TV _____(ii) hurt their eyes. Unfortunately, the harmful effects of electronic media go much deeper_____(iii) just the physiological damage of x-rays on the brain and eyes. This is especially so with children under the _____(iv)of seven, whose senses are only _____(v) beginning to develop. Electronic media has been discovered to hamper young children's _____(vi) to create their own inner pictures - which is the foundation of all creativity.Imitation is the key _____(vii) this early age. A child can only to be truly human from human beings themselves; not from electronic gadgets, _____(viii) do faithfully represent humanness. Studies show consistently how watching TV slants creative play in young children. Nightmares _____(ix) ensue from the violent scenes watched.Television anaesthetizes our higher brain function _____(x) disrupts the balance and interaction between left and right hemispheres.

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

Nothing has changed the face of the global economy (1) than the expansion of international trade. (2) impact has been decisive on large and (3) economies alike. Most global trade is among industrialized countries, but (4) countries are gaining an increasing share of world trade.

However, globalization is not without its problems. Many countries seek to (5) local industries from increased competition. Inevitably, one country's exports are (6) country's imports, but whereas expanding export markets are seen as beneficial (7) economic growth, increasing openness to (8) is often seen, by both governments and ordinary people, as threatening the goods and (9) produced in the home country. Governments shield local industries from (10) competition through such measures as putting tariffs on imports and subsidizing production.

Adapted from: The Knowledge Book, National Geographic, Washington D.C. 2008.

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

Gender 1. …against the African woman is not 2 ….very widespread but also deeply embedded in African Societies. Several factors combine to 3. …..the African woman. First, we have primitive and irrational 4……about the natural inferiority of the woman. 5. ……, many negative cultural practices, female genital 6…., bride price and confinement to specified spaces, injure, humiliate and 7. …..the person of the woman. Thirdly , the abject poverty and abysmal ignorance prevailing in many 8. …..societies deny the African woman the means, the knowledge and the power to make 9. ……..decisions about her life.Last but not 10. ……., the African man's chauvinistic greed for power and insensitivity to the needs of his mother, daughter, sister and companion is a regrettable hindrance to female emancipation.

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

Kenyans (1) _____ a lot from the newly elected government. All the promises (2) _____ during campaigns ought to be (3) _____. (4)

_____ it is quite unrealistic to expect a lot out of nothing. We all need to work extra hard in our respective activities so as to (5) _____ on dreams. Things will never fall (6) _____ above. (7) _____ of all of us are needed to realize vision (8) _____ meeting our basic needs. Above all that, we must (9) _____ national unity and (10) _____ for the progress of all.

9.Fill the blanks in the passage below with an appropriate word (10 marks)

The chorus of praise for the Meteorological Department for (1)……..predicting when the rains would begin is a public vote of confidence in the institution. The weatherman (2) …… the exact day of the first deluge of the new rainy season and the duration. (3) …….. it is disappointing that despite the accuracy, the country has once again been caught napping. This is, (4) …….. partly due to the skepticism arising from the past predictions. But more worrying is the exposure of the lack of (5)…….to deal with floods. A country whose vast (6) …….. of land have been ravaged by a lengthy drought is now awash with water does not know how to deal with. It is a sorry state (7) ……. suffering and agony when it rains and also when it shines. The perennial utter (8) …….. of the people, agencies and the national and county leadership is astounding and costly. Seven people have died in the past two days and there is every indication (9) ……. there will be more deaths and destruction of (10) ……..

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

Although the government has--1----------a number of county schools to national status, most of them have not shown any--2----------

achievement to warrant their newly-acquired title. Thus, the-3---------- is for government to provide adequate resources to prepare the schools to take their rightful place and ultimately-4----------alternative centers of excellence. The reason for elevating more schools to national status is-5----------just in name, but to offer opportunities for more primary school leavers to benefit--6---------- the resources in these institutions. ---7----------that is not achieved, and then the drive to expand national schools will become an academic exercise. After form four, the -8----------will be looking for progression to universities or other tertiary institutions. Statistics indicate that about-9----------third of the candidate, 149,717 out of 482,133 who registered for the exams, scored grades C+ and above, --10---------- for university admission.

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