Grammar discussion questions

1. (a) Rewrite the following sentences according to instruction given in brackets (4 marks)

i. John never reported late to work last year. (Not once…)

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ii. His excuse was flimsy. He ended up in jail. (Combine the two sentences beginning: so…)

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iii. If I had not missed the plane last night, I…….(give) my first lecture now. (Use the correct tense of the verb in brackets)

iv. As soon as the sun rose, they set out. (Begin: no sooner)

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(b) Fill in the blanks with the correct word chosen from the ones given brackets after each sentences (2 marks)

i. The bride was looking forward to walking down the…….on her wedding day (aisle/isle)

ii. We cannot accommodate another person there is ……. Space left (little/a little).

(c) Use the correct form of the words in brackets to fill the blanks (2 marks)

i. The modern world today has many …….forms of communication (sophistication)

ii. The gas was stored in a ……..container (pressure)

(d) Fill in using appropriate prepositions (3 marks)

i. Many people claim that girls are good …… arts subjects

ii. Unemployed youths often subscribe ……. Illegal groups.

iii. They attended the party dressed …….smart casuals

(e) Explain the meaning of the following idiomatic expressions (2 marks)

i. Face the music……

ii. From the horse‟s mouth ……..

(f) Replace the underlined word(s) with a phrasal verb that has the same meaning as the underlined (2 marks)

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i. The nurse couldn"t **tolerate** the noise

ii. The mayor assumed that the problem had been **got rid of**.

2.

(a) Rewrite the sentence below as instructed. (3 marks)

(i) Water has been being carried by the cooks ***(Begin: The cooks …..)***

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(ii) The Executive is committed to implement the constitution ***(Rewrite correctly)***

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(iii) Annabel and Mabel could sing very well _____? ***(Add a tag)***

(b) Fill in the blank with the adjective form of the words in brackets (3 marks)

(i) The accused is yet to be proven.....(GUILT)

(ii) The …..... (MISCHIEF) boy startled the cat.

(iii) Your speech was …..... (REMINISCE) of Osama"s

(c) Fill in the blanks with the appropriate form of 'LIE' and 'LAY'
(3 marks)

(i) Jessica has..... in the shade all afternoon

(ii) My turkey had …..... three eggs before Christmas.

(iii) Whoever says a dog is feline must be a .....

(d) Replace the underlined words in each sentence with <u>one</u> word with similar meaning 3 marks)

(i) The meeting was <u>put off</u> ….....for lack of quorum

(ii) The baby <u>lets out</u>..... a cry every time its mother leaves the room

(iii) I'm sorry I can't <u>put up</u> …..... the visitors; I don't have enough room

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(e) Fill the blanks with the correct word
(3 marks)

(i) The girls..... their uniform on the clothesline yesterday afternoon

(ii) I entirely agree ..... your proposal

(iii) The KCSE results were …..... on the KNEC website

3. (a) Rewrite the following sentences according to instructions and do not change the meaning. (4 mks)

i) The watchman saw the thief when he came out of the house. (Rewrite to remove ambiguity)

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ii) I had asked her to see me but she did not see me. (Rewrite to avoid repetition)

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iii) The jet streaked across the azure sky. (Rewrite using inversion)

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iv) The graffiti were on the walls of the stadia. (Change the sentence into singular.)

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(b) Rewrite the following sentences correctly. (2 mks)

i) Everybody need some shelter.

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ii) Either the teacher or the students is wrong.

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iii) Irene, with Jane and her friend Valentine, are going to the Carnivore.

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iv) The Prime Minister recieved a bouquet of flowers.

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(c) Use the appropriate complex preposition to fill in the blanks. (2 mks)

i) ……..……. high levels of poverty, many children cannot complete primary school.

ii) Mr. Kamaliza ploughed on with his speech …….. the hostile crowd.

iii) Margaret"s children were given sponsorship ……..…… her long service.

iv) Martinez went there ……..…… buying a brand *Toyota Rav 4*.

(d) Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the words in brackets. (3 mks)

i) The …….. (assail) was arrested as he tried to cross the border.

ii) Selena is ……..(approach) and most of her fellow students shy away from her.

iii) The Principal was awarded a …….. (doctor) in Geophysics.

(e) Replace the following expressions with one word with the same meaning. (4 mks)

i) I don"t know what to do sir, I am <u>all at sea.</u>

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ii) The school has <u>gained ground</u> since the launch of the first strategic plan.

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iii) <u>Out of the blue</u>, Shikuku decided to dig his own grave.

……

iv) Rooney is a <u>pain in the neck</u>. His fellow teammates do not like him.

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4. a) Rewrite the following sentences according to the instructions given. (5mks)

i. The students were advised to consider the consequences of their behavior by the visitor. (Rewrite in direct speech)

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ii. He was amazed to hear that he was considered the best speaker in his school.
(Rewrite to use "amazement")

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iii. The fans lined up along pitch. They cheered on their team.
(Combine into one sentence beginning with a present participle)

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iv. Why can"t my mother buy me a bicycle on Sunday? (Begin: I wish……)

……

v. The doors of the bank opened and at once a crowd of customers burst in.
(Rewrite using "Hardly")

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5.

a) i) Explain the difference in meaning among the three sentences below. (3mks)

a) Mwangi went in with his cap on.

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b) Mwangi just went in with his cap on.

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c) Just Mwangi went in with his cap on.

……

b) Fill in each of the sentences below with the correct form of the underlined words. (2mks)

i. The motor was_____ but the **defect** was not defected in time.

ii. It is _____to hold items obtained through **crime.**

c) Rewrite replacing the underlined word with a phrasal verb formed from the verb in brackets.(2mks)

i. She **supported** him even when the rest of the committee did not. (back)

……

ii. Idleness **causes** poverty and want. (bring)

……

d) Answer as instructed after each. (3mks)

i. We like him because he is gentle and _____(child)

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(Complete using the correct form of the word in bracket)

ii. Poor handwriting enhances _____ of a students essay. (legible)

(Complete using the correct form of the word in brackets)

iii. The Vice Chancellors **ate the humble pie** and returned to the negotiation table.

(Explain the meaning of the underlined idiom)

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6, (a) Fill in the gaps in the sentences below by choosing the appropriate form of the verb in brackets

(i) Surely _____that we are winning in this (agrees, agree)

(ii) Her cousin_____the quests in the evening (will entertained, will entertain, will entertaining)

(iii) Joe _____with twenty bags of cement but he had no receipts to show (came, come)

(b) Rewrite the following sentences according to the instructions after each (3mks)

(i) Situma is not as handsome as Wycliffe (Rewrite using than)

……..

(ii) But for my daughter"s prompt action, I would be deed by now

(Begin: Had it…)

……..

(iii) Some doctors think both rest and medicine are equally effective in sorting depression

(Rewrite using…..as…..as medicines)

(c) Fill in the blank spaces with the correct preposition (3mks)

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(i) She is indebted _____ them for the assistance they gave when she was unwell

(ii) My Cousin came over to congratulate me _____ my graduation

(iii) The Prisoners of war were deprived _____ their freedom for seven years

(d) Replace the underlined words with the correct phrasal verb formed from the words in brackets (3mks)

(i)The class teacher **entered** the classroom and caught us making noise (burst)

……..

(ii) His mother looked at him angrily, turned and **left**(storm)

……..

(iii) After the attack, she discovered that the thugs had **escaped** with her expensive watch (make)

……..

(e) Use the correct form of the words given in brackets to fill in the gap in each sentence (3mks)

(i) The _____ of the right of expression is a violation of human right(deny)

(ii) Saving the child from burning house was a _____ act (hero)

(iii) They were asked to _____ the alarm (active)

7. (a) ***Write the following sentences according to the instructions given. Do not change their meaning.***

(3Marks)

(i) We had just alighted from the car when it began raining.
(Begin:Hardly……)
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(ii) Mothers should not abandon their babies under any circumstances.
(Begin: under……)
……

(iii) My title deed was released only after I cleared the outstanding balance.
(Begin: Not until ……..)
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(b) Fill the blanks with the correct form of the verb in brackets. **(3Marks)**

(i) Majority of the_____are yet to receive their pension. (**retire**).

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(iii) The items on the agenda were not_____discussed (**exhaust**)

(c) Fill the blanks with the appropriate prepositions **(3Marks)**

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(iii) It is advisable to pay_____cheque to avoid fraud.

(d) Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the brackets. **(3Marks)**

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(ii) The people of Kameno shunned Chege"s _____ (**prophecy/prophesy**) about the coming of the white men.

(iii) Children should always listen to their parents pieces of_____ (**advise/advice**)

(e) Punctuate the following sentences appropriately. **(3Marks)**

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8. (a) Rewrite the following sentences according to the instructions given after each .Do not change the meaning. (3 marks)

(i) Lillian Gilbreth invented the step - on garbage can. Her children wrote about her life. (Join into one sentence using „whose")

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(ii) My brother and me have been taking piano lessons for six years. (Rewrite correctly)

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(iii) Is this the only blue car in your showroom?
(Begin: Aren"t)

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(b) Punctuate the following sentences correctly: (2 marks)

(i) The frog states an old African proverb does not jump without a reason

……

(ii) The principal said thank you for the information Mrs. Mulwa.

……

(c) Rewrite the following in passive voice:

(i) People say this new material is very good.

……

(ii) A student dentist took two of my teeth out.

……

(iii) A guide took me round Fort Jesus.

……

(d) Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the words given in brackets: (2 marks)

(i) In some areas the wildlife has had difficulty _____ (adopting/adapting) to the presence of tourists.

(ii) The graceful movements of the horse create the _____ (illusion/allusion) of a four-legged ballet.

(e) Replace the underlined words in each sentence with one word which has the same meaning. (2 marks)

(i) The police arrested the <u>man whom they thought had committed the crime.</u>

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(ii) <u>The man who fells trees</u> injured himself and was rushed to hospital.

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(f) Fill the blanks with the correct preposition:

(i) The accused was so confused that he was lost_____ words.

(ii) A friend is someone you should be able to count _____when you are in difficulties.

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(iii)The county Director of education conferred _____the class teacher before entering the class.

9 a) <u>Rewrite the following sentences according to the instructions after each.</u> (4marks)

i) It is bad manners to spit on the ground. (Rewrite using a gerund)

……

ii) It is a pleasant surprise to meet you again after all these years. (Rewrite beginning: What…….)

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iii) Kathundai likes eating rice more than taking coffee. (Begin: Kathundai prefers …….)

……

iv) There were very few boys in our class. (use ……any…….)

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b) **<u>Fill in each blank space with the correct form of the word in brackets.</u> (3 marks)**

i) It is not possible to spell a word from her …….. (pronounce).

ii) Do not wait for the bus, it comes to this town very …….. (regular).

iii) The hunt for the murderers has been …… (intense)

c) **<u>Complete each of the following sentences using the correct phrasal verb formed from the word given in brackets</u> (3 marks)**

i) It was so dark that I could hardly ……. the person lurking in the darkness. (make)

ii) The nurse was so ……that she threw the file onto the doctor"s desk (work)

iii) The number of AIDS patients in Kenya is …….. (come)

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d) **Fill in each of the blank spaces with an appropriate word**.

(3marks)

i) The burglar was accused …….. being an accomplice in the theft.

ii) The banana was shared …… the three girls.

iii) The book is hidden ……..the view of passers – by.

e) **Choose the correct word to fill in the blank spaces.** **(2 marks)**

i) I came here with Don and ……..(she ,her)

ii) Between you and …… (I, me) who is more generous?

10.

(a) (i) Is it absolutely necessary to register students on line ***Begin : Do students***
……..…

(ii) Jane had just rushed out the hall when the students started murmuring. ***Begin: No sooner***

(iii) The committee consists of the chairman secretary treasurer. (***rewrite using comprise)***

……..…

(b) Fill each of the blank spaces with the correct word

(a) Jane has a special liking……mathematics

(ii) The host has a pot that answers……the name Toogie.

(c) Complete the following sentences using the appropriate form of the words in brackets.

(i) The house girl had……(**lie**) down the baby.

(ii) The goods need……(**clear**) in order to move through the customs.

(iii) Stop watches are known for their……(**precise**)

(d) Explain the difference in meaning between the following pair of sentences.

(i) The injured student did not die happily

The injured student did not ,happily.

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……..…

(ii) The boys who went on strike have been suspended.

The boys who went on strike, have been suspended.

……..…

(e) Replace the underlined word(s) with the correct phrasal verb.

(i) The boys <u>resembles</u> the maternal uncle

……..…

(ii) The soldiers <u>retreated</u> as the terrorists approached

……..…

(iii) The vehicle was <u>completely damaged</u> after the accident.

……..…

(f) Give the meaning of the underlined idiomatic expression.

(i)The teacher asked him to stop beating about the bush.

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(ii) The politicians asked them to cross the bridge when they reach it.

……..…

11. (a) Rewrite the following sentences according to the instructions given after each (4mks)

(i) Won‟t you come? (Rewrite the sentence so as to end in … “won‟t you?”

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(ii) We arrived at six o‟clock (Rewrite using „reached‟)

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(iii) She never came late for meals last week (Begin: Not once….

……..

(iv) The cakes belong to the son of our doctor(Begin: These are…

……..

(b) Change the following sentences from direct to indirect speech

(3mks)

(i) The English teacher said, "Thank you."

……..

(ii) Mr. Onyango, our Physics eacher, said, " Copper is a good conductor of electricity."

……..

(iii) The principal asked us, "Will you have time to do the homework" and we said "Yes"

……..

(c) Replace each of the following underlined words with a phrasal verb in the spaces provided ***(3mks)***

(i) We cannot tolerate this nonsense (put)

……..

12. (a)Rewrite the following sentences according to the instructions given after each. Do not change meaning of the original sentences. (4 marks)

(i)After considering his health, the manager advised him to apply for sick leave.

(Rewrite using: "In view of")

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(ii)Adongo was recommended for keeping up her good performance.(Replace the underlined phrase

with oneword.)

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iii) He will not regain other peoples respect unless he stops drinking irresponsibly. Begin: Only...)

……

(iv) The stray dog did not bite the child.(Begin: The child

……

(b)Explain the difference in meaning of each of the following sentences.
(2marks)

(i) I These are the girl"s dresses.
II These are the girls" dresses.

……

(ii) I The book which got lost is mine.
II The book, which got lost, is mine.

……

(c)Rewrite the following sentences using the correct form of the word in bracket .
(3marks)

(i) (Ordinary),the cows are milked at 4 p.m. every day.

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(ii)Your (hostile) will take you nowhere.

……

(iii) The(character) of the lioness is quite distinct from that of a lion.

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(d)) Rewrite the following sentences putting the adjectives in brackets in their correct order.
(3marks)

i) The old woman keeps a (black big fat) cat.

……

ii) Mr. Musumba likes wearing his (white old cotton) shirt.

……

iii) She gave me a (metal small square) box.

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(e) Rewrite each of the following sentences correctly.(3marks)

(i) our school has bought many equipment"s recently.

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(ii) The novel a grain of wheat was written by NgugiwaThiong"o.

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(iii)Our teachers give us useful advises.

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12.

(a) ***Rewrite each of the following sentences according to instructions each. Do not change the meaning.*** (3mks)

(i) We attended both the reception and the evening party. (**Begin: Not only…)**

……

(ii) The convicts had scarcely left the courtroom when one of them snatched the guard"s gun and started running. (**begin Scarcely…)**

……

(iii) Ann returned my book to the library (**change into passive**)

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(b) ***Write one word to replace the underlined words in the following sentences.*** ***(***3mks)

(i) The head boy reproduced the headmaster"s speech word for word.

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(ii) Mr. Ngei is unable to pay his debts.

……

(iii)We cannot say that the pope is incapable of error.

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(c) Fill in the blank in each sentences with an appropriate preposition

(3mks)

(i)The electorate want no one_____me.

(ii) After a delicious lunch, they left_____ the game park.

(iii) I dropped that extra change_____my mum"s purse.

(d) ***Complete each blank space in the following sentences with appropriate choice from: few, a few, little a little, some*** (3mks)

(i) If there is tea left in that flask, I would like to have_____

(ii) Since animal proteins are very expensive_____people eat enough.

(iii)Mary got _____ presents in her birthday.

(e) Choose the correct pronoun in the following sentences.

(i) She knew allbout my friend and _____(I/me)

(ii) What would you do if you are_____? (she/her)

(iii) David and _____went to the Library. (I/me)

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