THE SAMARITAN

POSSIBLE KCSE EXCERPTS

A Series of Expected KCSE Model Set Of Questions Anticipated in the Final Examinations.

Compilation of Possible Excerpts Based Questions Likely to be administered in English Paper 2.

SERIES 1

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POSSIBLE KCSE EXCERPT 1

Read the following extract from the play "The Samaritan" by John Lara and then answer the questions after. ***(25 marks)***

Seymour: (Springing to his feet with clenched fists) That cannot be possible. Nobody can write that kind of thing about me in this world!

Harvester: (Looking at Ted and Seymour) Copies of indisputable documentary evidence to that effect were all over today's newspapers and are being shared in all media platforms.

Seymour: (Resuming his seat and swearing with trembling voice) Those are fake documents! These are all barefaced falsehoods! And I can assure you one thing: Those behind the allegations now have their appointment with fate! Certainly!

Ted : (Sitting properly and looking up for the first time) **Supply of air?** I am beginning to think this is serious. Could we end up in Baneta Express Prison?

Harvester:(Turning pages of his note book)But that is only one of the allegations ,there are many more ,including drug trafficking, grabbing of public land, **inflation** of the cost of municipal projects, use of proxies to secure municipal tenders, undertaking shoddy public works, murder and gang warfare. The information is very detailed on the people and companies involved .

Mossi: There is a lot of personal information on municipal leaders on that evil thing , too; including lifestyles of individual municipal officials, where they live, the kind of houses they live in, their businesses, the vehicles they own, other properties in their possession, when the properties were acquired, and a lot of other personal details I don't want to mention here. (Looking at Bembe) There was a lot of talk yesterday on the Madingo Golf Club, with everyone Wondering where you got the money to put it up.

Bembe: (Sitting up with an expression of horror on his face) The Madingo Golf Club? No! I have always been very **discreet** about my private affairs! How did they get the Information it is mine?

Mossi: You see, there is hardly anything on earth you can do without somebody knowing About it. You should also remember that those we regard as our friends are Sometimes wolves in sheep's clothing. And they may have a lot of information about us,which could be damaging!

Bembe: This might be our worst nightmare!

Mossi: What worries me most is the recent formation of a lobby group, an amorphous virtual group, comprising mostly of lawyers, calling itself *The Samaritan*. It is calling upon the people to volunteer as witnesses and help in the prosecution of those involved in corruption and abuse of office in the Municipality. They are also planning to **petition** the Local Government Minister ,the Prime Minister, and the Chief Justice to take action. The situation is not pretty at all.

Ted: (Looking at Justice Jaden)Can such online allegations form a strong basis for prosecution

and conviction?

Jaden: (Adjusting his eyeglasses) Yes, they can; provided there are valid documents supporting the allegations.

Bembe: (Throwing his hands in the air) I think we have no choice other than ban that thing within Maracas Municipality! The Municipal Council needs to pass a by-law to that effect urgently. I will enforce it immediately!

Jaden: (Adjusting his eyeglasses and then his tie) I think we need to be careful and strategic. On what basis do you ban it? And how can you police the use of mobile phones to ensure the ban is effective?

Seymour: We can think creatively about that. For example, we can claim that municipal authorities are concerned that suspect Apps, particularly spy Apps, are finding their way into our municipality. This may lead to theft of confidential information such as bank account details. We can also cite issues of cyberbullying and the sharing of pornographic materials in schools.

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QUESTIONS

a)What is Seymour referring to at the beginning of the excerpt **?** **(2mks)**

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b)Identify and illustrate two aspects of style in this excerpt**.** **(4mks)**

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c)Discuss two themes evident in this excerpt **(4mks)**

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d)Discuss one character trait of Seymour and one character trait of Mossi as presented in this excerpt**.** **(4mks)**

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e)From your knowledge of the rest of the play, what two things does Mossi suggest could be done to control the use of the Samaritan App? **(2mks)**

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f) From your knowledge of the rest of the play , briefly explain the origin of the Samaritan App. **(4mks)**

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g) Explain the meaning of the following words and phrases as used in the excerpt **(5mks)**

i)Supply of air ……

ii)inflation ……

iii)discreet ……

iv)amorphous……

v)petition……

POSSIBLE KCSE EXCERPT 2

Read the following extract from the play "The Samaritan" by John Lara and then answer the questions after. *(25 marks)*

Seymour: Money, money, money! And more money.

Ted: You mean we give money to the two students and the teacher?

Seymour: No, mobilise enough money to fight any cases that might be brought up against us and if necessary, enough for dealing in other ways with those who insist on pursuing us.

Ramdaye: Good idea, but I have loans and projects. I don't think I can raise any money now.

Bembe: I, too, just finished the Madingo Golf Club recently. I am as broke as a church mouse.

Ted: I cannot raise a meaningful amount, either.

Harvester: If that is the case, they why can't we find a way of averting the court cases from coming up in the first place?

Bembe: How will that work?

Harvester: We will announce a grace period within which everyone in the Municipality should come clean, confess their mistakes. Give back what they have acquired irregularly, forgive one another and then open up a new chapter of honesty in the\ conduct of our municipal affairs.

Ted: (Chuckling) That has never happened anywhere in the world!

Harvester: It can be our local initiative. I know the truth can set us free.

Harvester: Isn't restitution an admission of guilt? How can I incriminate myself? And in any case, what if you are accused of crimes other than acquiring wealth irregularly?

Ted: I doubt whether restitution is a good idea.

Ramdaye: That takes us back to the idea of raising money to fight the cases. We may have to procure loans or sell some of our properties.

Seymour: Since we all do not have money, why can't we find a way of getting that money from the Municipal Fund?

Mossi: Municipal Fund? How?

Seymour: We just need to do some reallocation of budget line items.

Ted: I agree. We must set aside some money to take care of investigators, lawyers, prosecutors and judges if things go wrong.

Seymour: You see, the waste disposal system in our town is in terrible state. There is garbage all over the place and the drains are broken. As we speak, it is a serious health hazard. We can justify reallocation of funds on the need to address this problem. In reality, we will use some of the funds to fight off cases that are without a doubt coming.

Mossi: (Surprised and in disbelief) What?

QUESTIONS

(a) Briefly **explain** what happens just before the events in the excerpt**.** **(3 marks)**

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(b) What does Hon. Seymour imply when he says they need to mobilise enough money, if necessary, enough for dealing in other ways with those who insist on pursuing them**? (2 marks)**

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(c) Identify with appropriate illustrations **two** character traits of Hon. Seymour brought out in the excerpt. **(4 marks)**

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(d) (i) I doubt whether restitution is a good idea. *(Rewrite in the reported speech)* **(1 mark)**

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(ii) It can be our local initiative. *(Add a question tag)* **(1 mark)**

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(iii) We just need to do some reallocation of budget line items. *(Rewrite in the passive)* **(1 mark)**

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(e) Discuss two thematic concerns of the writer raised in the excerpt**.** **(4 marks)**

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(f) Pick out and illustrate **two** stylistic devices used in the excerpt**.** **(4 marks)**

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(g) Explain the meanings of the following words used in the excerpt. **(3 marks)**

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(h) Briefly explain what happens shortly after the events in the excerpt. **(2 marks)**

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POSSIBLE KCSE EXCERPT 3

Read the following extract from the play "The Samaritan" by John Lara and then answer the questions after. ***(25 marks)***

Ramdaye: Aaa, aah, aah, aah that was sericus mayhem! It never occurred to us that Mayor Mossi would violently disrupt our meeting. The message is now very clear: he will not allow any meeting to discuss his ouster.

Seymour: It certainly was. The hooligans were very brutal. (Demonstrating) But I drew my gun and refused to run away. I dared them to touch me!

Ted: One of them aimed a rock at my head. I never though anybody could handle such a huge stone. It flew past my head like a rocket-propelled grenade. It missed my head by the thickness of a pig's bristle!

Seymour: (Looking at Hon. Ramdaye) I was shocked you could run as you did, at your age! You whizzed past me like an express train! I never thought you would ever come to a stop!

Ted: I doubt they were just hooligans.

Seymour: Yes, their organisation and speed suggest there is more than meets the eye. It was like a military operation.

Ted: And there was smoke all over: burning tyres, papers, mattresses and sacks, combined with tear gas smoke. Sadly,we never anticipated this. I think the Mayor is a good organiser.

Ramdaye: He is called Mossi-ca-Tunya, the smoke that thunders! He is a master schemer and a go-getter!

Seymour: It is very clear that we at war. We need to carry on with our plan, to the last detail. We will not be cowed! We must mobilize the entire Municipal Council to pass the no confidence motion against him. (Looking at Hon. Ted) And, to get down to business, you remember we tasked you to talk to Councillors and Aldermen and assess whether they will support the no confidence motion.

Ted: Yes, you did, and as you know, our political landscape comprises Councillors and Aldermen of mixed ethnicity as well as those of the Afro and Indo descent.

Ramdaye: Oh, yes, it does. So?

Ted: I was on the phone almost all night and very little support was forthcoming. I assumed wrongly that we could whip up racial and class prejudice to get many of them to support us. How mistaken I was! After talking to them, I realised that our chamber members are of different categories that we must keep in mind even as we seek to woo them to support our cause.

QUESTIONS

(a) Briefly recount the events leading to this excerpt. **(2 marks)**

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(b) Why does Hor. Ted doubt the brutal young man who disrupted their morning meeting to discuss the Mayor's ouster were just hooligans? **(2 marks)**

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(c) Discuss two character traits of Hon. Seymour and one of Ted brought out in the excerpt. **(6 marks)**

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(d) What two themes are evident in the excerpt? **(4 marks)**

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(e) Single out and illustrate two features of style employed in the excerpt**.** **(4marks)**

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(f) (i) I never thought you would ever come to a stop! (Rewrite beginning: **How...) (1 mark)**

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(ii) One of them aimed at a rock at my head. ***(Add a question tag)***

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(iii) Yes, their organization and speed suggest there is more than meets the eye. *(Write replacing the underlined word with a phrasal verb*. **(1 mark)**

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(iv) I dared them to touch me. **(Report) (1 mark)**

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(g) Explain the meanings of the following words used in the excerpt. **(3 marks)**

• Ouster

• Whizzed

Go-getter

POSSIBLE KCSE EXCERPT 4

Read the following extract from the play "The Samaritan" by John Lara and then answer the questions after. ***(25 marks)***

Mossi:(Turning to Bembe) Oh, yes. And remember to get your undercover officers to shoot in the air now and then. You know... they must know that I leave thunder and smoke in my wake!

Bembe: Consider that done. But the land? Are you sure about it?

Mossi: Consider it done, too. (After some interval of silence) So those are two problems solved; your hotel and tomorrow's vote of no confidence meeting. But we still need to figure out how to deal with The Samaritan.

Mossi:I liked the idea of talking to that teacher at Sagrada Secondary School.

Harvester: Yes, it would be good if we secured an understanding that she will edit or filter some of the information coming out about us.

Mossi;That would solve the whole problem! Very well, I will go there first thing tomorrow morning and talk to her.

Harvester: You never know, she might oblige.

Mossi: But I seriously doubt she will. She struck me as a very difficult person, an enemy of the progress of our Municipality.

Bembe: Let's just try. If she doesn't yield, I will visit her. I have a way of making people switch **allegiances.**

Mossi:I doubt it is advisable for you to go there. You might make things worse. You know sometimes when I think about your approach to problems, I am reminded of what they call the law of the instrument.

Bembe: What is it about?

Mossi: That if all you have is the hammer, you tend to think of every problem as a nail.

Bembe: In times such as these, every instrument must be put to good use. In fact, I have been thinking that we should accuse her of some crime, like stealing school furniture or let's say, a computer, or even a generator and then pin it on her! Then we can tell the judge to put her in!

Harvester: I don't think that will work. Certainly the judge will no**t oblige.**

Mossi:I think so too. (There is silence. Mossi scratches his head thoughtfully) I think our next step will be to talk to the Judge. If he can imprison Ramdaye and his team, we will have killed two hirds with one store: we will have **aborted.**The no confidence vote and we will have responded to the people's demand for imprisonment of corrupt leaders! I will talk to him.

QUESTIONS

(a) Place this excerpt in its immediate context. **(4 marks)**

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(b) What two character traits of Inspector Bembe and one of Mayor Mossi come out in the excerpt? **(6 marks)**

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(c) (i) Certainly the judge will not oblige. **(Rewrite adding a question tag)** **(1mark)**

(ii) Yes, in fact, we will get someone to steal the school generator and then pin it on her. **(Rewrite in the reported speech) (1 mark)**

(iii) But we still need to figure out how to deal with The Samaritan. *(Rewrite replacing phrasal verb in bold with one word)* **(1 mark)**

(iv) If she doesn't yield, I will visit her. (Rewrite replacing "if" with "unless") **(1mark)**

(d) Identify two features of style used in the excerpt. **(4 marks)**

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(e) Discuss two themes raised in the excerpt**.** **(4 marks)**

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(1) ***Explain*** the meanings of following words used in the excerpt. **(4 marks)**

- Filter-

- Allegiance's

- Oblige

- Aborted

POSSIBLE KCSE EXCERPT 5

Read the following extract from the play "The Samaritan" by John Lara and then answer the questions after. ***(25 marks)***

Bembe: You have a reputation for being too strong-willed to be suitable for a school teacher. You're as stubborn as a mule.

Nicole: What crime is that?

Bembe: Well, it is not a crime as such; but don't you think it is a bad influence to the students? (Bangs the table violently and shouts an order. Two police officers enter.) Handcuff her!(There is a commotion as the officers reach out to Nicole. She resists but is overwhelmed. There is an interval of silence as Bembe begins to rummage through papers on Nicole's table. Nicole refuses to move and sits down on the floor. The officers drug her on the door) Stop. (The officers stop. There is silence. Then Bembe moves behind Nicole'stable and starts pulling the drawers open, one after the other) Where have you hidden it?

Nicole: Hidden what?

Bembe:The Samaritan! (Nicole is visibly surprised at the answerbut remains silent) I will tell you this, whenever you see mepersonally involved in an arrest, you must know it's aserious matter, as serious as death. And you should be afraid. Very afraid!

Nicole: I am not guilty of anything, and I refuse to be intimidated!(Inspector Bembe bangs the table violently with his gun.Nicole recoils with a start.) Woman! Show sumseriousness! This is no laughing matter. Are you willing to talk?

Nicole: About what? (There is silence as Inspector Bembe wearshis beret and places his scepter under his armpits)

Bembe: About The Samaritan.

Nicole: What about The Samaritan?

Bembe: Where is it?

Nicole: I don't understand you?

Bembe: Where is it? (He repeats angrily)

Nicole:(Swinging her head in disbelief) I have no such thing in my possession, but you can download it from the internet.

Bembe: (Hitting Nicole on the face with a bunch of papers) Now you have to tell those two students to shut that thing off. Alright?

Nicole: Why should I?

Bembe: Because it is the right thing to do!

Nicole: I have no right to dictate what they do with their App.

Bembe: Then you have to shut it down yourself! We believe The Samaritan is your brainchild! The two students are just a cover-up! And the App is a grave danger to society!

Nicole: Mr. Inspector, when The Samaritan helps us fight environmental degradation by exposing the culprits, is that dangerous?

Bembe: Fighting environmental degradation is none of the school's business! We have competent agencies employed to do that! Teach the authorized curriculum.

Nicole: When it helps us to know who supplies air to the Municipal Council instead of goods and services, is that dangerous?

QUESTIONS

(a) Briefly outline the events preceding this excerpt. **(3 marks)**

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(b) In the light of what has been happening in the text, why does Inspector Bembe tell Nicole that she has a reputation for being too strong-willed to be suitable for a school teacher? **(2 marks)**

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(c) Discuss two thematic concerns of the writer raised in the excerpt. **(4marks)**

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(d) Identify one character trait of each of the following characters:

(i) Inspector Bembe

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(ii) Nicole

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(e) (i) Because it is the right thing to do! *(Rewrite replacing "Because" with another subordinating conjunction)* **(1 mark)**

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(ii) You're as stubborn as a mule. *(Rewrite adding a question tag)* **(1 mark)**

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(iii) You're just <u>confirming</u> some of the other accusations that have been made against you. *(Rewrite replacing the underlined word with a phrasal verb)* **(1 mark)**

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(f) Pick out two stylistics devices employed in the excerpt and illustrate them**.** **(4 marks)**

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(g) (i) We believe The Samaritan is your brainchild! (*Rewrite in the passive voice)* **(1 mark)**

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(ii) Then you have to shut it down yourself! *(Rewrite ending with "then")* **(1 mark)**

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(h) Explain the meanings of the following words used in the excerpt. **(3 marks)**

• Download -

- Brainchild

• Grave

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POSSIBLE KCSE EXCERPT 6

Read the following extract from the play "The Samaritan" by John Lara and then answer the questions after. *(25 marks)*

Nicole: I have been reading the posts on The Samaritan and they are all about leaders, public officials and even private individuals. You have not been singled out in any way

Mossi: Far from the truth! Take the issue of development, for example. Everywhere in The Samaritan, I am being accused of inflating the cost of projects and presiding over shoddy Municipal works. Am I indeed responsible for that?

Nicole: Maybe it is because you are the overall leader. The buck with you, as they say.

Mossi: Oh, yes, it's easy to think so because I am the overall custodian of the public good in our Municipality. But take any project, such as the construction and maintenance of secondary roads in our town. Are any roads ever constructed? I will tell you what happens. Only a few kilometres of road are usually dug up and then levelled. Then the contractor pours old black oil and claims the road is tarmacked. Today, our secondary roads look like part of an abandoned battlefield where bombs were detonated. Even tractors can get stuck in those roads! Yet, the Council pays top dollar for these roads each year! Am I responsible?

Nicole: Tell me, Your Worship.

Mossi: (Standing up and pacing about the boardroom) It is my Deputy! That irredeemable gossip and broker! As you know, he doubles up as our Municipal Secretary for the Department of Physical infrastructure. He uses this position to ensure only his companies or those of his relatives win tenders for road construction in our Municipality. The same happens with regard to tenders for the construction of bridges, pavements, drains and watercourses. Sadly, they don't de de any meaningful work! They simply **misappropriate** the funds!

Nicole: So what does that have to do with the people?

Mossi: Doesn't bother you that the people overwhelmingly voted for this kind of a person knowing very well he has never accomplished anything in his life other than swindle the people?

Nicole: Oh, did they know?

Mossi: Of course, they did! There is hardly any person he has not conned in this town! You always find him leaning on the street poles in cur town's backstreets, gazing vacantly into empty spaces like an evil spirit-waiting for fake title deeds to be printed. He prints ten title deeds for the same plot, and then sells the same plot to ten different people. Yet the people went ahead and voted for him! Why do the people glorify evil and mediocrity, and then turn and whine when it hurts them? And you know what?

QUESTIONS

(a) Place this excerpt in its immediate context. **(4 marks)**

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(b) Mayor Mossi claims that Hon. Ramdaye has conned almost everyone in their town. Mention one Council leader who has been conned and explain how. **(2 marks)**

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(c) Discuss **two themes** raised in the excerpt**.** **(4 marks)**

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(d) Identify two character traits of Hon. Ramdaye brought out in the excerpt. **(4 marks)**

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(e) What two stylistic techniques the writer has employed in the excerpt? **(4 marks)**

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(f) (i) They simply misappropriate the funds! *(Rewrite in the passive)* **(1 mark)**

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(ii) Only a few kilometres of road are usually dug up and then levelled.*(Rewrite in the active voice)* **(1 mark)**

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(iii) Maybe it is because you are the overall leader. *(Rewrite replacing "may be" with another word)*

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(iv) The buck stops with you, as they say. *(Rewrite adding a question tag)* **(1 mark)**

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(v) Everywhere in The Samaritan, I am being accused of inflating the cost of projects and presiding over shoddy Municipal works. (Rewrite replacing the underlined word with a phrasal verb) **(1 mark)**

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(g) Explain the meanings of the following words used in the excerpt. **(2 marks)**

- Misappropriate
- Inflating

POSSIBLE KCSE EXCERPT 7

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d) Identify two-character traits of Hon. Ramdaye brought out in the excerpt. **(4 marks)**

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e) What two stylistic techniques the writer has employed in the excerpt? **(4 marks)**

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f) They simply misappropriate the funds! ***(Rewrite in the passive)*** **(l mark)**

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g) Only a few **kilometres** of road are usually dug up and then levelled. ***(Rewrite in the active voice)*** **(1 mark)**

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h) Maybe it is because you are the overall leader. ***(Rewrite replacing "may be" with another word)***

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i) The buck stops with you, as they say. **(Rewrite adding a question tag)** **(1 mark)**

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j) Everywhere in The Samaritan, I am being accused of inflating the cost of projects and presiding over shoddy Municipal works. (***Rewrite replacing the underlined word with a phrasal verb)*** **(l mark)**

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k) Explain the meanings of the following words used in the excerpt. **(2 marks)**

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POSSIBLE KCSE EXCERPT 8

Read the excerpt given below and then answer the questions that follow. (25 marks)

Mossi As you all know, The Samaritan crisis has snowballed into a huge nightmare since our meeting

a week ago. I called you here as my dependable allies so that we can agree on how to handle the unfolding crisis.

Bembe: Before we can get there, Your Worship, it is only fair that I bring to your attention the very high likelihood of my untimely death, any time soon.

Mossi: What did you say?

Bembe: I logged into the App yesterday and found out that I am accused of countless cases of corruption, violation of human rights, drug peddling, and extortion. It's giving me the willies! And you know very well my blood sugar isn't good. At one point, I suspect I drifted into a coma!

Mossi: Did you say sugar? That is a bit dangerous. You may need to eat some salt every now and then. But above all, don't worry, you are not alone. (Holding his head with both hands) I also temporarily lost consciousness when I learned that my Deputy, Seymour and Ted are mobilising Councillors and Aldermen to pass a vote of no confidence in me. I fear they will send me to prison. I now see Baneta Express Prison each time I close my eyes. It is such a damned place! I can even smell the revolting stench of the cells though I have never been there!

Harvester: That could be an ill omen.

Mossi: it's a very distinct smell. So strong, I have been unable to eat since yesterday!

Bembe: You may need to chew something with a strange taste and pungent smell; or in fact, something completely neutral, like ordinary grass.

Mossi: But I am not scared, as I always say. This is the nature of war. So, to get to our business...

Harvester: Your Worship, let me also bring to your attention that I am accused of many crimes of abuse of office. The latest accusations are the letters I did banning the use of Apps and directing our ICT Officer to take steps against suspect innovations. No sooner had I dispatched the letters than they found their way into The Samaritan.

Mossi: (Looking at Mr. Harvester) Don't worry, I am also accused of many crimes, particularly what they are calling municipal capture. What exactly is that by the way?

Harvester: it is worst form of corruption and abuse of office, ' in which your private interests determine the direction of public policy,

Mossi: Do you think there is evidence for that?

Harvester: I see a wide range of purported documentary evidence posted on the App, but I don't know whether it is admissible in court. I wonder how the people are getting all this information, some of which is classified.

Mossi: It is the porcupine!

Bembe: The porcupine?

Mossi: Yes, the weather-beaten porcupine! I mean the opposition chief, Hon. Basdeo! He has been the main actor behind the information on that thing and the newspapers. My contacts in the media houses confirmed this to me last night. The day we left Sagrada Secondary School lats year; the

porcupine went straight to the bank. He withdrew money and paid journalists to sit down for days on end, looking for any damaging information on us, and uploading it on The Samaritan. He has assembled serious arsenal against us enough to last for the next two months!' That confirms The Samaritan is a political weapon to destroy me. And the porcupine can do anything to acquire power! Even selling. his own mother!

Harvester: He is doing a horrible job on us. Today's stories are particularly damaging. (Looking at the mayor) They have all reported, for example, that I ordered the purchase of all the newspapers the other week using public funds following your instructions.

QUESTIONS

a) From elsewhere in the play, why do the Deputy Mayor, Hon. Seymour and Hon. Ted mobilize Councilors and Aldermen to pass a vote of no confidence in Mayor Sossi **(3 marks)**

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b) Identify and explain the character of Inspector Bembe and Harvester as brought in this excerpt.

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c) Identify and illustrate two aspects of style used in the excerpt.

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d) Describe Mayor Mossi's attitude towards Hon. Basdeo.

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e) Explain any two themes addressed in this excerpt. **(4 marks)**

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f) No sooner bad I dispatched the letters than they found their way into The Samaritan. Rewrite beginning: Barely...

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g) What happens immediately after this excerpt? **(2 marks)**

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h) Explain the 'meaning of the following expressions as used in the passage. **(4 marks)**

Dependable allies

Giving me the willies

Damned place

Admissible in court

POSSIBLE KCSE EXCERPT 9

Read the excerpt given below and then answer the questions that follow. (25 marks)

Nicole: *(Looking at Montano and Alvita alternately)* You see, I like the idea of The Samaritan. Do you remember what happened in the parable of the Good Samaritan?

Alvita: 'Yes, Mistress. Robbers attacked a Jewish man. They beat him, up, robbed him and left him for dead by the roadside.

Nicole: (Turning to Montano) Then what happened, Montano?

Montano: A priest passed by. He saw the injured man lying by the roadside. Even though he was a religious man working in our maker's house, he did not help the man. He ignored him and went on his way.

Nicole: (Facing Alvita) And then?

Alvita: And then came the Levite. He was a religious man, too; as Levites worked as assistants to the priests. He also did not stop to help the man.

Nicole: Then?

Montano: Next came a Samaritan. Though holding a different view on religion, and despite the hostility between Jews and Samaritans, he treated the man with compassion, dressed his wounds and took him to a safe place.

Nicole: You inspired me by naming your innovation The Samaritan. It made me realize that the people in our Municipality are like the Jewish man in many ways. We are beaten, stripped, robbed and left for dead. And the people you would expect to help us, our leaders and our public officials, cannot come to our aid. They are 'like the Priest and the Levite in the story. They only talk about pursuing public interest without ever being genuinely committed to it. The shepherds have turned against the sheep. So, who will help us? It's up to, all of us without any claim of any office, to be The Samaritan — to another. And you know what? Alvita: Tell us, Mistress.

Nicole: The Samaritan App is an excellent platform for all of us to be there for one another. It gives each one of us an opportunity to speak out against wrong doing and to share ideas that will make life better for all of us. You see, if we all care only about ourselves, how will our Municipality ever prosper? We must be there for one another; we must do the right things in the right way and we must all take the responsibility for the progress of our Municipality. It is only in this way, that we pan ultimately improve our own individual lives. Alvita: But now the App can't help? Mistress. They won't allow it.

Nicole: They don't have to; but 1 9ssure you The Samaritan will change the course of history in our Municipality

Montano: It will not be good for you, Mistress. We all heard the mayor speak and it was clear he meant every single word. You may be in grave danger, Mistress.

Nicole: Whatever they may do to me doesn't matter. Sometimes it is good to stand for a cause that can bring a better tomorrow for all of us.

Alvita: The Samaritan has been all over the newspapers, radio and TV channels for over two months. It has grown so big that it is not good for us anymore. Could they transfer you from our school? We would like to follow you wherever you go.

Nicole: we must always strive to improve our lives, not chicken out at every obstacle and threat to our lives. You are young kids; young also in the ways of the world, but what you have done is to provide the people with a smart and convenient tool for casting a spotlight on our leaders — a platform where people can expose the corrupt ways of our leaders, expose their stolen wealth and create a better society for all of us.

QUESTIONS

a) What is Montano reacting to in his first statement in this excerpt? Explain the reason for the rejection using illustrations from elsewhere in the play. **(4 marks)**

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b) Compare Maracas residents and the Jewish man in this excerpt.

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c) Explain the dominant style in this excerpt.

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d) Describe the character of Ms. Nicole in this excerpt.

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e) Explain the relevance of the Samaritan app to Maracas residents.

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f) Identify and illustrate any two this excerpt**,** **(4 marks)**

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g) It has grown so big that it is not good for us anymore. Rewrite beginning: So.. **(l marks)**

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h) Explain the meaning of the following expressions as used in the excerpt. **(3 marks)**

Left for dead

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Inspired

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Chicken out

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POSSIBLE KCSE EXCERPT 10

Read the excerpt given below and then answer the questions that follow. (25 marks)

Narine: I did; maybe he has not seen 'it. (There is silence, then the principal continues) The App has sent shock waves across the Municipality. Leaders and many other people are in terrible panic. l am beginning to feel you might have to do a very long and hard thinking about the App. (Pauses again) I do not know how, but this matter has to be brought to a close with the urgency and seriousness it deserves. It is dangerous.

Nicole: I believe it will be over soon, once the President has launched the App, Madam Principal, Then it will be out of our hands.

Narine: I am not completely sure about that. What I am certain is that our Municipal leaders are convinced you are running the show behind the scenes as regards the App: and that-you are in a position of getting them out of the predicament they now find themselves in.

Nicole: It is natural for them to think so; most people do. And this is because I am not only the teåcher in charge of innovation but also a mentor to the two students.

Narine: Nothing beyond that?

Nicole: Nothing.

Narine: You see, Nicole, you are one of my best members of staff. It would be very unfortunate if you lied to me. I am an old lady, Nicole; old enough to be your mother and perceptive enough to know the kind of ambition you have.

Nicole: Well, I did midwife the idea of the two students and then guided them. As their mentor, I should also provide direction us regards their intellectual property as the originators of the App. But then, isn't that my role as a teacher and mentor?

Narine: Nicole, you have been here long enough to know me. I take my work seriously. I am single-mindedly focused on the mission of the school, whicll is to provide the students under our care with quality education. I have never allowed, and will not allow, any teacher in this institution to deviate from this course.

Nicole: I have absolutely no intention of deviating from my professional obligations as a teacher, Madam Principal.

Narine: Everything done in this school must serve the single purpose of preparing the students entrusted to us to be responsible and productive citizens. I will not stand or allow anything that will distract you, or any other member of staff, or the students, or even myself, from pursuing this mission. You must, therefore, figure out a way of putting this matter to rest. I think what you are doing is good. But it must not derail us from the greater good that is the mission of the school. Do you understand?

Nicole: Yes, yes, I understand, Madam Principal. But would you rather that we abandon such an ingenious innovation, with the great potential of improving governance in our Municipality, justto appease a self- seeking political class?

Narine: Listen to me, young lady. I am a seasoned administrator and I know the value of learning how to pick battles. You need to know which battles to wage, which ones to avoid and which ones

to defer. What battle can a young girl like you have with the Mayor? If you dare an elephant into a wrestling match, will it not trample on you?

Nicole: An elephant that kills a rat is not a hero, Madam Principal.

QUESTIONS

a) Place this excerpt in 'its immediate context**.** **(4 marks)**

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b) Identify two themes in this excerpt**.** **(4 marks)**

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c) Describe the character of Narine and Municipal leaders as revealed in this excerpt. **(4 marks)**

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d) Identify and illustrate two aspects of style used in this excerpt. **(4 marks)**

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e) Explain the following images as used in the excerpt **(2 marks)**

Wrestling match

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An elephant

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f) Listen to me, young-lady. Rewrite beginning: Will… **(l mark)**

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g) Why is Madam Narine cautious about Nicole's battle with the Municipal leaders? **(2 marks)**

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h) Explain the meaning of the following expressions as used in the excerpt**.** **(4 marks)**

Midwife

Ingenious

Figure out

Defer

POSSIBLE KCSE EXCERPT 11

Read the excerpt given below and then answer the questions that follow. (25 marks)

Norine: …Any issues you hove with the App should, therefore, be referred to the Minister's office directly. Additionally, (l joint team of the Education Ministry officials and the President's once is now responsible for all arrangements in preparation for the (Sips from his cup again, nods thoughtfully and then turns to Nicole) i see! That was a clever manoeuvre on your part, wasn't it?

Narine: You may have to excuse me, Sir. In light of the Minister's clarification that the school has nothing more to do with the App, it is my understanding that your talk with Nicole is a private affair and has nothing to do with the school. (Rising from her seat.) I, therefore, request; with all due respect, to be excused from this meeting.

Mossi: (Looking surprised and fidgeting on his seat) Well... well... eh. I think that. .. eh... is well spoken, Madam Principal. I do not want to interfere with your work of running the school.

Narine: Thank you, Sir. (The Principal drains her glass and walks out. Mayor Mossi sighs, and looks at Nicole in the eye)

Mossi: I am sorry if I have appeared a bit hard on you, Nicole. I just want us to have an honest talk. (Mayor clears his throat) My major worry is that a malicious person, or political opponent — like Hon. Basdeo — will deliberately post false information about' me on that App

Nicole: I do not think you need to worry about that, Sir. If anyone posts false information, or defames you, there is nothing that stops you from pleading your grievance in a court of law.

Mossi: Most of the posts are anonymous. How can I take legal action against an c anonymous person? **Nicole:** You see, the App is configured in such a way that the identity of those posting anonymously is hidden from the public but not from the of the App. You can, therefore, obtain the identities of persons behind defamatory posts from an administrator. The proprietor of the App is under legal obligation to provide that information upon request by a court of law.

Mossi: Even then, Nicole, The Samaritan App has far reaching ramifications. Of course, I may have made some mistakes here and there. We all do. I have come here to own up my mistakes and to seek for your understanding and help.

Nicole: (Sips from her glass of water, with a look of surprise on her face) Understanding and help? From me?

Mossi: Yes, I mean, please find a way of eliminating some of the negative information that they post about me. I am very vulnerable to falsehood as a leader.

Nicole: How can I do that, Your Worship? I am not an administrator of The Samaritan App. I have no access to the backend. I am nothing in the whole enterprise.

Mossi: My understanding is that you are the mentor Of the two kids. I believe you can always prevail upon them to do this for us.

Nicole: The National Information and Communications Corporation has taken over the App and is making decisions on behalf of the two students. As we speak, they are in talks with some venture capitalists towards commercializing the App.

Mossi: (Sips from his cup, then pushes it aside) Nicole, how about loobing at it differently? Nicole: Which way, Your Worship?

Mossi: We all need money. The young kids need money, and you surely 'can do with some cash. Just quote your figure, however big.

Nicole: (looking at the Mayor, unbelievingly. After a while, with a firm voice and looking straight at the Mayor) I am very disappointed that the man in whom we have entrusted the affairs of our Municipality, including fighting corruption is offering to bribe me. I have never been and will not be part of these kind of schemes! Do you want me to post that offer of money on The Samaritan?

Mossi: Eh, well, eh... I didn't mean that. I meant to say... why look for venture capitalists elsewhere? We are here. I mean. .. you, as the mentor, and I, as an investor, why can't we commercialize the App.

QUESTIONS

a) Place this excerpt in its immediate context**.** **(4 marks)**

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b) Describe the character of Narine, Nicole and Mossi in this excerpt. **(6 marks)**

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c) Identify and illustrate one style used in the excerpt **(2 marks)**

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d) Why can't Nicole offer the help that Mayor Mossi needs? **(2marks)**

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e) Explain any two themes used in the excerpt. **(4 marks)**

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f) Why has Mayor Mossi come to see Nicole?

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g) I can inject the necessary seed capital, and you can bring in the technical expertise. Rewrite beginning: You and I...

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h) Explain the meaning of the following expressions as used in the excerpt**.** **(3 marks)**

Clever maneuver

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Ramifications

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POSSIBLE KCSE EXCERPT 12

Read the excerpt given below and then answer the questions that follow. (25 marks)

Mossi:…… Section of the municipal leadership is demanding that I approve a budget reallocation so as to give each Council member money to fight court cases that might come up against them following exposures in The Samaritan. All this money will end up in the pockets of judges and lawyers. If I don't do this, they will pass a vote of no confidence in me. Thereafter, they will reallocate the budget to cater for their interests. **Nicole:** Does that mean that the whole of what we call our Municipal Council is a criminal enterprise?

Mossi: One could easily conclude so, but of course with some exceptions. There are some very good and wonderful leaders in that Chamber, and in the Municipal administration. In fact, take me, for example, I have been trying the best I can to protect the public interest.

Nicole: (Interrupting the Mayor) You mean all the accusations levelled against you in The Samaritan are false?

Mossi: To be honest, we all make mistakes, as I said, but some are just natural and excusable. See, for example, a loaf of bread for the people comes through me. I am part of the people; so I take a slice, or even two, or in fact only three, and give the rest to the people: (the Mayor pauses, then continues.) But not so with these criminals. They eat the whole loaf together with the wrapping and, where possible, even the vendor! (Pauses again) And remember my family does not deal with the Municipal Council. My wife is a pastor and does no business with the Municipal Council. My children are all abroad. What with all these other criminals? Take my Deputy, Hon. Ramdaye. His family are doing almost all Municipal Council projects that fall under his department. His wife, daughters, sons, cousins, in-laws and out-laws too; and I think even his great grandfather! You might think our Department of Infrastructure is the official residence of the Ramdaye family!

Nicole: To whom are all these people answerable?

Mossi: (Ignoring her question) And the Principal Judge! Justice Ian Jaden! Who can put him on the line? Granted, his wife ran away, but he has countless mistresses and relatives doing business with the Municipal Council. Justice Jaden hawks justice like cabbages! I believe you have seen him; smartly dressed, wearing a solemn look, ',walking with confidence and looking fair and just! but that is just the exterior that we see, just as we see the flowers on the surface of a fresh grave! Dare dig deeper and you will see Justice Ian Jaden in his true colours! And that's the way most of them are in the legal profession! The outer looks are the ornaments of a grave! Is it any wonder that the Son of Man cursed them?

Nicole: Oh my good Lord!

Mossi: And then Hon. Seymour! Well, okay, his children don't do business with the Municipal Council; but it is because they are all on drugs. The eldest has taken permanent residence at the rehab. The other one is inebriated permanently at the casino. The wife is total garbage and perpetually drunk. And Seymour himself? He does nothing other than sell those evil things he deals with, pull his evil goatee and hide behind his satanic dark glasses threatening everyone and

everything including his own shadow! That man can **Nicole:** Don't you think, Your Worship that posting this information on The Samaritan would help shift most of the blame from yourself?

QUESTIONS

a) Place this excerpt in its immediate context. **(4 marks)**

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b) Explain the effectiveness of two figures of speech in this excerpt. **(6marks)**

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c) From elsewhere in the play, state what The Samarian has exposed. **(2marks)**

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d) Identify and illustrate any two themes addressed in the excerpt **(4 marks)**

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e) Describe the character of Justice Jaden and Hon. Ramdaye as revealed in this excerpt **(4 marks)**

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f) To whom are all these people answerable? Rewrite to end ...to. **(1 mark)**

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g) Explain the meaning of the following expressions as used in the passage. **(4 marks)**

Mobilized

Criminal enterprise

Inebriated

Perpetually drunk

POSSIBLE KCSE EXCERPT 13

Read the excerpt given below and then answer the questions that follow. (25 marks)

Nicole: Your Worship, it is very clear from our talk that members of the Municipal Executive Council have failed you.

Mossi: Of course! They have failed me big time!

Nicole: And don't you think The Samaritan is a blessing for you? I mean as a platform through which the people can demand the corrupt leaders' removal from once and prosecution?

Mossi: (Turning suddenly to face Nicole, like one suddenly jolted back to reality) Should I take that to mean this thing is a political weapon? (Pointing at Nicole, with a tremor in his voice) Are you by any chance being used to destroy my political career?

Nicole: I do not play politics, Sir.

Mossi: (Pacing about in anger) And what did you say? It is now very clear to me that you are playing politics. In fact, I now realise the real culprit behind all the problems in our society is the teaching profession!
Nicole: Teaching profession? How?
Mossi: (Pointing ta Nicole) You cannot teach the right things. All the people creating the mess in our society are products of the school system. They all pass through the teachers' hands!
Nicole: Your Worship, we are trying our best to mould the character of our learners here at Sagrada Secondary School. We teach them to uphold the moral and civic virtues without which our society can never prosper, be fair, just, and peaceful. We teach them the virtues of honesty, truthfulness, generosity, integrity and transparency, (She pauses, then resumes) It is the lack of virtue that is ruining our society.
Mossi: How can you tell children that in future the police can be replaced with a software or was it an intelligent robot? Is that teaching virtue/ what attitude do you want them to have towards police officers? Do you think they can ever obey the police?
Nicole: We are seeking to develop virtuous creative thinkers and innovators. And we may not only replace police officers with intelligent robots but also develop software that will eventually replace the politician. **Mossi:** (Menacingly) I now know why you insist on an innovation that cannot solve any problem. It is all political! And you want us to believe that those young kids are capable of developing something like The Samaritan App.
Nicole: Yes, they are, they were introduced to coding at a very tender age.

QUESTIONS

a) What happens just before this excerpt? **(3 marks)**

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b) Do you think lack of virtue ruins the society? Explain your answer. **(3 marks)**

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c) Describe the character of Nicole and Mayor Mossi in this excerpt. **(4 marks)**

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d) You cannot teach the right thing. Rewrite adding a question tag, **(1 mark)**

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e) Identify and illustrate one style used in the excerpt **(1 mark)**

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f) Explain two themes addressed in this excerpt**.** **(4 marks)**

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g) Explain the meaning of the following words and phrases as used in the excerpt. **(4 marks)**

Onslaught

Play politics

Virtuous

Coding

h) Describe Nicole's attitude towards politicians**.** **(3 marks)**

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i) What happens immediately after this excerpt**?** **(2 marks)**

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POSSIBLE KCSE EXCERPT 14

Read the excerpt given below and then answer the questions that follow. (25 marks)

Seymour: Like who?
Ted: They are quite a number. Hon. Ferreira, or Mr. Key, ag they call him, is the best example. This man has never seen a fence on which he can't sit, I-le can hardly ever commit to any side. We chatted at length, and he kept talking in circles, citing proverbs and idioms here and there.
Ramdaye: I wonder why they called him Mr. Key. I hear he can never make up his mind which door to open or in fact, whether to open any door at all!
Seymour: So, what did he say?
Ted: He said that what will be, will be because something certainly will be.
Ramdaye: Is that a proverb?
Ted: I have since been wondering whether it is, but he also said you don't cross the bridge until you get to it. Seymour: Which bridge now?
Ted: I am not sure which bridge he meant, but I guess he must have been talking about the cases, in case we are sued.
Ramdaye: What an upstart he is! I hear he even has difficulties deciding what and how much to eat!
Seymour: You talked of different categories. What are the other
Ted: The other category comprises the majority. I would best describe them as the headless type.
Ramdaye: Headless?
Ted: Yes, they have brains, alright', but they don't use them.
Seymour: How on earth?
Ramdaye: You mean they're like a headless chicken?

Ted: Exactly! They are headless chicken. They follow 'the, leader of their ethnic group who thinks for them. And they wait for that leader to make decisions for them in all matters, including the decision to go to pee. Most members of the People's, Party of Mr. Basdeo belong here, and so do the members of Mossi's Liberal Party.

Seymour: I thank God I don't belong to any ethnic group,

Ted: Then, there is what I can best describe as the entrepreneurs, very keen on making money. They vote with the stomach, so to speak, that means they will vote the side that gives more money.

Seymour: Are you saying they demanded money to support the no confidence motion?

Ted: Yes, that was my understanding. I indicated funds would be available. They promised to deal as soon as money changes hands.

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a) Place this excerpt in its immediate context **(4 marks)**

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b) Describe character of Hon, Perreira and Hon, Ted in this excerpt **(4 marks)**

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c) Identify and illustrate two stylistic devices used in this excerpt. **(4 marks)**

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d) What cases is Hon. Ted referring to in this excerpt? **(4 marks)**

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e) Then, there's what I can best describe as the entrepreneurs, very keen on making money. 'Rewrite using a relative clause, **(1 mark)**

f) Identify two themes addressed in this excerpt.

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g) Explain why the leaders in this excerpt are planning a vote of no confidence. **(2 marks)**

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h) Explain the meaning of the following expressions as used in the excerpt. **(2 marks)**

Upstart

Vote with the stomach

POSSIBLE KCSE EXCERPT 15

Read the excerpt given below and then answer the questions that follow. (25 marks)

Ted: Then finally there is the independent-minded category. This is the type that listens to and serves the people.

Seymour: I get you. (With contempt) I believe Hon. Yongrui, or Mr. Developer, as he is popularly known, is the best example of these.

Ramdaye: I hear he's a highly disciplined man. His ancestry is mixed and it's hard to tell if he is Indo- Japanese or Indo-Chinese. He was previously a head teacher. He exerts the same school discipline in running his ward.

Seymour: What did he say when you talked to him?

Ramdaye: Sshs, shss, I hear he is terminally ill, so we don't have to worry about him. Some say he ate uninspected meat.

Ted: Yes, so I never got to talk to him. Hope he gets well, he's a kindly soul, you know.

Seymour: His political star has been rising steadily with people thinking he is the right person for the mayor's seat. Who knows, maybe Mayor Mossi gave him rat poison or some insecticide! The man can do anything to eliminate opposition against him.

Ramdaye: I expect the so-called Mr. Torch is also in that group of the independent- minded. I understand he is a highly educated man. People say he has many ideas that don't seem to tie up sometimes.

Ted: I got much the same impression because he spoke many wise things and did strange things on phone

Ramdaye: For example?

Ted: (Pointing at Hon. Ramdaye) When he heard you are against Mossi, he gave a very long short of derisive laughter

Ramdaye: Devil take his soul! He has never liked me.

Ted: I sensed as much.

Seymour: How did you sense that?

Ted: Well, we argued about who has better leadership qualities between Hon. Ramdaye and Mayor Mossi.'

Ramdaye: What was his choice?

Ted: He said there is always a winner even in a beauty contest of monkeys!

QUESTIONS

a) Place this excerpt in its immediate context. **(4 marks)**

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b) Describe the character of Mr. Torch and Hom Yongrui in' this excerpt. **(4 marks)**

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c) Describe Mr Yongrui's attitude towards Hon. Ramdaye. **(3 marks)**

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d) Explain the effectiveness of two metaphors used in the excerpt**.** **(4 marks)**

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e) Identify and illustrate two themes addressed in this excerpt. **(4 marks)**

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f) He said there is always a winner even in a beauty contest of monkeys! Rewrite adding a question tag**.** **(1 mark)**

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g) Explain the meaning of the following expression as used in the excerpt: **(4 marks)**

Kindly soul

Contempt

Political star

Tie up

POSSIBLE KCSE EXCERPT 16

Read the excerpt given below and then answer the questions that follow. (25 marks)

Ramdaye: …As I told you, it was him who approached me with the idea of impeaching Mayor Mossi. At that time, he didn't know we had already made that decision. He had promised to be here by this time. He should be coming in anytime.
Seymour: So, how does he want us to work together?
Ramdaye: It will be a coalition of Indos and all Chamber members of mixed ethnicities. He will mobilize Councilors and Aldermen allied to him to vote for you (Pointing at Seymour) as Mayor. As a member of the so-called Dougla, our hope is that Chamber Members of Indo and Afro descent will readily accept you as a compromise candidate.
Seymour: Did he spell out any conditions for the alliance?
Ramdaye: Yes, that once you become Mayor, you will immediately appoint him, Deputy Mayor.
Ted: (Walking towards' the door) Come on guys. That's a breakthrough! Let's go to the bar for a beer to celebrate. 'I have a terrible hangover to cure. I need a cold Carib or two. (The knob of the door clicks. The door opens, and the political opposition chief, Hon. Basdeo enters. As usual, she is smartly dressed in a Sherwani suit. The quartet shakes hands.)
Ramdaye: (Addressing Jlon. Basdeo) We were waiting for you. I have briefed them about our discussions. We are in agreement about working together. Your appointment as Deputy Mayor is guaranteed. The next step, now that you ate here, is to agree on the grounds for the vote of no confidence.
Basdeo: I think that doesn't matter at this stage,
Tcd: Really?
Basdeo: or course! What we need at this point is to alienate Mayot Mossi from the people. You see, if people have sympathy for him, we will not succeed. So the next step is to **set people against him** Seymour: That makes good sense.
Ted: how do you propose to do this?
Basdeo: We will get a few speakers, the most articulate, to incite the people.

Ramdaye: The need for equitable development in Maracas. Mayor Mossi is not development minded. We will talk about building roads. He has not built even a spoor. In fact...

Basdeo: (Interrupting Ramdaye) Gentlemen, development issues will neither incite nor excite the people. You need to excite people's emotions if you are to incite them. Tell them things that will annoy them, or issues that will make them afraid and they will follow you, obediently like little puppies. Give them an enemy to hate and blame for their problems and they will be on your side.

QUESTIONS

a) Place this excerpt in its immediate context**.** **(6 marks)**

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b) Describe two-character traits of Hon. Basdeo in this excerpt. **(4 marks)**

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c) Explain two themes addressed in this excerpt**.** **(4 marks)**

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d) What is ironical about Hon, Ramdaye's comment that Mayor is not development oriented?**(3 mks)**

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e) Gentlemen, development issues will neither incite nor excite the people. Rewrite in the affirmative. **(1 mark)**

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f) Apart from irony, identify and illustrate any other style used in this excerpt. **(2 marks)**

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g) Hyperbole he has not built even a spoor

h) Explain the meaning of the following words as used in the excerpt. **(5 marks)**

Impeaching

Compromise candidate

Quartet

Set the people against him

Spoor

POSSIBLE KCSE EXCERPT 17

Read the excerpt given below and then answer the questions that follow. (25 marks)

Basdeo: Of course, it isn't. Politics is not about thc truth gentlemen, am teaching you politics now. We have to evoke the emotions of the people.
Ramdaye: So, how do I record that?
Basdeo: Yes, call it marginalization of other communities
Ted: This is not politics!

Basdeo: That's not even enough yet. You all know very well that some parts of our Municipality are allied to Mossi because of some projects he did there. We have to hive off part of this support if we ate to isolate him. **Seymour:** How do we do it?

Basdeo: The people in these areas are mostly of oriental descent. So we can create and widely circulate the story that the people of these parts are descended from the same ancestor with our people, the Indos. (Scratching his head and looking up in deep thought) Just a story... eh. .. like. .. in the beginning, there was an enormous egg, with a diameter of... like... five kilometres. When the egg broke mysteriously, Shang Ramas, the great, emerged, very thirsty.

Ted: That's an exciting fairy tale that no one can buy!

Basdeo: (Interrupting Ted) Don't worry, eh, yes, so when Shang Ramas went to fetch water, remember he was very handsome, he found two girls drawing water at the river. He married them promptly and settled them each on one side of the river. The girl on the Eastern side ofthe river became the mother of the Indo people. The other girl became the mother of all other oriental peoples.

Seymour: You think people will believe that?

Basdeo: People are very gullible! Don't you know that?

Ramdaye: So, what do I call that? **Basdeo:** It is called historical revisionism.' **Seymour:** What is that?

Basdeo: Don't worry, but it could mean exposing historical lies that have been concocted by Mayor Mossi to confuse the people about their heritage,

Ted: You are not exactly the man I thought you were!

Basdeo: We have to be very creative, my friends; power doesn't come by easily fact, we have to further divide Mayor Mossi's ethnic group from other races by emphasizing their differences. (Looking up again in deep thought) We will say... eh...that.,. the people of Mossi 's community have a peculiar smell.. , (Moving his nose up and down in distaste) resembling that of a beetle, while other people don't smell. Unlike other people, they also tend to believe in obeah!

Ramdaye: So, what do I write?

Basdeo: Celebrating people's cultural identity,

Rmndnye: (Writing) Okay,

red: I think those points ate adequate We don't need to belabour these matters. We need to get back to life (Dancing while still scated) We should have some drinks, and remember today is Calypso night at Vibrations! I need to be in places!

Seymour: (Looking angrily at Ted) Grow up. Ted! This is not time for celebrations

Red: We live only once, don't we?

Seymour: (Ignoring Ted and turning to Basdco) Okay, so how shall we approach this?

Basdeo: We will convene a huge political rally. The points I have given out will be mnong the core messages we will convey to the people at the rally. I suggest that Hon. Ted apportions the topics to Councillors and Aldermen who are on our side and who are good orators. Please alert them in good time so they can prepare adequately. They have to make passionate emotional appeals.

Ted: Very well, I will handle it.

Ramdaye: I think that is settled. So when do we hold the rally?

Ted: I suggest next week on Friday so that it coincides with the Carnival festivities. Several single pan bands are scheduled to perform at the Atobold Stadium on Friday. We expect there will be hundreds of people clad in colourful costumes and dancing to the exciting sounds of steel pan, soca and calypso music!

Seymour: Oh, yes,,l agree. The Carnival is not called the greatest party in the world for nothing! There can never be a better setting for exciting crowds than the carnival! In fact, we can arrange with the artists to compose anti-Mossi slogans and have them performed in ballad style rhythms.

Ramdaye: Unfortunately, we may need to hold the rally much earlier. I got information that Mayor Mossi consulting his lawyers on the possibility of our arrest and prosecution.

QUESTIONS

a) What happens just before this excerpt? **(6mks)**

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b) Identify and illustrate two stylistic devices used in this excerpt. **(4mks)**

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c) Describe Hon. Basdeo's attitude towards people. **(2mks)**

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d) Describe the character of Hon. Basdeo and Hon. Ted in this excerpt. **(4 mks)**

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e) I got information that Mayor Mossi is consulting his lawyers on the possibility of our arrest and prosecution. Rewrite using ...having. **(2mks)**

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f) Identify and illustrate two themes in this excerpt. **(4mks)**

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g) State the events that happen immediately after this excerpt. **(3mks)**

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h) Explain the mean or the following expressions as used in the excerpt. **(4 mks)**

Hive off

Make passionate emotional appeals

Carnival

Prosecution

POSSIBLE KCSE EXCERPT 18

Read the excerpt given below and then answer the questions that follow. (25 marks)

Mossi: *(Pacing about on the stage, turns to face the Principal and Nicole.)* I am afraid we may not continue with this thing. Oh, I have already forgotten what you ate calling

Pirro: *(Looking rather disappointed)* but why, Your Worship? This is a blessing for out country.

Mossi: Don't you see it? It might turn out to be platform forr misinformation, lies and witch hunt You see, last year someone spread a rumour that had died, Me just sent a text message on some social media and it spread like wild bush fire and do you I know almost died? During that time i accidently swallowed a whole toothpick!

Ramdaye: Oh, yes, I see the risk. They might spread another rumour on this platform! And you might swallow another toothpick! Yes, you will!

Basdeo: (To Mayor) The way I see it, that App will be a people's platform! And it will have far-reaching implications whether you launch it or not.

Mossi: (Casting a stern look at Mr. Basdeo) I need time to think about it. I will raunch it at my own convenient time. (Turning to Nicole and the Principal) There are no two ways for now. Halt any activities regarding that thing until my office gives further guidance. (Ramdaye nods in approval. Other guests exchange knowing glances in silence)

Narine: Your Worship, the President of the Republic is scheduled to officially launch the App at the national level early next year when schools reopen. We presently have some ongoing activities in preparation for it. I doubt whether this process can be stopped.

Harvester: *(Looking at the Principal and Nicole alternately)* Is that so?

Mossi: *(Looking at the Principal*) The President?

Narine: Yes, Sir.

Ramdaye: Why have you kept us in the dark about it?

Narine: The Mayor's office has been duly informed, Sir.

Mossi; (Looking at Narine) Oh yes, I remember! But you never explained that kind of thing it was! No, you still have to stop it!

Pirro: I think that is beyond their powers, Your Worship. (Looking at Mr. Pirro) This thing we are talking about is a school project under their control! (Turning to face the principal) It is, therefore, within your powers to find a way around it. You are at the centre of it! Figure out a way, like writing to the Ministry of Education indicating that there are some fundamental errors in it that you need to attend get what i mean? **Nicole:** I am afraid, Your Worship, the assessment of the innovations was done by senior officers at the Ministry of Education. Experienced software engineers Were involved. It passed all the tests, and no errors were found,

QUESTIONS

a) Place this excerpt in its immediate context. **(4 marks)**

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b) Why is Mayor Mossi adamant to launch the App? **(2 marks)**

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c) From elsewhere in the play, what is the name of the App and how is it a people's platform?Give reasons App is error-proof.

d) Think about fit: ***(Rewrite using the question tag.)***

e) Identify and explain any two stylistic devices used in the excerpt.

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f) Explain the meaning of the following expressions as used in the excerpt. **(4 marks)**

Far-reaching Implications

Halt

Kept us in the dark

Figure out a way

POSSIBLE KCSE EXCERPT 19

Read the following extract from the play "The Samaritan" by John Lara and then answer the questions after. ***(25 marks)***

Seymour: (Springing to his feet with clenched fists) That cannot be possible. Nobody can write that kind of thing about me in this world!

Harvester: (Looking at Ted and Seymour) Copies of indisputable documentary evidence to that effect were all over today's newspapers and are being shared in all media platforms.

Seymour: (Resuming his seat and swearing with trembling voice) Those are fake documents! These are all barefaced falsehoods! And I can assure you one thing: Those behind the allegations now have their appointment with fate! Certainly!

Ted : (Sitting properly and looking up for the first time) **Supply of air?** I am beginning to think this is serious. Could we end up in Baneta Express Prison?

Harvester:(Turning pages of his note book)But that is only one of the allegations ,there are many more ,including drug trafficking, grabbing of public land, **inflation** of the cost of municipal projects, use of proxies to secure municipal tenders, undertaking shoddy public works, murder and gang warfare. The information is very detailed on the people and companies involved .

Mossi: There is a lot of personal information on municipal leaders on that evil thing , too; including lifestyles of individual municipal officials, where they live, the kind of houses they live in, their businesses, the vehicles they own, other properties in their possession, when the properties were acquired, and a lot of other personal details I don't want to mention here. (Looking at Bembe) There was a lot of talk yesterday on the Madingo Golf Club, with everyone Wondering where you got the money to put it up.

Bembe: (Sitting up with an expression of horror on his face) The Madingo Golf Club? No! I have always been very **discreet** about my private affairs! How did they get the Information it is mine?

Mossi: You see, there is hardly anything on earth you can do without somebody knowing About it. You should also remember that those we regard as our friends are Sometimes wolves in sheep's clothing. And they may have a lot of information about us,which could be damaging!

Bembe: This might be our worst nightmare!

Mossi: What worries me most is the recent formation of a lobby group, an amorphous virtual group, comprising mostly of lawyers, calling itself *The Samaritan*. It is calling upon the people to volunteer as witnesses and help in the prosecution of those involved in corruption and abuse of office in the Municipality. They are also planning to **petition** the Local Government Minister ,the Prime Minister, and the Chief Justice to take action. The situation is not pretty at all.

Ted: (Looking at Justice Jaden)Can such online allegations form a strong basis for prosecution

and conviction?

Jaden: (Adjusting his eyeglasses) Yes, they can; provided there are valid documents supporting the allegations.

Bembe: (Throwing his hands in the air) I think we have no choice other than ban that thing within Maracas Municipality! The Municipal Council needs to pass a by-law to that effect urgently. I will enforce it immediately!

Jaden: (Adjusting his eyeglasses and then his tie) I think we need to be careful and strategic. On what basis do you ban it? And how can you police the use of mobile phones to ensure the ban is effective?

Seymour: We can think creatively about that. For example, we can claim that municipal authorities are concerned that suspect Apps, particularly spy Apps, are finding their way into our municipality. This may lead to theft of confidential information such as bank account details. We can also cite issues of cyberbullying and the sharing of pornographic materials in schools.

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QUESTIONS

a)What is Seymour referring to at the beginning of the excerpt **?** **(2mks)**

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b)Identify and illustrate two aspects of style in this excerpt**.** **(4mks)**

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c)Discuss two themes evident in this excerpt **(4mks)**

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d)Discuss one character trait of Seymour and one character trait of Mossi as presented in this excerpt**.** **(4mks)**

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e)From your knowledge of the rest of the play, what two things does Mossi suggest could be done to control the use of the Samaritan App? **(2mks)**

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f) From your knowledge of the rest of the play , briefly explain the origin of the Samaritan App. **(4mks)**

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g) Explain the meaning of the following words and phrases as used in the excerpt **(5mks)**

i)Supply of air ……

ii)inflation ……

iii)discreet ……

iv)amorphous……

v)petition……

POSSIBLE KCSE EXCERPT 20

Read the following extract from the play "The Samaritan" by John Lara and then answer the questions after. ***(25 marks)***

Ramdaye: Aaa, aah, aah, aah that was sericus mayhem! It never occurred to us that Mayor Mossi would violently disrupt our meeting. The message is now very clear: he will not allow any meeting to discuss his ouster.

Seymour: It certainly was. The hooligans were very brutal. (Demonstrating) But I drew my gun and refused to run away. I dared them to touch me!

Ted: One of them aimed a rock at my head. I never though anybody could handle such a huge stone. It flew past my head like a rocket-propelled grenade. It missed my head by the thickness of a pig's bristle!

Seymour: (Looking at Hon. Ramdaye) I was shocked you could run as you did, at your age! You whizzed past me like an express train! I never thought you would ever come to a stop!

Ted: I doubt they were just hooligans.

Seymour: Yes, their organisation and speed suggest there is more than meets the eye. It was like a military operation.

Ted: And there was smoke all over: burning tyres, papers, mattresses and sacks, combined with tear gas smoke. Sadly,we never anticipated this. I think the Mayor is a good organiser.

Ramdaye: He is called Mossi-ca-Tunya, the smoke that thunders! He is a master schemer and a go-getter!

Seymour: It is very clear that we at war. We need to carry on with our plan, to the last detail. We will not be cowed! We must mobilize the entire Municipal Council to pass the no confidence motion against him. (Looking at Hon. Ted) And, to get down to business, you remember we tasked you to talk to Councillors and Aldermen and assess whether they will support the no confidence motion.

Ted: Yes, you did, and as you know, our political landscape comprises Councillors and Aldermen of mixed ethnicity as well as those of the Afro and Indo descent.

Ramdaye: Oh, yes, it does. So?

Ted: I was on the phone almost all night and very little support was forthcoming. I assumed wrongly that we could whip up racial and class prejudice to get many of them to support us. How mistaken I was! After talking to them, I realised that our chamber members are of different categories that we must keep in mind even as we seek to woo them to support our cause.

QUESTIONS

(a) Briefly recount the events leading to this excerpt. **(2 marks)**

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(b) Why does Hor. Ted doubt the brutal young man who disrupted their morning meeting to discuss the Mayor's ouster were just hooligans? **(2 marks)**

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(c) Discuss two character traits of Hon. Seymour and one of Ted brought out in the excerpt. **(6 marks)**

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(d) What two themes are evident in the excerpt? **(4 marks)**

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(e) Single out and illustrate two features of style employed in the excerpt**.** **(4marks)**

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(f) (i) I never thought you would ever come to a stop! (Rewrite beginning: **How...) (1 mark)**

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(ii) One of them aimed at a rock at my head. ***(Add a question tag)***

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(iii) Yes, their organization and speed suggest there is more than meets the eye. *(Write replacing the underlined word with a phrasal verb*. **(1 mark)**

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(iv) I dared them to touch me. **(Report) (1 mark)**

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(g) Explain the meanings of the following words used in the excerpt. **(3 marks)**

• Ouster

• Whizzed

Go-getter

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