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Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education

101/2 - English – Paper 2

(Comprehensive, Literary Appreciation and Grammar)

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Instructions to candidates

a) Write your name, index number, admission number and school in the spaces provided above.

b) Sign and write the date of examination in the spaces provided above.

*c) Answer **all** the questions in this question paper.*

d) All your answers must be written in the spaces provided in this question paper.

e) This paper consists of 10 printed pages.

f) Candidates should check the question paper to ascertain that all the pages are printed as indicated and that no questions are missing.

g) Candidates must answer the questions in English.

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1	20	
2	25	
3	20	
4	15	
Total Score		

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1. **COMPREHENSION**:

Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow.

It is difficult to get a job. Most seekers are aware of the challenges before they can finally celebrate the new job. And a part of winning this game is having a great Curriculum Vitae (CV).

A CV is a brief description of who you are and what you can contribute to the organization you are planning to join. It is a summary of the package - the brand; which is you. Unfortunately, many people pay little or no attention to the **crucial** document. They pick clues, but never quite manage to give their CVs the professional look it deserves.

A basic CV should include personal information, academic professional qualifications, employment history and references. Other information may include your career objective, the level of training, hobbies and references. Personal information includes your full names, gender nationality, date of birth, email address, and phone number. The names should always be written in full and abbreviations must be avoided. Many women often leave out the date of birth from their CV and forget that age is a crucial statistic in job placement. However, a CV is not a social dating tool, and must be as complete as it possible can.

The level of the detail in the CV should also be well balanced. You should avoid over or under disclosure of information. In other instances the format of the CV, the content and even the presentation, may be governed by intrinsics requirements of a particular sector. Some job sectors may require additional information that is not normally included in a standard CV. Besides content the presentation also needs appropriate consideration. Clear headings with bold emphases will give your CV a professional look. Using a standard font type and size also gives the CV a mature uniform look. In addition, numbering and bulleting will help the CV look orderly and attractive to the eye. Writing the CV in capital letters should be avoided except in presenting titles, names and nouns. This is because a CV written exclusively in capital letters is difficult to read and requires much more attention to understand.

Always make sure that the information in your **résumé** is accurate. Most employers will seek to confirm the veracity of the content of your CV during the interview process or through independent background checks. And unless you are an "accomplished" expert liar, it is unlikely that you will get away with lying in your CV; especially if the untruth involves vital information such as education and employment history.

Finally, make sure that all the information presented in the CV is independently verifiable. For instance, claims of excellence in academic performance must be accompanied with requisite certificates and testimonials.

When it comes to a job search, nothing should be left to **fate**. It is your duty to present yourself as comprehensively as possible via well-written CV. If need be do not hesitate to consult a professional.

(a) Is it true that prospective job seekers do not pay enough attention to the CV? Explain

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(b) According to the author, how does one create a well balanced CV? (2 marks)

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(c) Make **notes** on what should be on the content of a CV. (4 marks)

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(d) What **three** things does one ought to do to give their CV a professional look? (3 marks)

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(e) 'Many women often leave out date of birth from their CV' (1 mark)

(Rewrite in the passive)

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(f) Why is it not wise to lie in the CV? (2marks)

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(g) Of what use are numbers and bullets in the CV? (2 marks)

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(h) Explain the meaning of the following words as used in the passage (3 marks)

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Résumé .....

Fate .....

2. ***Read the excerpt below and answer the questions that follow.***

At the head of the court is a high seat where the judge sits. Down below it is a table for officers of the court and o the left and to the right of the table are other seats. Some of these seats form a block that is enclosed, and they are for the jury if there is a jury. In front of the table are other seats arranged in arcs of circles, with curved tables in front of the seats, and it is there that

the lawyers sit. And behind them is the dock, with a passage leading to some place that is underground, and from this place that is underground will be brought the men that are judged. At the back of the court there are seats rising in tiers, those on the right for Europeans, those on the left for non-Europeans, according to the custom.

You may not smoke in this court, you may not whisper or speak or laugh. You must dress decently and if you are a man, you may not wear your hat **unless such is your religion**. This is in honour of the judge and in honour of the king whose officer he is; and in honour of the law behind the judge and in honour of the people behind the law. When the judge enters you will stand and you will not sit till he is seated. When the judges leaves you will stand and you will not move till he has left you. This is in honour of the judge and of the things behind the judge.

The judge is entrusted a great duty and pronounce sentence even sentence of death. Because of their high office, judges are called honourable **and precede most other men** on great occasions. And they are held in great honour by men both white and black. Because the land is a land of fear, a judge must be without fear, so that justice may be done according to the law; therefore a judge must be incorruptible.

The judge does not make the law. It is the people that make the law. Therefore, if a law is unjust, and if the judge judges according to the law, that is justice, even if it is not just. It is the duty of a judge to do justice, but it is only that the people that can be just. Therefore, if justice be not just, that is not to **be laid at the door of the judge** but at the door of the people, which means at the door of the white people for it is the white people that make the law.

In South Africa men are proud of their judges because they are incorruptible. Even the black men are proud of their judges because they believe they are incorruptible. Even the black men have faith in them, though they do not always have faith in the law. In a land of fear this incorruptibility is like **a lamp set upon a stand** giving light to that are in the house.

QUESTIONS

1. What factors determine where you may sit near the front of the court? (2marks)

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2. What does the seating arrangement at the back of the court reveal about the society? (2marks)

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3. Certain rules must be strictly observed inside the court. What would non-observance of the rules imply? (2marks)

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4. Why must a judge be fearless? (2marks)

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5. How have judges in South Africa earned respect and admiration? (2marks)

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6. Although the judge has great responsibilities and power, he has limitations. What are his limitations? (4marks)

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7. What does the second last paragraph reveal about the status of the black people? (2marks)

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8. Explain the meaning of each of the following expressions as used in the passage: (3marks)

i. Unless such is your religion

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ii. and precede most other men

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iii. Laid at the door of the judge

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iv. a lamp set upon a stand

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2. Read the following excerpt and then answer the questions that follow (25 marks)

The door to the bathroom opened. Fiona emerged and started walking but stopped. Her eyes had not adjusted to the darkness in the living room. "Where are you?" she asked.

"Over here," he said. "I have taken a couch in the living room. Go take the bed in the bedroom."

"You're acting as if you might have a wife," she said. "Do you?"

"No, she divorced me last year." "Did she?"

"Yes."

"Let's see now. You studied in America at a marriageable age."

"So?"

"So let me guess." Go ahead.

"She is American."

"Who? Pamela?"

"That's her name? Pamela?"

"Yes, it is. And, yes, she is American. Enough about me now. Let's turn to you. Shouldn't your name still be Fiona McKenzie?"

"Who told you it might have changed?" She started walking to the bedroom. Her eyes had adjusted to the only light.

"Why was Liberian Mauler calling you Joy instead?"

"It's local slang for streetwalker?"

He was calling you a streetwalker?"

"Yes. Do you want me to draw a picture for you? Where are you from anyway? Mars?"

"No: Nigeria. Married?" "Me?"

The phone rang.

He rose and answered the landline by the couch. When he ended the call, his mood had darkened.

"What's the matter?" she asked him. You seem upset all of a sudden. Who was on the phone?"

"One Chineke Chiamaka," he said. The man was claiming that I chided him for being drunk, when all he had had was a Pepsi." He wriggled in his improvised bed to protest his innocence against that claim. "It beats me how he got my suite phone number in the first place," he added. "Anyway, I did not chide him. Why do people like to tell lies?"

QUESTIONS

i. What happens immediately before this excerpt? (4marks)

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ii. Discuss two character traits of Abiola and one of Ms Fiona McKenzie as brought out in the excerpt. (6marks)

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iii. Why do people like to tell lies? Rewrite in reported speech. (1mark)

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iv. The phone rang. Add a question tag. (1mark)

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v. No, she divorced me last year. Rewrite in the passive voice. (1mark)

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vi. Discuss two themes raised in this excerpt. (4marks)

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vii. Identify and illustrate any two aspects of styles used in this excerpt. (4marks)

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viii. Explain the meaning of the following words as used in the excerpt. (3marks)

a. streetwalker

b. wriggled

c. chided

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3. *Read the article below and answer the questions that follow.*

The Guilty of Giving

You've seen that heap of rags
That pollutes the air-conditioned
City Centre
That louse that creeps about
In the clean core of sophistication;
You've seen him waylay his betters
And make them start
Especially when they have no change

You recall the day you came upon him
And were startled by his silent presence
Intruding into you preoccupation:
You hurled a coin
Which missed the mark
And rolled into the gutter
Where he groped for it
With a chilling grotesque gratitude
That followed you down the street
You dived into the nearest shop
To escape the stare
Of the scandalized crowd
That found you guilty

Of recalling attention
To the impenetrable patience
They had learnt not to see.

Laban Erapu

(a) Who is the **Persona** in this poem (2 marks)

(b) **Paraphrase** the subject matter of this poem (3 marks)

(c) Explain the title of the poem by discussing **three** different ' guilts' (3marks)

(d) Identify **three** poetic devices used by the poet. (6 marks)

(e) What is the **tone** of this poem? (3 marks)

(f) Explain the meaning of the following lines: (3 marks)
And make them start

Which missed the mark

To escape the stare

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4. **Grammar**

(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

(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

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