

MID TERM III EXAMINATIONS – OCTOBER 2019

S.1- LITERATURE IN ENGLISH

TIME: 1 HOUR 30 MINUTES

NAME:.....STREAM:

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Answer ***all*** questions.
- Write your name, classstream properly in the spaces provided.

SECTION A:

1. Read the story below and then answer the questions following it:

The animals had completed digging their new well and everything was going smoothly when hyena came up with rather disturbing news.

"Have you heard about hare?" he began excitedly.

"He's not been up to his tricks again, has he?" asked lion.

"Yes," replied hyena. "I saw him drinking water from our well."

"What!" exclaimed leopard, angrily twitching his tail. "Are you sure?"

"Certain," said hyena, "I saw him clearly in the moonlight last night."

"What impudence!" said zebra, "He has no right to our water."

"No right at all!" growled lion. "He refused to help us to do the work. So why should he benefit from it?"

"That's right," replied hyena. "He even said he didn't need our water."

"This is a matter for all the animals," decided lion. "Let's call a meeting for tomorrow. Hare must be tried for his antisocial behaviour."

Zebra shook his head with excitement. "Everyone will be furious," he said, "especially rhinoceros. He's been angry with hare ever since he lost that wrestling match with him."

Everyone laughed. They all remembered the time when hare got elephant to pull rhino over the edge of the hill.

At the meeting next day the animals agreed that hare must be punished.

Elephant agreed to act as watchman over the well that night.

At midnight, elephant saw hare sneaking towards the well. Elephant stood stock-still, and in that semi-darkness he really looked like a big bush. As soon hare was near enough, elephant caught him in his trunk. "Caught you at last!" he trumpeted. "You will not escape this time."

"Wait a minute, friend!" replied hare, breaking into peals of laughter. As he spoke, he pulled out a pouch from under his coat.

"Look," he said. "I go around with my own water."

"Oh," said the elephant. "That's alright then. I thought you were up to your tricks again. Hyena said he definitely saw you drinking at this well last night."

"You ant believe anything that liar says! The truth of the matter is that I refused to give him some of my water. I'm very careful with my water, and i don't go around giving it to anyone. Ifi run out it mean i will have to travel for hours to get some more."

"Let me taste a little of it," pleaded the elephant.

"All right!" replied the hare, "But only a spoonful, because it is very potent."

Hare gave elephant a spoonful of his water, which was in fact honey. The elephant nearly went mad with desire for some more.

"More, more, please, i beg you!"

"Calmdown, my friend! i told you this water is very powerful. If you want some more i must tie you to this tree. Otherwise you might fall into the water and drown.

"Oh, I wouldn't like to drown, not before i have had some more of your water," elephant replied. "Tie me up, quickly!"

As soon as elephant was tied up, hare went round him, touching him playfully.

"Youknow, my friend, you must be the cleverest animal in the entire world," he laughed.

"They put you here to watch out for water thieves, and all you care about is your big stomach! Watchme, now. I'm going to drink as much as i like. In fact, i think I'll even have a bath."

The hare did exactly that. Next morning, the animals found elephant tied securely to the tree. He hung his head in shame as he described what had happened the night before.

Now answer the following questions:

1.1 Who dug the well?

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1.2 What did hyena see?

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1.3 Why were the animals angry?

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1.4 When was the meeting held?

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1.5 What did they agree?

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1.6 What did hare give elephant?

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1.7 What reason did hare give elephant?

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1.8 What **two** lessons can we learn from this story?

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1.9 Explain the following words and phrases as used in the story:

(i) Antisocial behaviour

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(ii) Furious

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2. Put a ring around the correct answer

2.1 Which of the following animals reported hare to the rest of the animals:

- A. Elephant
- B. Hyena
- C. Chameleon
- D. Zebra

2.2 Hare gave elephant

- A. Water
- B. Sugar
- C. Sweets
- D. Honey

2.3 Which of the following adjectives are true about Elephant's character?

- A. Gullible and stupid
- B. Stupid and wise
- C. Huge and clever
- D. Faithful and loyal

2.4 All you care about is your stomach means

- A. Elephant has a big stomach
- B. Elephant has a sick stomach
- C. Elephant is careful about his stomach
- D. Elephant is greedy

2.5 Which of the following list is most correct about the story?

- A. Hyena–Hare–Zebra–Lion–Rhinoceros–Elephant
- B. Hyena–Rhinoceros–Lion–Elephant–Zebra–Dog
- C. Hyena–Rhinoceros–Elephant–Hare–Hyena–Zebra
- D. Chameleon–Elephant–Rhinoceros–Hare–Zebra–Lion

2.6 The story above is an example of:

- A. myth

- B. folk tale
- C. legend
- D. trickster

3. Read the poem below and then answer the questions following it:

The lazy man

When the cock crows
 The lazy man slaps his lips and says;
 "So its daylight again, is it?"
 And before he turns over heavily
 Before he even stretches himself,
 Before he even yawns-
 The farmer reaches the farm,
 The water-carriers arrived at the river,
 The spinners are spinning their cotton,
 The weaver works on his cloth
 And the fire blazes in the blacksmith's hut.
 The lazy man knows where the soup is sweet;
 He goes from house to house.
 If there is no sacrifice today,
 His breast bone will stick out!
 But when he sees the free yam,
 He moves close to those feasting.
 Yet his troubles are not few.
 When his wives reach puberty,
 Rich men will help him marry them.

(Traditional Yoruba)

Now answer the following questions:

3.1 What is the title of the poem?

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3.2 Who is the poet?

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3.3 Mention **four** things the lazy man does at day break.

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3.4 What happens even before the lazy man wakes up?

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3.5 What **two** problems does this man face?

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3.6 What do you think other people might think of a person like him?

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SECTION B:

4.1 Write down **five** English proverbs that you know

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4.2 With examples, give **five** reasons why it is important for a student of **S.1** to study literature.

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