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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

- All questions are compulsory

Read the following passage below and answer the questions that follow:-

At the beginning of the year, the Free Primary Education programme entered its second year. Although a noble programme, it has been dogged by various obstacles and setbacks.

First of all, there is an increase in enrolment. As a result, teachers have to contend with crowded classrooms and lack of facilities. In some schools, the staffrooms and libraries were converted to classrooms. Across the country, new pupils have been asked to buy desks or uniforms.

Heads of schools have complained that it takes too long to receive a cash boost from the Government. Others have complained of a shortage of teachers forcing them to divide pupils in lower primary into morning and afternoon shifts. The headteachers have also expressed concern that the high enrollment has led to massive congestion.

The crisis is further worsened by leadership and ownership wrangles. Some churches are on a collision course with the Government over whether church sponsored schools are public or private. The result is that some schools have remained closed despite the heavy turnout of pupils seeking admission.

Due to the huge competition for places, some schools have put a ceiling on the number of pupils to be admitted especially in class one despite a Government directive not to do so.

The headteachers argue that it is necessary to turn away some of the pupils because the shortage of teachers to cater for the rising numbers of pupils has hampered the learning process.

Another thorny issue is the payment of support staff. Headteachers argue that support staff are essential for the smooth running of their schools. The amount of money the Government provides to cater for maintenance costs and payment of wages to non-teaching staff, mere Kshs. 28,208 is a drop in the ocean. Some schools require up to a half a million Kenyan shillings to adequately pay support staff.

"What do you do when you have such a big short fall?" One headteacher asked. They seem to be putting a case forward in order to levy extra fees per parent.

One consequence of the rise in enrolment is that some parents have withdrawn their children from public schools and enrolled them in private schools. Enrolment in a private school is a question of the parents' financial capability since the fees charged by private schools is exorbitant. In the end, pupils from private schools will excel in national examinations. This is because they are unlikely to be faced with overcrowded classrooms, shortage of teachers and facilities. This further means that only pupils from these schools will get places in national and top provincial schools further widening the gap between the haves and the have-nots.

"You never draw the water. So you don't know what it is like to slip and fall that steep slope with a debe on your head. You can't see the suffering of the children who have to get up at dawn each morning to go to school and come back late in the evening. You don't see how dangerous it is for them crossing that river, or what they lose when the river is in flood and they can't go to school for a whole week." She saw the disbelief in his eyes. But she would not stop yet.

"What sort of man do you think you are? How much money do you get from scratching the bare slopes of the hill for your tobacco crop? Look at what we are wearing: mere rags. The children don't even have uniforms. Look at your friends in Umoja. Look at their healthy children, look at what their wives wear. You yourself are still wearing Magwanda when everybody else is wearing trousers. Don't you feel ashamed going among your fellow men?"

"Shut up, woman!" Amri hissed. But Taabu wouldn't shut up just like that.

"For how long do you want to keep us down? What makes you stick to this barren desert? You are poor. Your hut is rotting away and falling. All of us are suffering, but you would stick to the place like a stick...."

"I said you shut that gaping mouth, woman! I brought you here with my money. I am keeping you here, and I could send you away anytime I wished to. Are you now telling me where to build a new hut, or what to do with my house?"

"I didn't tell you that," she retorted.

"I said that we are suffering here for nothing and that I am not going to suffer any more."

"Listen, woman. I have told you several times already: we are not going to join those fellow fools of yours in Umoja. I am the man here, and a woman is not going to change my word!"

Taabu had now tasted the bitter-sweet liquor of daring and courage, she would not budge.

"Say what you wish, but I have also told you that I am not going to die, for somebody else's lack of sense!"

"What!"

Amis' eyes were blazing. He was on his feet and his long whiskers heaved up and down at her. He trembled with emotion and struck his wife hard on the mouth. He hit her on the cheek and again on the other. He rained blows on her and forgot he was beating her. Taabu didn't emit a single sound. She just collapsed under her husband's blows. He drummed on her sides and lashed on her backside.

Then, his fury spent he stopped and turned away from the disorderly heap sprawled on the ground. He felt limp. He went back on his stool and sat with drooping shoulders, his fury spent.

"..... Woman! Go and cook!"

Taabu heard the voice of her husband. She also heard the noises of the children. Then she remembered the children. If she was tired of life then the children at least had to live, her first duty was to live too, not to die. She got up with difficulty, wiped the blood from her mouth and limped into the hut.

"I said we are going to leave this place this season," she repeated adamantly. Then she was surprised by her own courage. She and Amri spoke little to each other, and, when they did, it was either to give an order or she reporting that something ordered was done. Amri was, as his name indicated, "a man of order," easily offended and hard to please.

"And where do you want us to go?" he growled

"I have already said we are going to join the others in Umoja." She saw his eyes contract and the lines on his face get harder as they had always done when the storm was gathering. Yes, it was not the first time she had talked to him about the issue. But each time it had ended in rough words and high-pitched tones.

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"For how long do you want to keep us down? What makes you stick to this to this barren desert? You are poor, your heart is rotting away and falling. All of us are suffering, but you would stick to the place like a tick...."

"I said you shut that gaping mouth, woman! I brought you here with my money. I am keeping you here, and I could send you away anytime I wished to. Are you now telling me where to build a new hut, or what to do with my house?"

Questions

2.1(a) What was the issue at hand?

(01mark)

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2.2 Give two complaints Taabu had according to the passage.

(02marks)

- (i)
- (ii)

2.3 How did Amri survive with his family? (01mrk)

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2.4 Describe the characteristics of Taabu. (02marks)

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2.5 Explain the meaning of the following words and phrases as used in the passage

(a) growled:.....

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(b) bare slopes:.....

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(c) retorted:

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(d) his furry spent:.....

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2b. Read the passage below and answer the following questions.

Edna was not in the least surprised by my offer, she was obviously the trusting type which argued well. I hitched the travelling can, the food on the carrier. I didn't want to ride on the rough approach from the house to the road, so I rolled the bicycle the short distance from the house. While Edna in a green and floral dress walked beside me. Mounting the 'vehicle' with a can on the back and Edna on the cross bar proved a little tricky; but I am rather good with bicycles. I solved the problem by getting on the seat first and keeping the bicycles stationary with one foot resting firmly on the ground. Then Edna climbed on the bar sitting sideways and I pushed off. The excitement of having her so close within my arms and the perfume of her hair in my nose would have proved overpowering if I had much time to consider it. The road to the hospital turned out to be quite hilly, not steep but just enough to take the wind out of one; and with the kind of passenger I had, I didn't care to admit too readily to being tired. So I raced up all the little hillocks until my heart raged like a bon fire.

"You are very strong," said Edna.

'Why?' I said, or rather puffed out, in one **enormous expiration**, as I rounded the summit of yet another small hilt.

'You are eating all the hills like yam.'

'I haven't seen any yet,' I replied, getting back some of my breath as I pedaled freely down the small friendly descent that followed. These words were hardly out of my mouth when a stupid sheep and her four or five lambs rushed out of the roadside on my left, I braked sharply.

Unfortunately, Edna's back was resting on my left arm and preventing me from applying the brake on that side effectively. So, only the brake on the front wheel performed fully. The bicycle pitched forward and crushed down the road. Just before, the impact, Edna had cried out something like, 'My father' she was thrown further up the road and as soon as I got up, I rushed to help her to her feet again. Then I turned to gaze at the food and soup in the sandy road. I could have wept, I just stood looking at it and biting my lip. Then Edna burst into **nervous laughter** which completed my humiliation. I didn't want to look at her. Without taking my eyes from the food, I murmured that I was very sorry.

"It was not your fault," she said, 'it was the stupid sheep', then I noticed with the corner of my eyes that she was bending down. I turned them and saw where she had grazed her knee on the road.

... 'Oh! Dear, " ' I said, 'Edna, I'm sorry.' She left her track while she had held up a little the knee and came to dust my shoulder where my white shirt carried a thick patch of **indelible** red-earth. Then she bent and picked up the travelling can and began to wipe away the sand, and the sand and eth split soup with green leaves. To my surprise she was crying and saying **something like**, 'My mother will die of hunger today.' Actually I think her cry was probably due to hurt pride because the food lying on the road showed how poor her family was. But I may be wrong.

At the time however, I was greatly upset.

'Can she manage bread and canned beef?' I asked, "We could buy some outside the hospital."

"I haven't brought any money, " said Edna.

'I have some money,' said feeling the first breath of life since the accident happened. And we could get some disinfectant for your knee. "Am terribly sorry my dear,"

Questions

- 2.6 What offer did the speaker give to Edna?
- A. take her out
 - B. giver her a lift
 - C. take her to the hospital
 - D. buy her food
- 2.7 What did the speaker mean by "Vehicle"?
- A. a car
 - B. a motorbike
 - C. a bicycle
 - D. a horse
- 2.8 Where was Edna going and why?
- A. to the hospital to work
 - B. to the shop to sell food
 - C. going with the speaker to have fun
 - D. to the hospital to see her sick mother
- 2.9 The Speaker lost control of his machine because of
- A. pride
 - B. love
 - C. stupid sheep
 - D. mechanical problem
- 2.10 There was a feeling of relief because
- A. a solution was got
 - B. the two were injured but safe
 - C. the same food could still be repacked to the hospital
 - D. Edna showed him love

Turn over

Rewrite the following as instructed. Do not change the meaning

3.1 Most bachelors find it hard later to marry. (Use the opposite of the underlined word in the sentence)

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3.2 Moses is not going to sign that cheque unless he is sure that there is money on his account. (Use.....if.....)

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3.3 "My husband" cried the bereaved wife." You have left me in great sorrow." (Begin: The bereaved wife.....)

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3.4 The mechanics were extremely helpful. I had never met them before. (Join into sentence using.....whom.....)

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3.5 Denis talked during the meeting. He insulted the chairperson for not keeping time. (Begin: Not only.....)

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3.6 If she had not been generous, the poor would have dropped out of school. (Begin: But.....)

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3.7 It requires total devotion to come out as a successful citizen. (Begin: The.....)
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3.8 The great lakes region is beautiful scenery. (Rewrite to end.....is!
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3.9 Father made us proud, even though he did not live to see our success. (Begin: Despite....)
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3.10 For several hours tension was at abnormal rate. (Begin: Tension rose.....)
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3. Complete sentences 3:11 to 3.20 with the most suitable answer among the given alternatives.

3.11 By next week, she.....Chinese for two years.
A. will be learning B. will have been learning
C. hard learnt D. has been learning

3.12 The headteacher was.....in a blue suit while addressing the students.
A. dressing B. wearing
C. putting D. clad

3.13 His intention was.....get a driving license.
A. from B. on
C. for D. to

3.14 The stranger we had arrested was.....burglary.
A. accused B. charged with
C. accused with D. remanded at

3.15 After one of the twins.....he will take up a managerial post in the government.
A. will graduate B. has graduated
C. will be graduated D. is graduated



- 3.16 Choose the correctly punctuated sentence below
- A. Mr. Musisi, who is our teacher, will soon retire.
 - B. Mr. Musisi; who is our teacher, will soon retire.
 - C. Mr. Musisi who is our teacher: will soon retire.
 - D. Mr. Musisi who is our teacher will soon retire.
- 3.17 Suzan who is a journalist always knows the.....story of all the latest scandals.
- A. Scandalous
 - B. inside
 - C. accurate
 - D. veritable
- 3.18 She was.....reasonable that she expected people to give her free things all the time.
- A. such
 - B. too
 - C. so
 - D. far
- 3.19 Already the man was in a financial.....so he could not raise fees for his children.
- A. state
 - B. mood
 - C. stability
 - D. crisis
- 3.20 Hardly.....down when he fell asleep.
- A. had he laid
 - B. had he lain
 - C. had he lied
 - D. he had lain

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