

ENGLISH

FORM THREE– AUGUST 2024 HOLIDAY ASSIGNMENT

Instructions: Answer ALL the Questions

1. THE SAMARITAN

Read the excerpt below and answer the questions that follow.

- Mossi: Hon. Gentlemen, I thank you all for honouring my call for this emergency meeting. There is a new trend gaining ground in our municipality; which could adversely affect us as leaders. I thought it is prudent that we put our minds together so as to determine a way forward. (The Mayor pauses, then continues) Now, to get to the point, has anyone of you read today's newspapers? (They look at one another, swinging their heads in the negative) Yes, I asked Harvester to buy all of them from the vendors as early as possible.
- Harvester: I did as you instructed, Sir.
- Seymour: (Looking at the Mayor) Why did you have to do that?
- Mossi: It was in our best interest. (The mayor picks the papers before him, one at a time, reading out the headlines aloud) The Caribbean Watch "Municipal Leadership: A Criminal Enterprise"; The Sentinel "Municipal Leaders Stripped Naked"; The Insight "Rot in Maracas Municipal Council Exposed"; and The Spotlight "Municipal Leaders Face Imprisonment." As you can see, the focus is on us municipal leaders, and the stories under these headlines are extremely damaging. These are the kind of headlines we have been getting every day for the last one month. (Mossi pauses, looks at his colleagues in turns, then continues.) I singled you out for this meeting because your departments are most affected.
- Ted: (Busy on his mobile phone and seated with one of his legs hanging on the armrest of his chair) Are such headlines unusual?
- Jaden: (Dusting off imaginary dust from the lapels of his coat) I think these are the usual problems leaders must have with the media from time to time. All we need is give the reporters and the editors more boxes of chocolate.
- Bembe: (Turning heavily on his seat) We can also threaten some of them.
- Mossi: (Swinging his head in the negative) No, no, gentlemen, I think the problem is not exactly the mainstream media; it is The Samaritan. The Samaritan is the source of all the information in these newspapers.
- Ted: (Still on his mobile phone and without looking up) The Samaritan?
- Ramdaye: (Scratching his head) Oh, yes, I remember. There is a Samaritan in town!
- Bembe: (Leaning back on his seat) Who exactly is that?

Questions

1. Briefly state who the following are: (5mks)
 - a. Jaden

- b. Harvester
- c. Ramdaye
- d. Seymour
- e. Ted

2. Where and when do the events in the extract take place? (4mks)

3. Discuss two character traits of Jaden evident in this extract. (4mks)

4. Briefly discuss two themes evident in this extract. (4mks)

5. All we need is give the reporters and the editors more boxes of chocolate. Add a question tag. (1mk)

6. a. What answer is given to Bembe's last question and by who? (2mks)

b. Why is The Samaritan of concern to the convener of the meeting? (2mks)

7. Explain the meaning of the following words as used in the extract. (3mks)

a. adversely

b. vendors

c. mainstream

2. ORAL NARRATIVE

A long time ago, there were two men who had been friends for many years. They were like brothers.

Now, there came a time when they both wanted to get married. They decided to marry one woman with whom they had both fallen in love.

Between the two of them they had enough bride wealth to pay for the woman, because each of them had half the required bride price. The woman's father accepted the bride wealth and gave permission for his daughter to get married to the two young men. They made an agreement among themselves and laid down conditions that were going to guide them in sharing this woman as a wife. One of the friend chose to have exclusive right to the woman from the waist to the legs while the other one chose from the waist upwards to the head.

Whenever the man who had chosen the upper part desired the woman, he called her into his house and had a pat on her and that was all. The other man who had chosen the lower parts took the woman to his house for the night. This arrangement worked until the woman became pregnant.

After delivery, the friend who owned the upper part said to the woman, "I won't allow you to breastfeed because the baby is not mine."

The woman objected loudly saying, "But the baby is mine and the breasts are also mine so I'll have to breastfeed it."

"No and yes, the baby is yours and my friend's, but the breasts happen to be yours and mine, so you and my friend should try to get milk for your baby from elsewhere. I don't want you to feed it from your breasts." The man was serious and the woman got very worried.

"Perhaps my friend who owns your upper part can pay me back the part of the bride wealth I paid for you then he can have you as his wife and you won't have to be a wife to both of us," the other husband offered. However, he knew very well that his friend had neither money, cattle nor anything else which he could refund to him as part of the bride wealth he had paid for their wife.

The matter was taken to the elders for discussion and settlement. After much consultation, it was decided that, that woman should be married to the man who owned the upper part of the body as the baby had to be fed. The friends disagreed and had their first quarrel.

The situation was critical, so the father of the baby conceded and allowed his friend to refund the share of the bride wealth he had paid. It was then agreed by the elders that the woman should be exclusively married to the man who owned the breasts. This development marked the end of the friendship between the two young men.

Questions

1. Classify the above genre. (2mks)
2. Identify the typical features of oral narrative evident in the genre above. (4mks)
3. Comment on the character traits of the two husbands. (4mks)
4. Highlight two social activities evident in the above oral narrative. (2mks)
5. What is the attitude of this society towards women? (3mks)
6. What makes relationship between the two friends ironical? (2mks)
7. Which is the most appropriate audience for the above oral narrative. (2mks)
8. The situation was critical, so the father of the baby conceded and allowed his friend to refund the share of the bride wealth he had paid. (Begin: So.....)

3. GRAMMAR

i. Rewrite the following sentence according to the instructions given. (3mks)

- a. We had hardly entered the room when the teacher started teaching. (Begin: Hardly.....)
- b. He came early but he did not find him. (Begin: Although.....)
- c. John assured her that he would pass the exams. (Rewrite in direct speech)
- d. My teacher asked us whether we were taking part in the organized walk.

ii. Chose the correct option from the ones given in brackets to complete this sentence. (5mks)

- a. _____ people must be punished for their mistakes. (this these)
- b. After the discussion, my grandmother _____ down and slept. (lay, laid)
- c. This crocodile has _____ here for hours. (laid, lain)
- d. He is the _____ of the twins. (taller, tallest)
- e. You have to _____ your answer is correct. (proof, prove)

iii. Supply a gender neutral word for each of the following. (4mks)

- a. spokesman
- b. air hostess
- c. Policeman
- d. Salesman

iv. Fill in the blank spaces with an appropriate word (4mks)

- a. I am grateful _____ your input.
- b. She has been _____ from school since last week.
- c. We were filled _____ with a lot of information.
- d. He came here _____ talk to you.

5. Supply the correct question tag to each of these statements. (2mks)

- a. I am sitting an examination.
- b. Sharon is not in today.
- c. He does the task as instructed.
- d. Shut the door.

6. Replace the underlined phrasal verb with one word that means the same. (4mks)

- a. I cannot put up with his behavior anymore.
- b. The next issue of the famous magazine comes out next week.
- c. We could not make out what the speaker was saying.
- d. The plane touched down at six O'clock.

7. Complete each of the following sentences using the appropriate form of the word in brackets. (4mks)

- a. It is a requirement that all items be taken to the _____ office. (maintain)
- b. She was _____ sorry. (true)
- c. She has a book of great _____ (broad)
- d. You have to _____ do the work. (faith)

8. Choose the correct word to complete each of these sentences. (2mks)

- a. The secret between you and _____ must be kept. (I/me)
- b. You and _____ can do it. (She/her)
- c. The car was to pick Mary and _____ at Kilgoris market. (I/me)
- d. Sylvia and _____ went to the concert. (him/he)