

KCSE PREDICTION 2018

ENGLISH PAPER 1 QUESTIONS

1. MINUTES (20 Marks)

You accept to write minutes of the meeting

1. Members of your school have realized the need for an Environmental Club. Eight interested students attend the first meeting held in the School Library. Two students who had expressed interest are sent home for school fees and have sent apologies through one of the members present. The head of subject – Biology– is in attendance. Issues discussed in the meeting include recruitment of more members, club activities and funding of the club. You accept to write minutes of the meeting.

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2. CLOZE TEST (10 Marks)

Read the passage below and fill in each blank space with an appropriate word.

2. Cycling is one of the few things which (1)..... us something for nothing. And I am not referring to the joys of free -wheeling in sunshine or to the fitness and strength (2)..... comes from healthy exercise in the fresh air. I am talking about an actual free gift, a present, a dividend, which the combination of steel, leather and rubber which we call the bicycle offers us as soon as we put a leg (3)..... For every ounce of energy we (4)..... in making the machine go the bicycle adds two. Look at it this way: If we were to go for a day's walk, we would do (5)..... to cover twenty miles. Alternatively, we could cover (6)..... this in the same time without being more (7)..... if we cycled. What is the secret of this magic? The (8)..... is that it is easier to wheel a load than (9)..... carry it. Ask a scout whether he would rather transport his camping (10)..... on his back or wheel it on a trek cart

3. ORAL SKILLS (30 Marks)

A) Read the poem below and answer the questions that follow.

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By day the bat is cousin to the mouse.
He likes that attic of an aging house

His fingers make a hat about his head
His pulse beat is so low we think he is dead

He loops in crazy figures half the night.
Among the trees that face the corner light
But when he brushes up against a screen,
We are afraid of what our eyes have seen.

For something is amiss or out of place
When mice with wings can wear a human face.

(Theodore Roethke)

i) For each of the following words used in the poem, write another that is pronounced the same way. (2marks)

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4. Night

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ii) Describe the rhyme scheme of the poem. (2marks)

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iii) How would you say the last line of the poem. Explain your answer. (2marks)

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iv) Identify and illustrate any two sound devices used in the poem. (2marks)

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v) You have been asked to make a presentation of this poem to a group of nursery school children. Mention any two things you would do to arouse their interest. (2marks)

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b) Underline the letter representing a silent sound in each word below. (3marks) i.

Solemn

ii. Debris

iii. Tomb

iv. Yatch

v. Plumb

vi. Palm

c) State whether we have a falling or rising intonation (3marks)

i) How did you get home yesterday.....
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ii) She has been working very hard.....
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iii) Did he travel to Nairobi.....
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d) Imagine you have been asked to represent your school in an inter-school debating session.

State and explain any four things you would do to participate in this event successfully. (4marks)

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e) What should you remember to say and do when receiving a telephone call on behalf of someone else. (5marks)

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f) Explain the puns in the following statements (4marks) i.

She cannot bear children

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ii. John is in the cabinet.

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h) State any one function of puns. (1mark)

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