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2. Cloze Test.

Read the passage below and fill in the blanks with the most appropriate word.

The country (1).....benefitted greatly from reduced fuel prices in the past year (2)..... from favourable international market dynamics. (3)..... is a major production cost and when the prices go (4)....., commodity prices stabilize, which is good for the economy.(5)....., something untoward has been happening lately. Fuel (6).....has become erratic, causing distress to motorists. According (7)..... the Petroleum Institute of East Africa, which is the industry lobby, the intermittent supply is artificial. Some industry players are (8).....oil for speculation, hoping to (9).....shortage and, in turn, influence the regulator, the Energy Regulatory Commission, to raise the (10).....

3. Oral Skills

a). For each of the following words, write another that is pronounced the same as the one given. (4mks).

- i). Miner
- ii). Suite
- iii). Throws
- iv). Flew

b). Identify the silent letters in each of the following words. (3mks).

- i). Soften
- ii). Corps
- iii). Exhaust

c). Indicate the correct intonation for the following sentences. (3mks).

i). Can I take you home?

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ii). How did she travel to Nairobi?

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iii). I have been working very hard for the coming examination.

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d). Pick the odd one out in the pronunciation of the following words in each group, with reference to the letters in bold. (4mks).

i) mot**ion**, vis**ual**, pass**ion**, mach**ete**

ii). **H**ook, **f**ood, **w**ould, **t**oo

iii). **a**x, **x**enon, **t**ax, **m**aximum

iv). **C**harade, **ch**urch, **ch**auffeur, **ch**asis

e). (i) A local television station is holding interviews for the position of a news anchor. You are invited to attend the interview. Explain three things you would do to ensure you are well prepared for the interview. (3mks).

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(ii). Unfortunately, you fail to secure the job. What could you have done wrong during the interview that led to this failure? (3mks).

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e). Read the genre below and answer the questions that follow.

‘Slipperiness knows no king.’

i). Classify the above genre (1mk).

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ii). What is the most appropriate audience for the above genre. (1mk).

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iii). What would be lost if the above genre is translated into another language. (1mk).

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f). Read the telephone conversation below and answer the questions that follow.

Francis: Hello, is that Chileka International Airport?

Edith: (*Picking the phone*) The mushrooms are 500 kwacha per kilogram.

Hello, is anybody on this line?

Francis: Hello, is that Chileka International airport?

Edith: What do you want?

Francis: Please confirm for me whether I called the right place, Chileka International Airport?

Edith: (*Frowning*) Which other airport shares a similar phone number as this?

Francis: May I then speak to the Managing Director?

Edith: I don't mind a baby....(*on phone*), what did you say ?Oh, the Managing Director can't talk to you.

Francis: Can I then leave a message which you can pass to him?

Edith: Why can't you call him on his personal line...(*away from the receiver*) serve me a cup, tea tastes better when hot.

Francis: (*Surprised*) Hello, excuse me madam, I am Francis Chumachamara and am requesting to talk to the Managing Director over an important matter concerning one of your employees...

Edith: I told you the Managing Director is not in (*hangs up*).

i). Explain four things that make Edith an ineffective communicator.(4mks).

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ii). Explain three things that one should observe if they are to communicate effectively over the phone. (3mks).

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