

KENYA HIGH SCHOOL MOCK 2020

ENGLISH PAPER 1

1. A fire has broken in your school dormitory and gutted all the dormitories while the students were having preps. The school principal has appointed a committee of ten member among them the deputy head as the chairperson, the dorm patron, the security officers the head boy and two teachers.
- The committee is required to find out the cause of the fire, those involved if any, and come up with ways of avoiding a future occurrence. As the secretary of a committee, write a report. The report should not exceed 350 words. (20 marks)

2. Read the passage below and complete each blank space with an appropriate word (10 marks)
- Citizen used to 1 _____ that political leaders would observe the principle of good Governance. Simply 2 _____ they were expected to 3 _____. It appears most leaders.
- On the continent have replaced integrity with reckless impunity that has 4 _____ Africa in Chaos. 5 _____ Office are also supposed to be 6 _____ to the people that entrusted them with the 7 _____ of leading them . 8 _____ the political elite in the continent see people as a means to an end. In many countries these days, Kenya included, politics has become the easiest way to make money. Electioneering is seen as an 9 _____ with extremely lucrative returns when campaign loyalties are 10 _____ with appointments in the government of the day.

- 3(i) Read the following poem carefully and answer questions that follow
- Happy baby
Her lip suckle the nipples

Milk bubble, foams and ripples
Little hand up in the air
Catch on the mother's hair
Sweet sensation rises in pressure
Tiny legs kick with pleasures
Sleep comes gently and strong
Sleep whispers softly and long

- (a) Write down three pairs of rhyming words (3 marks)
- (b) How would you say line six of the poem 'sweet sensation rises in pressure' (3 marks)
- (c) Giving illustration from the poem, state the tone you would adopt if you were to read this poem aloud (3 marks)
- (ii) Pick the odd one out according to the pronunciation of the underlined letters (5 marks)
- (a) Aunt, August, Author
(b) April, Ape, Apart
(c) Pulse, pulpit, pull
(d) Salt, insult, suit
(e) Tough, house, mouth
- (iii) Identify the silent letter in each of the words below (4 marks)
- (a) Succumb
(b) Whet
(c) Poignant
(d) Honourable
- (iv) Provide the homophone (word that are pronounced the same) of the following words (5 marks)
- (a) Flower
(b) Clause
(c) Mad
(d) Berry
Floss
- (v) Imagine that your teacher catches you reading a magazine during a class lesson. He summons you after the lesson and the following is part of the conversation between you and him. Fill in the missing part. (7mks)
- (i) Teacher: (holding out the magazine) why were you reading this kind of trash during the lesson, an innuendo, I guess

- (ii) You: (1mk)
- (iii) Teacher : My question is why you were reading, not what you did not intend to do
- (iv) You: (1mk)
- (v) Teacher: A what? You have the nerve to just dismiss it as a joke?
- (vi) You: Sir, I am.....(1mk)
- (vii) Teacher : (Walking away) follow me to the Deputy Principal's office. There you can explain better what you mean by calling it an oversight
- (viii) You: (pleading desperately).....(1 mark)
- (ix) Teacher: I just can't get myself to sort anything with you. Do as I say
- (x) You: (2mk)
- (xi) Teacher: Alright then, but be careful not to promise that which you can't keep. Last pardon
And just you said, bring your updated notebook, latest four O'clock this evening
- (xii) (Almost kneeling).....
..... (2mks)
(Fakes off almost unsure of the pardon)