END OF FIRST TERM EXAMINATIONS

CLASS: JHS 2 SUBJECT: **ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

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**PAPER 2**

This paper consists of three (3) parts: A, B and C. Answer **three** questions in all: **one** question from Part A and all the questions in Part B and Part C. Answer all the questions in your answer booklet.

**PART A**

**ESSAY WRITING**

**[30 marks]**

Answer one question only from this part. Your composition should be about **250 words.**

1. You have won a scholarship to study abroad. Write a letter to your friend telling him/her at least **two** things that you will miss while away.
2. Write an article for publication in your school magazine suggesting at least two ways by which cheating in B.E.C.E can be stopped.
3. Write a story that ends, “This is why our friendship came to an end.”

**PART B**

**COMPREHENSION**

Read the following passage carefully and answer all the questions which follows.

 In the Western world, the family is simply made up of husband, wife and children. This is called the nuclear family. In Africa, the family includes relatives from both the maternal and paternal sides. This is known as the extended family.

 This relationship **binds** every member whose **origin** cab be traced to same ancestors. This has developed into such complex groups as clans among the Akan and the kingship relation in other parts of Ghana and Africa.

 Wherever, the extended family is practiced, its benefits seem greater than its disadvantages. In Ghana, at the small community level, it brings unity among people. They share everything among themselves, wealth problems. The system even birds and **caters for** others who may be separated by social factors such as marriage.

 However, it often makes people look up to others for help when they could have solved the problems themselves. It makes some members lazy. **In the long run,** the only well-to-do person in the family is **made to shoulder** the responsibilities of more people than he can really **cope with**.

 Now, the question to ask is, has the extended family system any chance of continuing when the nuclear family is now **gaining so much grounds**? Whether the extended family will continue or die out will depend on how strong the nuclear family becomes.

**QUESTIONS**

1. What does the word family mean to:
2. The people in the Western World
3. The African
4. What link people in the extended family system?
5. Mention two (2) advantages of the extended family system.
6. Give two (2) reasons why you would support the nuclear family system
7. Explain the family expressions in your owns words
8. Look up to
9. Made to shoulder
10. Gaining so much ground
11. For each of the following words, give another word or phrase that means the same and can fit into the passage.
12. Binds
13. Origin
14. Caters for
15. In the long run
16. Cope with

**PART C**

**LITERATURE**

**Answer all the questions in this part**

**SACKEY J.A and DARMANI L (COMP): The Cockcrow**

Read the extracts carefully and answer the questions that follows

**JEAN WATSON: The Old Man and His Children**

“Having heard and seen everything, Kamau now called out, “Come, Njoroge! Come, Mwangi! **I have a story for you.”**

1. I have a story for you, what is the theme for that story?

**MERRIL CORNEY: Debbie, Sandy and Pepe**

“She wriggled her finger like a worm and little creature snapped harmlessly at her.”

1. What literacy device is used in the above sentence?
2. “Birds are happier outside, being free.”

Who made this statement?

**LAWRENCE DARMANI: Scribblers Dream**

1. Who /what does the word **“Scribbler”** refer to in the poem?

“When upon the shelf you gaze, vacuum stares at you!”

1. What kind of literary device is employed here?

“…...before us like the coated……………man”

1. State the dominant figures of speech in the line above

**AMA ATA AIDOO: The Dilemma of a Ghost**

“Someone should lend me a tongue light enough with which to tell my Royal dead that one of their stock has gone away and brought to their sacred precincts, the wayfarer.

1. Who is speaking?
2. Whom or which people is he/she referring to as

**“My Royal dead”?**

 “Oh, External mother nature,

 Queen mother of childbirths

 How was it you went pass my house

 Without a pause

 Without a rest

 Mighty God, when shall the cry of an infant

 Come into my ear:

For the sun has journeyed far

 In my sky”

1. Whose worrying statements are the above?

**LAWRENCE DARMANI: Sosu and the Bukari Boys**

“The day was Wednesday and the B.B of Eden School had something to show one another”

1. B.B stands for……………………………………………………………..

**PART I – SECTION A**

**LEXIS AND STRUCTURE**

From the alternatives lettered A – D, choose the one which **most suitably completes** each sentence.

1. Ntims careless driving resulted ………………….. a fatal accident.
2. in
3. to
4. into
5. with
6. Abibatu takes ………………….her mother in many ways.
7. By
8. On
9. Up
10. After
11. Araba goes to school ……………………….. foot
12. By
13. In
14. On
15. With
16. The doctor advised the patient to abstain ………………………. smoking
17. By
18. From
19. Upon
20. With
21. The relationship ………………………… group A and group B is cordial
22. Of
23. With
24. Among
25. Between
26. Edwin prefers fish ……………………………. meat
27. To
28. For
29. From
30. Than
31. His neighbor complained that the radio was ……………………..loud
32. Far
33. Too
34. Much
35. Enough
36. The white horse is …………………………….than the black one
37. The fastest
38. Very faster
39. Much the faster
40. Was going to tell
41. I ………………………him, then I changed my mind
42. Had told
43. Have told
44. Am telling
45. Was going to tell
46. By the end of the day, I ……….the house
47. Shall paint
48. Shall painting
49. Shall have painted
50. Shall have been painting
51. You are a member of the society ……………?
52. Isn’t you
53. Are you
54. Aren’t you
55. Weren’t you
56. Our captain is not a very reliable person……?
57. Is he
58. Isn’t he
59. Does he
60. Doesn’t he
61. You have been at Lagos ……………………?
62. Did you
63. Have you
64. Didn’t you
65. Haven’t you
66. Joseph is the ………………… in the class
67. Cleverer
68. Cleverest
69. More clever
70. Very clever
71. The triplet love …………… very much
72. Each other
73. Theirselves
74. Themselves
75. One another

Choose from the alternatives lettered **A – D** the one which is **nearest in meaning** to the underlined word in each sentence.

1. If you are a true friend you will not **disclose** a secret
2. Give
3. Shop
4. Display
5. Reveal
6. As John waited for the interview, he was very **nervous**
7. Sad
8. Afraid
9. Alarmed
10. Uneasy
11. Patricia was **satisfied** with the results of the examination
12. Pleased
13. Convinced
14. Pampered
15. Encouraged
16. The attitude of the gateman was very **hostile**
17. Harsh
18. Strange
19. Abusive
20. Unfriendly
21. It was not his **intention** to hurt his younger brother.
22. Aim
23. Derision
24. Interest
25. Ambition

In each of the following sentences, a group of words have been underlined. Choose from the alternatives lettered **A-D** the one that **best explains** the underlined group of words.

1. Ibrahim registered for the course at **the eleventh hour**. This means that
2. At eleven o’clock
3. A few hours before closing time
4. During eleven hours of registration
5. When it was almost too late
6. Bob lives **within a stone’s throw** of the jubilee Park. This means that Bob
7. Travels on a stony road
8. Lives in a hut in the part
9. Lives very close to the park
10. Often throw stones at the park
11. When James heard the sound of gunshots, his **hair stood on end**. This means that James
12. Was worried
13. Started anything
14. Was frightened
15. Became massive
16. Mary has gone to **cheer up** her friend. This means that Mary has gone to
17. Shout at her
18. Give her gifts
19. Tell her stories
20. Make her happy
21. The teacher’s abrupt questions threw the pupil **off the balance**. This means that the pupil was
22. Hurt
23. Annoyed
24. Worried
25. Confused

From the list of words lettered A-D. Choose the one that is **most nearly opposite in meaning** to the end word underlined in each.

1. While **the majority** voted for a change, the …………………. were against any change
2. Rivals
3. Members
4. Minority
5. Opposition
6. Imported rice is **expensive** these days.
7. Free
8. Cheap
9. Tasty
10. Scarce
11. The student **condemned** for his poor work.
12. Cleared
13. Praised
14. Rewarded
15. Recommended
16. Although he had applied for a **permanent** post he was only given a …………………………… one
17. Useful
18. Boring
19. Laboring
20. Temporary
21. Some people pay much attention to their **physical** needs.
22. Basic
23. Moral
24. Financial
25. Spiritual