

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE EXAMINATION**

**DURATION: 2Hours**

Name.....

**Section A: Grammar(10 Marks)**

I. Complete the sentences with the appropriate form of the verb in brackets(5 Marks )

- 1) If I ..... (to know) her name, I ..... (to tell) you now, unfortunately, I ..... (not know)
- 2) Mrs Nwenfor ..... (to look) for child when she heard radio announcement.. ..... (to request) her to go and collect the child from the police station.
- 3) By the time my father .....(to go) on retirement in 2018, he .....(to build) a nice house in the village.
- 4) Rose is sick and tired of her boss. Since he.....(to demand) that she .....(to wear) smarter clothes at work, she.....(to think) of looking for another job.
- 5) James was very angry when he heard that he..... (to fail) his exams. He always.....(to think) that only idiot could .....(to fail) the exams.

II. Complete the second sentences so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence. Write in the space provided. ( 5 Marks)

- 1) John hasn't got as much experience as Tom.

Tom.....

- 2) Although the tourists had a map they got missing.

Despite .....

3) The training course takes four years.

It's a .....

4) What about going to the Seme Beach for the week-end?

Why..... ?

5) He left early because he never wanted to miss the flight.

He left early in.....

**SECTION B: VOCABULARY(10 Marks )**

**I. Select the appropriate words and write in the spaces provided. (5 Marks )**

- 1) People of proven..... constitute a scare commodity in our society today. (moral, morals, morale)
- 2) His back continued to..... long after the operation. (pain, ache, hurt)
- 3) Brandishing their..... gender now seems to be a stock-in-trade for some women. (female, females, feminine)
- 4) He turned back his watch.....he was looking for a way to justify his delay. (purpose, purposely, purposefully)
- 5) It is no longer easy to..... French these days, due to the socialist stringent immigration laws. (nationalize, naturalize, nationalized)
- 6) Did you congratulate Loveline.....her new appointment? (for, on, about)
- 7) Martha brought me a nice tablecloth, all embroidered.....hand (with, through, by)
- 8) The rules stated, that anyone who has held, office for four years was not..... for re-election (eligible, legible, illegible)

- 9) A group of agitations.....the mob to break down the embassy door. ( excited, promoted, incited)
- 10) You should.....to see the director else the secretary won't let you in. (book, fight, force)

**II. Complete the sentences with the appropriate colours. (5 Marks )**

- 1) My father is what some people call a .....collar worker. He does not like physical labour, so he studied accounting.
- 2) Once in a .....moon, my mother gives us a treat and she makes cakes.
- 3) I have.....fingers, I'm good at growing crops.
- 4) Paul and Peter are in the.....They have spent more money than they have in their Bank account.
- 5) Prince Charles is.....blooded. He is a member of the royal family.

**Section C: Comprehension (10 Marks )**

Read the following passage and answer the questions below marking (x).

NB: if you change your mind on an answer, circle it and then mark the new one.

**UP FROM SLAVERY**

I was born a slave on a plantation in Franklin County, Virginia. I am not quite sure of the exact place or exact date of my birth, but at any rate I suspect I must have been born somewhere and at some time. As nearly as I have been able to learn, I was born near a cross-roads post-office called Hale's Ford, and the year was 1858 or 1859. I do not know the month or the day. The earliest impressions I can now recall are of the plantation and the slave quarters-the latter being the part of the plantation where the slaves had their cabins.

I was born in a typical log cabin, about fourteen by sixteen feet square. In this cabin I lived with my mother and a brother and sister till after the Civil War, when we were all declared free.

Of my ancestry I know almost nothing. In the slave quarters, and even later, I heard whispered conversations among the coloured people of the tortures which the slaves, including, no doubt, my ancestors on my mother's side, suffered in the middle passage of the slave ship while being conveyed from Africa to America. I have been unsuccessful in securing any information that would throw any accurate light upon the history of my family beyond my mother. She, I remember, had a half-brother and a half-sister. In the days of slavery not very much attention was given to family history and family records-that is, black family records. My mother, I suppose, attracted the attention of a purchaser who was afterward my owner and hers. Her addition to the slave family attracted about as much attention as the purchase of a new horse or cow.

I had no schooling whatever while I was a slave, though I remember on several occasions I went as far as the schoolhouse door with one of my young mistresses to carry her books. The picture of several dozen boys and girls in a schoolroom engaged in study made a deep impression upon me, and I had the feeling that to get into a schoolhouse and study in this way would be about the same as getting into paradise.

So far as I can now recall, the first knowledge that I got of the fact that we were slaves, and that freedom of the slaves was being discussed, was early one morning before day, when I was awakened by my mother kneeling over her children and fervently praying that Lincoln and his armies might be successful, and that one day she and her children might be free.

*Extracts from Chapter I, "A Slave Among Slaves", Up from Slavery, Booker T. Washington, first published in 1901.*

### Questions

- 1) What country and century is the story set in?(1 Mark )
  - a) Franklin country
  - b)Virginia
  - c)Las Vegas
  - d)Franklin Country, Virginia
- 2) What Civil War is referred to (1 Mark )
  - a) First world war
  - b)Second world war
  - c)Civil war
  - d) War against slavery
- 3) The narrator doesn't know when he was born (1Mark )
  - a) True
  - b)False
  - c)Not mentioned
- 4) He wasn't able to attend school when he was a child (1 Mark )

- a) True b)False c) Not mentioned
- 5) Why can't he get information about his mother's ancestry?(1 Marks )
- a) Much attention was given to family history b)Much attention was not given to family history c)Much attention was not given to family history or records d) His mother died when he was a child.
- 6) Find synonyms of **remember** in the text (paragraph 1) (1 Marks )
- a) Impressions b)Learn c)Recall d)Suspect
- 7) Find synonyms of **buyer** in the text (paragraph 3) (1 Marks )
- a) Purchaser b)Conveyed c) Ower d)Securing
- 8) When did the narrator write this story? (1 Marks )
- a) When he was a slave b) when he was a child c) when he was free d)when he was the president
- 9) The civil war freed slaves and made slavery ..... (1 Marks )
- a) Legal b) illegal c) legible d) eligible
- 10)Find the synonym of **woken up** (paragraph 5) (1 Marks )
- a) Awakened b) fervently c) recall d) kneeling.

### Section D: Essay writing (10 marks)

Write an essay of about 300 words on one of the following topics.

- 1) A friend of yours wants to drop out of school because he thinks that education does not pay. Write a letter to him advising him not to do so. Give as many arguments as you can to show him that education is important. Your name is Nuiten Francis, your address HIPS, Yaounde. Your friend's name is Ndangwa Henery.
- 2) Write about a profession you admire and say how it can help your community.
- 3) If you were elected the mayor of you locality, what would you do to bring development to that area?
- 4) Is Europe the best solution to the problem of unemployment for youths in your country?

Good Luck!!!

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