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**MARYHILL GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL**

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**(COMPREHENSION, LITERARY APPRECIATION**

**AND GRAMMAR)**

**PAPER 2**

**TIME: 2½ HOURS**

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**1. COMPREHENSION (20marks)**

***Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow.***

**WASTE DISPOSAL**

Population in most cities increasing at a very high rate. The high population results in high levels of activities and consumption. People in cities consume a lot of food and they buy groceries from shops, which are wrapped in polythene bags. As a result, a lot of garbage is generated and disposed off within and outside the urban areas. The higher the population, the higher the amount of garbage generated. This means that there should be an efficient system of collecting and disposing off the garbage.

The effectiveness of waste management by city councils varies from country to country. In most African cities, a large amount of waste is not deposited in rubbish pits. Instead, it is dumped in the open. According to United Nations Environmental Program (UNEP) statistics, sixty five percent of garbage in Tripoli, for example, is dumped in the open while eighty percent of garbage in Ismailia (Egypt is also dumped in the open.

With extreme warm temperatures such garbage tends to decompose rapidly causing serious health risks besides being a nuisance. One common method of deposing off waste is open burning. This contributes to the problem of urban air pollution.

In Nairobi, for example, it is common to find informal open burning sites. Most residents of city estates say that they are forced to burn waste in the open because the city council is incapable of dealing with the increasing amount of garbage. When waste is not disposed off effectively, it affects human health and damages the environment. For example, it has led to problems such as pollution of water sources, offensive odour, and increase in disease vectors, pests and scavengers.

However, there are examples of domestic waste being disposed off hygienically or being recycled. For example, in rural Egypt, there are organizations that promote environmental awareness among women by providing them with plastic bags so that they can collect their garbage. On the other hand, the youth are given the task of taking the garbage to a designated collection point. This scheme can be imported to the urban areas with a lot of success.

Another possible solution could be the introduction of reusable shopping bags in place of the usual polythene bags. Supermarkets and other businesses can pack customers’ goods in bags that are reusable. This would drastically reduce the amount of domestic waste generated everyday.

**Questions**

a) What is the result of high population in most cities? (2 marks)

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b) In most African cities, where are large amounts of waste deposited? (1 mark)

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c) How much waste does Egypt dump in the open? (1 mark)

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d) What two problems result from dumping waste in the open? (2 marks)

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e) Why is open burning of waste common? (1mark)

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f) In what two ways can waste be successfully managed according to the passage? (2marks)

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g) In note form, briefly state the various forms of waste disposal discussed in the passage. (4marks)

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h) Why is Egypt mentioned in the passage? (1mark)

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i) What is the writer’s attitude towards the city council? (2marks)

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j) The high population results in high levels of activities and consumption. (1mark)

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k) Explain the meaning of the following words and phrases as used in the passage. (3marks)

i) Offensive odour \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

ii) Disposed off \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

iii) Decompose \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**2. Read the following excerpt and then answer the questions that follow (25 mks)**

The door to the bathroom opened. Fiona emerged and started walking but stopped. Her eyes had not adjusted to the darkness in the living room. “Where are you?” she asked.

“Over here,” he said. “I have taken a couch in the living room. Go take the bed in the bedroom.”

“You’re acting as if you might have a wife,” she said. “Do you?”

“No, she divorced me last year.” “Did she?”

“Yes.”

“Let’s see now. You studied in America at a marriageable age.”

“So?”

“So let me guess.” Go ahead.

“She is American.”

“Who? Pamela?”

“That’s her name? Pamela?”

“Yes, it is. And, yes, she is American. Enough about me now. Let’s turn to you. Shouldn’t your name still be Fiona McKenzie?”

“Who told you it might have changed?” She started walking to the bedroom. Her eyes had adjusted to the only light.

“Why was Liberian Mauler calling you Joy instead?”

“It’s local slang for streetwalker?”

He was calling you a streetwalker?”

“Yes. Do you want me to draw a picture for you? Where are you from anyway? Mars?”

“No: Nigeria. Married?” “Me?”

The phone rang.

He rose and answered the landline by the couch. When he ended the call, his mood had darkened.

“What’s the matter?” she asked him. You seem upset all of a sudden. Who was on the phone?”

“One Chineke Chiamaka,” he said. The man was claiming that I chided him for being drunk, when all he had had was a Pepsi.” He wriggled in his improvised bed to protest his innocence against that claim. “It beats me how he got my suite phone number in the first place,” he added. “Anyway, I did not chide him. Why do people like to tell lies?”

**QUESTIONS**

1. What happens immediately before this excerpt? (4mks)

2. Discuss two character traits of Abiola and one of Ms Fiona McKenzie as brought out in the excerpt. (6mks)

3. Why do people like to tell lies? Rewrite in reported speech. (1mk)

4. The phone rang. Add a question tag. (1mk)

5. No, she divorced me last year. Rewrite in the passive voice. (1mk)

6. Discuss two themes raised in this excerpt. (4mks)

7. Identify and illustrate any two aspects of styles used in this excerpt. (4mks)

8. Explain the meaning of the following words as used in the excerpt. (3mks)

a. streetwalker

b. wriggled

c. chided

**3. Read the poem below and answer the questions that follow (20marks)**

Song of Agony

I put on a clean shirt

And go to work

Which of us

Which of us will come back?

Four and twenty moons

Not seeing women

Not seeing my ox

Not seeing my hand

Which of us

Which of us will die?

I put on a clean shirt

And go to work my contract

To work far away

I go beyond the mountain

Into the bush

Where the roads end

And the rivers run dry

Which of us

Which of us will come back?

Which of us

Which of us will die?

**Questions**

1. Who is the persona in the poem? Explain. (2marks)

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1. Briefly discuss the subject matter in this poem. (3marks)

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1. Identify two stylistic devices in the poem and show their effectiveness. (4marks)

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1. Show how the persona and the others suffer in this poem. Illustrate your answer. (4marks)

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1. What is the dominant mood in the poem? (2marks)

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1. Is the title of this poem suitable? Explain. (3marks)

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1. Identify and explain one economic activity practiced by the persona’s community. (2marks)

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**4. GRAMMAR (15marks)**

**a) *Fill in the following blanks with the correct form of the words in brackets (3marks)***

1. Their bodies had suffered \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as a result of malnutrition (contort)
2. The manager made several \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on the, original invoice (delete)
3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ beliefs are discourages in urban areas (sect).

**b) *Rewrite the following sentences according to the instructions after each (3marks)***

1. You will succeed in your exams. Just work hard (rewrite as a conditional sentence)

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2. Maxwell bought \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (golden shiny, round, tiny)

(Arrange the adjectives in brackets in the right order)

3. The principal took pity on the students. He gave them food. (Combine into one using a participle).

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**c) *Supply the appropriate question tag to each of the following sentences. Punctuate then correctly. (3marks)***

1. He never goes out with his dog \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2. Let’s take the next bus \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

3. He rules Kenya for long \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**d) *Replace the underlined expressions with the most appropriate one word (3marks)***

1. When the teacher met her outside the classroom, Erastina made up a story

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2. The walls of the mall carved in after the terrorist attack

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3. He always irons out people’s problems

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**e) *Complete each sentence with a suitable preposition (3marks)***

i) I really prefer just about anything \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ watching television.

ii) Is it possible to unsure my bike\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ theft?

iii) Being rich doesn’t count \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ much on a desert island.