English paper 2 premock 2016

1. ***Read the passage below then answer the questions that follow*.**

Problem drinkers and alcoholics pay severe penalties for their drinking. It has been estimated that alcoholics are likely to die ten to twelve years sooner than non-alcoholics half die before the age of fifty, which is one reason there are so few elderly alcoholics. The mortality rate (that is, the number of persons per 100,000 who die each year) among alcoholics is more than two and a half times higher than that of the general population.

Alcoholics often die under violent circumstances; serious accidents, homicide, and suicide are not uncommon. This, together with the physical deterioration accompanying alcoholism, helps explain the limits of life expectancy. No one really knows how many deaths are directly attributed to drinking, and all such statistics are estimates. One reason for our limited knowledge is that many physicians do not report alcoholism as the main cause of death out of concern for the feelings of the family of the deceased.

Research on the physiological effects of alcoholism has increased in the last few years. Heavy drinking is known to be associated with various types of cancer, particularly among persons who also use tobacco. Alcohol abuse also increases the probability of hypertension, stroke and coronary hear disease. Alcoholics frequently suffer illness and death from cirrhosis of the liver, a disease in which the liver becomes fatty, scarred, and incapable of functioning normally. In large urban areas, cirrhosis is the fourth most common cause of death among men aged twenty-five to forty-five.

Alcohol affects the brain, often permanently damaging the mental functioning of alcoholics. Drinking may reduce the number of living cells in the brain. Since brain cells do not grow back, alcoholics may suffer from organic psychosis (a mental illness traceable to brain damages), loss of memory, and poor physical and mental co-ordination. One out of four persons who are admitted to mental hospitals are diagnosed as alcoholics and 40 percent of all admissions are alcohol related. Many of the alcoholic inmates are unlikely to recover.

The unborn children of female alcoholics are subject to harm from drinking in what is called foetal alcohol syndrome. Because alcohol tends to be a substitute for a balanced diet, alcoholics are often malnourished. Consequently, the infants of alcoholic women are likely to be less healthy and less well developed that other babies. Moreover, when a pregnant woman drinks, so, in effect, does her foetus. The new born children of alcoholic women may die shortly after birth unless they are medically treated from the shock of their systems for suddenly being cut off from alcohol. Furthermore, the impact of alcohol on the woman and her foetus is a major cause of birth defects and organically based mental deficiency among the newborn. The effects of foetal alcohol syndrome on the children of female alcoholics are usually chronic and may be permanently disabling.

Clearly, it is not too much of an exaggeration to say that alcohol kills and maims people. When abused, alcohol is a highly dangerous drug.

**Questions**

a) What are the major causes of death among alcoholics? {2 marks}

b) Which reason does the writer give as to why physicians do not report alcoholic related deaths?

{2 marks}

c) One out of four persons who are admitted to mental hospitals are diagnosed as alcoholics.

(Rewrite using a few …………………..) {2 marks}

d) Alcoholics often die under violent circumstances ……………………………….

(add a question tag) {1 mark}

e) What is the attitude of the writer towards people who abuse alcohol? {3 marks}

f) Explain what the following sentence means: {2 marks}

(Alcohol tends to be a substitute for a balanced diet)

g) Make notes on the effects of alcohol to expectant mothers and their children. {4 marks}

h) Supply a suitable title for the passage. {1 mark}

i) Explain the meanings of the following words and phrases as used in the passage. {3 marks}

i) attributed

ii) scarred

iii) statistics

read the excerpt below and answer the questions that follow:

in the box the women’s hall of residence no one was consulted before being assigned a roommate and one could end up with a real creep. In the first year, there was one room to be shared between two people. In the second and third yeas, one moved into a semi-divided room which guaranteed at least some privacy. Vera was lucky in the room mate she drew in her second year. She was a commerce student called maary—anne\_ a nice human being by any stardands. She had a boyfriend whose name was Mathew saisi who was studying design. she was very friendly and had had in fact hit it off with tommy very well. Their shared room was therefore like an island in the midst of the tumultuous sea that was the box. Mary-anne was a nairobian whose parents lived in buruburu . being an only daughter in a family of six, her parents treated her like a special and constantly brought her food from home. Most of this found its way to Vera, whom mary-anne treated like a sister she never had. Vera had maintained enviably slim. So vera came in that evening weeping, mary-anne was very soliticious of her. she put her in bed and just held arms until she calmed down, then she made a cup of cocoa just the way vera liked it – dark brown and sweet , with no milk.

Want to talk?

Tommy and I broke up today. The n I went to look dfor my sister. I felt so lonely.

A sister?

Yes, my twin sister.

You have a sister in this town?

Yes1

How come she never comes to see you?

Are you going to listen!

Sorry, I was surprised that’s all . You broke up with tommy! The expression on her face was so comical that vera just laughed.

I might as well let you tell the story mary- annne.

Sorry, but you cant throw such shockers my way and expect me to think sensibly. Please tell me.

What was his crime?

Nothing. it’s got nothing to do with him at all. I just did not feel right about it, that’s all.

There are many questions I could ask and should ask, but I will ask only one – how did he take it?

You know tommy, he tried to take it with good humour and then suddenly he couldn’t take it anymore and he left.

Do you realize that you might live to regret this? Boys like toommy simply don’t grow on trees you know. Some girl is going to snap him up faster than fast. All the same it is not for me to censure you – an adult woman. Think about it you might see things differently tomorrow. Tell me about your twin sister, if you please.

**3. Read the following poem and answer the questions that follow.**

**Beggar in the three piece.**

My Jumbo

Short its way

Across the sky

To distant lands

Across blue seas

I descended the ladder

To a waiting ribbon

Of blood-red carpet

A quick glance at my

Three piece suit and the tie

That beautifully strangled my neck.

On my left hand hang

My beaded knobkerry

On my right I clutched

My rusty inter-Nation Begging Bowl

On my face I wore humility and need

And of course dignity.

Sir, the dearth of food

Had rendered my people thin

And hungry

Scop us a little

You know

Just little

To keep them till next rains’

But sir, beggars

In three piece

Are a rare sight

But your suit is beautiful

Honestly

Now my suit

Which cost me a fortune

In a Parisian Textile

Has denied me a fortune

And my countrymen, life. L.O.Sunkuli.

a) Who is the persona in this poem? (3mks)

b) What is the subject matter of this poem? (4mks)

c). Explain the satire in this poem and comment on its effectiveness. (4mks)

d). Describe the tone of this poem (3mks)

e). Explain what the last stanza implies. (3mks)

f). Explain the meaning of the following lines as used in the poem. (3mks)

(i) My jumbo

Short its way

Across the sky

(ii) That beautiful strangled my neck

(iii) To keep them till next rains.

**GRAMMAR**

**a). Rewrite the following sentence according to the instructions given after each. Do not change the meaning. (5mks)**

i) The girls watched the slides carefully. They saw many familiar faces. (Combining into one sentence starting: watching..)

ii) You know abit about computers but I know more. (Rewrite using: as…………..as)

iii). The manager will withdraw the negative review if you apologize. (Start: should……….)

iv) I don’t take leave often . (Rewrite using ‘rarely’)

v). It had not rained for several months (start: For……….)

(ii) I never saw the Minister help anyone in my country. ***(Rewrite beginning: Not once................***

**b) Complete the sentences below by filling in the correct prepositions. 3mks)**

*i) The new nurse is very hardworking and intelligent but she is lacking …………………. experience.*

*ii) Fulani is good……………………….mathematics.*

*iii) I’ve got friend ……………..from Canada this weekend.*

**c) Indicate the type of sentence(s) written below (2mks)**

*i) Get out?*

*ii) The nurse couldn’t tolerate the noisy patient.*

*iii) The researchers tested the new drug on mice.*

**e) Explain the ambiguity in this sentence (2mks)**

*i) We saw duck.*

***Rewrite the following sentences with the correct phrasal verbs to replace the underlined words.***

Joyce could not tolerate her nephews’ behaviour.

The form three student bullied the new student

The Senator was forced to resign from his post when he was accused of misappropriating funds

**Correct the misspelt words in the paragraph below.**

The whitewashed walls and the welcoming guerds at the main gate are fust a venear beneath a story of negligance and a peverding motif of grim. (4 marks)