**SUNSHINE SCHOOL**

**FORM 1**

**ENGLISH**

**END TERM EXAM – OCT. 2015**

**TIME: 2 ½ HOURS**

**NAME:…………………………………………………………CLASS:………ADM NO:……..**

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

* Answer all questions.
* Ensure your handwriting is neat and clear.

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|  | **MAX SCORE** | **SCORE** |
| **COMPREHENSION** | **20** |  |
| **ORAL SKILLS** | **20** |  |
| **POETRY** | **20** |  |
| **GRAMMAR** | **20** |  |
| **TOTAL** | **80** |  |

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

Sibling rivalry is hatred between brothers and sisters of the same parents. It is known to start during pregnancy when the mother is expecting her second born child before the first born has hit the teen age. In most cases, first born are planned for and their arrival is met with a lot of excitement, readiness and pampering. This child grows with a certainty of love and feels important.

However, when the mother conceives a second born, due to problems with pregnancy and sometimes tiredness, she might not offer as much attention as before to her first born who in turn reacts with jealousy and hatred towards the soon coming brother or sister.

When the new baby arrives, the first born begins to fell rejected. More so, when people flock the house just to come and see the new baby offering praises to the latest addition to the family. Some would say that sibling rivalry started over three thousand years ago with the Biblical reference to Cain and Abel. But even with so much time past since then, sibling rivalry is still a very common issue in most families.

It is made worse when parents play favourites, Parents get to like a well-to-do child, an achieving son or the one who can provide the most material things. Most adolescents who develop low self-esteem because they feel that they are not loved by their parents. Some have come to the clinic claiming that their parents prefer their sibling because they perform well in school and so on.

It's often made clearer when I talk to their parents. They speak in comparison. And most of them are conscious of the implications. When they utter statements like: "How come you do not make your bed like your little sister does? Or your brother is more organized than you arc" and so on. These comments become silent killers to child's harmony.

Children look up to their parents for love and approval and when the parents disapprove of them, they Jell neglected and unloved. That is why some of them suffer depression and habour feelings of worthless. Our African set up. too. sets sibling Lip. for rivalry. Since duties arc assigned according to the birth order. it is easy to find that one child is overwhelmed by work. This can also tan the rivalry. In essence. parents need to balance their love and control what comes out of their mouth when talking to their children so that they will not start up this enmity. The closer the difference in age the more the reaction towards one another. Jealousy and animosity is heightened when the children arc closer to one another in age.

Sibling rivalry can only be reduced or stopped by parents themselves. For instance, when someone comments about your small baby being cute when the older one is around and can hear the conversation, even out the statement by adding a comment like" .... Just like this one." This will shield him or her from feeling left out.

As children grow older, they fight over toys. There is nothing wrong with this. These are learning to assert themselves. Your job as a parent is to help them learn to share by setting an example.

The level of sibling rivalry may vary depend on a child's temperament or personality. As easy child will have no problem compared to a difficult child. Help the child negotiate this stage by providing love. Since sick children automatically get more attention from their parents, explain to the other siblings why this child needs extra attention. You could also try to balance the time you spend with each.

Couples should always remember that they are their children's first role models. The way parents resolve their conflicts has a lot to do with sibling rivalry. If you shout, slam the doors and screaming all over when you are angry, then you can be sure that your kids will pick up the same habits. On the other hand, if you resolve problems in a respectful manner, they will pick the good example. ***(Adapted from Daily Nation of 5thJanuary* 2013.)**

1. What according to the passage is sibling rivalry. (1 mk)

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1. Explain how the mother’s ill-being during pregnancy contributes to sibling rivalry.(2 mks)

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1. What do parents need to do to avoid sibling rivalry amongst their children? Answer in note form. (4 mks)

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1. Mention the positive aspects that first born children have over their siblings. (2 mks)

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1. Why according to the passage do some children suffer depression and harbor feelings of worthlessness? (2 mks)

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1. How should couples resolve their conflicts according to the passage? (1 mk)

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1. Rewrite the following sentences as instructed; (3 mks)
2. how come you do not make your bed like your little sister my mother asked. (Punctuate the sentence).

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1. It is made worse when parents play favourites. (Rewrite the sentence into a superlative form of comparison).

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1. It is often made clearer when I talk to their parents. (*Add a question tag*)

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1. Explain the meaning of the following words and phrase as used in the passage. (4 mks)
2. shield

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1. speak in comparison

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1. animosity

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1. Provide a suitable title for the passage. (1 mk)

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**ORAL SKILLS**

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

**Infant Sorrow**

My mother groan’d, my father wept,

Into the dangerous world I leapt;

Helpless, naked, piping loud,

Like a fiend hid in a cloud.

Struggling in my father’s hands,

Striving against my swaddling-bands,

Bound and weary, I though beat,

To sulk upon my mother’s breast.

1. Describe the rhyme scheme of the poem. (3 mks)

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1. What effect does rhyme create in the poem? (1 mk)

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1. If you were to perform the poem for the rest of the school during the term’s closing assembly, how would you make it more interesting? (2 mks)

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1. Provide another word that is pronounced the same as each of the following: (4 mks)
2. key………………………………………………………………………………………
3. flu….……………………………………………………………………………………
4. meet……..………………………………………………………………………………
5. air….……………………………………………………………………………………
6. Circle the odd one out in each of the following groups of words based on how the underlined sounds are pronounced. (3 mks)

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| Group (i) | rough | dough | graph |
| Group (ii) | leopard | geography | jeopardy |
| Group (iii) | shepherd | telephone | fantasy |

1. Underline the silent letter(s) in each of the following words. (3 mks)

(a) honour

(b) psalm

(c) calf

1. Write what you would say in each of the following situations. (4 mks)
2. Your younger brother has just broken to you news that he has passed his KCPE examination and has been admitted to a top national school.

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1. Your mathematics teacher has sent you to ask for a black-board ruler from the math teacher of the class adjacent to yours.

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**POETRY**

**The Lover**

1. She is like a beauty queen

Of amazingly plaited hair

Pretty and passionately polished cheek –

Without crease to squeeze flat.

Abnormally fine eyes,

And wears a toothy smile –

To portray love indeed.

1. She ‘messages’ and calls –

Every second, minute, hour, day …

With determination for attention

To demand oil, dress, cosmetics, money and …

To demand pleasure without measure

To demand small and big

Unaware it’s a hustler she is dating.

1. My pockets run dry

And dignity driven down with speed

Moneyless and clothless I be

Milked to the driest

‘Poor chap’ she nicknames me

And mean me she says.

1. Whom do I turn to?

To a place away from this ‘billing’ lover

To restore my most memorable freedoms

To endear and be endeared

To love and to cherish

To swing and to dive

Whom do I turn to?

Questions

1. Who is the speaker in the poem? (2 mks)

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1. What is the poem about? (3 mks)

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1. ‘My pockets run dry.’ (Identify the noun phrase). (1 mk)

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1. ‘And mean me she says’. (Provide a word that means the opposite of the underlined word.) (1 mk)

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1. Write any two things that the lover does that embarrass the speaker. (2 mks)

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1. Identify and illustrate any three features of style from the poem. (6 mks)

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1. And wears toothy smile. (Add a question tag) (1 mk)

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1. Explain one character trait of the lover. (2 mks)

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1. What is the meaning of the following line as used in the poem:
2. My pockets run dry. (1 mk)

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1. Unaware it’s a hustler she is dating. (1 mk)

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**GRAMMAR (20 MARKS)**

1. Join the following sentences using appropriate conjunctions. (2 mks)
2. Jane is in class. Joan is in class

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1. Peter is intelligent. Peter did not pass the exams

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1. Each of the following sentences has an error. **Rewrite** them correctly. (3 mks)
2. The French jet is more superior than the Russian one.

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1. My brother and I were extremely terrified after watching a shocking movie.

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1. Please put on the lights as it is rather dark inside here

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1. Fill the blanks spaces with appropriate forms of the words in brackets. (5 mks)
2. After she had played football and …………………..(swim), she decided to read the day’s newspaper
3. After it was ………………...........(broadcast) that Opiyo Ombungu had won the Ig nobel prize for producing a toxic gas, his kin in Mexico saw no cause to celebrate.
4. They always complete their work ……………………………(quick) than their competitors.
5. After buying her a nice, cozy apartment, her parents …………………………... (far) gave her a fine, charming car.
6. KBC is ………………………………… (little) watched television station in Kenya.

1. Rewrite the following sentences according to instructions given after each. **Do not change the meaning**. (4 mks)
2. “This is why I will come tomorrow,” Lali said. (*Rewrite in* ***indirect speech***)

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1. She asked me if I had an injury. (*Rewrite in* ***direct speech***)

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1. She is a skilled singer. (Rewrite using *skillfully*)

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1. Kenya is rich. Ghana is equally rich. (Join into one sentence using …*as*…*as*…)

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1. Fill each blank in the following sentences with the correct preposition (4 mks)
2. She is good …………… Physics than History.
3. All the players were required to arrive at 8.00 a.m. and Gatuni is the only one who arrived …………. time, that is, at 8.00 a.m. on the dot.
4. He and his mother have gone ……………… a journey to the United Arab Emirates.
5. Used medical equipment must be disposed …………………… safely.
6. Punctuate the following sentences correctly (2 mks)
7. In ten years time, mombasa road will be a three storey highway

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1. What a nice pair of loafers you have got

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