**NAME.................................................................ADM NO.............CLASS.........**

**ST. EDWARD NYABIOTO HIGH SCHOOL**

**APRIL HOLIDAY ASSIGNMENT**

**ENGLISH FORM 1**

1. You are a member of the journalism club. Your patron has told each member to contribute 500/= for a trip to Maasai Mara. Write a letter to your uncle requesting for that money. (20 mks)

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**COMPREHENSION (20 MKS)**

Read the following passage then answer the questions that follow.

**BETTY’S JOY TURNED SOUR**

As I walked a short distance behind father whose strides I could not match, my attention was drawn to a matatu heading for Migori. To my surprise, there were passengers on the rack of the vehicle. I stared at it in disbelief until I was out of sight.

“Betty” Father called. I saw him standing outside a shop looking at mattresses piled on the verandah. He beckoned to one of the attendants and asked him how much a four-inch wide mattress costs.

“One thousand five hundred shillings,” answered the attendant.

“Is the price fixed?” father asked.

“Talk to the shopkeeper.”

Going straight to the counter, father asked the shopkeeper if he would accept half the price.

“Half the price! That would be a very big loss,” the shopkeeper answered.

After bargaining, father bought the mattress for one thousand three hundred shillings. He then suggested that we should go to Border supermarket which was about twenty metres further on. When we entered the supermarket father instructed me to pick a shopping basket and select the items I needed from the shelves. I walked up and down the isle picking what I wanted.

After paying for them, father told me that we were going to leave our purchases at the hotel directly opposite the supermarket. On entering Karibu Hotel, I was surprised to see Chacha Mwita, father’s best friend approaching us.

He smiled broadly as he shook our hands.

“Please keep our shopping. We’ll be back for lunch, “father told him.

“That’s fine, Marwa, I’ll be right here.”

Father led the way to the open air market. It was so crowded that we had to push our way through. The sellers who were shouting out their prices competed with a voice from a loudspeaker. We walked in the direction of the voice. I was amazed to see the great variety of goods displayed neatly on tables.

While I was admiring some earrings and bangles, father moved towards a stack of metal boxes and carefully selected one.

“I’m buying this one for you,” he told me.

“For me? Surely father, boxes are out of fashion,” I said.

“Are going to Nyaroha Girls Secondary School for a fashion show or are you going there to learn?” he asked.

“Father, haven’t said anything about fashion show. But the students I see going to school nowadays all have travelling bags.”

“But father, that’s unfair........................................”

“What? Don’t be so ungrateful. Don’t you realize that your shopping is costing me a fortune? I’m buying you a trunk and that’s final.”

A huge lump formed in my throat and by the time father had paid for the trunk, I was sobbing uncontrollably. A crowd of people had by now surrounded us trying to find out what was wrong. I heard a boy’s voice shout, “tell him off! If he lays a finger on you, I’ll sort him out!” “Father glared at him in disgust, took the trunk and pushed his way through the crowd. I knew he was very angry. I followed him meekly back to the hotel.

I had looked forward to this day all week long and now it had been ruined.

**Questions**

1. Why was Betty in town?

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2. Identify the four (4 places that Betty and her father visited. State what they did in each place, thus: (4 mks)

**PLACE VISITED WHAT THEY DID**

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3. Why was Betty surprised when they got to the hotel? (1 mk)

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4. a) Did Betty come from a rural or urban area? (1 mk)

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b) Give reasons to support your answer.

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5. How did the boy behave towards Betty’s father?

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6. Why do you think Betty said that her day had been ruined? (2 mks)

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7. “Sort him out” is an idiom. It means “deal with him.”

“Kick the bucket.” (not from the passage) is also an idiom. What do you think it means?

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8. Match the words in column ‘A’ with words or phrase in column B which means the same. The last one has been done for you. (4 mks)

**A MATCH B**

Strides Determine

Fixed Long steps

Stack Controlled

Fortune Pile

Dictate Determine a lot of money

**CLOZE TEST (10 MKS)**

Fill in the blanks with the most appropriate words

Rachel paused. She wanted to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the children her story but she did’nt \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ how to begin. She \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ exactly what she wanted to say, but how was she to put it? She \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ at the three \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and saw the expectant look in their faces.

“Let’s find a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to sit. But make \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

You warn me of the time, otherwise, by the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ I finish my \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the market will be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**GRAMMAR**

**Underline the adjectives in the following sentences**

1. The hungry man ate the food greedily. (1 mk)

ii) The player hurt his leg badly during the match. (1 mk)

iii) The beautiful girl is my sister. (1 mk)

**Fill in the blanks with the correct alternative**

i) Neither Joseph \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Mary knows the sum. (or, nor) (1 mk)

ii) None or the students \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ allowed to go out during the examination time (is, are) (1 mk)

**Rewrite the following sentences according to the instructions given**

a) The chief called me to his office. (Write in plural) (1 mk)

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b) What a horrible dream (Punctuate the sentence) (1 mk)

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c) Girls are good in English than boys. (Identify gradable adjective) (1 mk)

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d) The new teachers were introduced to the students by the principal.

Begin: The principal ...........................................................................(1 mk)

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e) Arrange the following words in alphabetical order. (1 mk)

Privilege, principle, pierce, professor

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**Use possessive pronoun in the following sentences**

i) That book belongs to Kevin. It is ................................................ (1 mk)

ii) Those cows belong to the farmers. They are ................................. (1 mk)

**Fill in the gaps in each of the following sentences with the right article**

i) Have you ever been to ................................................ moon? (1 mk)

ii) Everybody would like ........................ honest employee. (1 mk)

iii) The course takes ................................ year. (1 mk)

**ORAL LITERATURE**

1. What is a dialogue?

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**Read the following dialogue and answer the questions**

Goat: Hallo, you look worried. Is anything wrong?

Cow: Yes, I’m looking for my little calf. He was grazing somewhere around here, but now I can’t find him. Have you seen him?

Goat: No, I haven’t but there’s no need to worry. He can’t be far away. There’s a fence all round the shamba.

Cow: You know, I’m getting old. I don’t think I shall ever have another calf. I don’t want to lose this one.

Goat: Well, let’s go and look for him together. I’m sure he’s found some nice grass somewhere nearby. (The cow and the goat walk around the edge of the shamba).

Goat: Look! Here’s a hole in the fence perhaps your calf went through to look for grass in the forest.

Cow: Oh, I hope he didn’t. The forest is full of dangerous animals.

Goat: Well, let’s go and find out. (They go through the hole in the fence and disappear into the forest).

Questions

i) What was the calf doing before he disappeared? (2 mks)

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ii) Why was the cow very worried about losing him? (2 mks)

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iii) Why did the goat think the calf was safe? (2 mks)

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iv) Give the meanings of the following words as used in the dialogue.

a) Calf ...................................................................................................... (1 mk)

b) Perhaps ............................................................................................... (1 mks)

**ORAL SKILLS**

**Use the following commonly confused words to show different meanings.**

a) Already

All ready (2 mks)

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b) Write

right (2 mks)

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c) Here

Hear (2 mks)

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**State three types of information found in a dictionary**

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**Fill in the gaps with the most suitable word from those given in brackets**

**(4 mks)**

1. We sing songs to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ God. (Praise, Please)

ii) Most road accidents are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (coursed, caused) by carelessness.

iii) I\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with penny. (roughed, laughed).

iv) The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ down the valley. (rolled, lolled)

**Give words that are represented by the following sound symbol (2 mks)**

i) /t/i: f/ -

ii) /me/i:n

**POETRY**

Read the poem below and answer the questions

**SWEET AND LOW**

Sweet and low, sweet and low,

Wind of the western sea,

Low, low breath ad blow,

Wind of the western seal!

Over the rolling waters go,

Come from the dying moon, and blow,

Blow him again to me;

While my little one, while my pretty one, sleeps

Sleep and rest, sleep and rest,

Father will come to thee soon;

Rest, rest, on mother’s breast;

Father will come to his babe in the nest,

Silver sails all out of the west

Under the silver moon;

Sleep, my little one, sleep, my pretty one, sleep.

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

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2. Who is being addressed in the second stanza? (2 mks)

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3) Where is the father? (2 mks)

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4) What is the setting/where does the activity in the poem take place? (2mks)

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5. What kind of an oral composition (song) in this? (2mks)

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