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***Comprehension passage 1***

There are those individuals who when stressed out either grind their teeth or pick at their nails. I pick at my face, scouring it for a pimple or in their absence, anything else to exfoliate.

And so you see, it is during one such tour that I unearthed the horrific-a discovery I best articulated in a panicked email to a friend: “Help me” I said.: “it suddenly didn’t seem too funny. I was in a hairy situation and I didn’t like it.

Indulge me for a moment and understand where I am coming from. I am not referring to a microscopic fuzz this here was a very bold and aggressively developing mane, which I could either pluck, shape, tweeze, have electrolysis performed or darn it, just grow and groom.

I would not have been the only one. The problem of unwanted facial hair extends to approximately 41million women in the United States and more than a few I have bumped into Nakumatt Supermarket in Nairobi. And some of the bearded ladies have been smart, leaving their mark in history. There was lady Olga, born in 1874 as Jane Barnell, who had a 65-year long career as a side show attraction, travelling with the Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey. And remember Vivian Wheeler, the Illinois woman who for her 11 inch beard, made it into Guinness Book of World Records for having the ‘Longest Female Beard Hair?” having shaved since the age of seven, Vivian endured four marriages before letting “Rapunzel” grow.

But be as it is, beard and all, nature is still kinder to women than men. Despite challenges such as comparatively lower access to wealth, empowerment, healthcare and education. Women are still on top when it comes to living it out…life that is. Not only are women ahead in numbers but they also have a greater life expectancy than men. In the US, for instance, where the life expectancy averages 7 years for women, it is about 72 for men, and women over the age of 65 outnumber men by a ratio three to two.

This is particularly interesting when one considers the numerous physical and cultural advantages men have over women. We are shorter and hence more prone to weight gain and poorer hence less likely to get medical care. Even in the US, older women are single poorest group with 35 percent living alone and 52 percent widowed as compared to men, where only 14 percent live alone and 23 percent are widowers.

So how does this happen? Men it seems are doomed well from the start. Not only do they die more frequently than girls in infancy but in each subsequent year of life. Come puberty many speed it up. Succumbing to what has been termed as “testerone toxicity” – the increase in testerone that prompts boys to thump their chests and take greater risks than girls nothing like knitting when you jump off a wall?

In their 40s, many begin to see symptoms of heart disease such that by the time they are 55 to 64,they are twice as likely to die from heart disease and accidents as women of the same age. And in developing countries they are also four times as likely to commit suicide.

If women are, indeed, the weeker sex, little evidence proves it. While their husbands puff on a Kiraiku [unfiltered tobacco roll], our Kamba women fetch firewood, water, cultivate and cook meals. And in our cities others work longer hours for peanuts – hand washing clothes and scrubbing floors to feed families they only see in evening as their second job- That of parenting begins.

Despite all this, women have been conditioned to rely on men to paradoxically believe that they are lifeless-crippled, without the support and companionship of a man. While our longer lives don’t *necessarily translate into healthier lives [we have our share of osteoporosis, diabetes, hypertension and HIV/AIDS*] our worth amounts to more than we hear. It is exhibited in our inner strength and in our ability to grow stronger when weakened.

Isn’t it time we learned form Madame Jeanne Calmert who died at the age of 122? Her life, teachers us one thing-it it that women shouldn’t count on marriage to finance their age-ladies you may try it but he’ll be long gone when you are old. You may have a companion, a loving dog. Perhaps, but you’ll otherwise be alone in your rocking chair, stoking your beard.

**Questions**

a] Why does a topic that makes the writer laugh cause her misery? [2mks]

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b] Punctuate the following the following sentence correctly. Women face challenges such as lower

access to wealth employment healthcare and Education [2mks]

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d] Specify two areas the passage singles out when women outperform men [2mks]

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e] Explain the irony behind men’s shorter lifespan [3mks]

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f] Not only are women ahead in numbers but they also have a greater life expectancy.

[*Write two sentences from the sentence given without using conjunction*] [3mks]

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g] In note-form, state in what ways the lives of men are doomed? [4mks]

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h] Explain the meaning of the following words as used in the passage [4mks]

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[ii] Microscopic fuzz

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***2. Read the following excerpt and answer the questions that follow;***

Hovstad: Can you spare me a few minutes, Doctor?

Dr. Stockmann: As long as you like, my dear fellow.

Hovstad: Have you heard from the Mayor yet?

Dr. Stockmann: Not yet, but he should be here shortly.

Hovstad: I have given the matter a great deal of thought since last night.

Dr. Stockmann: Well?

Hovstad: As a doctor and a man of science, this affair of water supply is an isolated matter. I mean you do not relies that it is tied up with a lot of other things.

Dr. Stockmann: In what way…? Let us sit down, my dear fellow. No, sit here on the couch. [HOVSTAD on a chair on the other side of the table.] Now then. You mean that…?

Hovstad: You said yesterday that the contamination of the water was due to impurities in the soil.

Dr. Stockmann: Yes, there is not doubt it is due to that poisonous morass up at Molledal.

Hovstad: You will forgive me, Doctor, I fancy it is due to quite another morass altogether.

Dr. Stockmann: What Morass?

Hovstad: The Morass that the whole society is built on and is rotting in.

Dr. Stockmann: What the devil are you arriving at, Hovstad?

Hovstad: The whole of the town’s interests have, little by little, got into the hands of a pack of officials.

Dr. Stockmann: Oh, come! – they are not all officials.

Hovstad: No, but those that are not officials are at any rate the officials’ friends and hangers-on; it is the wealthy folk, the old families in the town that are in control.

Dr. Stockmann: Yes, but after all they are men of ability and insight.

Hovstad: Did they show any ability or insight when they laid the conduit-pipes where they are now?

Dr. Stockmann: No, of course that was a great piece of stupidity on their part. But that is going to be set right now.

Hovstad: Do you think that will be easy?

Dr. Stockmann: Easy or not, it has got to be done, anyway.

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Dr. Stockmann: Easy or not, it has got to be done, anyway.

Hovstad: Yes, provided the press takes up the questions.

Dr. Stockmann: I don’t think that will be necessary, my dear fellow, I am certain my brother…

Hovstad: Excuse me, Doctor, I feel bound to tell you I am inclined to take up the matter.

**Questions**

1. What matter has Hovstad given a great deal of thought? [2mks]

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2. According to the excerpt, what is the role of the press? [2mks]

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3. Identify and illustrate two features of style used in this excerpt [4mks]

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4. What does Hovstad mean when he ways that the affair of the water is tied up with a lot of

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6. Make notes to support Hovstad’s argument that there is more to the affair of the water supply[4mks]

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7. Explain the meaning of the following words and phrases as used in the excerpt [4mks]

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b] It is wealthy folk, the old families in town that are in control

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8. What happens after this excerpt? [1mk]

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***3. Read the following narrative and answer the questions that follow:***

**WHY RHINO SCATTERS HIS DUNG**

In day long ago, when animals could talk, elephant used to tease Rhino his nearsightedness and bad temper [which was not very fair, since elephant himself has not got the world’s very fair, since Elephant himself has not got the world’s best eyesight, nor is he the most sweet-tempered of Africa’s animal characters]. Anyway, elephant was teasing rhino and sure enough, after a while Rhino could not help himself-he lost his temper. He challenged Elephant to a contest. [Rhino was quite sure he could win, and so prove that he as better than elephant it at least one way]. The contest was to see who could produce the largest dung heap.

Now both animals are large, they both eat vast quantities of vegetation each day, and of course they both make a lot of dung. But Rhino made far the largest dung-heap, as old elephant soon found out.

Rhino’s pride at beating Elephant was short-lived, however. ‘Elephant was a poor loser, and he flew into a jealous rage that was worse that anything even Rhino had been know to have. In his fury, he attacked Rhino and beat him savagely with his trunk, goring him with his tusks until Rhino begged for mercy.

‘O Elephant,” pleaded Rhino, “Stop! I was mistaken. You are the greatest of creatures. You win. Only stop!” Poor rhino lay on his back in the dust, wailing in fear.

Gradually, Elephant’s great fury began to wear off, and he made Rhino beg and plead and promise never again to challenge the might of the Lord of beasts, namely himself, elephant. At last he was satisfied and let poor Rhino escape.

Rhino never forgot that dreadful beating. He is afraid he may receive another one, so he makes sure that his dung-heap always look smaller than that of elephant. And this is why he kicks at it, scattering it until it is quite flat.

[a] Classify this oral narrative giving reasons for your answer [2mks]

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[b] What features, typical of oral narrative, do you find in this story? [3mks]

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[c] Identify and illustrate two characters of elephant [4mks]

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[e] Why are animal characters used in the narratives such as this? [2mks]

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**4. GRAMMAR [15mks]**

**a] Complete the following sentences using the appropriate form of the words in brackets [4mks]**

i] Swiss watches are known for their …………………………………..[precise]

[ii] Such …………………………….…………………………[repeat] is boring.

[iii] The ………………………………..[clear] of the speech was appreciated by all.

[iv] The police said it was a strange ………………………..[occur].

**[b] Rewrite each of the following sentences as instructed. Do not change the meaning [5mks]**

i] He got into trouble with the principal. He had joined the staff. He had known the principal

for many years. [*Rewrite as one sentence beginning*: *No sooner*……………………[2mks]

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ii] Goods once sold will not be returned under any circumstances. [Begin: Under………..[2mks]

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[iii] Let us go to school …………………………………………………… [*Add a question tag*]

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***c] Replace the underlined words in each of the sentences below with an appropriate phrasal verb[3mks]***

i]  **Be careful!** There is a car coming.

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i] To be able to help the famine victims, need to **reduce** the amount of food we eat.

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iii] The meeting has been **postponed** until further notice.

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***Fill in the blank spaces with the article a, an and the appropriately [3mks]***

i] We had …………………..interesting tour. We visited ………….…lake Naivasha and

……………….Hell’s Gate National Park.

**End**