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REVISION OF EXTRACTED QUESTIONS FROM PRIMARY LEAVING EXAMINATION 2009 ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Duration: 2 hours

SECTION A: COMPREHENSION (30 marks)

A. Read the passage carefully and then answer the following questions. (20 marks)

The magician and the birds

A magician once passed through a forest where many birds flew from tree to tree and filled the air with songs. For a long time he sat and listened, greatly delighted by their beautiful songs, but in the end he became very jealous, for he himself could not sing. At last he felt that he must find a way of getting the voices of these singing birds. He therefore called them altogether and said: "I am sad because the gods have given you such ugly brown feathers. How happy you would be if you were brilliantly coloured with red, blue, orange and green!" And the birds agreed that it was a great pity to be so ugly.

The magician then said that by means of his magic he could give them all beautiful feathers in exchange for their voices which were, after all, of very little use to them, since nobody came into the forest to hear them. The birds thought over his words and desired very much the beauty he promised them. So they foolishly agreed to give their voices, which the magician placed all together in a large calabash. He then turned the dull brown feathers of the birds into orange, green and red, and they were very pleased.

The magician hurried away, and soon as he came to a deserted place he opened the calabash and swallowed its contents. From that day he had an extremely sweet voice, and people came from far and near to listen to his songs. But the birds were satisfied with their bright feathers too. And this is why the most beautiful birds are quite unable to sing.

Answer the following questions about the passage.

1. Why did the magician become jealous?

2. After noticing that voices of birds were beautiful, what did the magician decide to do?

3. For how many days did the magician sit and listen to the birds?

4. Was the magician really sad that the gods had given birds ugly brown feathers? Explain your answer.
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5. Between the magician and the birds, who was cleverer than the other?
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6. "Nobody came into the forest to hear them." Is this sentence true? Explain.
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7. Did birds accept to give the magician their voices?
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8. What could birds be given in exchange for their voices?
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9. According to you, are events in this story true? Give two reasons to support your answer.
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10. Why are the most beautiful birds unable to sing?
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B. Choose the best answer and write the correct letter in the box on the right hand side corner. (10 mks)

1. The reason for the magician to sit and listen was that:
 - a. He wanted to imitate the birds' singing
 - b. He was jealous of the birds' singing.
 - c. He was attracted by birds' beautiful songs
 - d. He wanted to rest listening to bird's singing
2. The magician became jealous because
 - a. He himself could not sing
 - b. He had for a long time listened to the singing birds
 - c. He once passed through a forest
 - d. He could not accept the noise of birds
3. The magician wasn't sad to see the birds' ugly feathers. He simply
 - a. wanted to make birds happy
 - b. wanted the way of getting the voices of those singing birds
 - c. wanted birds to sing more loudly
 - d. needed a calabash full of feathers
4. The magician swallowed the contents of the calabash because
 - a. He wanted to become a bird
 - b. He had turned feathers into orange, green and red
 - c. He was hungry
 - d. He wanted to have a sweet voice
5. Beautiful birds cannot sing because
 - a. They are proud of their beauty
 - b. They foolishly agreed to give their voices to a magician
 - c. The magician gave them beautiful feathers
 - d. Their throats were very large

SECTION B: GRAMMAR (40 marks)

A. Complete the following sentences with an appropriate relative pronoun (10 marks)

1. Success is not the only thing _____ matters.
2. He asked me _____ I thought about the case.
3. He wants to know _____ Fred Gisa Rwigema was.
4. Kayirebwa _____ music is the most beautiful thing ever heard, he is still an unbeatable artist.
5. Give me the book _____ you told me about yesterday.
6. The girl _____ sits next to me is my best friend.
7. These are the shelves in _____ we keep our books.
8. The girl _____ aunt is a dress designer loves sewing.
9. The story _____ I like best is called the Tortoise and the Hare.
10. The teacher _____ teaches our class is often quite strict.

B. Write the correct comparative degree or the superlative of the adjective which comes to the end of each sentence. (10 marks)

1. This is the _____ event I have ever seen. (bad)
2. Both girls read well, but David is the _____ reader. (good)
3. Mugisha is the _____ student in our class. (handsome)
4. August is the month when guest houses have the _____ bookings. (many)
5. Ann is the _____ girl in her class. (beautiful)
6. John is the _____ person in his family. (kind)
7. Ann is _____ than Annet. (talkative)
8. This is the _____ boy in Kalisa's family. (old)
9. Rwanda is _____ than Congo. (peaceful)
10. Girls are _____ boys. (quarrelsome)

C. Choose the right answer to complete the sentences below mentioning the letter corresponding to it. (10 marks)

1. Have you seen my _____ book?
a. father b. father's c. fathers's d. fathers'
2. Which one do you prefer? The blue pullover or the red one? I don't like _____ of them.
a. either b. both c. any d. neither
3. How long is it since you last _____?
a. have seen him b. didn't see him c. saw him d. haven't seen him
4. If people work too hard, they can make _____ ill.
a. each other b. themselves c. ourselves d. us
5. Those two boys are my _____.
a. brothers in-laws b. brother-in-laws c. brothers-in-law d. brother-in-law
6. _____ I would like to come to your party, I have to finish painting the kitchen.
a. Although b. However c. That d. Even
7. There wasn't _____ in my bedroom.

- a. nothing b. anything c. something d. everything
8. I looked _____ for my books.
- a. nowhere b. anywhere c. somewhere d. everywhere
9. A frog can _____ insects with its tongue.
- a. caught b. is catching c. catch d. catches
10. At the meeting yesterday the elders _____ the problem.
- a. discuss b. will discuss c. discussed d. had discussed

D. Finish the following sentences with the required question tags

1. The older boys didn't like school, _____
2. You won't be here tomorrow, _____
3. Mucyo's parents are very worried, _____
4. It is foolish to take drugs, _____
5. We should take care of our health, _____
6. Tom and his brother don't like meat, _____
7. Gatera didn't tell his parents he was sniffing glue, _____
8. Mrs. Jane can't understand why Gakire took drugs, _____
9. Mr and Mrs Muhire weren't angry with me, _____
10. Hagena and his friends didn't talk to Murara's teacher, _____

SECTION C: VOCABULARY (30 marks)

A. Write the opposite of each of the following words below (10 marks)

1. Good _____
2. Ugly _____
3. Niece _____
4. Friendly _____
5. Possible _____
6. Noisy _____
7. Complete _____
8. Expensive _____
9. Slow _____
10. Often _____

B. Choose the word which is nearest in meaning to each of the bold word in the sentences below.

1. Ms. Mariya was very **worried** about her children.
a. anxious b. angry c. emotional d. tired
2. He is a very **stupid** person.
a. uneducated b. unintelligent c. illiterate d. uncivilized
3. Food is **abundant** this year.
a. enough b. sufficient c. available d. plentiful
4. This is a very **handy** place to meet.

- a. useful b. pleasant c. convenient d. nice
5. All people have their own myths.
 - a. Stories
 - b. legends
 - c. narratives
 - d. books
 6. He was not a wealthy man.
 - a. Clever
 - b. rich
 - c. kind
 - d. helpful
 7. The elephant was enormous.
 - a. hungry
 - b. lazy
 - c. huge
 - d. ugly
 8. The king was very handsome.
 - a. wise
 - b. ugly
 - c. rich
 - d. good looking
 9. The queen was very lovely.
 - a. generous
 - b. beautiful
 - c. in love
 - d. kind
 10. Muslims go in their church five times each day.
 - a. pray
 - b. prayers
 - c. mosque
 - d. Allah

C. Choose the alternative which best completed the given sentences. (10 marks)

1. A high temperature is usually a _____ of illness.
 - a. reason
 - b. cause
 - c. sign
 - d. problem
2. An _____ is a book which contains information about many different fields of knowledge.
 - a. dictionary
 - b. album
 - c. textbook
 - d. encyclopaedia
3. The accused was _____ to three years imprisonment.
 - a. sent
 - b. condemned
 - c. given
 - d. awarded
4. Did you like the rice? If you want it I'll give you the _____ for it.
 - a. receipt
 - b. recipe
 - c. contents
 - d. spices
5. An _____ is someone who travels in space.
 - a. astronomer
 - b. astrolôger
 - c. astronaut
 - d. asteroid
6. He was glad to get his watch back. He expresses his _____ by giving us a reward.
 - a. gladness
 - b. thankful
 - c. politeness
 - d. gratitude
7. The politicians said they would _____ their differences and work together in future.
 - a. resolve
 - b. commit
 - c. emphasize
 - d. refuse
8. Magnetic materials are _____ to magnets.
 - a. attractive
 - b. attracted
 - c. friendly
 - d. repelled
9. I have _____ with the manager this afternoon. I hope I get the job.
 - a. a talk
 - b. a conversation
 - c. an arrangement
 - d. an interview
10. I'm busy. Can you _____ this phone call?
 - a. reply
 - b. have
 - c. deal with
 - d. go