



HILL CRESCENT PRIVATE SECONDARY SCHOOL

2024 MALAWI SCHOOL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION MOCK EXAMINATIONS

ENGLISH

Wednesday, 22nd May

Subject Number: M052/III
 Time Allowed: 2 hours
 (1:00pm-3:00pm)

PPER III
 70 Marks

Instructions

1. This paper contains **10** pages. **Please check.**

2. This paper has **two** sections:

Section A contains **two compulsory** contextual questions. Therefore, you are required to answer both questions in this section.

Section B comprises essay questions. Answer **one question on each book.**

3. You should spend the first 10 minutes reading all the questions and planning your answers to the questions you choose.

4. You should make sure that you indicate very clearly the number of the question you are answering. Marks will be lost for failure to do so.

5. Write your **Name** on each page of your Answer Book.

Question Number	Tick if answered	Do not write in these columns	
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SECTION A: (30 marks)

1. POEM PANGOLINS

Their smile can be inviting

Their moves can be seductive

Still they do it innocently

Young and naive they are

Teachers, be father - figures to them

Refrain from cutting their destiny short

Aid them to achieve their dreams

Of becoming leaders of tomorrow

Minibus drivers, keep your cash

Like a shepherd guide them

A K500 note can easily entice these sucklings

But remember, life is hard behind bars

Sugar daddies, please try elsewhere

Maybe the half-naked night queens in town

Otherwise these innocent inexperienced souls

Cannot ably warm your beds.

QUESTIONS

- a. Who is the persona in the poem?

_____(1 mark)

- b. What is ironic about these pangolins?

_____(2 marks)

- c. Which three groups of people are warned against these pangolins?

(3 marks)

- d. Identify the following poetic devices from the poem

i. Simile

_____ (1 mark)

ii. Hyperbole

_____ (1 mark)

- e. What do the following metaphors stand for?

i. Pangolins

_____ (1 mark)

ii. Night queens

_____ (1 mark)

- f. Pick out one example of Alliteration from the passage

_____ (1 mark)

- g. Discuss one theme from the poem

(2 marks)

- h. What is the tone of the poem? Justify

(2 marks)

2. SHORT STORY

Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow

Nyambura woke up. She looked at her sister. What was worrying Muthoni, her sister? All throughout the week she had noticed something moody and restless about her younger sister. Indeed the two were inseparable. They played and worked together. Nyambura was older, but it was not easy to tell. Both were fairly tall and well endowed, about the same height and looks, though Muthoni's skin was darker.

Coming to the river to draw some water, Nyambura noticed that Muthoni was withdrawn than ever. It was now obvious that she had something up her sleeves. "Nyambura, I have something to tell you," Muthoni opened up

"Oh please do". Nyambura responded eagerly

"But promise that you will not tell father and mother"

"Let me hear it first" Nyambura said carelessly

"I want to be circumcised"

For a moment, Nyambura sat as if she was paralyzed. She did not expect this. It was too sudden and too straight forward an announcement.

"Circumcised?" at last Nyambura found some words

"Yes

"But father will not allow it. He will be very cross with you. And beside, you are a Christian. You and I are wise in the ways of the white man. And you know very well how the missionaries dislike the circumcision of girls"

"I know. But still I want to be circumcised"

"Why" Nyambura asked helplessly

Muthoni knew very well that the moment her father Joshua embraced Christianity, he developed a hatred towards all pagan rites such as this. The white man's church was against it.

So what was Muthoni thinking? Perhaps the devil had gone into Muthoni's mind.

Nyambura was alarmed at the determination on Muthoni's face. She looked resolved on this.

"Look Nyambura, I - I want to be a real woman. I want to be a real girl, knowing all the ways of the hills and ridges"

"But father, remember him"

"Father and mother are circumcised. Are they not Christians? Circumcision did not prevent them from being Christians. I too have embraced Christianity and I will get circumcised so that

I am initiated into womanhood. Please sister, help me to keep this secret from our parents"

"So how will you be initiated?"

“I will get circumcised at out aunt’s place in Kameno. Our parents will not know about it”.

What else could Nyambura do? She knew that once Muthoni resolve something it was difficult to change her mind. As the two sisters headed their buckets to go back home, Muthoni’s bucket fell down. ‘Bad omen’ thought Nyambura.

(Adapted from *The River Between* by Ngugi wa Thiong’o)

QUESTIONS

- a. Discuss the geographical setting of the story

(2 marks)

- b. In what point of view is the story told?

(1 mark)

- c. Describe the characters of the following individuals

1. Muthoni _____(1
mark)

2. Nyambura _____(1 mark)

- d. Discuss two themes from the story?

(4 marks)

- e. What is the mood of the story? Justify your answer

(2 marks)

Section B 40 Marks

Answer both questions in this section in the spaces provided. Choose either question A or B in each case not both.

3. THE PEARL by John Steinbeck

EITHER

- a. Using at least eight points, show how different individuals or groups frustrate Kino's efforts in finding prosperity with the Pearl.

OR

- b. Use four reasons to justify each of the following themes
- i. Curiosity
 - ii. Selfishness

4. MACBETH by William Shakespeare

EITHER

- a. Using at least eight points, discuss the mistakes committed by different individuals and how those mistakes could have been avoided

OR

- b) Discuss the characters of the following individuals in Macbeth
- i. King Duncan
 - ii. Lady Macbeth

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