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**KCSE TRIAL 1**

**Fill in the blank in the following passage using suitable words.**

The proposed partnership (1) \_\_\_\_\_ Kenya Airways and Kenya Airport Authority ( KAA) (2) \_\_\_\_\_ ambiguous according to a new audit. (3) \_\_\_\_\_ report tabled in the National (4) \_\_\_\_\_ yesterday reveals how decisions (5) \_\_\_\_\_ have been made without the (6) \_\_\_\_\_ of KAA. Also it states that crucial documents necessary to paint (7) \_\_\_\_\_ clear picture of the deal were missing. Without key (8) \_\_\_\_\_, the auditors were unable to convince themselves that dealings involved (9) \_\_\_\_\_ the merger has so far been transparent and stuck to the straight and narrow. The auditors said they could (10) \_\_\_\_\_ no evidence of a feasibility study that allegedly informed a cabinet memo seeking approval for the deal.

*(Adapted from The Standard March 22, 2019.)*

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**KCSE TRIAL 2**

**Fill in the gaps with the most appropriate word**

Global warming is the term used to describe a(1) \_\_\_\_\_ increase in the average temperature of the Earth's atmosphere and its oceans, a change that is believed to be permanently changing the Earth's (2) \_\_\_\_\_. There is great debate among many people, and sometimes in the news, (3) \_\_\_\_\_ whether global warming is real. (4) climate scientists looking at the data and facts agree the planet is warming. While many view the (5) \_\_\_\_\_ of global warming to be more substantial and more rapidly occurring than others do, the scientific consensus on (6) \_\_\_\_\_ changes related to global warming is

that the average temperature of the Earth has risen between 0.4 °C and 0.8 °C over the past 100 years. The increased (7)\_\_\_\_\_ of carbon dioxide released by burning of fossil fuels, land clearing, agriculture and other human activities are believed to be the (8)\_\_\_\_\_ sources of the global warming thus has occurred over the past 50 years. (9)\_\_\_\_\_ from intergovernmental panel on climate predicted that global temperatures could increase by 1.4 °C and 5.8 °C by the year 2100. (10)\_\_\_\_\_ resulting from global warming may include rising sea levels, increase in occurrence of severe weather events.

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### **KCSE TRIAL 3**

**Read the passage below and complete each blank space with an appropriate word(10 mks)**

Citizen used to 1 \_\_\_\_\_ that political leaders would observe the principles of good governance simply 2 \_\_\_\_\_ they were expected to. 3 \_\_\_\_\_

it appears most leaders on the continent have replaced integrity with reckless impunity that has

4 \_\_\_\_\_ Africa in chaos. 5 \_\_\_\_\_

Office are also supposed to be 6 \_\_\_\_\_ to the people that entrusted them with them the

7 \_\_\_\_\_ of leading them.

8 \_\_\_\_\_, the political elite in the continent see people as a means to an end. In many countries these days, Kenya included, politics has become the easiest way to make money. Electioneering is seen as an 9 \_\_\_\_\_ with extremely lucrative returns when campaign loyalties are 10 \_\_\_\_\_ with appointments in the government of the day.

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**KCSE TRIAL 4**

**Read the passage below and fill each blank spaces with the most appropriate word.**

When you hear a gunshot you (1) \_\_\_\_\_ actually thank God; a bullet (2) \_\_\_\_\_ faster than the speed of sound (3) \_\_\_\_\_ chances are you would not hear a kill shot. In the middle (4) \_\_\_\_\_ untold danger the gravest enemy is not the (5) \_\_\_\_\_, but the panic that naturally grips us. Overcoming this hysteria is (6) \_\_\_\_\_ first battle. At the ring of a gunshot, lie flat on the ground and then (7) \_\_\_\_\_ listen to ascertain the (8) \_\_\_\_\_ of the shots. Looking around or even (9) \_\_\_\_\_ running and screaming makes you an easy (10) \_\_\_\_\_. Lie low as you quickly find a cover position behind a bullet – resistant surface.

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**KCSE TRIAL 5**

**Read the passage below and fill in each blank space with an appropriate word.** **(10 mks)**

To rank or not rank? This is the(1)\_\_\_\_\_that greeted the(2)\_\_\_\_\_on ranking of schools and students based on their performance in national examinations.(3)\_\_\_\_\_and cons on the decision by the government.  
(4)\_\_\_\_\_been put forth with education officials giving varied (5) \_\_\_\_\_  
(6)\_\_\_\_\_the debate on the issue is gradually being relegated to the periphery, it is (7) \_\_\_\_\_from being conducive. It is (8)

\_\_\_\_\_that scholars and education experts,(9)\_\_\_\_\_should be the guiding lights by providing enlightened(10)\_\_\_\_\_have been conspicuous in their silence on this burning issue. (Saturday Nation Newspaper 4/4/2015)

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### **KCSE TRIAL 6**

**Read the following passage and fill in the blank space with the most appropriate word**

One of the challenges(1).....the country today is Youth unemployment. Related to this is lack of patriotism and sense of(2).....A number of interventions have been rolled to tackle(3) .....challenges. That youth issues are(4)....., they deserve a ministry, not just a(5)..... Among the notable programmes by the ministry was the creation(6)..... Youth fund, whose objective is to(7) .....money to young people to venture into business.(8) .....it is too early to assess its impact, the intention was noble. Following this,(9).....government now wants to re- introduce a company paramilitary training programme for school leaders(10).....the National Youth Service

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### **KCSE TRIAL 7**

**Fill in the blanks spaces in the passage below with an appropriate word.**

Probably no type of test question (i) ..... students so much as an essay question. Usually they fear being (ii) ..... with questions that demand somewhat lengthy answers (iii) ..... intelligible prose. Essay

questions (iv) ..... are necessary because they test for the type (v) ..... information that objective questions tend to ignore. (vi) ..... essay questions enables the tester to determine a student’s ability to put facts into perspective and to draw subjective conclusions. You should (vii) ..... an essay with the same care as you would any formal written (viii) ..... A careful reading of the question is indispensable. You must determine (ix) ..... what it is the question seeks to discover. It is also good practice to sketch out an (x) ..... before you begin.

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### **KCSE TRIAL 8**

***Read the passage below and fill in the blanks with the most appropriate word.***

Addiction is an escape (1).....reality, and different people will find different (2)..... to escape from the real world. They can be addicted to food water, power, work, gambling, sex, love (3) ..... even to destructive relationships. Do these belong in the same category (4)..... alcohol or drugs? And if so, does recovery from those “people addictions” work the same way as with alcohol and drugs?

Addicts look for substitutes, and (5).....reason behind this is always the same: to escape, to close one eye and not to (6).....the facts. By becoming fat, the overeater insulates himself from the world around. It is better to be rejected (7).....the way they look, than for who they are as a person. Thus, being fat becomes a way to avoid the risk of intimacy. There are people who are (8)..... to work. (9).....will go home late, just to avoid interaction with the family. Workaholism is a dysfunctional attempt to earn self – esteem by .....Productive.

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### KCSE TRIAL 9

Read the passage below and fill in each blank space with the most appropriate word.

As a student who does well in Science and Maths, I always wonder why English is taught as a .....(1) subject in high school. We were taught spelling and punctuation from Primary school. But this fizzles out once we .....(2) to high school. Now, I can understand the teaching of English if it involved things such as ..... (3) to write a thesis paper or how to write a proposal. But we are taught to analyse ..... (4) and what they mean to us. We are made to ..... (5) lengthy essays on a weekly basis explaining things such as “How women have played a significant role in the development of their society,” and we have to include examples and quotes from different texts. The .....(6) work is then marked according to how well they..... (7) and are generally not marked .....(8) because of things such as ..... (9) and punctuation. I believe that what we learn in primary school should be a ..... (10) of what to expect in secondary school.

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### KCSE TRIAL 10

Fill in each of the blank spaces in the following passage with the most appropriate word.

From the modest achievement of overcoming Maths and Science anxiety, some students at St. Alberts Ulanda Girls High School (1)..... Migori County have

launched a thriving water bottling business and are now looking  
(2)..... to raking millions from the venture.  
(3)..... plant, operated strictly by students currently produces 3,600 half litre  
bottles (4)..... month. They plan to expand its capacity to tap  
(5)..... the commercial market.  
As the (6).....awaits certification by the Kenya Bureau of  
(7).....( KEBS), the (8)..... water is internally sold to members  
of staff, administration and the (9)..... than 2,400 students at the school.  
The water is sourced from the nearby River Oyani (10)..... undergoing  
a series of purification processes, after which it is released for consumption.

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### **KCSE TRIAL 11**

**Read the passage below and fill each blank space with an appropriate word**

The National Health Insurance 1.....is once again in the eye of  
2.....storm after it paid Kshs 336.3 million to a law  
3.....that had not been prequalified to bid 4.....tenders  
with health providers in the 5.....scandal unearthed by Auditor-General,  
Nancy Gathungu. Curiously, the drafting fully paid for by the 6.....was not  
part of the NHIF approved 7.....plan for 2018/2019- the period within  
8.....the payment was done. This is 9..... to the  
Public Procurement and Assets Disposal Act 2015. No money had been  
10.....to pay for legal service and therefore, it went against Public  
Finance Management (PFM) Act.



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**KCSE TRIAL 12**

**Fill in The Blanks With The Most Appropriate Word.**

Wolves and domestic dogs share the (1)\_\_\_\_\_ basic anatomy, physiological and patterns of behavior; they are (2)\_\_\_\_\_ generally long bodied, large eared and strong-jawed and possess highly developed (3)\_\_\_\_\_ of sight, hearing and smell. Most of the differences such (4)\_\_\_\_\_ colour patterns and the domestic dog's (5)\_\_\_\_\_ to carry its tail erect or tightly (6)\_\_\_\_\_ are a result of deliberate breeding by humans. Barking, once confused the picture for it was widely believed. (7)\_\_\_\_\_ Grey wolves did not bark. But detailed (8)\_\_\_\_\_ of wolves in the wild have revealed that (9)\_\_\_\_\_ their hunting and territorial patrolling, they do not bark when (10)\_\_\_\_\_ their dens.

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**KCSE TRIAL 13**

**Fill in The Blanks With The Most Appropriate Word.**

Educational planning exercise ----- making decisions on how best to improve the development of education in society. This involves seeking ----- to such questions as what role education -----play in the society, how ----- should be funded (whether by the government or private individuals, or both) and how resources devoted to the sector should ----- allocated to different levels of education and programmes.

In ----- of the important role that education plays in the society, there are many stakeholders (e.g. politicians, educationists, sociologists and economists) ----- tend to offer different answers on how ----- should be allocated

to the sector. For instance, while educationists favor a large budgetary -----  
---to the sector to bring all school-going children on board, economists -----  
--- for an equitable distribution of resources to all sectors in the economy.

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### **KCSE TRIAL 14**

#### **Fill in The Blanks With The Most Appropriate Word.**

Fill in the blank spaces in the following passage with the most appropriate word.

Electronic mail, also known as (1)-----, is an online feature that lets you send a message from your computer to another computer, (2)----- the other computer is next door or across the world. You receive messages in an electronic storage space called a mailbox and each e-mail system has (3)----- electronic system administrator that controls the e-mail.

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(5)----- methods of communication. Voice mail is a more personal way of communicating because you can hear the (6)----- of voice and the emotion of the speaker.

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When using e-mail be aware that deleted messages do not disappear completely. Many computer networks automatically back (9)----- all e-mail messages, and these messages may stay in computer for years. E-mails are not private; therefore, avoid sending (10)----- information. An e-mail message can be read, forwarded, and even changed by other people without your knowledge.

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**KCSE TRIAL 15**

1. **Fill in the blanks in the passage below with an appropriate word.** (10 marks)

Four weeks to the Africities Summit, (i) ..... the host city of Kisumu is bristling (ii) ..... excitement and anticipation, with good reason.

(iii) ..... 10,000 visitors are expected to converge on the lakeside city, drawn (iv) ..... By a continental summit that happens one every three (v) ..... About 5,000 of them will be foreign delegates keen to join in a discourse that African cities and how they evolving into a truly unpredictable (vi) ..... The other 4000 will be exhibitors at a gigantic exhibitions centre and service providers to ensure that the (vii) ..... do not lack anything.

Many have been skeptical (viii) ..... Kisumu could handle such a large influx of people even if it is the third largest city in the country. Well, the city is well-prepared in all aspects. It has been for a while. Significant investments have been made in infrastructure and (ix) ..... is still going on to complete roads around and near the Mambolea ASK Showground where the event will be held. The major streets are spruced up, as they have been for many months, thanks to the work done (x) ..... the County Government of Kisumu.

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**KCSE TRIAL 16**

**Read the passage below and fill in each blank space with an appropriate word.**

Although the government has--1-----a number of county schools to national status, most of them have not shown any--2-----achievement to warrant their newly-acquired title. Thus, the-3----- is for government to provide

adequate resources to prepare the schools to take their rightful place and ultimately-4-----  
-----alternative centers of excellence. The reason for elevating more schools to national  
status is-5-----just in name, but to offer opportunities for more primary  
school leavers to benefit--6----- the resources in these institutions. -  
--7-----that is not achieved, and then the drive to expand national schools  
will become an academic exercise. After form four, the -8-----will  
be looking for progression to universities or other tertiary institutions. Statistics indicate  
that about-9-----third of the candidate, 149,717 out of 482,133  
who registered for the exams, scored grades C+ and above, --10-----for  
university admission.

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### **KCSE TRIAL 17**

#### **Fill in The Blanks With The Most Appropriate Word.**

Concerns on insecurity (1) \_\_\_\_\_ persisted over the  
last one year despite assurance from the government that it was taking robust (2)  
\_\_\_\_\_ to protect life and property. The situation has  
been complicated by (3) \_\_\_\_\_ “Lone wolf” terrorist  
attacks linked to the Somalia-based Al-Shabaab, eight months after the deadly Westage  
(4) \_\_\_\_\_ in Nairobi that left at least 70 people died. The  
latest in the city’s popular Gikomba market only added to the body count and lives  
shattered.

This is a dangerous way (5) \_\_\_\_\_ one of  
Africa’s most promising economies to life. Kenya’s international  
(6) \_\_\_\_\_ is also slowly being eroded and with it,  
the attraction as a magnet for foreign tourist and investors. This week

(7)\_\_\_\_\_ advisories by some Western government showed how fragile the situation is when hundreds of British tourists (8)\_\_\_\_\_ short their holiday at the coast (9)\_\_\_\_\_ flew back home while some may consider this an overreaction, (10)\_\_\_\_\_ the reality that terrorists, with dark intentions are roaming the country ready to attack is equally unhelpful.

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### **KCSE TRIAL 18**

**1. Read the passage below and fill the blanks provided with a suitable word.(10**

**mks )**

Conducting a job search 1\_\_\_\_\_the Internet has definitely2\_\_\_\_\_how job seekers contact hiring 3\_\_\_\_\_. The availability of copying and pasting a text version CV into a format 4\_\_\_\_\_company's Website has laid the foundation for an easier and 5\_\_\_\_\_ convenient process. 6\_\_\_\_\_ the Internet's convenience, a breeding ground for scam artists continues to 7\_\_\_\_\_each year as well. Identity thefts have increased to an overwhelming 10 million 8\_\_\_\_\_ per year and many of them are the result of phishing-not surprisingly, the employment industry is 9\_\_\_\_\_ attack as well. Knowing what to look for and how to stop fraud can be the best deterrent to ensuring you have a safe experience while conducting your 10\_\_\_\_\_ search.

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### KCSE TRIAL 19

**Fill in The Blanks With The Most Appropriate Word.**

Around the world, forests are being 1)\_\_\_\_\_ at a rate of 13 million hectares a year. In 2)\_\_\_\_\_, forests and other deforestation accounts for about 17% to 20% of 3)\_\_\_\_\_ global emissions. The destruction of forests emits 1.6 Gt of carbon a year, which severely 4)\_\_\_\_\_ forests capacity to absorb emissions from other sources. However, the effects of deforestation extend beyond carbon. Rain forests 5)\_\_\_\_\_ a wide variety of ecosystem services from regulating rainfall to keeping fertile soil from 6)\_\_\_\_\_. Deforestation damages food production and 7)\_\_\_\_\_ to clean water in an entire region. Rain forests are also home and a 8)\_\_\_\_\_ of income for many people in Africa, Asian and South America. 9)\_\_\_\_\_ this, economic pressures drive government in the developing world to 10)\_\_\_\_\_ these forests in unsustainable ways.

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### KCSE TRIAL 20

**Fill in The Blanks With The Most Appropriate Word.**

Perhaps the best way to \_\_\_\_1\_\_\_\_\_ reading poetry responsively is not to allow yourself to be intimidated \_\_\_\_2\_\_\_\_\_ it. Come to it, initially at least, the way you might \_\_\_\_3\_\_\_\_\_ to a song several times before you \_\_\_\_4\_\_\_\_\_ it all, before you have a sense of how it works \_\_\_\_5\_\_\_\_\_ it's going and how it gets

there. You don't worry about analyzing a song when you listen to it, even though after \_\_\_6\_\_\_\_\_ experiences with it you know and anticipate a favourite part and know, on some level, why it works for you. \_\_\_7\_\_\_\_\_ yourself a chance to respond to poetry. The hardest work has already \_\_\_8\_\_\_\_\_ done by the poet, so all you need to do at the start \_\_\_9\_\_\_\_\_ listen for the pleasure produced by \_\_\_10\_\_\_\_\_ poet's arrangement of words.

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### **KCSE TRIAL 21**

***Fill the dash with the most appropriate word.***

When preparing for examinations, the use of the mind is encouraged 1----- than dull rote learning. Thorough preparation for an examination 2----- anxiety and helps in passing the examination. This can be achieved when one 3 -----good foundation at the outset. To have a good foundation, the 4-----should make sure that essential points in a topic are understood 5-----moving to another topic. One should also guard 6-----being left behind, but should 7----- to cover the ground as the course progresses. The learner should also develop a 8----- of making notes 9-----What she/he learns and reviews 10----- notes at intervals, starting with the simpler ones and progressing to the harder ones.

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**KCSE TRIAL 22**

***Read the passage below and fill in each blank space with the most appropriate word.***

A figure of speech is the use of a word (1)..... diverges from its normal meaning, (2)..... a phrase with a specialized meaning not based (3)..... the literal meaning of the words in it. This (4)..... metaphors, similes, or personification. Figures of speech are abundant in every form of writing; they (5)..... provide emphasis, freshness of expression, or clarity. (6)....., clarity may also suffer from their use, as any figure of speech introduces (7)..... ambiguity between literal and figurative interpretation. It's helpful, though, to avoid certain clichéd figures of speech as they are worn out (8)..... overuse, and can make your writing seem (9)..... or uncreative. It's best to use them sparingly in formal writing, like essays. Use a figure of speech if it (10)..... something unique to the piece you're writing.

**(Adapted from [Writerstreasure.com](http://Writerstreasure.com))**

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**KCSE TRIAL 23**

The dictionary defines integrity as ‘the state of being completely unified.’ When I have integrity, my 1.....and my deeds match up. I am who I am, no 2..... where I am or who I am with. Sadly, integrity is a vanishing commodity today. Personal standards are crumbling in a world that has taken to hot pursuit of personal pleasure and short cuts 3..... success. A person with integrity does not have 4..... loyalties nor is he or she merely pretending. People with integrity are ‘whole’ people; they can be identified by 5.....single-mindedness. They have nothing to hide and nothing to



fear. Their lives are open 6..... They have 7.....a system of values against 8.....all their life is judged. Integrity is not what we do so much as who we are. And who we are in 9..... determines what we do. Our system of values is so much a part of us that we cannot separate it from 10.....

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### **KCSE TRIAL 24**

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**KCSE TRIAL 25**

**Read the passage below and fill in each blank space with an appropriate word(10 marks)**

In a culture that sings the praises of individual gold medals and where 1 .....  
..... person fights for rights instead of 2 ..... on taking responsibility, people  
tend to lose sight of the big picture. 3 ..... fact, some people seem to believe that  
4 ..... are the entire picture: Everything revolves around their needs,  
their goals and their 5 ..... I saw a message on their T-shirts that expresses the  
6 ..... well: "My idea of a team is a whole lot of people doing what I tell them  
to do." A team isn't supposed to be a bunch of people being used as a tool 7 .....  
..... one individual for selfish gain. Members of a team must have mutually beneficial  
shared goals. They must be 8 ..... to work together, not manipulated by  
someone for 9 ..... glory. Anyone who is accustomed to pulling together  
people and using them to benefit only 10 ..... isn't a team builder; he's a  
dictator.

Adapted from: *The 17 Indisputable Laws of Teamwork*, John C. Maxwell.

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**KCSE TRIAL 26**

**Fill in The Blanks With The Most Appropriate Word.**

The African business climate (1)..... unpredictable. Many contracts are difficult(2)  
..... enforce due to inefficient judiciary(3) ..... high level corruption. Africa  
is(4)..... by aid money from wealthy nations. To cover(5) .....for this fact,  
developed countries media address the corruption issue by implying that African leadership  
is(6) ..... corrupt! Corruption is not an individual(7) ..... It is a process;  
a systematic issue that can only(8) ..... addressed by discouraging the incentive behind  
it. Part of the (9)..... is the developed nation willingness to bank all the  
stolen(10) ..... from Africa.

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**KCSE TRIAL 27**

**Read the passage below and fill in the blanks with the most appropriate word.(10mk)**

The world is fast hurtling 1\_\_\_\_\_ self-imposed isolation, with Denmark  
2\_\_\_\_\_ Italy as the other European Nation 3\_\_\_\_\_ quarantine.  
Indications show that 4\_\_\_\_\_ more countries will go down that 5  
\_\_\_\_\_ as the corona virus that caused Covid-19 spreads 6 \_\_\_\_\_  
the world. The World Health Organization (WHO) declared the Corona virus a global  
7\_\_\_\_\_ on Wednesday evening. WHO Director-General Tendros Adhanom  
Ghebreyesus said 8\_\_\_\_\_ a terse statement that this is the first time the world is battling  
a pandemic 9\_\_\_\_\_ as corona virus 10\_\_\_\_\_.

*(Adopted from the Daily Nation Friday, March 13, 2020 by Elizabeth Merab and Nasibo Kabale)*

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**KCSE TRIAL 28**

**Read the following passage and fill in the blank spaces with the most suitable word.**

Precis writing is a very fine exercise in reading. Most people (i) .....carelessly  
and retain only a vague idea of what they have read. You can easily test the  
(ii).....of your reading. Read in your usual way a chapter or even a page of a  
book and (iii).....having closed your book, try to put down briefly the  
(iv).....of what you have read. You will probably find that your memory of it  
is (v).....and muddled. Is this because your memory is  
(vi).....? No, it is because your attention was not fully (vii)  
.....on the passage while you were reading. The memory cannot  
(viii).....what was never given to hold; you did not remember the passage  
properly because you did not properly (ix).....it as you read it.

Now précis writing forces you (x).....pay attention to what your read;  
for one cannot write a summary of any page unless he has clearly grasped its meaning.

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**KCSE TRIAL 29**

**Fill in The Blanks With The Most Appropriate Word.**

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**KCSE TRIAL 30**

**Fill in The Blanks With The Most Appropriate Word.**

\_\_\_\_\_is the impact of COVID-19 on patients seeking services for other  
diseases? Many governments in Africa \_\_\_\_\_(2) measures to combat  
the spread of COVID-19. \_\_\_\_\_(3) some of the measures totally disrupted  
the supply chain and health care service delivery system as all \_\_\_\_\_(4) were  
focused on COVID-19. Governments diverted personnel and resources away  
\_\_\_\_\_(5) priority diseases. Patients with HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, malaria,  
cancer, hypertension, hepatitis B, epilepsy, sickle cell as well as mental health,  
\_\_\_\_\_(6) or childhood conditions, faced an increased risk of

complications and death due \_\_\_\_\_(7) inability to access healthcare because of transport restrictions, \_\_\_\_\_(8) and fear of contracting the virus from healthcare settings. The situation was made \_\_\_\_\_(9) by existing healthcare system challenges which include among other inadequate human resources, financial, infrastructural, supply chain and logistical.

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### **KCSE TRIAL 31**

***Read the passage below and fill in each blank space with the most appropriate word.***

High self-esteem is like having money, something we think everyone else but(1) ..... Yet having low self-esteem is perhaps the most common flaw of (2)..... humanity .The majority of people in society think,“The only way to have high self-esteem is to be(3)..... with it.” This is not true. You can develop high self-esteem (4)..... like learning to read ortodance. Secondly, people do not (5)..... the importance of having high self-esteem. I cannot even (6)..... to stress the importance of having high self-esteem, it is the (7)..... to having mental, physical and spiritual strength. The (8)..... stage of developing strength is learning to love yourself and your life. You(9)..... to learn to be grateful of what God has given you. You should let go of all those angry(10)..... inside. Holding anger inside yourself will not help you. It will only hurt you. The past is the past, you can only change the present.

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**KCSE TRIAL 32**

**Complete the following passage by filling in the blanks with appropriate words.**

The most depressing thing 1..... an illness is the sense of being left 2.....Or brushed aside .....3 it from the mainstream of living. When a person is 4.....he cannot keep up.....5 the world of the healthy people. Life begins to occur without him. Even the language seems to change. What is said to a .....6 person does not involve him and therefore he begins to interpret it differently. He loses..... 7 with the outer healthy world. His sense of isolation is.....8 rather than lessened by the regular ..... 9 of the doctors. The doctors label the sick Person's disease and ..... 10 him to his special place.

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**KCSE TRIAL 33**

**Fill in The Blanks With The Most Appropriate Word.**

Citizens used to 1 \_\_\_\_\_ that political leaders would observe the principle of good governance simply 2 \_\_\_\_\_ they were expected to 3 \_\_\_\_\_. It appears most leaders on the continent have replaced integrity with reckless impunity that has 4 \_\_\_\_\_ Africa in Chaos. 5 \_\_\_\_\_ in Office are also supposed to be 6 \_\_\_\_\_ to the people that entrusted them with the 7 \_\_\_\_\_ of leading them . 8 \_\_\_\_\_ the political elite in the continent see people as a means to an end. In many countries these days, Kenya included, politics has become the easiest way to make money. Electioneering is seen as an 9 \_\_\_\_\_ with extremely lucrative returns when campaign loyalties are 10 \_\_\_\_\_ with appointments in the government of the day.

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**KCSE TRIAL 34**

**Fill in The Blanks With The Most Appropriate Word.**

The proposed partnership (1) \_\_\_\_\_ Kenya Airways and Kenya Airport Authority ( KAA) (2) \_\_\_\_\_ ambiguous according to a new audit. (3) \_\_\_\_\_ report tabled in the National (4) \_\_\_\_\_ yesterday reveals how decisions (5) \_\_\_\_\_ have been made without the (6) \_\_\_\_\_ of KAA. Also it states that crucial documents necessary to paint (7) \_\_\_\_\_ clear picture of the deal were missing. Without key (8) \_\_\_\_\_, the auditors were unable to convince themselves that dealings involved (9) \_\_\_\_\_ the merger has so far been transparent and stuck to the straight and narrow. The auditors said they could (10) \_\_\_\_\_ no evidence of a feasibility study that allegedly informed a cabinet memo seeking approval for the deal.

*(Adapted from The Standard March 22, .*

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**KCSE TRIAL 35**

**Fill in the blanks with the most suitable word.**

We need to start reading more. (1)\_\_\_\_\_ encourages more creative thinking, keeps the (2) \_\_\_\_\_ fresh and stimulated in ways nothing else can. Reading awakens a (3)\_\_\_\_\_ imagination and inhibits the brain (4)\_\_\_\_\_ rotting, as is evident with(5) \_\_\_\_\_ so-called political elite: If you neglect the pot, (6)\_\_\_\_\_ boils over and extinguishes the fire. The youth (7)\_\_\_\_\_ should ignite a love for reading(8) \_\_\_\_\_ of engaging in the nonsensical issues they are normally caught up in; old heads on young shoulders they would die. It is said a reader lives a thousand lives (9)\_\_\_\_\_ they die, but one(10) \_\_\_\_\_ never reads lives only one.

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**KCSE TRIAL 36**

***Read the passage below and fill in each blank space with an appropriate word.***

Some scientists have been (1)..... that the continuing destruction of our environment (2)..... that at some point, the earth will not be able to (3)..... even a quarter of us. This does not come as a (4).....at all. In the beginning, God created the earth beautiful and green (5)..... with time, our stubbornness, has ruined it all. With all the (6)..... God has given us, we should be able to look (7)..... our environment better. I am sure God feels (8)..... when He sees this destruction. My roommate and (9)..... have come up with an ambitious programme (10)..... to as ‘Save the Earth’ to help the government tackle or address the problem.

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**KCSE TRIAL 37**

***Fill the blanks in the passage below with an appropriate word. (10 marks)***

The chorus of praise for the Meteorological Department for (1).....predicting when the rains would begin is a public vote of confidence in the institution. The weatherman (2) ..... the exact day of the first deluge of the new rainy season and the duration. (3) ..... it is disappointing that despite the accuracy, the country has once again been caught napping. This is, (4) ..... partly due to the skepticism arising from the past predictions. But more worrying is the exposure of the lack of (5).....to deal with floods. A country whose vast (6) ..... of land have been ravaged by a lengthy drought is now awash with water does not know how to deal with. It is a sorry state (7) .....



suffering and agony when it rains and also when it shines. The perennial utter  
(8) ..... of the people, agencies and the national and county  
leadership is astounding and costly. Seven people have died in the past two days and there  
is every indication (9) ..... there will be more deaths and  
destruction of (10) .....

## **ENGLISH CLOZE TESTS**

### **KCSE TRIAL 38**

***Read the passage below and fill in each blank space with the most appropriate word***

Tourism is one of the jewels in Kenya's economic crown, contributing  
..... the economy as it is one of the top three income generating  
sectors that contribute immensely to the GDP. It has .....since  
before independence owing to the unique attractions our country  
.....visitors. But it is also the most vulnerable to  
disruption. Just one or two ..... advisories can  
wipe out millions .....dollars in revenue for industry players and this  
just ..... of a perception that visitors are not safe.  
This is the reality that our election managers, our security forces, our media and all of  
..... should endeavour to forestall. We cannot afford to play dice with our  
economic lifeline. And we cannot let a basic,regular and too often repeated civic  
.....like a general election deprive us of our livelihoods, if not  
our lives. Elections .....and go. They should afford us an  
opportunity for renewal and not plunge us into a fear that we spread to visitors from afar.

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**KCSE TRIAL 39**

***Fill in the blank spaces in the following passage using the most appropriate word.***

In normal situations, children's aggressive behavior wear

(1).....as the ability to express their desires and (2).....develops. Children whose aggression (3) .....not decline with time lose their temper frequently and are (4)..... Extremely irritated and frustrated over minor issues. They are also disruptive and antagonize (5)..... by hitting, pushing, yelling and name ..... threatening and teasing. They habitually (7) ..... physical or psychological (8) ..... on others. As a result, they have trouble with their peers and often face rejection. Studies have established that boys are three times more (9) ..... than girls to be aggressive owing to the concentration in of the male hormones, androgen and testosterone. And children who are (10) ..... To aggression are more likely to act aggressively than those who are not.

**ENGLISH CLOZE TESTS**

**KCSE TRIAL 40**

***Fill in the blank spaces with the most appropriate words.***

A new research title "Underage drinking in Kenya", has .....1.....that nearly one third of form four students aged below 18 years take alcohol .....2..... As our society ponders this sad .....3....., the urgent message to children who are taking

alcohol .....4..... do not drink another sip. Advice to those children is to strongly say “no”. .....5.....irresponsible behaviour, to alcoholism, there are many .....6.....effects of alcohol. It is wrong and illegal for children to drink alcohol.

This report also states that 46 percent of the children received .....7.....first pint from friends and .....8..... Do you offer alcohol to a child? As a parent or guardian, do you nurture .....9.....? How much time do you spend with them? Notably, .....10.....of guidance and supervision are stimuli to underage drinking.

## **ENGLISH CLOZE TESTS**

### **KCSE TRIAL 41**

#### **Fill in The Blanks With The Most Appropriate Word.**

The community and forces of tradition 1.....the most important aspects of African society. Tradition 2.....that everyone walks in the steps of his ancestors; it is formulated in codes of behavior and morality which must be 3..... All forms of action, thought and ambition 4.....their springs in these codes. Like the community, these traditions 5.....formed by the ancestors and their roles 6.....to maintain unity between the living and the dead.

Right from birth, the life of the African child 7.....the codes of tradition which direct him in society and 8.....to him his rights and duties-duties in the sense of those social and religious obligations which were 9.....by the ancestors and which must be fulfilled. By observing these rights and duties, the child 10.....a dual function.

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**KCSE TRIAL 42**

**Read the passage below and fill in each blank space with an appropriate word.**

Yesterday morning I had an unusual \_\_\_\_\_ on my way \_\_\_\_\_ school. I heard someone \_\_\_\_\_ and saw a friend on the \_\_\_\_\_ side of the road. I knew he was \_\_\_\_\_ to school, too, so I decided to \_\_\_\_\_ the road. I had only just stepped \_\_\_\_\_ the pavement when I was nearly \_\_\_\_\_ down by a \_\_\_\_\_ which came racing round the corner. I jumped out of the way and then started to scream, when four men ran round the corner vainly shouting \_\_\_\_\_ at the driver.

**ENGLISH CLOZE TESTS**

**KCSE TRIAL 43**

**Complete the passage below by filling in the blanks with the most appropriate word.**

The European Union 1.....retaliate again if united states of America President Donald Trump imposes more tariffs on Ell goods to remedy what he calls "unfair" trade ,relations ,French Prime minister Bruno Le Marie said yesterday .The Ell on Friday imposed a range of tariffs on 2.....Worth 2.8 billion Euros(3.3 billion dollars) in a tit - for -tat response to Mr. Trump's decision to apply stiff tariffs on European steel and aluminum exports .In response Mr. Trump threatened 3.....twitter to slap a 20 percent tariff on European car imports ,heightening worries of trade war which could be 4.....growth on both of Atlantic ."If the US hits us again with a 20 percent on automobiles, we will respond again, "Mr. Le Marie told journalists in Paris." We don't want this to 5....., but we are the ones being attacked "the minister said.

The Ell tariff applied to items 6.....from blue jeans to, bourbon; appear designed in part to hit industries which are predominantly active in states dominated by Mr. Trump's 7 .....Party. Mr. Le Marie also said the 8.....dispute underscored the importance of deeper integration in Euro zone, which would foster stronger companies that could better.9..... on global stage. Yet Euro zone members remain sharply divided on the French -German agreement announced this month including proposal such as common budget and move to 10.....cooperate taxes.

## **ENGLISH CLOZE TESTS**

### **KCSE TRIAL 44**

***Fill each blank space in the following excerpt with the most appropriate word.***

Speakers often try to appeal to their audiences by speaking casually or by using “street language.”(1) ....., however, can be shocking to an audience not expecting (2)..... Use good judgment. While shocking language might (3) .....your audiences attention, it can also quickly turn (4)..... most people.

Obscene language is (5) .....language that offends by going (6) .....common standards of (7) ..... . Since (8) .....is what is considered, speakers must avoid any (9).....that their words might be (10) .....as indecent.

## ENGLISH CLOZE TESTS

### KCSE TRIAL 45

**Fill in The Blanks With The Most Appropriate Word.**

A new research titled “Underage Drinking in Kenya” has (1) \_\_\_\_\_ that nearly one third of form four students aged 18 years take (2) \_\_\_\_\_.

As our society ponders this sad (3) \_\_\_\_\_ the urgent message to children who are taking alcohol (4) \_\_\_\_\_, do not drink another sip. Advice to those children is to strongly say “no” (5) \_\_\_\_\_ irresponsible behavior to alcoholism, there are many (6) \_\_\_\_\_ effects of alcohol. It is wrong and illegal for children to drink alcohol. The report also states that 46 per cent of the children receive (7) \_\_\_\_\_ first pint from friends and (8) \_\_\_\_\_. Do you offer alcohol to children? As a parent or guardian, do you nurture (9) \_\_\_\_\_? How much time do you spend with them? Notably, (10) \_\_\_\_\_ of guidance and supervision are stimuli to underage drinking.

## ENGLISH CLOZE TESTS

### KCSE TRIAL 46

**Fill in The Blanks With The Most Appropriate Word.**

Perhaps the best way to \_\_\_\_1\_\_\_\_\_ reading poetry responsively is not to allow yourself to be intimidated \_\_\_\_2\_\_\_\_\_ it. Come to it, initially at least, the way you might \_\_\_\_3\_\_\_\_\_ to a song several times before you \_\_\_\_4\_\_\_\_\_ it all, before you have a sense of how it works \_\_\_\_5\_\_\_\_\_ it's going and how it gets

there. You don't worry about analyzing a song when you listen to it, even though after \_\_\_6\_\_\_\_\_ experiences with it you know and anticipate a favourite part and know, on some level, why it works for you. \_\_\_7\_\_\_\_\_ yourself a chance to respond to poetry. The hardest work has already \_\_\_8\_\_\_\_\_ done by the poet, so all you need to do at the start \_\_\_9\_\_\_\_\_ listen for the pleasure produced by \_\_\_10\_\_\_\_\_ poet's arrangement of words.

## **ENGLISH CLOZE TESTS**

### **KCSE TRIAL 47**

**Read the following passage and fill in the blank spaces with the most suitable word.**

Precis writing is a very fine exercise in reading. Most people (i) .....carelessly and retain only a vague idea of what they have read. You can easily test the (ii).....of your reading. Read in your usual way a chapter or even a page of a book and (iii).....having closed your book, try to put down briefly the (iv).....of what you have read. You will probably find that your memory of it is (v).....and muddled. Is this because your memory is (vi).....? No, it is because your attention was not fully (vii) .....on the passage while you were reading. The memory cannot (viii).....what was never given to hold; you did not remember the passage properly because you did not properly (ix).....it as you read it. Now précis writing forces you (x).....pay attention to what your read; for one cannot write a summary of any page unless he has clearly grasped its meaning.

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**KCSE TRIAL 48**

***Fill in the blank spaces in the following passage with the most appropriate word.***

The devolved system of government that Kenya 1.....after the March 2013 general elections holds a lot of 2.....to unlock the country's economic, social and political fortunes 3.....have been stifled 4.....a centralized system of government since independence. Devolution will result in 5.....development in all parts of Kenya. The central system of government that was in place 6.....fifty years resulted in serious 7.....of large parts of the country 8.....Northern Kenya. Devolution has in the last two years delivered encouraging 9.....in many counties.10.....include purchase of ambulances, road construction equipment, availing medicine in hospitals among others.

**ENGLISH CLOZE TESTS**

**KCSE TRIAL 49**

***Fill in The Blanks With The Most Appropriate Word.***

The broadened freedom of speech bestowed upon people ----- the rise of social media platforms does have its merits, as many now -----a platform where they can ----- their concerns about injustices within the society. -----, everything has its good things and bad things as -----.

The freedom on social media has also rendered these avenues ----- grounds for hate -----. Many use it to promote their bigoted ideology. They encourage hatred ----- warring individuals or parties simply because they are ----- to the views, beliefs, or behavior that differ from -----

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**KCSE TRIAL 50**

***Read the passage below and fill the blanks provided with a suitable word. (10 mks )***

Conducting a job search 1\_\_\_\_\_the Internet has definitely2\_\_\_\_\_how job seekers contact hiring 3\_\_\_\_\_. The availability of copying and pasting a text version CV into a format 4\_\_\_\_\_company's Website has laid the foundation for an easier and 5\_\_\_\_\_ convenient process. 6\_\_\_\_\_ the Internet's convenience, a breeding ground for scam artists continues to 7\_\_\_\_\_each year as well. Identity thefts have increased to an overwhelming 10 million 8\_\_\_\_\_ per year and many of them are the result of phishing-not surprisingly, the employment industry is 9\_\_\_\_\_ attack as well. Knowing what to look for and how to stop fraud can be the best deterrent to ensuring you have a safe experience while conducting your 10\_\_\_\_\_ search.

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