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This was the fourth time for candidates to sit this exam. It is obvious that candidates are now comfortable with the assessment.

Question 1

Multiple matching question where candidates were provided with pictures and had to identify the correct letter. This series they had to identify the activity that is being done. Candidates did very well. Candidates should continue to familiarise themselves with the vocabulary list that is part of the syllabus as it is a useful tool for terminologies.

Question 2

Multiple matching question where candidates were provided with pictures and expected to pinpoint what was going on. Again, this question was accessible to many. Candidates should familiarise themselves with the vocabulary list that is part of the syllabus.

Question 3

Candidates were provided with a short set of lines to fill with words. This was done well this year except for 3b which confused some. 'Kufanikiwa unahitaji kujua' had all sorts of answers including 'kupenda ngoma'. Candidates are reminded that responses are to be found within the script and not from general knowledge. Many candidates were able to sieve the information and get responses such as 'kuruka mguu mmoja na mabega mbele na nyuma'. Once again, candidates should keep on familiarising themselves with the vocabulary list and also practice listening to Swahili.

Question 4

Candidates had to fill a grid where six speakers gave positive, negative or both positive and negative opinions. This exercise was accessible to majority of candidates.

Question 5

Multiple choice question which required candidates to listen attentively. The topic this year, Bongo Flewa, seems to have inspired many because we have good responses. Candidates must make sure that they read the questions during the time provided; this will make them aware of the options and questions asked and can then make an informed choice.

Question 6

This sentence completion exercise requires good listening so that candidates can select the correct word from the given choice. Candidates must understand what is said to be able to do this exercise well.

For example, a majority of candidates responded with 'bunge' for Q6f which was incorrect. It is advised that candidates familiarise themselves with the vocabulary given for the syllabus.

Question 7

Candidates struggled with this question this year. Apart from Q7f which was accessible to almost every candidate, other questions were not – especially Q7c, Q7d and Q7e were very challenging. Candidates are asked to remember that they are asked positives and negatives and should respond following what they hear rather than general knowledge.

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