

Paper Reference(s)

7642

London Examinations GCE

Swahili

Ordinary Level

Monday 11 May 2009 – Afternoon

Time: 3 hours

Materials required for examination

Answer book (AB08)

Items included with question papers

Nil

Instructions to Candidates

Answer ALL FOUR questions.

In the boxes on the answer book, write the name of the examining body (London Examinations), your centre number, candidate number, the subject title (Swahili), the paper reference (7642), your surname, other names and signature.

Write your answers in the answer book. Make sure your answers to parts of questions are clearly numbered.

Use supplementary answer sheets if necessary.

Do not use pencil. Use blue or black ink.

Information for Candidates

The total mark for this paper is 100. The marks for each question are shown in brackets.

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Dictionaries must **not** be used.

Advice to Candidates

Write your answers neatly and legibly.

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1. Translate the following passage into English:

Rafiki yangu – John – na mimi tulikwenda kutembea shambani wiki tatu zilizopita. Hatukwenda kwa gari bali kwa baisikeli. Ilituchukuwa masaa matatu kufika kwenye shamba kubwa la Bwana Malito ambaye alitualika tumtembelee. Tulitaka sana kuliona shamba lake na kujua zaidi kuhusu kazi zifanywazo hapo. Bwana Malito alitupatia vinywaji vya kukata kiu na kujiburudisha, tena akatutembeza shambani.

Bwana Malito ni mfanya biashara mashuhuri anayeza bidhaa zake nchi za Afrika ya Mashariki na pia katika soko la nchi za Ulaya, hasa Ufaransa na Uingereza. Kwa vile shamba lake lipo kwenye ardhi iliyo na urefu wa zaidi ya futi elfu tano (ikilinganishwa na usawa wa bahari), hali ya hewa inamwezesha Bwana Malito kuotesha maua ya waridi na kuyasafirisha kwa ndege kuuzwa kwenye maduka ya London na Paris. Nilishangaa kusikia hivyo, lakini Bwana Malito akaniambia nisishangae - ndio maendeleo hayo! Tena akanieleza vile maua yanavyosafirishwa.

Ni muhimu sana maua yatiwe katika visanduku maalumu. Visanduku hivyo vinayahifadhi maua kwa njia mbili muda wote wa safari. Kwanza, maua yanawekwa katika hali ya unyevu, na pili, yanapata hewa ya kutosha. Bwana Malito pia akasisitiza kwamba muda wa safari usiwe mrefu mno: ndege kuondoka Afrika ya Mashariki usiku na kufika Ulaya asubuhi ni sawa kabisa. Hivyo maua huwa tayari yamo madukani London na Paris kabla ya adhuhuri!

(Total 25 marks)

2. Translate the following passage into Swahili:

When I visit a city, I always look for two buildings: a museum and the main post office.

A museum is an important part of a city. It is a place where people learn much about the past, and also about the present. Some museums exhibit matters related to science: for example, they explain the achievements of scientists, and show how their inventions work. Other museums display information about plants, animals, and minerals; some have constructed figures showing the workings of the human body. There are also museums whose aim is to explain the culture and history of a people, or a country, or indeed of mankind. There is a museum in each of the capital cities of East Africa. School children are encouraged to visit museums.

The other important building in a city is the main post office. It is a busy place as people come to the post office for various services. While some people come to buy stamps, others come to collect their letters from boxes that are part of the building. The boxes are opened with keys provided by the post office. Important letters that have been 'registered' by their senders are collected from officials at the counters. Some tourists use the post office as a meeting place.

(Total 25 marks)

3. Translate the following sentences into Swahili:

- (a) She is hoping to go to Lamu tomorrow evening.
- (b) Edward is delighted with his new bicycle; it has a loud bell.
- (c) My [maternal] uncle always calls me on my cell phone every Sunday.
- (d) Why did they not give three balls to each of their children?
- (e) If you do not think I should climb the mountain, I won't.

(Total 15 marks)

4. Write an essay of up to 250 words **in Swahili** on **one** of the following:

Either

- (a) You accompanied your friend on a fishing trip at sea. Describe what happened.

Umekwenda na rafiki yako kuvua samaki baharini. Eleza yaliyotokea.

- (b) You have heard two people on the radio debating their preference of where they would like to live. One preferred a rural life and the other a town life. Whom would you support? Give reasons for your answer.

Umewasikia watu wawili wakijadiliana kwenye redio. Mmoja anapenda kuishi shambani, na wa pili anapenda kuishi mjini. Unamuunga mkono yupi? Toa sababu zako.

- (c) If you acquire much wealth, how will you use it to help people in need?

Ikiwa umepata mali nyingi, utatumiaje mali hiyo kuwasaidia watu wanaohitaji misaada?

Or

- (d) Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper recommending that a hospital be built in your part of town. Give reasons for your recommendation.

Andika barua kwa mhariri wa gazeti ukipendekeza kwamba ijengwe hospitali kwenye eneo la mji wenu. Toa sababu za pendekezo lako.

(Total 35 marks)

TOTAL FOR PAPER: 100 MARKS

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