

Average composition KCPE 2005

ATTACKED BY BEES

You have 40 minutes to write your composition.

The following is the beginning of a story. Write and complete the story. Make your story as interesting as you can.

I had never been told such a funny story before. I laughed until tears came to my eyes. This is the story. A story that will always be in my grey matter for ever.

There was once three good friend Moses Peter and Andrew. They had just finished their K.C.P.E exams and were now idol. One day moses come up with an idea that since they had complitated their exams, after a long struggle of reading the very devil out of there books they should do something else. He suggested they go deep in the forest to search for wild honey.

The next day, they set up early in the morning. They carried a big tin to collect the honey. After a long and tiresome walk they finally reached their destination. They then started arguing as to whom should climb and collect the honey, because non of them had the single idea as to how this activity is carried out.

After a very bitter argument moses finally seemed to have a good idea. He suggested they lit a fire that will send the bees away. They did that and within a moment flying insects were darting at them. Only to realise his friends were in full retreat moses took after them. Red hot needles pierced the back of his neck and he could tell from the painful screams that his friends were in the same situation.

It was not untill when Andrew dared to border the deepest part of the local stream. He plunged into the water and Peter plunged after him and was glad to sink like a stone. Their friend Moses who did not know how to swimm made the mistake of hesistating at the bank and the bees caught up with him, thus forcing him to throw himself into the water.

Moses and Peter came up for air and drugged him under. By the time the bees had gone moses was semi-conscious. His face was in a mess no doubt his on mother would have recognised him. They were forced to drag him home of which it was a hectic exercise because at that time moses was a bag of beans.

On reaching home they tried to put him on his bed but the poor boy made horrible noise whenever his buttocks came in contact with the rough mattress. At that time many people had gathered to witness the unfolding drama. One of them dared to pinch Andrew's swollen face and asked "Does it hurt?" Well his answer was a bellow and fist that sent the questioner stumbling backwards. In my life I have never heard such a funny story.

This candidate has learnt enough English to be able to write a clear and even interesting account. The communication is full and the reader does not have to guess at what the candidate means. There are still errors in the account such as, idiom 'set up early', 'send bees away', 'took after them' etc. Despite the many errors, the story is exciting and actually funny! This is the kind of composition that would have scored a better mark had the candidate been a little more careful. For example, some of the errors arise out of carelessness. The candidate uses 'there' and 'their' interchangeably. He / she uses 'drugged' and 'drag(g)' as if they are variants of the same word.

(Mark awarded: 20)