ENGLISH I PAPER I

- 1. It is a parents' day in your school. You intend to invite your parents who have never been there. Write clear directions from your home to school.
- 2. Describe an embarrassing or amusing incident involving either yourself or someone else.
- 3. Write a story using ONE of the sentences given below as your opening sentence.

EITHER

- a) Mr. Wafula made up his mind. "I shall definitely go and talk to the manager tomorrow", he told his wife
 - OR
- b) At last John decided that he had no alternative but to seek an interview with Mr. Openda.
- 4. Discuss the ways used to control population growth in Kenya.

ENGLISH I PAPER 1 MARKING SCHEME

- General aspects to look for:
- This paper tests linguistic ability
- Note the following when marking:
 - Relevance in one's content
 - Sentence connections i.e. ideas must flow smoothly from one sentence to another
 - Word connections within a given sentence
 - Correct paragraphing: Paragraphs should not be too long or too short (i.e. one line paragraph unless the situation is the requirement)
 - Change of tenses anyhow. The tenses should be in line with the time one is talking about.
 - The use of compound words some are written as one word and others separated (some students do confuse them)
 - Check on spelling mistakes
 - Credit proper use of idioms but a student should not over use them.

Question 1

Giving directions:

- Should be clear and vivid
- Saying that he walked / or just move on and on) is quite vague. One can use place names e.g. after reaching Eldoret etc. or can use compass directions to direct.
- When its in a letter form, only pay attention to how she / he gives directions.
- Directions must be from where the parents stay to school and not vice versa
- Must include in the directions the purpose of writing i.e. parents day.

Question 2

- The situation being described must have something amusing i.e. social / relationship etc.
- Start from normal situation and turn slowly into a funny one
- Students should not talk about storage situations e.g. one swallowing spoons etc.
- Exaggerations are allowed but should not be overdone.
