

**FORM 2
OPENER EXAMS 2023
MARKING SCHEME**

1. FUNCTIONAL WRITING (20 MARKS)

You are the Mathematics club secretary at Elimu Secondary School. You wish to invite a nearby school for a mathematics contest. On their coming, you would like them to carry their packed lunch and their note books. You will also need them to confirm their attendance before then. Write a letter through your club patron, inviting them to this important event and explain to them why they can't miss the event. (20 marks)

Format – 6marks

- sender's address – **1 mark**
- The date. – $\frac{1}{2}$ **mark**
- Address of the recipient – **1 mark**
- Through address – **1 mark**
- Salutation -- $\frac{1}{2}$ **mark**
- “RE” and write the subject – **1 mark**
- complementary close, followed by a comma, sign, then type your name and title(only if applicable) – **1 mark**

Body – 8 marks

- the invitation– **1 mark**
- the event– **1 mark**
- why they should attend– **1 mark**
- Day– **1 mark**
- date– **1 mark**
- Time/venue– **1 mark**
- packed lunch/note books– **1 mark**
- confirmation of attendance– **1 mark**

Language – 6 marks

2. CLOZE TEST (10 MARKS)

About 1.3 billion (1) people around the world risk their health by taking excessive amount (2) of alcohol, a report by Lancet (3) has revealed. The report, released on July 15, further indicates that 59 per cent of heavy drinkers aged (4) between 15 and 39, exposed themselves to risks such as car accidents, suicide and murders.

The report said one should have at (5) least three free days from alcohol consumption if they care about (6) their health. While it may not be realistic to think young adults will (7)

abstain from drinking, we do think it's important to communicate the latest evidence so that everyone can (8) make informed decisions about their health, concluded the report.

The report also noted that women were more susceptible to alcohol related brain damage and heart diseases(9) than men. It showed that women who have one drink a day increase their risk of breast cancer by 5 per cent to 9 per cent, compared(10) with those who abstain.

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3. ORAL SKILLS (10 MARKS)

a) You recently attended an interview which you failed. Mention some of the reasons that could have contributed to your failure. (3 marks)

- i. Lateness
- ii. Lack of etiquette
- iii. Improper dressing
- iv. Poor research / preparedness
- v. Lack of confidence / obvious show of nervousness

b) Write a word pronounced exactly the same way as: (3 marks)

- i) Hear **here**
- ii) Way **weigh**
- iii) Foul **fowl**

c) Read the following telephone conversation and answer the questions that follow.

Peter: I want to talk to my father.

Secretary: Good morning, may I know who is on the line please.

Caller: (**Impatient and irritated**) You mean you don't know me and my father is your boss?

Secretary: Oh, you are Mr. Baraka's son?

Caller: (**shouting**) Put him on the line now.

Secretary :(**Politely**) I am sorry it is not possible to speak to him now. He is in a...

Caller: It is urgent!

Secretary: Kindly leave a message and he will call you back.

Caller: Nonsense! (**Bangs the phone**)

Questions

- i) Mention two short comings of the caller. (2 marks)

-The caller did not identify himself.
 -Caller is impolite. He shouts at the secretary. (Put him on the line now)
 -He rudely bangs the phone
 -He is impatient. He interrupts the secretary. When she says ...in a meeting....

- ii) Identify any two areas where the secretary observes telephone etiquette. (2 marks)

-The secretary greets the caller.
 -She is polite. She says May I know....
 -She asks the caller to leave a message.
 -She is patient with the caller when he shouts at her. She says Sorry it is not...

4. GRAMMAR

(20 marks)

- a) Arrange the adjectives in the sentences below in their correct order. (3 marks)

i) My friends and I attended a (political, boring, huge) rally.

... boring,huge, political ...

ii) We found the tourist looking at the (collapsed, ugly, ancient) building.

...ugly, ancient, collapsed...

iii) My uncle operates a (medical, new, successful) store.

...successful, new, medical ...

- b) Rewrite the sentences below according to the instructions given without changing their meanings.

(2 marks)

i) You will wait for them here.

(Rewrite adding a question tag)

You will wait for them here, won't you?

ii) He still lives in that house.(Begin: Does...)

Does he still live in that house?

- c) Supply suitable quantifier phrases to complete the sentences below. (3 marks)

i) I gave her ...a piece... of advice to help her improve her manners.

- ii) She only needs...a pinch...of salt to make the food tastier.
iii) There is...some/a lot/ a little....noise coming from that room.

d) Fill in the most suitable preposition.**(3 marks)**

- i) I feel really sorry ...for... his daughter.
ii) He was charged...with....treason.
iii) You shouldn't be angry ...at ...her for revealing your secret.

e) Put the most suitable form of the word in brackets.**(3 marks)**

- i) The cat chased its tail ...frantically... (frantic)
ii) Today another probe was ...successfully ...launched. (success)
iii) In their eyes shone ...happily... (happy)

f) Complete the following sentences using the correct form of the word in brackets. (3 marks)

- i) The three ...passers-by...were arrested.(passer-by)
ii) He carried all his...luggage... to the train station. (luggage)
iii) How many ...editors-in-chief... were involved? (editor-in-chief)

g) In each case, use the correct alternative to fill in the blank spaces.(3 marks)

- i) It was only...me... (I/ me) who fought against injustice.
ii) We worked as much as ...they... (they, them).
iii) June and ...I...will attend the celebration.(I/ me)