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(CMAC I)

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END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS

SERIES: DECEMBER 2014

TIME: 2 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS:

- This paper consists of **TWO** Sections **A** & **B**.
- Section **A** is **Compulsory**.
- Answer any other **TWO** questions in Section **B**.

This paper consists of Three printed pages.

SECTION A (Compulsory)

QUESTION 1

- a) Identify the sentence – skills mistakes at the underlined spots. From the options given below, choose the sentence error that describes each mistake. (missing comma, sentence fragment, run-on, misplaced modifier)

Kenya will never be a drug-free i) society but we could eliminate many of our drug-related problems by legalizing drugs. Drugs would be sold by companies and not criminals 2) if they were legal. The drug trade would then take place like any 3) business freeing the police and courts to devote their time to other problems.

(6 marks)

- b) Change the following underlined form of verbs into present simple tense.

i) I left for work at 7.30am yesterday morning.

ii) My husband watched the TV last evening.

(4 marks)

- c) In the sentences given below, indicate whether it is an adverb clause, verbal phrase or adjective clause.

i) Kiplagat, who is an Olympic Gold Medalist in diving, is now pursuing an acting career.

ii) Spending some time in the sun is good for most people, because sunlight causes the body to produce Vitamin D.

iii) Positioning herself for her rebound, pilar rushed under the basket.

(6 marks)

- d) Revise each of the following sentences to make them less wordy.

i) Akio transferred the waste material to the large metallic receptacle.

ii) I painted it with my brush that was made of horsehair.

(5 marks)

- e) In each of the following sentence, indicate the punctuation mark where it is needed.

i) Sheila have you seen my gloves

ii) She said we were going to a tea party a tea party

iii) Everyones dog must be leased

iv) Sal said help me carry these books guys

v) Your car John has the largest bumpers I ever seen

(5 marks)

- f) Indicate the compound subjects in the following sentences:

i) Gregory and Margret registered for their judo class.

ii) After her evening jog, Janet steamed clams and made a salad.

(4 marks)

SECTION B (Answer any **TWO** questions)

QUESTION 2

You are a rewrite specialist for the “News World Newspaper”. Your job is to take notes over the telephone from a reporter and write a first draft of a news article. Write an article on “The West gate attack”. **(20 marks)**

QUESTION 3

You are writing to your friend who lives in another city. Your friend is coming to visit you. Write a letter and give directions to your house. **(20 marks)**

QUESTION 4

a) Describe any **FIVE** characteristics of conversational English. **(10 marks)**

b) Explain any **FIVE** demerits of written English. **(10 marks)**

QUESTION 5

You are the Youth leader in Nairobi. You have carried out a research on the consistent drug trafficking amongst the youths. Write a Report. **(20 marks)**