



# TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY OF MOMBASA

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SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION STUDIES

**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION FOR:**

**BACHELOR OF JOURNALISM AND MASS COMMUNICATION**

**BMC 4108: ENGLISH FOR MASS COMMUNICATION**

**END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATION**

**SERIES: APRIL 2016**

**TIME: 2 HOURS**

**DATE: Pick Date Apr 2016**

## Instructions to Candidates

You should have the following for this examination

-Answer Booklet, examination pass and student ID

This paper consists of **FIVE** questions. Attempt Choose instruction. Question One and Question Two are Compulsory. Answer any Two Questions thereafter.

**Do not write on the question paper.**

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## Question ONE

### QUESTION ONE

- a) Write four sentences according to the guidelines provided;
  - i. Use *that* as an adjective (2mks)
  - ii. Use *like* as a preposition (2mks)
  - iii. Use *sign* as a noun (2mks)
  - iv. Use *turn* as a verb (2mks)
- b) Rewrite the following sentences in the active voice
  - i. The savannah is roamed by beautiful giraffes. (3mks)
  - ii. The last cookie was eaten by whom? (3mks)
  - iii. The concussion was caused by his head hitting a rock on the ground. (3mks)

## Question TWO

- a) Change the tense of the verb, according to the directions given

- i. I read about a small, powerful microscope for examining objects indoors and outdoors (Change to future perfect) (2mks)
  - ii. The class talked about a special show featuring sea turtles at the museum (change to future perfect progressive) (2mks)
  - iii. She played basketball in college (change to future progressive) (2mks)
- b) Classify the phrase in the following sentence and explain why; the phrase is italicized
- i. The baby's forehead was warm *with a fever* (2mks)
  - ii. My stamps are those *on the counter* (2mks)
  - iii. Rena likes the view *from the fourth floor* (2mks)
  - iv. But I don't like *cleaning my room*(2mks)
  - v. It is time *to go to school*. (2mks)

### Question THREE

A well-known scientist who graduated from TUM is making a return visit to unveil a new invention. No one knows exactly what it is. You have been chosen to meet the scientist and to get a preview of the product. Your assignment is to write about the meeting for the local newspaper. Write a brief article using at least ten of the following words correctly; from, either.....or, could have, prosecute, famous, somewhat, that, as if, then, who, as fast as, alumna, alumni, data, imply, credulous, any adapt.(20mks)

### Question FOUR

Rewrite the following paragraph using the correct verb usage

Penguins have intrigued me since I have watched a special about them on television several years ago. Having lived in Antarctica, penguins face many challenges as they attempt to travel from place to place. These flightless birds spent more than half of their lives in the water, and they swim like fish. They use their feet and tails to have steered themselves in the water and their strong flippers to push themselves forward. Emperor penguins are incredible divers and have been knowed to go down a thousand feet. No other bird has ever dive that deep. On land, a penguin has taken short steps and sways from side to side. Their sharp claws are used by them to grip the icy surface as they hop from one block to another. When it has been necessary for them to move extremely fast, penguins resort to their specialty, belly tobogganing. Penguins appear comical and clumsy as they slide across slippery surfaces on their fat bellies. (20mks)

### Question FIVE

Rewrite the following paragraph by correctly using the modifiers

Alexander Pushkin is considered to be Russia's most greatest poet. Pushkin wrote during the early 1800s and is still wide read by his modern countrymen. Some Russians, if they must choose among Pushkin, Tolstoy, or Dostoyevsky, will say Pushkin is better of the three. He was short and had a flat nose and a roughly complexion. Pushkin attended school, but afterward, he quick entered the foreign ministry. His early poems, "Ode to Freedom" and "Noel" were not received too good by the Czar. Because he spoke bad about the government in these poems, Pushkin was exiled to a place far away from the centre of political influence. He was discharged from his government job, returned home and did nothing but what he was better at which of course was writing poetry. Of all his later works "Boris Godonov" and "Eugene Onegin" are the more popular.

Pushkin made it clear in his work that he felt individual rights were no less important than those of the state.  
(20mks)