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## **BMC 2102: BASIC ENGLISH COMPETENCIES**

SUPPLEMENTARY/SPECIAL EXAMINATIONS

**SERIES:** JULY 2014

**TIME:** 2 HOURS

### **INSTRUCTIONS:**

- This paper consists of **TWO** Sections **A** & **B**.
- Section **A** is **Compulsory**.

– Answer any other **FOUR** questions in Section **B**.

***This paper consists of Three printed pages.***

**SECTION A (Compulsory)**

**QUESTION 1**

- a) Identify causes of poor spellings in English. **(5 marks)**  
b) Suggest ways of bettering one's spellings and averting spelling mistakes. **(5 marks)**  
c) Complete the sentences below with either 'if' or 'when' where necessary. **(5 marks)**  
i) \_\_\_\_\_ you came earlier you would be shocked.  
ii) \_\_\_\_\_ he had a PhD, he would have been hired as a senior lecturer.  
iii) \_\_\_\_\_ I get my salary, I usually shop for books.  
iv) She would have been a designer \_\_\_\_\_ she studied design at the University.  
v) We will know the terms \_\_\_\_\_ we speak to the owner of the vehicle.
- d) Identify **FIVE** disadvantages of using the passive voice in journalistic writing. **(5 marks)**
- e) Complete using the appropriate article. **(5 marks)**  
i) Smith is \_\_\_\_\_ oldest boy in this class.  
ii) \_\_\_\_\_ honest man always commands respect and admiration.  
iii) Any day is \_\_\_\_\_ good day.  
iv) "Take care! That is \_\_\_\_\_ hornet's nest!" shouted Belinda.  
v) This is \_\_\_\_\_ sandwich that my mother packed for me.
- f) Complete the sentences below by inserting a noun formed from the verb in brackets. **(5 marks)**  
i) Their \_\_\_\_\_ to participate surprised everyone. (refuse)  
ii) The \_\_\_\_\_ of Emmy Kosgei was greeted by loud shrieks of excitement from her fans. (appear)  
iii) The \_\_\_\_\_ of this town did not leave a \_\_\_\_\_ for future \_\_\_\_\_. (expand, plan, provide)

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

**QUESTION 2**

Hamadi has a serious spelling problem. He does not know what to do and is afraid it might affect his performance in the impending exam. Advise him on how to improve his spellings and avoid spelling mistakes. **(10 marks)**

**QUESTION 3**

The following sentences have errors. Rewrite them in the correct way. **(10 marks)**

- i) His comments were critical, surprising but we paid attention to them.  
ii) I live in a peaceful rural area, so there are not many excited events to tell you about.  
iii) The answer is expected to this type of question is 'no'.  
iv) When the weather is hot and the humidity is high, I often feel sleepily.  
v) The dentist gave me an injection, so I felt painless while he was drilling the tooth.  
vi) I like both dresses; one is beautiful but the other is more elegance.  
vii) She can be very sarcastical when she wants to be, so be careful what you say to her.  
viii) Margaret is a rather shy and reserve girl but you will find that she is kind and helpful.  
ix) Peter's family felt sadly when he left to study oversees.

x) This type of fruit grows quickly and tastes sweetly.

#### QUESTION 4

Rewrite the sentences below with the verb in brackets in the correct tense.

**(10 marks)**

- i) I ( to go) to school everyday.
- ii) He (to come) back last night
- iii) I (to attend) French classes since last year but I still cannot speak the language fluently.
- iv) I (to finish) my assignments when you come to pick me.
- v) I (to deposit) a lot of money in the bank last week.
- vi) She (to sleep) an hour when I (to wake) her.
- vii) I (to speak) to her shortly.
- viii) He (to write) a book he intends to publish soon.
- ix) I (to study) English for two years.

#### QUESTION 5

Add the appropriate ending to the words in brackets so that the sentences can make sense.

**(10 marks)**

- i) The blaring music from the matatu \_\_\_\_\_ (irritate) me.
- ii) The \_\_\_\_\_ (beauty) girl is my friend.
- iii) She felt \_\_\_\_\_ (hope) because she was \_\_\_\_\_ (job)
- iv) I felt \_\_\_\_\_ (power) against the \_\_\_\_\_ (power) forces.
- v) John is often \_\_\_\_\_ (act) but he looked dull today.
- vi) Being \_\_\_\_\_ (mind) of others prevents one from taking part in such \_\_\_\_\_ (mind) acts.
- vii) It is \_\_\_\_\_ (accept) to hunt in the forest if one has a permit.

#### QUESTION 6

Discuss any two sentence errors that are often made in English.

**(10 marks)**