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

END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS

**SERIES:** APRIL 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 Four printed pages.***

## SECTION A (Compulsory)

### QUESTION 1

- a) Punctuate the following sentences. **(5 marks)**
- the evictees property will be kept safe
  - the owners concern was the safety of his children
  - fatuma and patels schools are involved in tree planting at arabuko sokoke
  - gikonyo and seifs clothes are dirty
  - grace and charles mothers are teachers.
- b) Define a sentence. **(2 marks)**
- c) The type of sentence is often determined by the function of a particular sentence. Identify the **FOUR** sentence types. **(4 marks)**
- d) List any **FOUR** types of sentence structures. **(4 marks)**
- e) Complete the gaps using the most appropriate word from the given choice. **(5 marks)**

A lot, ripped, unison, many, broke, liking, favour, privilege, during

My brother and I used to fight a great deal as children. We did \_\_\_\_\_ (i) of things together, not always in complete \_\_\_\_\_ (ii). In fact, on one occasion, he actually \_\_\_\_\_ (iii) my arm, I suppose he really did me a \_\_\_\_\_ (iv), as I missed the school exams \_\_\_\_\_ (v) that year.

- f) Name **FIVE** different types of sentence errors. **(5 marks)**
- g) Outline **FIVE** characteristics of a summary that distinguish it from a report. **(5 marks)**

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

### QUESTION 2

A cable TV company, ABC Ltd sent you a bill a month ago and you paid it. The company sent you a receipt, last week, you received another bill from the company for the same amount. Write a letter of complaint, pointing out that you have already paid the bill. **(10 marks)**

### QUESTION 3

Complete the sentences below using the correct word from the choice in brackets. **(10 marks)**

- It is suspected that an amount of one million shillings (has, have) been misappropriated but the councilor says five hundred thousand shillings (was, were) spent on paying school fees for needy children.
- A number of children (have, has) not done (his, their) homework.
- The jury (was, were) asked to give (their, its) opinions.
- The panel of interviewers (have, has) been asked to submit (its, their) report by tomorrow morning.
- The gang with all its members (was, were) cordoned by the police who also tried (his, their) best to control the crowd at the same time.

#### QUESTION 4

In the sentence below:

- a) Identify the type of sentence error. **(5 marks)**  
b) Rewrite the sentence correctly. **(5 marks)**
- i) The media, most of them operate more than one media vehicle, like the Standard Group it operates KTN which is under broadcast media, Radio Maisha and at the same time Standard Newspaper, hence the Standard Group is a conglomerate that operates several channels of media and it would be good to work there.
  - ii) A punishment will be given to them by the headmaster.
  - iii) It is cold outside, put on a jacket.
  - iv) Right after the Christmas holidays and during those three weeks before class begins in January.
  - v) Raphael was praised by the Mathematics teacher and Raphael's friends gave him presents.

#### QUESTION 5

Rewrite the sentences below using the correct positive, comparative or superlative form of the adjectives in brackets **(10 marks)**

- i) Iron is the (useful) of all metals
- ii) This is the (good) novel I have ever read.
- iii) David is (bad) than his brother.
- iv) Your ideas are always (big) than everybody else's.
- v) Gikandi is the (old) of the two brothers.
- vi) Which of the two girls is (tall)?
- vii) He is the (strong) boy in the whole school.
- viii) Of the two sisters, Mary is the (beautiful).
- ix) Grace is (good) at Tae Kwon-do than Samantha.
- x) She is the (intelligent) girl I know!

#### QUESTION 6

Complete the sentences with nouns formed from the words in brackets at the end of the sentence.

**(10 marks)**

- i) \_\_\_\_\_ by others should not determine one's \_\_\_\_\_. (happy, accept)
- ii) The building was closed for \_\_\_\_\_. They also undertook \_\_\_\_\_ in the process.  
(Fumigate, maintain)
- iii) He now realizes that it was utter \_\_\_\_\_ to look at his master's daughter in sheer \_\_\_\_\_.  
(admire, stupid)
- iv) The \_\_\_\_\_ of the trade must have been done with some sort of \_\_\_\_\_. (legal, intelligent)
- v) When looking at that man, one expects to find a lot of \_\_\_\_\_ but what they actually get is of the highest order. (mature, foolish)

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