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BMC 4123: ENGLISH FOR JOURNALISTS AND ENGLISH PHONETICS

SUPPLEMENTARY/SPECIAL EXAMINATIONS

SERIES: FEBRUARY/MARCH 2013

TIME: 2 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Answer question **ONE (Compulsory)** and any other **FOUR** questions in section **B**.

This paper consists of Three printed pages

SECTION A (Compulsory)

QUESTION 1

- a) Using any of the scenarios below, write out **THREE** different types of leads for a feature story. **(15 marks)**
 - i) A feature story on a celebrity figure who has recently been crowned a peace ambassador.
 - ii) Drug addiction amongst the youth in Mombasa County.
- b) The sound /h/ is a unique sound that usually gives a lot of problem to many English learners. Discuss. **(4 marks)**
- c) Transcribe the following phonemes (sounds) orthographically (into words). **(6 marks)**
 - i) /SIJ/
 - ii) H.t/
 - iii) /leIt/
 - iv) /weI/
 - v) /sellbreIfn/
 - vi) /fIə/

- d) i) Define a sentence. (1 mark)
ii) Sentence types are defined by the function the sentence serves State the **FOUR** types of English sentences. (4 marks)

SECTION B (Answer any TWO questions)

QUESTION 2

Discuss:

- a) Spoken English. (4 marks)
b) Written English. (4 marks)
c) English for small screen devices. (2 marks)

QUESTION 3

Use the given preposition to complete the sentences that follow. (10 marks)

Between, from, among, to, since, at, in, on

- i) There was a fight ____ the two gangs.
ii) His subject was 'Life ____ the Eskimos'.
iii) He has been happy _____ last Friday
iv) You have sold your car ____ a good price.
v) He goes ____ the supermarket every morning.
vi) Please wait for me ____ the gate.
vii) She lives _____ Mombasa.
viii) There is a holiday _____ the 12th of December.
ix) The weather is cold ____ June.
x) We are ____ friends.

QUESTION 4

- a) Rectify the following sentences. (5 marks)
i) Avoid to make these sort of mistakes
ii) Myself and my sister will not be present
iii) You are going on with your piano lessons?
iv) She is going each morning to the school.
v) My brother he's found in the first class.
b) Complete the sentences below using either past or passed where necessary. (5 marks)
i) He ____ his English exam
ii) The ____ month was wet.
iii) She _____ the salt to the guest
iv) "It's all in the ____ !" shouted Erick.
v) The door was open when I walked _____.

QUESTION 5

Below are **FIVE** sets of sentences. In each set:

- a) Choose the sentence that is **grammatically correct**. (5 marks)
b) **Rectify** the incorrect sentence. (5 marks)
i) How vile would he be if you were employed?
If you come in the morning, you would find him in the house.
ii) He reached the final round of the mens' competition

Currently potatoes are more expensive than capsicums.

- iii) The success of the borehole project is one of the recent developments that justifies our faith in the CDF kitty.

She is the best of several athletes of great promise who seems to be out of favour with the selectors.

- iv) All of the boys were in class in the morning.

Everyone's shoes will be kept outside the room.

- v) The students were all seated by the time the teacher came in.

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QUESTION SIX

Complete the sentences below with nouns, adjectives and adverbs formed from the words in brackets. **(10 marks)**

- i) The peacock spreads its wings _____ (beauty) as it walks _____ (majestic) in a bid to attract a female.

- ii) _____ (create) students always create _____ (wonder) items and artifacts.

- iii) He has shown great _____ (improve) and it is _____ (commend)!

- iv) The _____ (investigate) stopped with the _____ (culminate) of insecurity in the county.

- v) He was the _____ (arbitrate) in the murder case that was decided on _____ (wisdom).

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