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## **BMC 2114: BASIC ENGLISH COMPETENCE**

END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS

**SERIES:** APRIL 2013

**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

Use the following scenario to answer the questions that follow:

You are an assistant chef at Georgina restaurant in Mombasa. Your restaurant is hosting top officials from the Kenya Army.

- a) Write a recipe of the main meal you will be preparing for them. **(15 marks)**
- b) Assume there is a vacancy at the restaurant for the position of top chef. Write an application letter for the same. **(15 marks)**

## SECTION B (Attempt any FOUR questions)

### QUESTION 2

- a) Rewrite the sentence below in the outlined tenses. **(5 marks)**  
**Natasha runs**
- Present progressive tense
  - Simple future tense
  - Present perfect progressive
  - Past perfect progressive tense
  - Simple past tense
- b) Complete the sentences with either 'if' or 'when' where necessary. **(5 marks)**
- \_\_\_\_\_ you came earlier you would be shocked.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ he had PhD, he would have been hired as a senior lecturer
  - \_\_\_\_\_ I get my salary, I usually shop for books.
  - She would have been a designer \_\_\_\_\_ she studied design at the University.
  - We will know the terms \_\_\_\_\_ we speak to the owner of the vehicle.

### QUESTION 3

- a) Complete the following sentences using either 'its' or 'it's' where applicable. **(5 marks)**
- \_\_\_\_\_ a bright day today.
  - The lion cannot walk properly because it hurt \_\_\_\_\_ paw badly.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ a sorry state we are in!
  - He believes \_\_\_\_\_ impossible to get a job in that company
  - Every dog has \_\_\_\_\_ day.

- b) Complete the sentences below using either 'their', 'these', 'these' or 'this' where applicable.

**(5 marks)**

- i) \_\_\_\_\_ house was razed to the ground in the recent inferno.
- ii) The soup was returned to the kitchen because \_\_\_\_\_ was a cockroach in it
- iii) \_\_\_\_\_ is the house that my father built for us before he left for Canada.
- iv) It was \_\_\_\_\_ shoes that he used to smash the snake's head.
- v) Unfortunately, \_\_\_\_\_ is no other way out of this mess!

#### **QUESTION 4**

**a) Form sentences using adverbs formed from any of the words given below.**

**(5 marks)**

- i) Care
- ii) Loudness
- iii) Naughty
- iv) Faithful
- v) Truth

**b) Form sentences using adjectives formed from any of the words given below.**

**(5 marks)**

- i) Description
- ii) Decision
- iii) Care
- iv) Knowledge
- v) Excitement

#### **QUESTION 5**

Complete the following sentences using the appropriate positive, comparative or superlative form of the word in brackets.

**(10 marks)**

- i) Mombasa is \_\_\_\_\_ than Nairobi. (warm)
- ii) You should be \_\_\_\_\_ or else you will lose all your money while gambling. (careful)
- iii) This surface is \_\_\_\_\_ now. (smooth)
- iv) It is unfortunate but I am \_\_\_\_\_ when she is not in the room. (happy)
- v) Her condition is now \_\_\_\_\_ than it was last week (good)
- vi) You should dress \_\_\_\_\_ for interviews. (formal)
- vii) This is undoubtedly the \_\_\_\_\_ coffee we have ever drunk. (bad)
- viii) Bill gates is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the software manufacturers. (powerful)
- ix) Brenda is often \_\_\_\_\_ than her twin sister Nadia. (calm).
- x) Sales are usually \_\_\_\_\_ towards the end of the year at the beginning. (high)

## QUESTION 6

In the sentences below:

- a) Identify the error. **(5 marks)**
- b) Re-write the sentence correctly. **(5 marks)**
- i) Because he used a ruler, his line was more straight than mine.
  - ii) Billy is feeling more worse than he was feeling yesterday.
  - iii) We were told to answer the ten last questions
  - iv) He merely thought you wanted one page copied.
  - v) Sandy said that she couldn't barely hear you on your cell phone.

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