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BMC 4123: ENGLISH FOR JOURNALISTS & ENGLISH PHONETICS

END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATION

SERIES: DECEMBER 2012

TIME ALLOWED: 2 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

This paper consists of **SIX** questions in two sections **A & B**

Answer question **ONE (COMPULSORY)** from section **A** and any other **FOUR** from section **B**

This paper consists of **THREE** printed pages

SECTION A

Question One (Compulsory)

- a) You are a Journalist. A peaceful procession is being staged at Bombolulu area in Mombasa County by an advocacy group advocating for peace in Kenya. The police are present at the scene just in case it culminates into a riot. The police officer in charge gives you the following information: The group is called Amani Kwa WanaKenya and consists of young professionals and students from all denominations and backgrounds, interested in seeing a more peaceful Kenya. The procession started at 3pm and the group intends to walk from Bombolulu to the town centre to get the attention of the local leaders and the citizen at large. Write out a half-paged news story based on the information given above. **(10 marks)**
- b) Use the words given below to answer the questions that follow:
(their, there, our, hour, aura, idea, me, right, cat, van)
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- (i) Transcribe them phonetically. (10 marks)
(ii) Identify short, diphthong and triphong vowel sounds. (10 marks)

SECTION B

Question Two

Use the appropriate word from the brackets to complete the sentences below. (10 marks)

- (i) The van carrying the _____ rammed into the _____ track.
(Stationary, Stationery)
- (ii) The driver _____ the screeching sound but he _____ already entered the junction.
(had, heard)
- (iii) _____ is his shoe while _____ are their pens. (this, these)
- (iv) I have been _____ we could go _____ into the woods. (hopping, hoping)
- (v) After parking the aeroplane in the _____ the pilot hung his coat on the _____.
(hanger, hangar)
- (vi) The Marine _____ carried the _____ to the seashore. (corps, corpse)
- (vii) It is the students' _____ to _____ down notes as the lecturer is lecturing. (right, write)
- (viii) The technologists are planning to _____ a _____ that shall be used to cook food much faster. (device, devise)
- (ix) He kept the _____ in the pocket of the _____ of shorts he wore. (pear, pair)
- (x) The brown grizzly _____ walked on the _____ land in search of food. (bear, bare)

Question Three

Complete the sentences below using the noun form of the words in brackets. (10 marks)

- (i) The _____ of the exams will continue until the _____ of the same.
(complete, invigilate)
- (ii) The _____ of several members of staff led to the _____ of the management
(investigate, victim)
- (iii) The _____ of several schools has been received with a lot of _____ among teachers, students and parents.
(excite, nation)
- (iv) With all her _____ she is married to a man who knows no _____. (kind, beautiful)
- (v) Her _____ of the game increased with her _____ in it. (proficient, fond)

Question Four

a) Complete the sentences below using the appropriate preposition. (5 marks)

- (i) I am disappointed _____ her.
- (ii) She jumped _____ the river _____ all her clothes on.
- (iii) The vehicle rammed _____ the wall.
- (iv) He placed the book _____ the bookshelf.

b) Rewrite the following sentence in the tenses given below: (5 marks)

She understood the study.

- (i) Simple present tense
- (ii) Future perfect tense
- (iii) Past perfect tense
- (iv) Simple future tense
- (v) Future progressive

Question Five

You have received a call informing you of a group of youth involved in cleaning up their estate. As the editor-in-chief of P.Q Media Ltd, explain the elements you would consider when determining whether to publish the article or not. (10 marks)

Question Six

Complete using the appropriate article where necessary. (10 marks)

____(i)_____ egg a week is necessary for ____ (ii)_____ good health.

____(iii)_____ Eagles are ____ (iv)_____ best team in the league

He had to deliver ____ (v)_____ painting to the school with ____ (vi)_____ red roof.

The children shared ____ (vii)_____ apple amongst ____ (viii)_____ themselves

__ (ix)_____ lion is ____ (x)_____ grizzly animal.

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