

PRIMARY LEAVING EXAMINATIONS ENGLISH 2000

SECTION A

Sub-section I

In each of the questions 1 to 5, fill the blank space with the correct word or group of words.

1. They haven't mettwo years now.
2. He is a famous leader aboutmany books have been written.
3. If he had been careful, the accident.....happened.
4.she works hard, she will not pass the examination.
5. The driver lost his because he.....hardly read or write.

In each of the questions 6 to 10, use the correct form of the word given in the brackets to complete the sentence.

6. Before his.....he visited many hospitals. (die)
7. The headmaster'swas very complicated. (sign)
8. Lwantaleto the teacher for coming late. (apology)
9. Warm clothes are.....by people in cold areas. wear)
10. It rainedyesterday. (heavy)

In each of questions 11 and 12, use each of the given words in a sentence to show that you know their different meanings.

11. Borrow
12. Lend

In each of the questions 13 and 14, re-arrange the given words to make a correct sentence.

13. I him to not today expect do come.
14. know to he her wanted age.

In each of the questions 15 to 17, write the given abbreviation in full.

15. Mr.

16. e.g.

17. Won't

In each of the questions 18 to 21, re-write the sentence giving the opposite of the word underlined.

18. The bride arrived late.

19. Some of those waitresses have a good job.

20. She reached the town before his arrival.

21. Get the chicken house ready for the cocks.

In each of the questions 22 to 25, re-write the sentence giving a single word for the underlined group of words.

22. The headmaster and all the teachers welcomed the guest of honor.

23. The office chairs, tables and stools must be kept in good condition.

24. The school singers and drum player entertained the visitors.

25. The Mabira trees and bushes should be protected by the government.

In each of the questions 26 to 30, re-write the sentence giving a singular form of the underlined word.

26. She told him to remove the fleas from his hair.

27. He brought the oxen at a very high price.

28. The mice ate all the groundnuts in the store.

29. The ladies arrived late for the party.

30. The knives got lost last week.

Sub-sectional II

In each of the questions 31 to 50, re-write the sentences as instructed in the brackets without changing the meaning.

31. All he needs is to work very hard. He will be able to pass the mathematics paper. (Re-write as one sentence beginning: to be.....)

32. I am not sure whether she swept her mother's bedroom. (Re-write ending:, didn't she?)
33. Go to that room. The must will have a look at your bleeding toe. (Re-write ending as one sentence using the word:let.....)
34. The bees in the main hall sting anyone who disturbs them. (Re-write beginning: anyone.....)
35. It was wrong for Betty to go to town without permission. (Re-write using:should.....)
36. The president told them that the prisoners would be set free only by him. (Re-write using: ".....myself,")
37. He removes his shoes first. Then he starts swimming. (Join into one sentence using:after.....)
38. He has three goats. One is bad and has been tied. (Re-write as one sentence using:of his.....)
39. Magola went to play netball with her friends after doing her weekend homework. (re-write as two separate sentence)
40. Radio Sanyu broadcasts the news in some local languages. (Re-write beginning: the news.....)
41. It is possible that he did not forget his identity card in the taxi. (Re-write using:might.....)
42. Sozi must repeat P.6 if he is to pass his P.L.E well. (Re-write using:will have)
43. She always asks questions that are not direct. (Re-write ending:questions.)
44. Kiiza is a Ugandan. Kiiza is a musician. His music pleases many people. (Re-write as one sentence beginning: Kiiza is.....)
45. I wrote a new address in a notebook. I can't remember where I put that notebook. (Re-write as one sentence using:which.....)
46. Petero was bitten by a snake when he entered the forest at night. (Re-write beginning: a snake.....)
47. In the family, Ali is fifteen, Noor younger than Ali and Abdu is younger than Noor. (Re-write as one sentence.)
48. "There are three children here. Show me the child who resembles the old man," the policeman said. (Re-write as one sentence.)

49. Why did we leave our mathematical sets at school? Was it because we were too tired to carry them? (Re-write as one sentence beginning: did)

50. Masaba is a butcher. Masaba lives in Mbale. Masaba is fat. He is a brown man. (re-write as one sentence)

SECTION B

51. Read the passage below carefully and answer the questions which follow in full sentences.

Matilida is the daughter of Bulasio, the well known bicycle repairer in the village. She is the fourth child in the family. In august this year. Matilida turned twelve; she is now in P.7.

Each day, during the school term. Matilida walks to school, a distance of nearly three kilometers from home. She does so with many other children in the village. They have to walk fast and sometimes run to be in time for the school compound. Matilida and her friends have begun each day like this since they were in P.1. They do it without complaining because they know that general cleaning of the school is part of the daily routine.

One day after school, Matilida and her friends started walking back home. They had just gone beyond the local market when it started raining heavily, but they continued their journey home. They got worried about their books becoming wet because each one of them carried her books in a small polythene bag. As it continued raining heavily, Matilida and her friends started running. Matilida was ahead of the others, showing them where to pass on the wet ground. As they passed near a small rock. Matilida slipped on one hidden in a pool of water and fell with all her books. It was still raining heavily. Everyone stopped to help her. She was all covered in mud. She was lucky that the polythene big was properly tied. Minutes later, it stopped raining.

They now decided to walk slowly and as they reached their village, each took the path to her home. When Matilida reached home, her mother was unhappy to see her looking like a ghost. She helped her to change her clothes.

Afterwards Matilida pulled out everything from her polythene bag. She noticed that her pen and pencil were missing. They must have fallen in the pool. Then she saw a hole in her polythene bag! Although it started raining heavily again. Matilida decided to run back to the place where she had fallen in the pool of water.

- a) How old is Matilida?
- b) How does Matilida get to school early?
- c) Gives a reason why Matilida and her friends have to reach the school early.
- d) Why did Matilida and her friends start running home after school?

e) Why did Matilida fall into the pool of water?

f) How did her friends show that they loved Matilida?

g) Give another word or group of words with the same meaning as the word or words underlined in the passage.

(i) Daily routine.

(ii) Ghost

h) Suggest a suitable TITLE for this passage.

52. The sentences below are not in their proper order. Re-arrange them so that they form a good composition about the election of the president of Uganda.

1. This was not so in the past years.

2. The new constitution of Uganda now says that all Ugandans who are registered voters can vote for any presidential candidate they like.

3. The year 1996 will be remembered as one of the most important years in the history of Uganda.

4. This now means that any Ugandan who became president has very big support from many Ugandans.

5. This is so because it was the year when Ugandans directly elected their president for the first time.

6. Uganda has, therefore, become one of the countries in the world where the people themselves decide who should be their president.

7. Why is it so?

8. Most people believe that this good for Uganda.

9. This is not so ant more.

10. In those years, anyone who was leader of the party which won elections to parliament became the president of Uganda.

53. Below is a short passage of two paragraphs. Re-write and PUNCTUATE the passage correctly in the space provided.

during janes successful party held at the main hall may people got drunk. i personally ate a lot of meat and there were so many other things to eat. Among the many things fish was not the best for me i had terrible diarrhea which made me very weak and sick. asiimwe, my friend came to check on me on the following day.

54. Read the following poem carefully and answer the questions that follow in full sentences.

Cassava, cassava, cassava,

Cassava everywhere;

Cassava in every garden,

Every garden green with it,

Every garden heavy with it,

It was a cassava year.

A swarm of red visitors flew in,

Cassava hosts entertained them,

And warm hospitality it was,

For the visitors soon forgot,

The way that had brought them,

And decided to stay for ever.

Day and night their mission was,

To feed, drink, sleep and mate;

They slept intoxicated with drink and food,

Until their bellies gave way to babies;

Soon young one crawled everywhere,

Living to eat, in a foreign country.

The fathers, mother, daughters and sons,

Declared war on their hosts and

Their children whom they killed

Mercilesslytotal destruction.

Time.....

Always too

Short for the diligent,

Always too

Much for the indolent.

Key:

Intoxicated = drunk

Diligent = hardworking

Indolent = lazy

- a) Give one reason why you think that it was a cassava year.
- b) Suggest who the visitors were.
- c) Why did the visitors forget the way that brought them?
- d) What happened to the cassava gardens in the end?
- e) Suggest a reason why time is always too short for the diligent.
- f) Why do you think is always too long for the indolent?
- g) Give another word which has the same meaning as the word underlined in the poem:
 - (i) Hospitality
 - (ii) Bellies
 - (iii) Intoxicated
- h) Suggest a suitable title for this poem.

55. Peter was a candidate in primary leaving examinations. The results have been released. Jacob meets peter a day later. Below are the question Jacob asked peter.

Complete, in full sentences, what you think were peter's answers.

Jacob: You look sad, what is the matter?

Peter:

Jacob: What was the cause of your poor performance in the PLE?

Peter:

Jacob: What is that reason?

Peter:

Jacob: Why did you stay out school for a whole term?

Peter:

Jacob: Why didn't your father buy the school uniform for you?

Peter:

Jacob: Why did he go to Britain?

Peter:

Jacob: How did you get the money to buy the uniform when your father went to Britain for studies?

Peter:

Jacob: What a kind uncle! You're going to repeat P.7, aren't you?

Peter:

Jacob: I wish you success.

Peter:

Jacob: Good bye.

Peter: