

QUESTION 2 – CLOZE TEST – 10 MARKS

A cloze test is a type of test in which one has to put suitable words in blank spaces in a short passage where words have been left out at intervals of six to ten words. A cloze test has ten blanks which add up to ten marks in the exam. A cloze test evaluates one's comprehension of the passage, different parts of speech, spelling, tense, vocabulary and general language use. Always supply the blank with the **most correct one - word answer**

POINTS TO NOTE ON CLOZE TEST

1. Always read through the passage **at least three times without filling** any words in the blanks
2. Note carefully repeated words and ideas. This could act as **possible clues**
3. Note the **punctuation** of the passage as this gives possible clues
4. Always give **one – word answers** which also include **hyphenated compound words**
5. Ensure that your answers are relevant and **grammatically correct**
6. Put emphasis on **subject – verb agreement**
7. **Use noun numbers correctly** i.e. singular and plural forms

NB: Attempt the following cloze texts in your grammar book. Please inbox me the answers once you are done for marking. **This task should take you two weeks.** Ensure that you have **numbered** your cloze texts **correctly** and **your name/ class** is well indicated for proper recording. Eg. Jane Mwema – 2R or 2P Cloze Test Number 1 Answers: 1. On 2. office 3. ... etc. Start with Cloze Test Number 1

CLOZE TEXT

1. ***Fill each of the blank spaces in the passage below with the most appropriate word. (10mks)***

The decision (1).....information ministers (2).....single out the media (3)..... what is clearly an intrusive audit of (4)performance prior to, (5) ,and after the highly problematic December 2007 election should not come as a surprise. (6).....has come as a surprise (7) the somewhat muted response from the media fraternity. From a lot that is usually vocal in the (8) of its rights (9)both real and imaginary foes, the silence is (10)frightening than government's seemingly single minded determination to gag the media.

2. ***Read the passage below and fill in each space with an appropriate word (10mk)***

We say that all children are born equal (1) _____, apparently, not in Kenya where the National primary school results (2) _____yesterday again display the superior performance of private schools students compared to their counterparts in the public school system. This is (3) _____worrying trend. We are building an unequal education system where the wealthy can literally buy success. Those children (4) _____parents have the means will attend private schools where they stand better prospects of good primary school results, and thus have a head start in the competition for (5) _____to the best secondary schools, and intimately the best chance at coveted university places. The children whose parents are not wealthy will have to (6) _____ with inferior education from the word go. They will be (7) _____by the education system, and ultimately condemned to lesser professional and employment prospects. That is not the way to build a society where all have an equal chance (8) _____making it in life. This problem with the education system has been evident for

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some time. It has been studied by academics and by task (9) ____ and has been the subject of numerous reports. It is evident however, that the government has never taken it seriously enough to take any (10) ____ action.

3. Fill in the blank spaces with the most appropriate word (10mks)

There are (1)..... people who have never known the real value of ironing clothes before use. These people find ironing a (2)..... activity in the house and it continues daily without anybody ever giving it much thought. By wearing clothes (3)..... are well ironed, we look smart. There is definitely a great (4)..... between clothes that are not ironed and those that are well ironed. Ironing is one of the most important activities as (5)..... as promotion of personal hygiene is concerned. When clothes are hung (6)..... to dry, they are exposed to insects which could lay eggs or leave poisons that are (7)..... to us. Ironing protects us (8)..... some diseases. (9)..... clothes are not ironed before wearing, we are likely to (10)..... from various skin problems such as skin rashes and irritations.

4. Fill in the blank spaces with the most appropriate word (10mks)

Although (1) ____ president and prime minister effectively (2) ____ a ceasefire (3) ____ they (4) ____ on the telephone (5) ____ Wednesday night and asked their lieutenants to cease hostility, ____ relationship may not be out of the woods (7) _____. The president (8) ____ prime minister differed when Raila (9) ____ the suspension of (10) ____; William Ruto of Agriculture and Sam Onger of Education a week ago.

(Adapted from The Standard Newspaper)

5. Read the passage below and fill in each blank space with an appropriate word. (10mks)

The (1)..... common way for germs to spread from one person to another or from animals to people is (2) drinking water. Drinking water from a tap is not possible for everybody (3) wells and springs can be kept clean. Wells need a fence around them to prevent animals from falling (4) People might not notice that there was a dead animal in the well. Then it would rot and every one would become (5)

(6) can put germs into springs and water-holes with their feet and tongues if they drink from them. Springs and water-holes need a (7) around them too. Best of all, drinking water sources should be covered and water taken (8) with a pump. People must not use the grass or bushes near a source of drinking water as (9) The (10)..... can easily be washed into the water by the rain.

6. Fill in the blank spaces with the most appropriate word (10mks)

Elephants are entirely vegetarian. They may ____ up to 300kg a day, which is hundred ____ as much as a human being would consume. ____ diet is varied since they are both browsers and grazers. When there are too many elephants in a ____, they eat so much food that ____ there are no more leaves on the trees and bushes. They even resort to eating the bark of ____ trees; and this kills the trees completely. Then there ____ only the grass to eat, so the elephants eat that leaving the soil _____. Strong winds and heavy rains quickly wash ____ the good soil. The resulting ____ impoverishes the soil so that no more plants will grow.

7. Fill in the blank spaces with the most appropriate word (10mks)

The US vice-president, Joe _____(1) was recently in the country yet for some reasons his visit _____(2) elicited much excitement. No traditional dancers at the airport or the 'we love you Biden!' screams (3) just irritation. It makes one _____(4) why heads of states insist _____(5) sending envoys at great _____(6) to tax payers to deliver messages to foreign leaders. That probably made lots of sense in the dark day _____(7) communication was the forte of the village drummer. _____(8) in this age of _____(9), twitter, face book and the mobile phone, and emissary who _____(10) a whole city into a dizzy spin just to deliver _____(11) message sounds crazy.

8. Read the passage below and fill in each blank space with an appropriate word. (10mks)

One of the challenges.....(1)the country today is youth unemployment. Related to this is lack of patriotism and a sense of.....(2). A number of interventions have been rolled to tackle.....(3)challenges that youth issues are so.....(4),they deserve a ministry, not just a(5).

Among the notable programmes by the ministry was the creation.....(6). Youth fund, whose objective is to.....(7)money to youth people to venture into business.(8) it is too early to assess its impact, the intention was noble.

Following this,.....(9) government now wants to re-introduce a company paramilitary training programme for school leavers.....(10) the National Youth Service.

9. Read the passage below and fill in each blank space with an appropriate word

Different types of oral literature can have (1) _____, if not identical, functions. One can use stories, riddles and proverbs, among other kinds of oral literature, to express (2) _____. It is (3) _____ true to say that one type of oral literature may have many different (4) _____. For example a work song that (5) _____ people to pull together in their efforts may also be sung as entertainment for children, or as a political weapon when people are competing in parliamentary elections. It is (6) _____ important that when one is collecting a song, one must also find out for what purpose it is being sung. (7) _____ the text of the song is important, its context must (8) _____ be well known. The interest of the song is greatly enhanced and it is given (9) _____ proper character by the (10) _____ in which it is sung.

10. Read the passage below and fill in each blank space with the appropriate word.

Garbage, garbage and more garbage; easy to generate but difficult to (1) _____ of. But if we stopped complaining about its choking (2) _____ for even one minute, we would realise that there is (3) _____ that we can do about it perhaps even earn a living (4) _____ it.

There are women groups that have been making and selling high (5) _____ manure from domestic waste such as potato and banana peels. In so doing they create employment for (6) _____ and those who collect the garbage for them. The manure is said to be so (7) _____ that it causes crops to yield three times as much as other types of manure (8) _____ fertilizers. This boosts our agricultural sector (9) _____.

In a country like Britain, waste paper can now be eaten. It is softened and sweetened (10) _____ a certain technology then fed to cows. Such cows are said to produce creamier milk.