

English Language 1

Instructions

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ENGLISH LANGUAGE 1

Instructions for the conduct of Section A
(Listening Comprehension Test - 5 marks)

These instructions are for the use of the teacher only and must not be shown to the candidates.

The question paper for the Listening Comprehension test should be distributed to the candidates. Candidates should be instructed to enter the details required on the front cover of the question booklet. They should then be told to, without opening the booklet, pull out their Answer Sheet carefully from inside the front cover of the booklet and fill in the information required. Ensure that candidates do NOT open the question paper until they are told to do so after the first reading of the Listening Comprehension passage (see below).

The complete test should take 25 minutes. The timing commences at the beginning of the first reading of the passage. The short time allowed to candidates for reading the questions should be two minutes.

If the teacher considers it desirable to give an extra reading of any group of words because of some noise from outside or for any other good cause, this can be done. If this is found necessary, the cause must be reported to the Board on the special report form.

The procedure for giving the Listening Comprehension test is explained in the following announcement which the teacher should read to the candidates immediately before the test:

I shall read a passage to you once. You are not allowed to write anything during this first reading. Do not look at your question paper. (First reading)

The timing of the test (25 minutes) commences at this point. The teacher should read the passage through at normal reading speed, avoiding any distortion of features of spoken language. The teacher then announces:

Now open your question paper. I shall give you two minutes to look at the questions on the paper. They are grouped into three sections. Do not write anything.

The teacher allows an interval of two minutes and then announces:

I shall now read the passage through again but this time in three stages. When I have finished reading the first section you will be given two minutes in which to provide answers to the first section of the questions. Your answers must be given as instructed in the booklet. This procedure will then be repeated for the other sections. You will be allowed two minutes at the end of the test for final revision. You may still look at the questions and you may make notes on the blank spaces in the booklet, if you wish, as I read. First section:

The teacher should read each section aloud pausing for about 4 seconds at each slant line. A two-minute interval should be respected after each section. Two minutes after reading the third section the teacher should make the following announcement:

You now have the remainder of the 25 minutes for final revision.

LISTENING COMPREHENSION.

YAMS FROM HEAVEN

SECTION ONE

Once upon a time/ there lived a good and faithful christian in one of the villages in Cameroon./ He had a wife and children./ the children were three in number/ two of them were boys and one was a girl./ All the children attended a distant village school./ The man was not quite healthy / so he could not work hard on his farm as other men did./ Hence, his family was very poor./ One morning his wife discovered that there was only one piece of yam left in the house./ This made her worried./ the piece of yam was all she had for the whole family./ for breakfast and lunch./ Yam meals were frequently taken in Ghana and Nigeria/ where the man had once lived./ When the last piece of yam was cooked for breakfast, the woman became very sad./ She asked her husband, "Where can we get some more yams for this evening's meal?/ The children will soon be home from school / and I have nothing to cook for them"./ The husband answered/ "God will always give us our daily bread if we trust in him, / so do not be worried my dear."/

SECTION TWO

That afternoon/ when school was over, / the children came home running./ They were happy because they looked forward to having their evening meal./ Unfortunately for them, all their mother could say to them was/ "Oh dear! I don't know what you are going to eat./ There is no food left in the house./ It is really regrettable"./

You can imagine how disappointed the hungry children were on hearing their mother's declaration./ The two younger children began to cry/ but the eldest one remembered what their teacher had told them in school, / so he said/ "Our teacher taught us that when we are in need of anything, we should pray to God./ He will always help the poor and the needy"./ With these words they all knelt down and began to pray/ knowing that God always answers prayers. /

SECTION THREE

That same afternoon, two of the man's sisters were coming to visit them./ As they were walking along the road./ they suddenly heard the noise of a lorry / The lorry was coming towards them./ It bumped and swayed along the rough road/ and they ran to the side of the road to let it pass./ They saw that the lorry had a huge pile of very healthy looking yams /

As the lorry approached the village,/ it had to negotiate a blind corner / It turned so fast that it nearly overturned its contents on the rough road./ About a dozen yams fell off the lorry to the ground as a result of the swift turn./

The driver, quite energetic and about two scores old,/ did not notice anything./ The women shouted to him to stop,/ but he did not./ Even though they all regretted that the fallen yams were not collected by the driver,/ they quickly picked them up and took them to their brother's house,/ since they knew that his family was poor and needy./ More importantly, they had no other present for them./

The family members were praying when the women knocked at the door./ When the door was opened after the prayer,/ behold, there was total joy when the sisters, sisters-in-law, and aunts came in with a dozen of fat yams./ Indeed, the yams were from heaven./ The family feasted on the yams and thanked God for sending them what they needed for food./ With God everything is possible./