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Credit : 1/2

Instructions: Answer all questions in serial order, while watching your grammar.

SECTION A: READING COMPREHENSION (20Marks)

Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow.

Dr Frederick Nganito plunged into the affairs of the hospital with frightening ardour. Although he had always believed in discharging his duties wholeheartedly, irrespectively of where he was working, the fact that this was his hospital, his personal property, added more impetus to his natural propensity for hard, relentless work. He had recruited two more doctors, young graduates from the National School of Health Science, to add to the three volunteers, every single one of them sworn to make the clinic unique in its success in handling patients. The three volunteers worked cheerfully and tirelessly, but they were easily outdone by Fred. They could not match his breathless pace. They advise him to slow down, take it easy, to pace himself. He really had no special responsibilities. Whatever any doctor or nurse did was his responsibility. Not that he was meddlesome, but he believed in cross-checking prescriptions, treatments, operations and the like, just so that no error on the part of any of his staff may tarnish the reputation of the hospital, which rose to the sky within a few months of its existence. When a doctor had a difficult case in the theatre he made sure he hung around and gave advice where necessary. On his part, he carried out five delicate surgeries a day in addition to his administrative duties, in addition to making his round in all the wards.

The fear of letting down his donor friends forced him to be always alert, it goaded him into redoubling his efforts and energies, advancing still another step higher than expected. The hours of his rounds were seen by many as the high spot of the hospital's day. Nurses on duty, visitors, patients and even the three volunteers, made an admiring procession in his wake. He had a special touch which all patients recognised and appreciated and felt very sad if he passed their beds without touching them. They would smile and chuckle. His jokes to patients were endless, many of them declaring themselves cured even without taking their medications, just from the humour he generated in their presence. For the children to whom he was specially devoted, he was irresistible: He had a peculiar whistle, to which some of them came to learn to respond, a prearranged signal to warn them that he was approaching

their wards and that they should be ready to laugh and giggle. Whenever he picked up a syringe and approached a child he intended to inject, he started by screaming himself and he would do it so seriously that the child would burst out laughing and, before he noticed, he had finished his job and was moving to the next ...

He continued to see things so differently and correctly that he was permanently assigned to Dr. Hart Cromwell, the Specialist who handled very complicated and baffling cases. Dr. Hart Cromwell considered him an asset to the profession and made no secret about it. He spoke to Fred very often about medicine and about his future. He gave Fred the addresses of the editors of respectable journals many of whom he know personally.

QUESTIONS

1. Give a suitable title to the above topic. (2Marks)
2. i) What is a thesis sentence? (2Marks)
ii) What is a topic sentence? (2Marks)
3. Why did Fred recruit two more doctors? (2Marks)
4. Why was he admired by all in the hospital? (2Marks)
5. In not more than 60 words, give a summary of the above passage. (10Marks)

SECTION B: Grammar and Vocabulary (30Marks)

I- GRAMMAR

1. Common Errors: Correct the following sentences (10Marks)

1. The school comprises of four Faculties.
2. The chicken was grinded last evening.
3. The Nurses submitted their reports after the dateline.
4. Dorcas will loose her purse if she is not careful.
5. Their arguement has resulted to a fight.
6. Yesterday, the boy break his right leg due to the fall.
7. Nurses can still temporal jobs at the other clinics.
8. It was in the meeting that we heard the news.
9. You people have to pick up all the dirts around you.
10. I not James is responsible for the accident.

2. Put the words in brackets in their appropriate forms to complete the sentences. (5Marks)

- a. Had the police _____ the thieves before you arrived? (take)
- b. After he _____ in that company for years, he gave up the job. (work)
- c. As soon as she _____ the film tomorrow, she will leave for the village. (watch)
- d. If I were you, I _____ the doctor immediately. (see)
- e. Had my teacher worn a safety belt, he _____ his hand. (to beak)

3. Rewrite the sentences as started for you without changing their original meanings. (5Marks)

- a. Protein makes new cells.

- New cells _____
- b. "Don't leave the office before time" said the bank's director to his cashier.
The bank's director _____
- c. She advised her to stop eating sweet things.
Stop eating sweet thing, _____?
- d. The man complained that his wife didn't cook well.
The man's _____
- e. Mr Henry and Mr James didn't attend the meeting.
Neither _____

VOCABULARY (10 Marks)

1. Complete the sentences with appropriate words of your own. (5 Marks)
- The prices of raw materials have fallen whereas those of manufactured goods have surprisingly _____.
 - Although my father _____ a good salary, he cannot make both ends meet as he is the breadwinner of an extended family.
 - In hospitals, _____ are medical agents who care for pregnant women.
 - Money can be safe in a deposit account or a _____.
 - During the holidays, many companies offer _____ to their clients. Some prices fall down by 50%.
2. Do as indicated. (2Marks)
- Write in words the fraction $\frac{2}{3}$. _____
 - Write in words the football match score: 4 - 0. _____
3. Use the correct form of the words in brackets to fill in the blanks. (3Marks)
- I am sorry that I'll be _____ to attend the meeting tomorrow. (able)
 - Drug _____ is prohibited in sport competition. (consume)
 - The performance of our team was _____ we won all our opponents. (satisfy)

SECTION C: SPOKEN ENGLISH (20marks)

1. Subject-verb Agreement/Pronouns: Choose the appropriate verb or pronoun from the brackets to fill in the blanks. (10Marks)

- You who _____ (know/knows) Grace Decca should be proud.
- The scissors Juan used last night to cut Sophia's hair _____ (was/were) too old.
- Neither my friends nor my uncle _____ (like/likes) bananas.
- I who _____ (am/are/is) ready will go first.
- The woman with her four children _____ (is/are) at your gate.
- Tell me _____ (who/whom) you saw at the party.
- The money was sent to Pius, Livinus and _____ (I/me).

- h. Sure, Andrew is short, but he is not as short as _____ (I/me).
- i. The girls prepared better for the party than _____ (them/they/us).
- j. Blasius, Ignasius, Aloysius and _____ (he/him) should divide the money.

2. Translate into English. (5Marks)

- a. Il y a trop d'embouteillages sur nos routes.
- b. Les entreprises brassicoles prospèrent dans les pays pauvres.
- c. Le chômage en milieu universitaire résulte de l'inadéquation entre la formation reçue et les besoins du marché de l'emploi.
- d. Les petites et moyennes entreprises constituent le socle d'une économie créatrice d'emploi.
- e. Pourquoi les pays dits amis ne s'accordent pas toujours le transfert des technologies à moindre coût ?

3. Traduisez en français. (5Marks)

- a. His timely intervention prevented us from borrowing money at such a high rate of interest.
- b. The aim of the after sales services is to keep in contact with the customers.
- c. Sales were thriving when our main competitor launched his new product.
- d. In this company, any shareholder brings his or her contribution to its growth.
- e. People go to auctions expecting to get the goods very cheaply

SECTION D: WRITING (30Marks)

Write an essay of about 350 words on any one of the following topic.

- 1. As president of your school's Science Club, you have being invited to address the students on the importance of a multimedia center in your school. The school is ISMTA and your name is Tamfu Amidou. You may want to demonstrate how the center can help the students in their studies.
- 2. Do you feel that the post office is up to date in your society?
- 3. You have witnessed some instances of corruption in your school. Write a letter of complaint to the managing director of your school citing the instance and suggest what can be done to stop this practice. Your school is higher institute of Advanced Technologies and the post office box is 157 Dikimeneki. Your name is Paul Yabi.