



**COMPETITIVE ENTRANCE EXAMINATION
SERIE D, F, TI, GCE/AL**

ENGLISH LANGUAGE
TIME : TWO HOURS

Anonymat _____

SECTION A: GRAMMAR (10marks)

**I- Choose the appropriate word or expression to complete the sentence.
(5mks)**

- a) The two teams knew.....very well before the match. (each other, themselves, yourself).
- b) If it had been useful to them, they..... given it to you. (should have, would not have, must)
- c) Nobody should embezzle public funds,? (isn't it, should they, shouldn't he)
- d) The rain must stop.....there will be serious floods. (unless, otherwise, meanwhile)
- e) You can only travel to another country you have a passport. (unless, when, by)

II- Fill the blanks with appropriate responses from the brackets. (5mks)

- a) We didn't receive as people as we expected.(a few, many, much)
- b) Susan is.....intelligent girl that she never fails her exams. (so, such an, such a)
- c) I've been working on this exercise.....three hours. (since, for, while)
- d) If you're looking for sandals, you will find themhere. (any, none, no)
- e) His assignment was..... good that she received a prize. (so, such, such an)

SECTION B: VOCABULARY (10 marks)

I- Fill the blanks with the correct form of the word in brackets. (5mks)

- a) The performance of these.....was great. (participate)
- b) Malaria is a.....disease. (dead)
- c) Mary was.....in a rigid manner. (treat)
- d) Chaka Zulu was the of the battle. (win)
- e) Good are carried out in laboratories. (**choose:** experiences/experiments)

**II- Choose the appropriate word to complete the following sentences.
(5mks)**

- a) We make bread from.....(flour, floor, flower).
- b) To become an engineer, one needs good.....(formation, training, experience).
- c) Please, me to call him in the evening. (remember, remind, recollect)

- d) To be recruited, applicants should have five years (experience, expert, experiment)
- e) The students are having their football..... (practice, practise, formation) at this moning.

SECTION C: READING COMPREHENSION (10marks)

Read this text carefully and answer the questions below it.

Some distance away, among the trees I saw what appeared to be a number of huts and beyond were clearly the Matopo Hills. For the first time I realized where I was, nearing the Matopos. I walked towards the huts. I walked for about an hour but I did not appear to get anywhere nearer those huts. They seem to recede, as I advance towards them. I walked on and on wondering how I could ever have missed the road to Essexvale, a road on which I had driven a thousand of times before, and can tell blindfolded. I wondered how a good battery could have gone flat so quickly, so much that it had no power left to turn the starter or lights on.

I found myself among the hills and was about to decide to return to the car since it was beginning to get dark when suddenly I saw fire burning only a few yards away. I stopped. My heart beat faster, my hair stayed stiff, there was sweat on my neck and my knees shook in my trousers. I was petrified with fear.

I saw a man, an old man, sitting by the fire at the mouth of the cave. His eyes were fixed on the burning logs but somehow I felt that he had long been watching me. I wanted to run away but I did not have the strength to run. I found myself walking towards him as if I was not afraid. When I was about fifteen yards away, I stopped and shouted: " *May I enter, my father?*" with accordance with the custom of the *Amandebele* which requires one to announce oneself before one enters a village. Without even lifting his eyes to me, the man replied: " *Yes, Ngwenya, enter son of Mfundisi, enter son of Sam Kange*".

My fear melted into wonder and amazement. How did this man know me or my name? I had never seen him before. His reply, nevertheless, made me feel somehow easy and encouraged me to approach him without being paralysed by fear.

I came near and then sat down, for it is considered bad manners to greet people, particularly people older than oneself, while one is standing.

QUESTIONS

1-Who is the author of the story? Justify your answer with two pronouns.

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2-Give four arguments showing evidence that the author was afraid.

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3-Why was the author afraid when he saw the fire?.....

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4-Why did the author approach the man without fear?.....

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