

UBRIGHT MINDS ACADEMY

END TERM

ENGLISH

Grade: 10
Time: 2 Hours

Term: TERM 3, 2026
Total marks: 60

Name: _____ **Adm. No.:** _____

Class/Stream: _____

Instructions

- (a) Answer the questions as instructed.
- (b) Write clearly and number your answers correctly.
- (c) This paper contains four tasks.
- (d) Answer Task 1.
- (e) Answer Task 2.
- (f) Answer Task 3.
- (g) Answer all five parts of Task 4.

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Tasks	Maximum Score	Candidate's Score
1	10	
2	20	
3	15	
4	15	
Total Score		

TASK 1 (CLOZE TEST) - 10 Marks

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

Good conversation skills help people communicate clearly and respectfully. When someone is speaking, we should listen (1) _____ interrupting them. This shows that we value (2) _____ ideas.

We should maintain eye contact and respond (3) _____ a polite manner. Our voices should be loud enough to be heard, (4) _____ they should not disturb others.

When we disagree with someone, we should express our opinion (5) _____ insulting them. Words such as “please,” “thank you” and “excuse me” show good (6) _____.

We should also avoid asking questions that may make another person feel (7) _____. If we make a mistake, we should apologise (8) _____.

Good listeners wait for their turn (9) _____ speak. Respectful conversation helps people understand one another and build strong (10) _____.

TASK 2 (COMPREHENSION AND SUMMARY) - 20 Marks

Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow.

Nanjala teaches at a public secondary school in a remote area. She chose teaching because she wanted to help young people develop knowledge, confidence and useful life skills. Her work extends beyond presenting lessons in the classroom.

At the beginning of each term, Nanjala prepares lesson plans and learning materials. She monitors learners’ progress and gives extra support to those experiencing difficulties. She also organises a mentorship programme in which older learners guide younger ones.

Teaching in the area is not easy. The school has limited books, overcrowded classrooms and an unreliable internet connection. Some learners travel long distances to school, while others miss lessons because of family responsibilities.

Instead of giving up, Nanjala works with colleagues, parents and community leaders. They collect reading materials, organise study groups and encourage families to keep children in school. She also attends professional-development courses to improve her teaching methods.

Nanjala believes that teachers shape the future of society. Although their work may be tiring, dedicated teachers help learners discover their abilities and prepare for responsible adulthood. Teaching is therefore both a profession and a form of public service.

QUESTIONS

(a) Mention two reasons why Nanjala chose teaching. (2 marks)

(b) State three duties Nanjala performs apart from teaching lessons. (3 marks)

(c) Give two challenges experienced at Nanjala’s school. (2 marks)

(d) How does the community support the learners? (2 marks)

(e) In about 40 words, summarise how Nanjala responds to the challenges at her school. (4 marks)

(f) Explain the statement: “Teachers shape the future of society.” (2 marks)

(g) Explain the meaning of the following words as used in the passage:

a. monitors (1 mark)

b. remote (1 mark)

c. dedicated

(1 mark)

(h) Rewrite the following sentence beginning with *Although*: “The work is tiring, but Nanjala remains committed.”

(2 marks)

TASK 3 (LITERARY AND CREATIVE TEXT APPRECIATION) - 15 Marks

The Guaranteed Return

The entrepreneurship club is examining an online advertisement before deciding whether to invite its presenter to speak at school.

Nalia: The advertisement promises to double any investment within thirty days. It says the opportunity is completely safe and available only until midnight.

Omondi: Does it explain how the money will produce that return?

Nalia: It mentions a “secret digital trading system,” but it does not describe the system. The presenter displays photographs of a large house and an expensive car.

Omondi: Photographs can create an impression of success, but they do not prove where the property or money came from. Is the company registered?

Nalia: No registration number appears. There are many positive comments, although several accounts were created this week.

Omondi: The words “guaranteed” and “completely safe” should make us cautious. Every investment has some level of risk, and reliable opportunities normally explain both possible gains and possible losses.

Nalia lowers the printed advertisement and circles the deadline.

Nalia: The midnight deadline is pushing readers to act before checking. We should verify the company independently and ask a qualified financial adviser before inviting anyone.

Omondi: Agreed. Excitement is not evidence.

QUESTIONS

(a) State the purpose of the discussion.

(2 marks)

(b) Identify two warning signs in the advertisement.

(2 marks)

(c) Describe Omondi’s tone and support your answer with evidence.

(3 marks)

(d) Explain the implied meaning of the statement, “Excitement is not evidence.”

(3 marks)

(e) What does Nalia’s action of lowering the advertisement and circling the deadline communicate?

(2 marks)

(f) Explain why the learners’ final decision is reasonable.

(3 marks)

TASK 4 (GRAMMAR AND LANGUAGE USE) - 15 Marks

(a) Complete each travel direction with the most appropriate preposition.

(3 marks)

(i) The travellers arrived _____ the campsite before sunset.

(ii) They crossed the river _____ a wooden bridge.

(iii) The vehicle moved slowly _____ the thick forest.

(b) Replace each bold informal expression with a suitable formal expression. Write only the replacement.

(3 marks)

(i) Lots of applicants arrived after the registration period.

(ii) The power failure messed up the interview programme.

(iii) The committee promised to sort out the problem.

(c) Join each pair of sentences using so that.

(3 marks)

(i) The learners recorded the elder. Future generations could hear the story.

(ii) The community repaired the museum. The artefacts would remain safe.

(iii) The speaker used simple language. Everyone could understand the message.

(d) Write the complete noun clause functioning as the subject complement.

(3 marks)

(i) The main problem is that the field is flooded.

(ii) The question is what the officials will decide.

(iii) Our expectation is that every athlete will participate.

(e) Choose the correct verb from the brackets.

(3 marks)

(i) What the committee decided _____ recorded in the minutes. (*was/were*)

(ii) That the proposed business failed _____ disappointing. (*is/are*)

(iii) What the members reported _____ the chairperson. (*surprise/surprises*)