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2026

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Time Allowed: 2 hours 15 minutes

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Candidate's Name: .....

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Read the following instructions carefully:

1. Write your **school** or **district name** on your paper.

2. This paper has **two** sections: **A** and **B**. Section **A** has **50** questions and Section **B** has **5** questions. The paper has **17 printed pages**.

3. Answer **all** the questions. **All** the answers for both sections **A** and **B** must be written in the spaces provided.

4. **All** the answers **must** be written using a **blue** or **black** ballpoint pen or ink. Any answer written in pencil will **not** be marked.

5. Unnecessary **changes** in your work and handwriting that cannot be read easily may lead to **loss of marks**

6. Do not fill anything in the table indicated: **FOR EXAMINERS' USE ONLY** and boxes inside the question paper.

FOR EXAMINERS' USE ONLY		
QN. NO.	**MARKS**	**EXR'S NO.**
1-10		
11 – 20		
21 – 30		
31 – 40		
41 – 50		
51		
52		
53		
54		
55		
TOTAL		

SECTION A: 50 MARKS

Questions 1 to 50 carry one mark each.

Subsection I

In questions 1 to 5, fill in the blank space with a suitable word.

1. As ..... as the driver saw children, he reduced the speed.
2. ..... does a female snake look like?
3. It is difficult to post a letter which has no clear .....
4. we shall break ..... for holidays next month.
5. The nurse wanted to treat ..... own wound but he failed.

In each of the questions 6 to 15, use the correct form of the word given in brackets to complete the sentence.

6. All the ..... in the competition received certificates. (participate)
7. The ..... of my bicycle tyres has got a puncture. (old)
8. You and your sister must clean the room by ..... (you)
9. We ..... disappointed when our team lost the match. (feel)
10. The ..... of electricity to the rural areas will save the forests. (extend)
11. Bad weather is very ..... to farmers' crops. (destroy)
12. By the time the visitors arrived, Mother was ..... the house. (tidy)
13. Our teacher encourages us to speak ..... in a debate. (audible)
14. Is watching a film more ..... than listening to news? (enjoy)
15. The children saw two old ..... on the library shelf. (directory)

For questions 16 and 17, arrange the words in alphabetical order.

16. prefect teacher secretary nurse

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17. flour floor float flower

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For questions 18 and 19, write the sentence using the opposite of the underlined word.

18. Mary said that her first term holiday was very <u>exciting</u>.

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19. All the <u>winners</u> of the LC1 elections will attend the meeting.

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In each of the questions 20 and 21, write the plural of the given word.

20. footpath.....

21. officer-in-charge .....

In questions 22 to 24, rewrite the sentence giving one word for the underlined group of words.

22. Brian's new bicycle has a strong <u>part for carrying luggage</u>.

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23. If the suspect is <u>not guilty</u>, he will be released immediately.

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24. The teacher told us to <u>write again</u> the work which we failed.

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For questions 25 and 26, use each of the given words in a sentence to show that you know the difference in their meaning.

25. whether

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26. weather

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In questions 27 and 28, rearrange the given words to form a correct sentence.

27. nice sister pink dress My wore a

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28. village is which your found in parish?

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For questions 29 and 30, write the given words in short form.

29. television .....

30. for example .....

Subsection II

For questions 31 to 50, rewrite the sentences as instructed in brackets.

31. It is not good for drivers to hoot near hospitals.
    (Rewrite the sentence using: .....shouldn't.....)
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32. The hungry boy had no strength to carry his bag.
    (Rewrite the sentence using: .....enough to.....)
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33. What a beautiful basket Mrs Walimbwa has woven!
    (Rewrite the sentence ending: .....very beautiful baskets.)
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34. We are likely to host our uncle during holidays.
    (Rewrite the sentence beginning: Our uncle.....)
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35. The invigilator was friendly but strict. (Rewrite using: .....although.....)
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36. Everybody noticed that Peter was absent from class.
    (Rewrite the sentence beginning: Peter's.....)
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37. In order to raise the car off the ground, the mechanic used a jack.

(Rewrite the sentence using: .....so as.....)

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38. A DVD can store music. A CD can store music.

(Join the two sentences using: ...and so.....)

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39. We read a book of ninety-six pages. (Rewrite ending: .....book.)

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40. Mistreating children and animals is bad.

(Rewrite the sentence using: .....to mistreat.....)

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41. If you are generous, you get many friends. (Rewrite beginning: The more.....)

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42. If we do not grow enough food crops, we shall suffer from famine.

(Rewrite the sentence using: .....or else.....)

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43. You can't log into my account if you don't know the password.

(Rewrite the sentence beginning: Unless.....)

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44. Neither the waitress nor the chef was rude.(Rewrite beginning: Both.....)

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45. Mustafa would have joined our school if he had passed the interview.

(Rewrite the sentence using: .....because he didn't .....)

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46. I want to know the use of a hammer in carpentry.

(Rewrite the sentence using: .....used for.....)

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47. "All living things die," said the teacher.

(Rewrite the sentence beginning: The teacher told.....)

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48. A nice cake has been baked by Aunt Susan. (Rewrite and end: .....cake.)

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49. Few youths in our subcounty are employed.

(Rewrite the sentence beginning: Most.....)

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50. A feature phone is not as expensive as a smartphone.

(Rewrite the sentence using: .....than.....)

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SECTION B: 50 MARKS

Questions 51 to 55 carry ten marks each.

51. Read the passage carefully and, in full sentences, answer questions about it.

Last Saturday, Grace and her aunt went shopping at Nakasero Market. Before they left home, they sat and made a budget. Their shopping list included: yeast, flour, icing sugar, eggs, cinnamon, cooking oil, margarine, and lemon. Grace's aunt said, "If we don't plan well, the money will not be enough."

At the market, the place was full of life. Vendors called out loudly. Some played advertising jingles on speakers. Others waved to customers to visit their stalls. At Mama Sarah's stall, Grace's aunt asked the price of flour. "8,000 shillings," the vendor said. Grace's aunt and Mama Sarah started bargaining. "That is too much. Can I pay 7,000?" After a while, they agreed on 7,500, and Grace's aunt bought four kilos. Grace watched and learned that bargaining is important.

After paying for the flour, she bought the other items from different sellers. She made sure she got the right change each time she paid for an item. She then got a boda to take them back home. At home, Grace's aunt checked the notes carefully before she could keep her balance. She saw that two 5,000-shilling notes looked different. "This is counterfeit money!" she said sadly. "I forgot to check it at the market."

Grace and her aunt spent the whole evening busy in the kitchen. The items they had bought were just enough to cook what they wanted to cook. Grace felt proud. She had spent only one week of her first term holiday at Aunt Agnes' place, but she was already excited about the holiday activities.

Questions:

(a) When did the above story take place?

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(b) Where did Grace and her aunt go shopping?

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(c) What did they do before they went shopping?

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(d) Why did some vendors play advertising jingles?

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(e) Why do you think Grace's aunt will buy from Mama Sarah again?

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(f) How much money did Grace's aunt spend on flour?

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(g) In your opinion, how is bargaining important?

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(h) According to the story, how much money was lost in counterfeit notes?

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(i) What food do you think Grace and Aunt Agnes prepared that evening?

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(j) How did Grace and Aunt Agnes travel back home after shopping?

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52. Read the poem below carefully and, in full sentences, answer the questions that follow.

In our village of Acholibur,
There's a story of gender equality.
A boy can sweep, a girl can lead.
A brother can cook, a sister can graze goats.
There's no "boy's work" or "girl's work"--
What a boy can do, a girl can also do!

In the classroom, side by side,
Where boys and girls compete,
It's a healthy competition for all,
Based on effort, guidance and truth,
To keep ambitions alive while we fight
For success in the future.

In leadership, only skill matters.
Our head boy and head girl stand,
A strong pair, working together
To lead, to guide and inspire others
At Atikeng Mixed School,
Where boys and girls have equal chances.

Questions:

(a) In which village is the story of gender equality?

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(b) What two domestic chores can boys do?

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(c) Where does the writer of the poem go to school?

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(d) How are leaders selected at the writer's school?

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(e) How many stanzas are in the poem?

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(f) Why is it important to give boys and girls equal chances?

Ans:

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(g) According to the poem, what is the role of the head boy and head girl?

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(h) Give another word or group of words with similar meaning to the underlined words in the poem:

(i) healthy .....

(ii) chances .....

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(i) Suggest a suitable title to the above poem.

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53. The following advert appeared in The Sunrise newspaper on 25th July 2026. Read it carefully and answer the questions that follow.

SPECIAL OFFER

NOVA TELECOM LTD

Has several items on promotion. Each item is sold at a 10% discount.

ITEM	PRICE
• Sam Sung Galaxy A16	Sh. 320,000
• Nokia 105	Sh. 100,000
• Infinix Hot 50	Sh. 750,000
• Tecno Spark 30C	Sh. 480,000
• Itel P40	Sh. 300,000
• Tecno Camon 30	Sh. 650,000

Hurry while stocks last!

Management

23rd July 2026

Questions:

(a) Where can one find this information?

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(b) What kind of goods does this company deal in?

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(c) Why do you think many people will buy these products?

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(d) How many items are on promotion?

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(e) Who wrote the above advertisement?

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(f) How much will a customer pay for a Nokia 105?

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(g) Why do you think that only few people will buy Infinix Hot 50?

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(h) Why do businesspeople advertise their goods?

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(i) Apart from the items on promotion, mention any other item we can find in such a shop?

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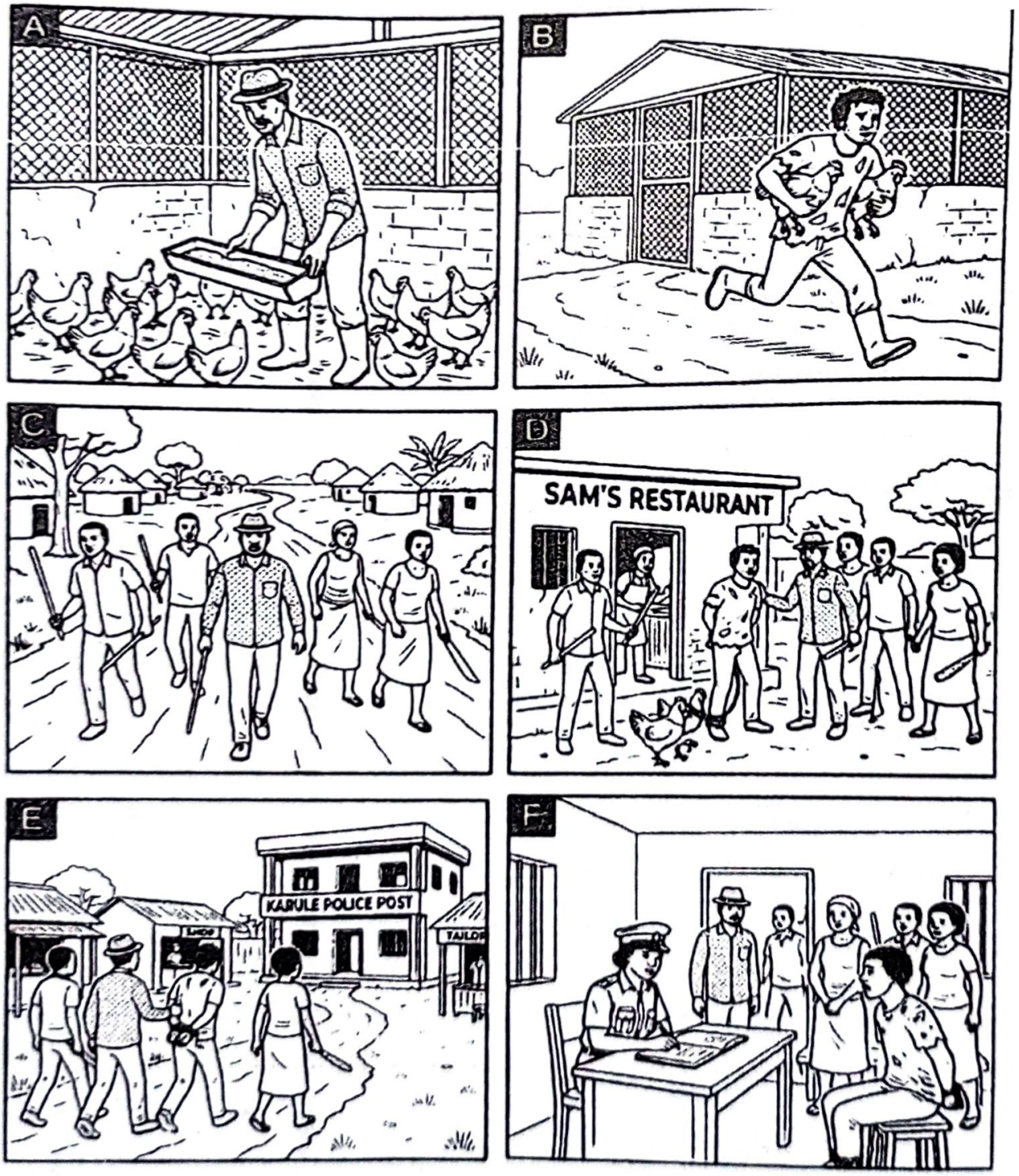
(j) When was the above information written?

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54. The pictures A to F tell a story. Study them carefully and write ONE sentence to describe what is happening in each picture. You MAY use any of the words given below.

villagers, police officer, arrest, feeding, farmer, thief, statement, sell, chickens, searching, police post



(a) Picture A: .....

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(b) Picture B: .....

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(c) Picture C: .....

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(d) Picture D: .....

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(e) Picture E: .....

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(f) Picture F: .....

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(g) How many chickens has the thief stolen in picture B?

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(h) Where are the people in picture C going?

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(i) Why do you think the thief went to the restaurant in picture D?

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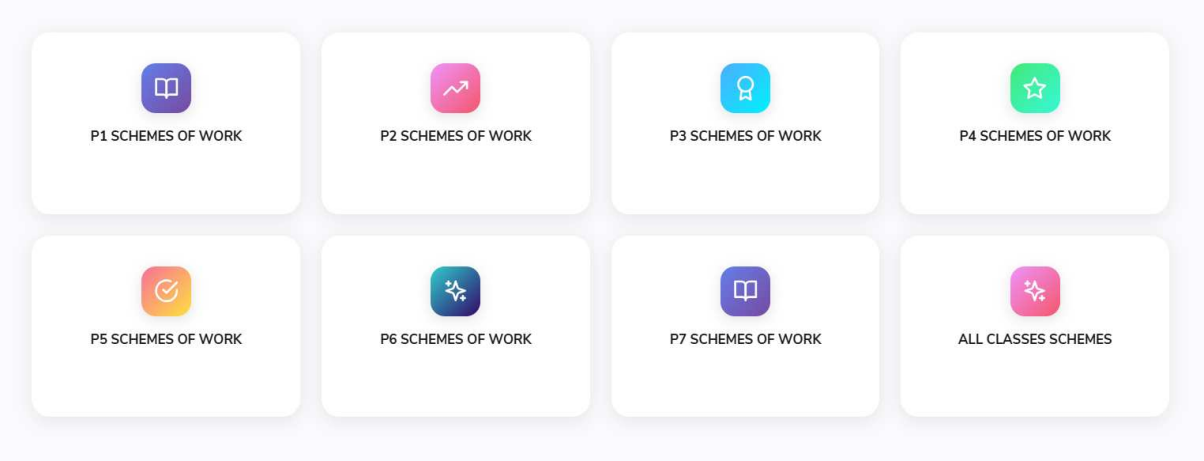
(j) How can the farmer ensure that his chickens are not stolen again?

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55. You are interested in becoming a prefect in your school. The Chairperson Electoral Committee of your school has displayed the following leadership positions on the noticeboard: Head Prefect, Timekeeper, Health Prefect, and Games and Sports Prefect. Apply for a post of your choice. Give a reason for your choice and explain what you will do when elected. Use Buhunga Primary School, P.O. Box 751, Rukungiri as your address.

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