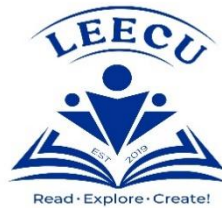


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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

- *This paper consists of two sections; A and B. It has four items in all. Section A is compulsory. Answer one item from Section B. Answer three examination items in all.*
- *Answers to both Section A and B must be written in the spaces provided.*
- *Any additional items answered will not be scored.*

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SECTION A

Item 1. *Sarah’s parents recently divorced, and her father has stopped visiting and providing for her and her siblings. Sarah is struggling to understand why her father has changed so suddenly. She feels abandoned and unloved. She has approached you to help her understand why parents may stop loving and caring for their children and how children can cope with the situation. Use the article below to write what you will say to Sarah. Use about 110 words.*

Parenthood is often characterised by unconditional love, care, and devotion. However, there are instances where a parent’s behaviour towards their children changes dramatically, leaving the child feeling abandoned, unloved, or unimportant. Understanding the reasons behind this change is crucial in addressing the situation.

One possible reason for a parent’s change in behaviour is mental health issues. A parent struggling with depression, anxiety, or other mental health concerns may become withdrawn or disconnected from their children. Rosey, an author and feminist, notes, “I think for women, it’s a mental issue – depression! For men, it could be that they are no longer as financially able as before. I know a man will avoid calling to check on their children because he knows you are going to ask for provisions... and even when he gets some money, he will attend to his most pressing needs – the ones right in his face.”

Addiction can also lead to a decline in a parent’s ability to care for their children, as substance abuse can become a priority over parental responsibilities. Significant life events, such as divorce, job loss, or health crisis, can cause a parent to become preoccupied and less available to their children. Some parents may take out their differences on the children, becoming distant or withdrawn, which affects their relationship. Emily, a child of divorce, shares her perspective: “Human nature is unpredictable. Some fight it. Some don’t. Take it from the perspective of a baby trapped man. Any excuse to leave that situation is welcome. Some people make the children pay for the sins of the spouse. Do you know how common it is for fathers to stop providing for their children after divorce?”

Financial struggles can also lead to stress and decreased ability to provide for children. Dorothy, a veteran teacher, observes that chronic stress and exhaustion can lead to burnout, causing a parent to feel disconnected from their children. She adds, “The men can be bewitched to forget their children, but at one time, they will

come back. Witchcraft is real; I have seen it with my male relatives! The women get new partners whom they don't want to know about their children. In this generation, men and women are money-minded. They will leave their children for money."

Mrs. Twinesubi, a mother of two, agrees with Dorothy, noting that some women have selfish interests in relationships. When they attain or realise they can't attain what they expected, they begin to mistreat the men and show them that even the children aren't theirs. This can lead to a situation where the children choose one parent over the other. She further says, "Infidelity can kill a man's confidence in providing for their children. A man feels he is not part of their lives anymore and, therefore, needs to heal. When this isn't addressed in its initial stages, men walk away."

When a parent's behaviour changes, it can have a profound impact on the child. Children may feel abandoned, unloved, or unimportant, leading to emotional distress. This can result in a loss of trust, not only in the parent but also in others in the future. Behavioural changes, such as acting out or withdrawal, are common responses to a parent's change in behaviour. In such situations, seeking support is crucial. Children can turn to other family members, friends, or a trusted adult for emotional support and guidance. Open communication with the parent, if possible, can also help address underlying issues. However, in some cases, professional help may be necessary to address the root causes of the parent's change in behaviour and work towards healing and rebuilding their relationships.

[Adapted from an online source]

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Item 2. *Read the text below and respond to the given tasks.*

The night clerk took a long time completing the log. When at last he finished, he closed the book and got up off the centre chair.

As the night clerk said goodbye and walked out, the man moved over to the centre chair facing the graph. From the drawer to his left he took out a whole handful of pencils, then got up and walked over to the pencil sharpener fixed to the table at its right end. When he stuck a pencil into the sharpener and turned the handle, the handle sped round and round with the futile freedom of a thing connected to nothing else. The man stopped trying and went back to his seat. Searching deep inside the drawer, he found an old blade. He began to sharpen the pencils at the same time reading over the night clerk's log, just checking.

The night clerk had not written the date, but everything else was carefully written down in a neat hand. The man added his own signature to that of the night clerk and opened the logbook at a fresh page.

Just then the door opened and the first messenger entered, smiling.

'Hello controller,' he said cheerfully.

'Hello.'

The control telephone rang. 'Control, Kansawora,' the man said into the mouthpiece.

'Ah, you're there,' said the voice at the other end. 'Station-master, Angu, here.'

'Yes.'

'15G arrived Angu 6:02 A.M. Out 6.11. Book time.'

'Fine.' The man put the receiver down.

The messenger came over to the control desk. He still had his smile.

'You look happy,' the man said to him.

The messenger continued to smile, in the embarrassed way of a young girl confessing love. 'I won something in the lottery,' he said.

'Lucky you,' the man said. 'How much?'

The messenger hesitated before replying. 'One hundred cedis.'

'That's not very much,' the man laughed.

'I know,' said the messenger. 'But so many people would jump on me to help me eat it.'

'They'll come, anyway.'

'No. Nobody will know.'

‘You need a nickname?’

‘Help me Oh God.’ He smiled.

‘I hope you have a nice time,’ the man said.

The messenger frowned. ‘I am happy, but I’m afraid,’ he said.

‘Juju?’ the man smiled.

‘No, not that,’ said the messenger. ‘But you know our Ghana.’

‘Ah yes.’

‘And everybody says the Ghana lottery is more Ghanaian than Ghana.’

‘You’re afraid you won’t get your money?’

‘I know people who won more than five hundred cedis last year. They still haven’t got their money.’

‘Have they been to the police?’

‘For what?’

‘To help them get their money.’

‘You’re joking,’ said the messenger with some bitterness. ‘It costs you more money if you go to the police, that’s all.’

‘What will you do?’ the man asked.

‘I hope some official at the lottery place will take some of my hundred cedis as a bribe and allow me to have the rest.’ The messenger’s smile was dead.

‘You will be corrupting a public officer.’ The man smiled.

‘This Ghana,’ the messenger said, turning to go. The Morse machine sprang to life.

‘Kojokrom Station.’

‘Kansawora here.’

‘Checking. What time Ch. Eng. Coming?’

‘Leaves Kansawora 08:00 A.M.’

‘Thanks.’

‘Righto.’

After eight, the office began filling up rapidly as the day clerks came in with their little jokes and the talk of brief pay days and perennial Passion Weeks. Then the work of the day ended the talk, and even those who had little to do were reduced to silence because the rising heat was itself a very tiring thing.

(Adapted from: The Beautiful Ones Are Not Yet Born by A.K Armah)

Respond appropriately to each of the following tasks according to the text:

- a) The lottery winners mentioned in the passage do not report to the police when they do not get their money. Do you think the messenger will ultimately receive his lottery winnings? Give evidence from the passage.

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- b) In an attempt to succeed through the corrupt systems in his country, the messenger thinks of offering a bribe to the lottery official in order to get his money. How best would you advise the messenger about his situation?

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- c) The writer uses the conversation between the controller and the messenger to reveal character personalities and views about life. From this interaction, describe the relationship the police has with the common people.

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- d) *The night clerk took a long time completing the log. When at last he finished, he closed the book and got up off the centre chair.* (Join into one sentence without making unnecessary repetitions).

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e) The author shows the difference between the dull routine of the control room and the broader issues of the society. What is the writer's intention in making this descriptive comparison?

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f) *'It costs you more money if you go to the police.'* Explain what the messenger means.

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SECTION B

Either:

3. You have excelled at your final examinations leading to the award of the Uganda Certificate of Education. Having been impressed by your outstanding performance, your parents have decided to send you abroad for further studies. A farewell party has been arranged at which you are expected to address friends and family.

Write what you will say to the people gathered. (Use **200 – 300** words.)

Or

4. You are actively interested in wildlife and have become increasingly worried by the rate of poaching and the crime rate associated with wild animals. You have read through several newspaper reports and realised that the problem is so alarming that you strongly feel you must direct the attention of the public to this situation.

Making your own feelings clear on poaching and the disaster it is causing to the tourism industry, write what you will present to the editor of your school Wildlife Club Magazine. (Use **200 – 300** words.)

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