

THYOLO DISTRICT MOCK EXAMINATIONS

2026 JUNIOR CERTIFICATE OF EXAMINATIONS

ENGLISH

PAPER II (50 marks)

MARKING KEY

1. COMPREHENSION

- a. hunting / He was coming from hunting. **(1 mark)**
- b. the National Identity card **(1 mark)**
- c. The bridges were washed away by a cyclone. **(1 mark)** Vehicles used another route. **(1 mark)**
- d. It helped Thambie to forget about everything she had gone through **(1 mark)** and focus on her education. **(1 mark)**.
- e. She discovered a file bearing her name in her office. **(1 mark)** She followed them up with the help of her friend, Angella. **(1 mark)**
- f. Give meanings of the following words as used in the passage.
 - (i) **heaved** : threw / flung **(1 mark)**
 - (ii) **robust**: strong / tough **(1 mark)**
 - (iii) **ultimate**: final / last **(1 mark)**
- g. Chief Mambo:
helpful; She helped take care of Thambie. /
caring; She takes care of Thambie by sending her to hospital. **(2 marks)**
- h. Thambie's forgiveness / Thambie and the thugs / Thambie's success **(2 marks)**
- i. Summary
 - Pherani is going home from hunting in the forest.
 - He sees a body of a young lady, almost dead.
 - He discovers that the girl is Thambie.
 - He takes the girl to Chief Mambo. **(5 marks)**

Summary

Content=03

Mechanical errors =01



Flow =01

T=05

NOTE: A zero mark should be given if;

- there is no name of the main character.
- the names in the story are changed. However, if just for **Thambie**, a candidate writes **Thembi** or **Thembie**, then treat it as a mechanical error.
- a candidate simply lifts from the passage.
- starts the summary like a tale e.g. Once upon a time... or A long time ago...In a certain village, there was a girl..

2. GAP FILLING

to

your/the

list

papers / questions

sure

mind / head / brain

early

starting / writing

time

before

3. POEM

- (i) a frustrated / abandoned / betrayed wife **(1 mark)**
(ii) because the persona is complaining about the abandonment / betrayal by her husband. **(1 mark)**
- frustrated / angry tone; because the persona is frustrated or angry with the addressee. **(2 marks)**
- personification; love dwelled **(1 mark)**
 - alliteration; sad /story; battered / betrayed **(1 mark)**
- irresponsible/ careless / reckless; He abandons his wife and keeps marrying other women.

(2 marks)

- e. **Betrayal**; the persona has been betrayed by the addressee.

Abandonment: the persona has been abandoned by the addressee.

Frustration: the persona is frustrated by the treatment she gets from the addressee.

Failed love: the poem portrays a failed love between the persona and the addressee. **(2 marks)**

4. SHORT STORY

- a. Urban due to the presence of the city.

Rural due to the presence of the village. (any candidate may choose any of the two) **(2 marks)**

- b.

(i) **tone**: sombre **(1 mark)**

(ii) **mood**: reflective **(1 mark)**

- c. third person point of view; The narrator is simply reporting the events in the story/ The narrator is not taking part in the story. **(2 marks)**

- d. **determined / ambitious** : She is able to work hard in order to achieve her goals.

Hard working/ responsible: She works very hard to support her family. **(2 marks)**

- e. **hard work/ determination**: The story is about hard work or determination as portrayed by Yamikani who works hard or is determined enough to achieve her goals. **(2 marks)**