

MARKING KEYS



NORTHERN EDUCATION DIVISION
2026 JUNIOR CERTIFICATE MOCK EXAMINATION

ENGLISH

Paper II

1. COMPREHENSION

- a. chopping firewood (1 mark)
- b. The family could not afford to buy an extra blanket. (1 mark)
- c. He bought beer for himself and everyone he met. / He visited several expensive bottle stores and bought beer. (2 marks)
- d. She had lost her husband and all the money together with the opportunities they had dreamt of. (2 marks)
- e. Give the meanings of the following words as used in the passage.
 - i. **clutching**; holding/carrying(1 mark)
 - ii. **rushed**; hurried (1 mark)
 - iii. **circus**; chaos / confusion/ disorder (1 mark)
- f. i. **Mrs Maulidi**
 - loving/caring / responsible; she works up early in the morning to prepare warm water for her husband / She wept for her husband who was killed. (2 marks)
- ii. **Mr Maulidi**
 - irresponsible / careless: he spends all the money he won on beer and his friends leaving out his family. (2 marks)
- g. Mr Maulidi's irresponsibility / Mr. Maulidi, the careless man (2 marks)
- h. The summary may contain the following points
 - Mrs Maulidi wondered where her husband was
 - The police brought news that her husband went to town
 - The police also said he used the money on beer and was killed by robbers
 - Mrs Maulidi wept



Content 3 marks

Mechanical errors 1 mark

Flow 1 mark

Zero mark to be awarded if;

- Candidates lift from the passage
- Summary has no names or has different names
- Summary starts like a tale...Once upon a time...Long time ago...
- Points in the summary are numbered

2. CLOSE PASSAGE

1. for
2. decreases / declines
3. has
4. land
5. on
6. are
7. crops
8. and
9. food
10. the



3. POEM

a. an observer (1 mark)

b. i. appreciative (1 marks)

ii. - The earth receives the seeds from farmers and gives back in plenty. -The persona appreciates the earth for multiplying the seeds from farmers. -The persona appreciates the earth for its broad back that supports all creatures. (1 mark)

c. i. Personification

- You receive the seeds
- The broad back that bears

ii. Alliteration

- Broad back

d. The lazy people / Those who refuse to work.

e. - It is solid.

- It is deep
- It is rich
- It has a broad back

f. - Appreciation, the person appreciates the earth for multiplying the seeds from fathers and giving the back in abundant

- Duties of the earth, the earth supports all creatures and multiplies the seeds for farmers

4. SHORT STORY

- a. Third person point of view **(1 mark)**
- b. Urban, presence of Vocation Training and Rehabilitation centre / High School / Association of the Physically Challenged Person, where Mphatso works / Luwanga garage **(2 marks)**
- c. He was physically challenged. / He was failing to walk due to a physical challenge.
(1 mark)
- d. Mphatso's characters;
- hardworking / enduring, he managed to succeed in his life despite him having a disability
 - Innovative / creative, he created a motorized wheelchair using old motorcycle parts
- 2marks**
- e. Theme;
- hardwork/ endurance, Mphatso achieved his goals after studying hard **(2 marks)**