

Examination number _____

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2023 MALAWI SCHOOL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION

ENGLISH

Subject Number: M052/II

Time allowed: 1h 45 minutes

11:00 – 12:45pm

Tuesday, 21st March.

PAPER II (60 Marks)

Instructions:

1. This paper contains 8 pages
2. This paper has two sections A and **B**
3. Answer all questions in both sections
4. Use the space provided to answer questions in this paper
5. Follow the instructions for each section carefully.
6. Write your **examination number** at the top of this page.
7. In the table provided on this page, tick the question number you have answered.

Question Number	Tick questions 1 & 2 if answered	Do not write in this column
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SECTION A. NOTE MAKING 20 MARKS

Read the following passage carefully and make a summary of it in Note-form.

- a. Provide a suitable title for the passage
- b. Give the main points
- c. Supply supporting points for each main points

Marks will be awarded for contents, note making style and fair lay-out.

Planning in business is very important. However, there are arguments against it. Many people in the country believe that planning is a waste of time. Certainly, good plans take time to be prepared, there is a strong conviction that planning delays progress. This attitude is wrong. The purpose of planning is to ensure smooth and success in running an entity. In this talk I will focus on effective planning.

Effective planning demands the identification of an overriding objective. It should have the specification of the means by which the objective will be achieved. The plan needs to have a time – frame for the achievement of the desired objective with measurable results.

There are many different types of plans in business. Even activity of business needs to be planned. Depending on the nature of business, there are short – term plans, medium term plans and long term plans. Short plans may deal with sectional plans. Medium plans concern departmental activities while long term plans could cover the activities of the whole business.

The planning process involves the stages of analysis, choice and implementation. The analysis stage is the most difficult because it requires creativity. It is the process that demands full appreciation of the political, economic, social and technological environments. The choice stage can only be achieved when the environmental situations have been fully appreciated. The stage involves balancing between resource requirement and resource availability. When the resource availability and requirement have been balanced, the plan can be implemented without any obstacles. Obviously, the planning process as explained here helps expose potential problem areas likely to affect the operation of the business.

When a business does not plan its operations, the result is poor resource productivity. It is this respect that every company has to treat planning as one of the most important processes in its activities. There are times when the merits of centralised planning are questioned. The point to bear in mind is that planning as a process should reflect the character of the entire business not only one department. Every employee in the department starting from the messenger should be involved in the planning process. The involvement of all the employees in the planning process should not be the end in itself. It should be the beginning of the participation of the employees in the monitoring of the plan.

(Adapted from: Crossing Cultural Frontiers by

JJ Chikago, Montfort Press 2012)

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SECTION B. Reading Comprehension (40 marks)

Read the following passage carefully and answer all the questions that follow

The journey found us, long and after it was over. I returned to place of first love. My mother was the first person to hug me when I reached home. She felt my flesh, my bones and my heart.

“You have lost so much weight, dear child!”

“It’s been a hectic life, Mama.” That’s normal justification when you live in the city.

Dad appeared from the farm gate just across the compound, carrying a large cabbage that weighed about five kilograms. He was wearing his usual calf-length black boots, being the farmer he’s always been. A surge of fondness welled up in me. He held me for over five minutes, until I felt the warmth of his shirt.

“Welcome home,” he said. But I know he did not have to say those words, for they were carried on his hands as he smoothed and flattened my back. They were said in the way he hugged me.

Mama whistled and sung at the same time. She stroke my hair like I had not stormed out of the house threatening no return, tired of the country life.

I stand still in the compound, consciously smelling the honey suckle that’s grown wildly on our fence. I inhale the sweet air which ensures me that this is where I belong. I want to clasp time in the palms of my hands and not look back to wonder where my years have gone.

Mama disappeared into the kitchen and shortly returns with a pot of coffee.

“I have mixed all the spices you used to love.”

“Yes I smell the Cinnamon especially.”

“We shall sit here, outside,” Mama said.

The sun is setting behind the hills. I hold the coffee cup and it warms my hands. Mama is across the table, silent.

“You were so loyal to that sunset, you had no life indoors.” She said.

I fight the desperate urge to cry, but held myself back.

Selina, the girl who lost both parents and ended up staying home, is laying the table for dinner. Dish after dish, she puts food on the tablemats and invites us to eat. Dad joins us at the table.

“Lord God, we thank you for your provisions that never run out, and we thank you for Fatima, who is with us tonight. Sanctify this food that it may nourish us, in Jesus name we pray.” Dad’s prayers were always brief and to the point.

The meal session is full of conversation which is punctuated with lightness and talking spoons. Even when we discuss sad issues that are the village’s concern we connect like I haven’t been away too long, like I just slept yesterday and woke up today with no estrangement between us. We discuss the neighbour’s son who drowned, the couple going blind due to age, heavy rains and floods and we talk long into the night.

In the morning Mama comes into my room. Her hands touch my shoulders. With her restorative touch, I release myself.

“He was an economist, His name was Mwiza. We did not set out on a trip, yet a few months later we embraced the future and talked about wedding plants. He loved reading my poetry. All is gone and a wound grows festering inch by inch.”

Mama’s touch brings consolation without her speaking. The kind of lightness known only when you’re touched by love.

“I remember mostly how he made me feel with Mwiza, love was not the loud hammer that shatters rocks, but the gentle falling drop of water that melts the stone.”

“Are you still clutching the past like a book under the arm?” Those were Mama’s first words since the confession. I had thought she would chide me for never telling her about the relationship while it was soaring high.

“I have moved on, but I do not forget. Sometimes I call out to him.”

“Learn to put the past behind, and learn to face the future,” Mama re- assured me, “I feel your pain”

“You and Dad have always loved each other, how did you do it?”

“We have many lifetimes in a lifetime. Like seasons, we do not take any for granted.”

I recall how I groaned within when Mwiza left me. When he told me he had prayed and God advised him to cancel the relationship. He took cover in spiritualizing everything.

“What else did God say in your prayer?” I asked.

“He showed me another woman.”

For a whole week, I was a bundle of nerves and only a thin sheet of mercy helped me from losing myself. I was dizzy and suicidal, I was truly mad.

“I am glad you’ve come home. I am glad that you are sharing with me what happened to you.” Her hands are now making repeated performances in my hair and running to and from my spine.

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Adapted from 'The Highflier and other stories' by

Mildred Barya. Heinemann pp. 36- 40.

Questions

- a. Where is the narrator coming from?
_____ (1 mark)
- b. Pick a phrase that shows she was rebellious child.
_____ (1 mark)
- c. Outline two actions done by the parents in welcoming the narrator.
(i) _____
(ii) _____
(4 marks)
- d. Give two reasons why the narrator is happy.
(i) _____
(ii) _____
(4 marks)
- e. Give the meaning of the following words as used in the passage.
(i) Flattened _____ (1 mark)
(ii) Restorative _____ (1 mark)
(iii) Chide _____ (1 mark)
- f. Explain the following phrases as used in the passage
(i) Punctuated with lightness and talking spoons.

_____ (2 marks)
(ii) A wound grows festering inch by inch

_____ (2 marks)
(iii) Do not take any for granted.

_____ (2 marks)
- g. Describe the character of the following
(i) Dad

_____ (2 marks)
(ii) Fatima

_____ (2 marks)

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END OF QUESTION PAPER