

HOLIDAY WORK
S.2 ENGLISH LANGUAGE

INSTRUCTIONS

- Attempt **ALL** questions

1. Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow:

Social sense: Our only future

Rahab Kosoa is a young university graduate who works for an international non – governmental organization (NGO). She is a serious, level – headed person who believes strongly in self discipline and hard work.

The other day she was driving to the airport in the morning to meet a colleague arriving on the ten o'clock flight from Paris. Rahab was worried. It was a quarter past nine and she was still struggling to negotiate her way out of the city – centre traffic. She had meant to set off early, but she had been held up by some urgent business at the office. Luckily, she realized as she turned into the airport road that the traffic there was rather light, which was unusual for that time of the morning. With a bit of luck, she could cover the twenty – five odd kilometers and get to the airport with a few minutes to spare before her colleague touched down.

Then the bombshell struck. Rahab was driving at a steady pace behind a big blue vehicle, one of those flashy models popular with our rich urban classes. She was just wondering if she should pull out and overtake the vehicle when someone in the vehicle suddenly thrust out his hand and threw out a huge handful of trash. It all came flying straight back and landed 'bam!' on Rahab Kosoa's windscreen. She found herself momentarily closing her eyes, clamping her foot on the brake pedal and swerving right, off the road. As she gasped in terror, she thought she saw a young man and a young woman in the back seat of the big car turn to look at her, with broad silly grins on their faces. A close look at her windscreen and bonnet showed Rahab that she had been hit with the remains of a takeaway: bits and pieces of chicken, greasy chips, banana peels and a mixture of paper and polythene bags.

Rahab was in a towering rage. Her first desire was to chase the blithering idiots in that car, overtake them and tell them exactly what she thought about them. However, the big blue vehicle was already disappearing over the hump of a little rise on the road. In any case, even if Rahab had not been forced off the road, there was no way her modest car was going to race the huge blue four – wheel monster and beat it in a flat run.

So, Rahab was left to nurse her anger in quiet loneliness. As she resumed her drive to the airport, she kept shaking her head and wondering what kind of people could behave like that, in what is supposed to be civilized society.

Do you also wonder? Indeed, we all do. The simple answer to Rahab's puzzle is that the crowd in that vehicle were completely lacking in social sense. They might be rich, or even learned, but they just did not have any respect for themselves. They did not respect other people, and they did not respect their environment. In short, they did not have any social sense - for that is what social sense is all about; respecting yourself, respecting other people, and caring about your surroundings.

Self – respect means that you always try and do the right thing, whether anyone is looking or not. People cannot always be standing over you and telling you what to do and what not to do. Those people in the big car should have known and done the right thing with their garbage. Put it in a dustbin. Respecting yourself as a human being also means that you will respect other people. If you value yourself as an intelligent being with deep feelings and serious ideas, you should also value other human beings for the same reason.

The savages who littered Rahab Koso's windscreen with their snack debris lacked respect not only for themselves and for other people, but also for their surroundings or environment. We have only one earth. If we are careless with it, we will destroy it, we will have signed our own death sentence as human beings. However, other than going to the extreme of self – destruction, human beings can show their intelligence and decency by taking care of their environment. Caring about the environment means keeping it clean, healthy and unspoilt.

As Rahab parked her car at the airport yard and strolled towards the arrivals terminal, she thought of parts of the city where rubbish was dumped everywhere, even on the street. The stench from the filth would attack your nostrils from more than a mile away. Even in the countryside, people were polluting their fields and pastures by scattering rubbish, like polythene bags and rusty metal, all over the place. Others dumped dangerous chemicals into water sources, rendering the water poisonous.

Noise was also becoming a permanent nuisance, with people yelling at each other like lunatics and playing noisy music through amplified speakers, even in markets!

"Maybe," thought Rahab Koso, "our people are forgetting their humanity." The pressures and stresses of modern living may be forcing people back to the law of the jungle; survival of the fittest. Even so, it really is no use surviving like a creature of the jungle. If we are going to live like true human beings, we need to value ourselves, value our neighbours, and take care of the space in which we live. Could this, possibly, be taught as a subject in school, to begin with? We would call it 'Social Sense' and one would have to know it in theory and put it into practice.

The announcement over the loudspeakers that the flight from Paris had arrived brought Rahab out of her reverie. All the same, she would discuss her ideas with her friends and colleagues and see what could be done. After all, that is what social responsibility is all about. It is better to light one candle than to curse the darkness.

Questions

1.1 Where was Rahab Kasoa’s friend coming from? (02 marks)

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1.2 What does the sentence ‘Then the bombshell struck’ mean? (02 scores)

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1.3 Why did Rahab not race the young people and complain about their behavior? (02 scores)

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1.4 Explain what Rahab means by ‘Social Sense’. (02 scores)

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1.5 List some of the things that people lacking in ‘social sense’ do. (02 scores)

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1.6 The young people who threw rubbish out of their car were not repentant. Support this statement. (02 scores)

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1.7 “May be our people are forgetting their humanity”, thought Rahab Kasoa. (Write in reported speech). (02 scores)

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1.8 Why did Rahab swerve off the road? (02 scores)

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1.9 The anti – social behavior that happens in the passage also happens in most urban centres of Uganda. As a concerned student who is widely aware of the effects brought up by the vice;

a) What can be done to stop such in our urban centres. (04 scores)

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Item 2

Re-write the following sentences in instructed.

2.1 I the two competitors had prepared well.

(Neither of / none of)

2.2 On the assembly, the headteacher was(putting on / wearing) a Turkish dress.

2.3 She is careless in everything she does. (Use:....."Whatever"....)

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2.4 He is humbe but nobody joins his company. (Usedespite...)

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2.5 As soon as she joined the new school, she was desmised for indiscipline.

(Begin: Hardly....)

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- 2.6 The calf's skin was smooth and shinny. The judges were obliged to pronounce it the calf of the year. (Use So... that...)

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- 2.7 You ought to leave. (Rewrite ending.....left)

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- 2.8 There is no water in this pot. (Use...isn't...)

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- 2.9 Susan said that she will come on Saturday if it did not rain. (Use....unless...)

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- 2.10 They would surely have drowned if my brother had not saved them. (Begin. If...)

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- 2.11 Our school reminded us to have a guiding
..... for every action we take. (Principle, principal.)

Item 3

FUNCTIONAL WRITING

3. You are planning to have a birthday celebration soon. You have invited all friends and family members, but you have realized that there is a friend you forgot to send an invitation letter to. You decide to give him or her a phone call.

Task

Write what transpired during the phone call?

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