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**ENGLISH**

Paper 1

1 Hour 30 Minutes



**CLEVERLAND HIGH SCHOOL-MAYA**

END OF TERM I EXAMS-2025

**SENIOR TWO**

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**INSTRUCTIONS**

Do All Numbers

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

Making ends meet is what we all strive for. As the years advance and we come of age, inevitably, the realization downs on us that getting employment is in itself a very stiff competition. However, several opportunities present themselves for one to choose from. You must choose what you are good at and enjoy doing it in order to be perfect.

For lack of school fees, I could not continue with my education after senior four. My parents wanted me to settle for marriage at sixteen, but I deemed, this to be quite unfortunate. Then, the unexpected happened. A certain family in Mbale was in dire need of a young and educated house help for an initial period of six months. Regardless of who objected and stood in my way, this golden chance was timely, and I grabbed it. I needed to progress and establish myself as an independent and resourceful woman. All I had to do was convenience, my loving parents with humility and politeness. It worked.

After two days of convincing my parents, I was in Mbale with my new family. The Fluent English I spoke, the friendly personality I possessed and my agility to work did the trick. For a family that housed and fed me, took care of my medical bills and above all, offered to pay me one hundred one ten thousand shillings per month, I had to be grateful. Each and every coin I earned would be saved for future use. The moment the six months elapsed. I asked to leave, but there was no one to take up my position. They pleaded with me to stay on for another six months. I accepted especially because I had calculated additional income of six hundred and sixty thousand shillings. Saving money was not my problem. All went well.

Eventually, I had the bare minimum and not much more, my next move was registering for a certificate course in hair dressing. It did not cost much. Later, I went for a higher certificate in hair care and dressing. I started renting two small rooms. At first, one or two people came, then at least one came per day. My keen and extraordinary workmanship and exquisite customer care skills soon paid off. As many as seven customers would book to be attended in a single day, so I was forced to employ two trainers to help me out as they learnt on the job. I was able to purchase more equipment, rent bigger premises and pay all my utility bills in time, and still remained comfortable.

Fortune knocked at my door when an entire bridal entourage booked my services. Therefore many more customers came often referring them to another salon. I embraced the opportunity to expand and moved to bigger premises, rebranded, and re-advertised. My business grew by leaps and bounds. Today, I am an employer worth an income of one million shillings per day after all deductions have been made. Thirty employees stand at attention waiting for my instructions.

**Questions.**

1. Why did the writer drop out of school? In which class was she when she dropped out?
2. What did her parents want her to do after leaving school?
3. Give the writer’s reasons for not doing as her parents wished.
4. What did she do instead? Why?
5. Grief a brief account of how she started up her success.
6. Discuss the factors that contributed to the writer’s success.
7. What lessons do you learn from this story?
8. Identify the opportunities that exist in towns.
9. Discuss how you can utilize these opportunities.
10. In about three paragraphs, write advice to people living in town on how to utilize available opportunities.
11. Today there is a high increase in the pollution in urban areas which has been caused by rural-urban migration. Your school is holding a debate with a neighboring school. The motion is “Urban life is interesting but not totally healthy” and your school is opposing the motion.

**Task**

Come up with at least three points and explain each of the points in a paragraph of not more than five well punctuated sentences.

1. Your friend in the village is tired of village life. He is convinced that life in town is better because he sees his peers riding boda boda. He wants to sell his parents’ land to buy a motorcycle and join the boda boda business in the town.

**Task**

Write a letter to your friend advising him how that land could be put to use through farming and other projects than selling the produce to get money and live a good life.

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