ELIMU254 HOMEWORK SERIES

Kenya CBC | Junior School | Grade 8

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HOMEWORK

GRADE 8 ENGLISH **TERM 3 2026**

INSTRUCTIONS TO THE LEARNER

1. Write your name, class and school in the spaces above.
2. This booklet has 25 homeworks that follow the topics taught this term, about one a week. Do each homework after your teacher has taught those lessons.
3. Answer ALL the questions in the spaces provided. Show your working where a question needs it.
4. For a multiple-choice question, circle the letter (A, B, C or D) of the correct answer.
5. The marks for each question are shown in brackets. Hand in each homework to be marked.

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HOMEWORK 1: CONVERSATIONAL SKILLS: INTERVIEWS (20 MARKS)

1. Is "Did you like school?" open or closed? (1 mark)

2. How do interviews help in choosing a career? (1 mark)

3. Which is an open question? (1 mark)

A Do you like teaching? **B** Are you a doctor?

C Why did you become an engineer? **D** Is the job hard?

4. "Do you enjoy your work?" is: (1 mark)

A a closed question **B** an open question

C a statement **D** a command

5. At the end of an interview, the interviewer should: (1 mark)

A leave without a word **B** ask for money

C argue **D** thank the interviewee

6. What is the difference between an open question and a closed question? Give an example of each. (4 marks)

7. Write five open questions you would ask a nurse in a career interview. (5 marks)

8. Give two things an interviewer should do at the start and two at the end of an interview. (4 marks)

9. How do interviews with workers help learners choose careers? Give two ways. (2 marks)

HOMEWORK 2: EXTENSIVE READING: NON-FICTION (18 MARKS)

1. Give one benefit of reading widely. (1 mark)

2. Read this extract from a careers booklet and answer the questions.

Careers in Agriculture

Agriculture employs more Kenyans than any other sector. An agronomist advises farmers on crops and soils; the course takes four years at university. A veterinary surgeon treats animals and needs a degree in veterinary medicine. Agricultural engineers design irrigation systems and farm machines. For learners who enjoy business, agribusiness offers careers in processing and selling farm produce. Subjects that help include Agriculture, Biology, Chemistry and Mathematics.

(a) Name three careers mentioned in the extract. (3 marks)

(b) What does an agronomist do? (1 mark)

(c) Name three school subjects that help in these careers. (3 marks)

3. Which is non-fiction? (1 mark)

A A fairy tale **B** A myth
C A novel **D** A newspaper

4. A veterinary surgeon treats: (1 mark)

A animals **B** cars
C buildings **D** computers

5. The extract says agriculture: (1 mark)

A employs few people **B** employs more Kenyans than any other sector
C needs no training **D** is only for adults

6. What is non-fiction? Give three examples of non-fiction materials. (4 marks)

7. Why should you check the date of a non-fiction text? (1 mark)

8. Give two benefits of reading non-fiction widely. (2 marks)

HOMEWORK 3: CHOOSING A CAREER: WORD CLASSES: ADVERBS (14 MARKS)

1. The adverb formed from "good" is: (1 mark)

A goodly **B** gooder
C well **D** goodness

2. Adverbs of manner tell us: (1 mark)

A when **B** where
C how often **D** how

3. Choose the correct sentence. (1 mark)

A She sings beautifully. **B** She sings beautiful.
C She beautiful sings. **D** She sings beautifuly.

4. Form adverbs from these adjectives.

(a) careful (1 mark)

(b) good (1 mark)

(c) easy (1 mark)

(d) fast (1 mark)

5. Underline the adverbs: "The pilot spoke calmly and landed the plane safely yesterday." (3 marks)

6. Correct the errors: (a) "He drives very good." (b) "She works hardly to become a doctor." (2 marks)

7. Write two sentences about a career using two adverbs of manner. (2 marks)

HOMEWORK 4: INTENSIVE READING: LESSONS LEARNT (CLASS READER) (16 MARKS)

1. Why are stories good at addressing issues? (1 mark)

2. Read the story and answer the questions.
Amani wanted to be a pilot, but everyone laughed. "You are a farmer's son; pilots come from Nairobi," they said. Instead of arguing, Amani borrowed books on aircraft from the library and worked hard at Mathematics and Physics. He saved money from selling eggs to go to an aviation open day at Wilson Airport, where a captain let him sit in a cockpit. Years later, Captain Amani flew a plane over his village and dipped its wings. His old classmates waved from the fields.

(a) Why did people laugh at Amani's dream? (1 mark)

(b) Give two things Amani did to reach his goal. (2 marks)

(c) What lesson does the story teach? (1 mark)

(d) Give one trait of Amani with evidence. (2 marks)

3. Amani raised money by selling: (1 mark)

A milk **B** eggs
C maize **D** fish

4. Amani's main trait is: (1 mark)

A laziness **B** pride
C determination **D** greed

5. The message or lesson of a story is also called its: (1 mark)

A plot **B** setting
C title **D** theme

6. What is a lesson in a story? Give one lesson from your class reader. (2 marks)

7. Why are stories a good way of teaching about issues such as career choice? Give two reasons. (2 marks)

8. Name one character in your class reader and the lesson his or her actions teach. (2 marks)

HOMEWORK 5: MECHANICS OF WRITING: PREFIXES AND SUFFIXES (16 MARKS)

1. Give the opposite of "responsible". (1 mark)

2. The opposite of "legal" is: (1 mark)

A unlegal **B** illegal
C dislegal **D** inlegal

3. The opposite of "regular" is: (1 mark)

A unregular **B** disregular
C inregular **D** irregular

4. Which word has a suffix? (1 mark)

A employment **B** unhappy

C replay **D** dislike

5. Give the opposite of each word by adding a prefix (un-, in-, il-, ir-, dis-).

(a) legal (1 mark)

(b) responsible (1 mark)

(c) honest (1 mark)

(d) employed (1 mark)

6. Explain the difference between a prefix and a suffix with one example each. (2 marks)

7. Add the suffix and write the new word: (a) employ + ment (b) care + less (c) teach + er (d) manage + ment (4 marks)

8. Use "careless" and "careful" in two sentences about work. (2 marks)

HOMEWORK 6: LISTENING TO RESPOND: ATTITUDE (15 MARKS)

1. Name two things that make a song likeable. (1 mark)

2. Ask someone to read or sing this song to you, then answer.

I wear my kitenge, bright and bold,
My grandma's colours, red and gold;
I do not need the latest brand,
I wear the pride of my own land.
Don't chase the crowd, don't follow fast,
True style is made to last and last;
Be neat, be clean, be proud, be you -
That's the fashion that is true!

(a) What is the singer's attitude to traditional dress? Give evidence. (2 marks)

(b) What does "Don't chase the crowd" mean? (1 mark)

(c) According to the song, what is "the fashion that is true"? (1 mark)

3. A speaker's feelings about a topic are their: (1 mark)

A setting **B** attitude
C plot **D** rhyme

4. The singer is proud of: (1 mark)

A expensive brands **B** following the crowd
C traditional kitenge **D** new shoes

5. Which clue helps you know a speaker's attitude? (1 mark)

A The weather **B** The speaker's age
C The time of day **D** Tone of voice

6. How can you tell a speaker's attitude when listening? Give three clues. (3 marks)

7. Give two things that make a song enjoyable to listen to. (2 marks)