

GENERAL STUDIES AND COMMUNICATION SKILLS

SUBJECT: GENERAL PAPER

COMBINATIONS:

- **ALL SCIENCE COMBINATIONS**
- **ALL HUMANITIES**
- **ALL LANGUAGES COMBINATIONS**

DURATION: 3 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1) Do not open this question paper until you are told to do so.
- 2) This paper consists of **two** sections: **A** and **B**.
 - **Section A:** Attempt only **one** question. **(25 marks)**
 - **Section B:** Attempt only **one** question. **(25 marks)**
- 3) You must answer in clear **continuous prose**.
- 4) Use a **blue** or **black** pen.

SECTION A: ATTEMPT ONE QUESTION (each question carries 25 marks)

1. Examine the pros and cons of *Made In Rwanda* policy.
2. Discuss the main causes of road traffic accidents in our country.
3. To what extent has your culture been modified by cultures from other parts of the world?
4. Assess the role of information technology in the development of Rwanda.
5. Account for defilement in Rwanda and suggest possible effects from it.
6. Discuss the major achievements that Rwandan government has registered since 1994 to 2017.

SECTION B: ATTEMPT ONE QUESTION (each question carries 25 marks)

7. Study the table below that show electricity generation potential for selected African countries and answer the questions that follow

Country	Installed capacity for power generation in December 2004 (MW)	Power generated by December 2006
Ethiopia	726	30.9
Kenya	1143	159.2
Malawi	238	56.5
Sudan	755	156.9
Swaziland	128	20.0
Tanzania	881	97.8
Uganda	303	46.0
Totals	4174	567.3

- a. Calculate the power produced as a percentage of installed capacity for each of the countries above. **(7 marks)**
- b. Calculate the total percentage of electricity generation for all the countries. **(4 marks)**
- c. What are the benefits of rural electrification programs in our country? **(8 marks)**

- d. Although Kenya produces more electricity than Uganda, she still imports some electricity from Uganda. Suggest possible reasons for this phenomenon. (6 marks)
8. **Read the passage below and answer the questions using your own words wherever possible**

Most parents think that the child is too young to understand that they are quarrelling, as he is too young to comprehend the reason for the discord. What most parents are not aware of is that, innocent children are definitely aware of the fighting between the parents and quite often believe that parents are fighting because of them.

Each child is a unique human being with a complex set of emotions and sensibilities. Every child's reaction is individualistic too. There is not set or definite pattern as to how a child will react to the warring parents. Undoubtedly, whatever the reaction might be, the child would be hurt by the disagreement between the parents.

Some children might just withdraw and become total introverts, others might show maturity much beyond their years. There might be a third reaction altogether, making some children revolt and become unmanageable. They end up being rude and cruel to other children around them, tuning into bullies. They do not follow any set of rules of society. Research done in the field of child Psychology has proved that the children who see the violent interaction between their parents seem to be surrounded by troubles all their lives. They are through all their growing years constantly living with the fear that if their parents separated, from their siblings, or have only one parent around.

Similarly, in cases when a divorce takes place and where one parent gets remarried, the child believes that the union might break as well. He does not let himself get too close to the step parent in such cases. It is true that the fighting between the spouses is essentially a physical, mental and emotional torture for the child. It might physically affect the health and growth of the child as well. Even a normal child could start stammering, or his development might be hampered.

In their innocence, the children might spill the details of the parents' constant fighting among the relatives and friends, thereby creating embarrassment for the parents. If they feel they are not getting due care and affection from both of their parents, they might turn to strangers for it. They often become vulnerable to the negative sections of society who

might abuse their trust. Imagine a situation where a child says to a stranger or relative, “You love me so much but my own mother does not love me at all”.

When parents fight constantly, the child feels a physical, mental, emotional and social separation and suffers. His understanding of “marriage” gets distorted and when this child reaches adulthood, the fear of marriage sets deep in his psyche. Marriage to him becomes not a balanced equation of love and trust, but something that would bring fights and discord in their lives. It is every parent’s moral duty to take fully responsibility for the child’s physical and mental development.

Questions

- a. Suggest an appropriate title for this passage. **(2 marks)**
- b. What major misconceptions do parents have about children? **(2 marks)**
- c. In not more than 100 words, give a summary of the effects of fighting between parents on the children. **(7 marks)**
- d. Explain the meanings of the following words and phrases as used in the passage using your own words wherever possible. **(14 marks)**
 - i. Individualistic
 - ii. Definite pattern
 - iii. Introvert
 - iv. Siblings
 - v. Negative sections
 - vi. A balanced equation
 - vii. Discord in their lives