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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

- This paper consists of **two** sections: A and B. It has **three** examination Items.
- Section **A** and **B** are Compulsory.
- Answers to section **A** **must** be written in the spaces provided.
- Answers to section **B** **must** be written in answer booklet provided.

SECTION A

1. Read the following text and respond to the task that follows.

Did you know that cigarette smoking can make men impotent and therefore make them fail to fulfill their conjugal obligations in marriage, and make women unable to conceive or give birth to premature, underweight or stillborn babies?

Dr. Victoria Mukasa, a public health specialist, says that cigarette smoking, besides causing cancers and heart diseases, also brings about impotence and barrenness to men and women respectively. She says the cigarette smoke contains more than 4000 chemicals and approximately 60 carcinogens (cancer causing agents). These include nicotine which she says is responsible for constricting and narrowing down blood vessels in the human body hence causing inadequate supply of blood to various parts of the body including reproductive organs.

‘For example,’ she says, ‘erection needs sufficient supply of blood to the man’s reproductive organ (penis), so the inadequate supply of blood could affect the ability to erect and eventually lead to impotence.’

Besides, she adds that cigarette smoking also damages the sperms and when a wife of a smoker conceives, the likelihood of the foetus being abnormal is high. Dr. Mukasa says effects on women are worse as they find it difficult to conceive and if one conceives, the likelihood of miscarrying is higher as compared to non-smokers.

She explains that women smokers normally give birth to low weight babies of 2.5 kilograms and that such babies may not survive as compared to those born at the standard weight of three to four kilograms. ‘Nicotine constricts blood vessels and hence inadequate blood reaches the placenta, meaning that there are less blood nutrients to the fetus hence inadequate growth or death,’ she explains.

According to Mukasa, these health risks could also be passed onto passive smokers through exposure to cigarette smoke.

‘The chances of contracting smoke-related diseases are still there. People react differently to the same exposure. While one person may get infected out of the same exposure, another may not,’ she explains.

In addition to impotence and infertility, Dr. Mukasa reveals that of all the cancers reported in hospitals, majority are related to cigarette smoking or tobacco chewing. These include cancers of the nose, tongue, lungs, throat, stomach,

pancreas, big colon, rectum, anus, kidney and bladder as the most common cases in men. In women, uterine, breast and cervical cancers are commonplace.

Dr. Sylvester Onzivua, an anatomical and forensic pathologist at Mulago referral hospital says that there is a progressive increase in the number of people diagnosed with cancers at the hospital. However, he cautions that there was no scientific research conducted to establish whether this has any connection with cigarette smoking, though he admits that in other countries, this, to a larger extent, is linked to smoking.

‘We don’t have concrete scientific data to link the increasing cases of cancer to cigarette smoking. Basically, we have not been targeting that data. But cancers of the mouth, tongue, lips, lungs and esophagus are on the increase,’ he says, adding that, ‘these have been scientifically proven elsewhere in the world to be related to cigarette smoking.’

He also says that respiratory diseases, which are also related to cigarette smoking, follow malaria among diseases affecting people in the country. Dr. Mukasa says that cigarette smoke causes heart diseases, narrows blood vessels especially in the heart thus causing inadequate flow of blood to other organs of the body.

It also causes gradual loss of hair and solidification of eye lenses (cataracts) which eventually leads to blindness. She explains that all these diseases are common among active smokers though, with constant exposure, even passive smokers can get them.

Task:

Having read the text, explain the side effects of cigarette smoking to your colleagues that might not have knowledge about it in about 100 words.

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2. Read the text below and respond to the tasks that follow.

A Fight at the Food Stall

A nasty fight erupted at the shopping center this morning. I watched it all and I thought it was rather silly and sad. Why should two grown-up human beings fight like Cockerell in public over a little matter which they can settle through a simple discussion?

Anyway, it all started when Okecho, the bicycle mechanic, walked up to Nabirye's roadside food stall and ordered a chapati. He gave Nabirye a one-thousand-shilling note and she gave him the chapati. When Okecho asked for his change. Nabirye gave him four hundred and fifty shillings. Okecho could not believe it. He expected change for five hundred shillings.

"What do you mean?" he asked Nabirye.

"The price has gone up to five hundred and fifty shillings each," said Nabirye simply.

"When did you raise the price? Why didn't you tell us?" asked Okecho angrily.

"Well, I am telling you now," retorted Nabirye. "Where would I find the time to go telling everyone about the price changes?"

"Why didn't you put up a public notice? You thief," bellowed Okecho fiercely.

"You will not rob me in broad daylight."

"I am not a thief," Nabirye Shouted back. She tightened the knot on the wrapper around her waist and looked Okecho straight in the eye. "You have no right to come here and call me a thief, when I am going about my business" Shouted Nabirye. If you do not want my chapati, just give it back and take your lousy money."

Okecho threw the chapati straight into Nabirye's face. The two exchanged insults and finally a fight broke out between them.

Within a short time, people had gathered around them. They separated Okecho and Nabirye and tried to calm them down. Nabirye and Okecho kept yelling insults at each other.

Eventually, Mbabazi, the Chairperson of the Market Traders Association, was called. She asked everyone to be calm so that they could resolve the conflict in reasonable manner.

"First," said Mbabazi, "how did this whole thing begin?"

It was not easy to get a clear picture of what exactly had happened. Nabirye insisted that Okecho had attacked her without any provocation. Okecho, on the other hand, just kept saying that Nabirye was trying to steal from him.

The people around started to take sides supporting either Nabirye or Okecho. Mbabazi patiently listened to the arguments from each side.

After a while, she said, "I am glad we are discussing this matter rationally. Maybe if Nabirye and Okecho had talked over their differences, this unfortunate fight would not have taken place."

"Madam," said Icuma the barber, "these two were tearing at each other like wild cats. I think they should both be disciplined."

"That may be important, Icuma," answered Mbabazi, "but I think reconciliation and amicable understanding is what Nabirye and Okecho need right now."

Finally, it was agreed that Mbabazi and a few fellow traders would help Nabirye and Okecho resolve their differences in privacy of Mbabazi's shop. The crowd dispersed as the team headed to Mbabazi's shop.

Respond to each of the following tasks on this text.

a) Tell the chairperson what Nabirye said to Okecho resulting in a fight.

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b)" Think twice before you act." How does this statement fit in the message of the text?

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c) Character is told by what some does and from one's behavior. With reference to the text above, describe the kind of person that Okecho is.

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d) We always attach emotions towards people depending on what they do to us. In reference to the above, explain the feelings you have for Nabirye.

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e) In all that we do, we have something new we learn. From Nabirye, Okecho's saga new things do you from the text.

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f) "Everyone is entitled to their opinion," people say. As a person who has read the text above, what's your comment on the saga?

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SECTION B

3. It has been realised that many students are visiting the school sickbay and reporting similar symptoms and this has left the entire school in fear. As a Health prefect, you have been tasked to investigate what could be causing sickness. Write to the teacher in charge of Health detailing the findings and what you think should be done.

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