

**COMPETENCE BASED CURRICULUM**

**THE STANDARD MEASURE SERIES 1**

**GRADE 8 TERM 1 OPENER (ENTRY) EXAM 2024**

 JUNIOR SCHOOL

ENGLISH

**SCHOOL: .............................................................................................................**

**NAME…..................................................……………………………………………………….**

**ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS**

**BROCKEN PASSAGE (10mrks)**

Fill in the gaps in the following passage with the MOST suitable word. (10mrks)

Some students nurse a …………………..........................…. Attitude towards school and learning. Such students ……..................……….. school to a prison. They argue that school rules and regulations ………...........................…….. too harsh for them. A common complaint is about morning preps. ….........................………….. students feel that they should be allowed ……………. Sleep instead of attending what they term ‘ill-termed’ …..................…………..sessions. These students also complain about homework. ...............................……………..feel that the assignment they do during daytime learning hours are enough and …………...........................……….. they should be free in the evenings. ……………………and parents alike need to focus on how such students can be ………............................……. . It is hoped that counselling will salvage the situation.

**GRAMMAR. (15mrks)**

Fill in the gaps in each of the following sentences with the most suitable words from those given in brackets. (3mrks)

1. This road is very…………………… . (laugh, rough)
2. The lorry ………………………… down Limuru road. (lolled, rolled)
3. We sing songs to…………………. God. (praise, please)

Rewrite the sentences changing the verbs into simple past tense. (3mrks)

1. When we meet on the street, Mugambi taps me on the shoulder.
2. The police arrest those who rob banks
3. Motorists rely heavily on driving mirrors.

Fill in each gap in the following sentences with the plural form of the word in bold type. (3mrks)

1. Our calf is healthier than your two ………………………………..
2. A rotten tomato spoils the good………………………………….
3. I can spell both echo and …………………………………….

Fill in the gaps in each of the following sentences with the right article. (3mrks)

1. We arrived ………………................................ hour before time and therefore …………. Show had not begun.
2. …….............................………….. ear is a hearing organ.
3. Have you ever been to ……...................................…….. moon.

Form abstract nouns from the words in brackets to fill in blank spaces in the following sentences. (3mrks)

1. We watched in …………..........................…………… (amaze) as he performed the magic.
2. The warrior displayed unusual ………………...............................……….. (brave)
3. …………….......................................….. (jealous) is a vice we should avoid.

**ORAL SKILLS (5mrks)**

Define oral literature (2mrks)

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State and explain any six (6) roles of literature to our society today. (3mrks)

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