

FORM FOUR CLUSTER KCSE MODEL 4
ENGLISH PAPER 2 QUESTIONS

COMPREHENSION (20 Marks)

Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.

1. The Federal Trade Commission on Tuesday confirmed some of the worst fears about Internet –

connected devices, saying that technology presented serious data security and privacy risks and

urged companies to make data protection a top priority.

While the agency noted the potential benefits for owners of smart devices like connected fitness

bands, regulators also said that technology generated enormous amounts of personal data that

could be misused or obtained by hackers.

Many of us are using these devices, Edith Ramirez, the chairwoman of the FTC, said in a telephone

interview. But, she said, ‘if consumers feel that their information isn’t protected, they won’t have

the confidence level to embrace them.’

In a staff report, the agency urged companies to institute basic data security measures when they

develop such devices and sensors, rather than as an afterthought. It also encouraged companies

to develop new ways to communicate their data collection and handling practices – even if they

market sensors that are too small to contain digital information displays for consumers.

“We are still at a time when we can have an impact on how the internet of things evolved,’

Ramirez said in the interview, referring to an array of connected devices. “These important privacy

principles still have a place in today’s world.’

Although the report highlights the issues that the agency intends to monitor and underlines the

best practices regulators hope companies will adopt, it does not carry the weight of enforceable

regulations. The agency has urged congress to enact baseline federal consumer privacy law. But

such legislation is unlikely to pass with congress controlled by republications.

Still, data security and privacy experts predicted at least larger-well known technology companies

would take the agency’s data security recommendations into account if only to reduce the

business risk of federal investigations.

Around 4.9 billion connected items for consumers, enterprises, manufacturing and utilities will be

in use this year according to estimates from Gartner, an information technology market research

firm. That number is expected to rise to 25 billion by 2020, centre for Democracy and Technology,

a non - profit group in Washington said.

One concern that comes with all these devices, the FTC report noted, is that hackers could

potentially hijack and misuse intimate information recorded by the technology, perhaps even

creating physical safety risks for consumers.

Last year, for instance, an electronics company that marketed what it said was “secure”

internetconnected cameras, allowing parents to remotely monitor young children at home, settled

a complaint by the FTC that lack security practices had exposed its customers to privacy invasions.

A security fear allowed anyone with the cameras interrupt addresses to view, and in some cases

hear, what was happening in customers’ homes, the agency said.

The FTC report recommended that companies consider putting limits on the volume of information

their devices collect from consumers and on the amount of time they retain those records.

But companies may be reluctant to adopt those practices because data storage costs are

decreasing and the ability to quickly analyze huge data sets is increasing.

Even so, regulators said they would be keeping watch to see that makers of connected devices

limit the potential security and privacy risks of their products for consumers.

For companies, it will be to their detriment if they don’t heed the issues we flag in the report,”

Ramirez said.

New York Times.

i) According to the first paragraph, what fears did the Federal Trade Commission confirm

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ii) What does the acronym F.T.C stand for? (2marks)

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iii) Provide a suitable title for the passage? (2marks)

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iv) Why is the word “secure” written in quotation marks? (2marks)

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v) What is the meaning of the following underlined words as used in the passage. (4 marks)

a) Hackers

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b) Institute

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c) Settled

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d) Limit

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vi) It does not carry the weight of enforceable regulations. (add a question tag) (1mark)

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vii) In note form, summarize the points of what the agency in a staff report urged companies to

implement. (4marks)

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viii) Around 4.9 billion connected items per consumer, enterprises, manufacturing and utilities will

be in use this year according to estimates from Gartner, an information technology, a non profit

group in Washington said.

Begin: According to estimates (1mark)

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ix) Why is it that companies would be reluctant to adopt the practices recommended? (2marks)

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EXERCERT (25 Marks)

Read the following excerpt and answer the questions that follow

2. “Um,” mumbled Aoro sleepily then rolled over and fell promptly asleep again again. Tony bit his lip

to keep from screaming. He got up, staggered and fell on his knees. He clutched his stomach and

let out an involuntary yell. This time his brother shot up, switched on the light took one look at his

brother’s agonized face and dashed out of the room.

“Father! Mother! Come quickly. Tony is dying.” He burst into their room throwing his manners

completely to the wind. Elizabeth was already on her way across the room. Like all mothers she

slept without sleeping and Tony's scream had brought her to consciousness and to her feet before

Aoro started out of his room. Mark struggled to wake up and saw his wife streaking out of the

room.

"What the heck is going on?" he asked the empty room. There was of course no answer, but the

panicked sound from boys' room was enough to direct him.

Tony was writhing on the floor; clearly the boy was very sick. Mark rushed to the neighbours to ask

for transport. Those were the days before people learned to barricade themselves behind their

doors for fear of thugs masquerading as people in distress. The neighbour, who owned a VW

rushed the sick boy held on his mother's lap in the front seat with his father in the back, to the

general hospital. Doctors who stare death in the face on a daily basis are never in as much a hurry

as relatives would like them to be, but eventually the boy was seen and a diagnosis of a cute

appendicitis was made. He was scheduled for an emergency operation, but since there was one

apparently more serious case before him, it wasn't until the early hours of the morning that they

took him to theatre, where an ugly inflamed appendix was incised and removed.

Back at home Aoro climbing walls with fear and worry. His sisters with the death like slumber of

the young had managed to sleep throughout the whole commotion. At dawn he decided enough

was enough so he went to their room and shook them awake.

“What is it, you ugly boy?” asked Becky sweetly. Vera looked at him and got out of bed hurriedly.

“What is it?” she asked alarmed

“Tony’s sick. He was rushed to hospital at night and they haven’t come back.” He could not add

the unspeakable – the fear that his brother was dying or dead.

“Why didn’t you wake us you idiot?” asked Vera annoyed that such a thing could happen without

her knowing it; so she took it out on her brother. Becky continued to lie in bed. Few things bored

her as much as sickness, suffering and death. She simply could not identify with them. At sixteen

she was a breath taking beauty and had a horde of admirers and aspiring boyfriends none of

whom she had yet shown an interest in. She did not believe in wasting time. Besides her sister was

always with her and she knew her parent s would not take kindly to such goings on. She stretched

luxuriously in bed, enjoying the feel of her young lithe body. Aoro , tired of being called names

retired back to his room. Vera looked questioningly at her sister, then went to the kitchen to make

breakfast. She was beginning to have her doubts about that young lady.

a) Briefly explain what happens before and after this excerpt. (4marks)

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b) He could not add the unspeakable (change into the passive voice)

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c) From the excerpt, describe the relationship between Tony and Aoro. (2marks)

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d) "Like all mothers, she slept without sleeping." Explain the meaning of the above statement as

used in the passage. (2marks)

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e) Contrast the character traits of Vera and Becky as brought out in the passage.

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f) Identify and illustrate any one theme brought out in the excerpt above. (2marks).

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g) “She was beginning to have her doubts about the young lady:” From your knowledge of the

text, highlight the things that Becky do that confirm Vera’s doubts. (4marks)

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h) Identify any simile used in the passage. (1mark)

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i) From the excerpt, what shows that Mark is a strict parent? (2marks)

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j) How does Tony’s illness shape Aoro’s life later in the text? (2marks)

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k) “What is it, you ugly boy?” asked Becky. (Rewrite in reported speech). (1mark)

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... GRAMMAR (15 Marks)

(a) Rewrite the following sentences as instructed

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i. He likes being idle better than working for his living. Begin: He would rather

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ii. Let us play Add a question tag

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iii. You must on account leave any question unanswered.

Begin: On.....

b) Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the word in bracket. (3marks)

i. I had.....(lie) in the sun for one hour before they took me to hospital.

ii. Everybody thought that.....(statistics) information must be true.

iii. The headmaster told the student that such shocking behavior was likely to earn the school a

very.....(flavor) reputation.

c) Rewrite the following sentences using the comparative or superlative form of the.....

adjectives in brackets.

i. Statistics show that (much) energy is consumed in industry than individuals.

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ii. Many people with allergies find that pollen is their (bad) enemy.

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iii. This book is the (expensive) of the two.

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d) Fill in the blanks with appropriate complex preposition. (3marks)

i. He stood... ..the class and confessed his guilt. ii. Whether he is guilty or not, a

suspect must be treatedthe law. iii. He has a lot to say his new job.

e) Replace the underlined word in each of the sentences with appropriate phrasal verb.

(3marks)

i. With time, she will overcome her grief..... ii. The shopkeeper

discovered she had exhausted her stock of sugar in the evening... iii.

My mother bought a scarf which matches her blue dress.....

POEM (20 Marks)

Read the poem below and answer the questions that follow.

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a)

The serf by Roy Campbell

His naked skin clothed in the torrid mist,
That puffs in smoke around the patient hooves,
The ploughman drives, a slow somnambulist,
And through the green his Grimson furrow grooves,
His heart, more deeply than he wounds the plain,
Long by the rasping shame of insult torn,
Red clod, to which the war-cry was rain
And tribal spears the fatal sheaves of corn,
Lies fallow now. But as the turf divides,
I see in the slow progress of his strides
Over the toppled clouds and falling flowers,
The timeless, surly patience of the serf,
That moves the nearest to the naked earth
And ploughs down palaces and thrones, and towers

a) What kind of a person is a serf as portrayed in this poem? (2marks)

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b) Explain the meaning of lines 5 to 9

**c) What does the expression surly patience reveal about the serf's personality?
(2marks)**

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d) Explain any two literary devices in the poem. (4marks)

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e) What is the tone of the poem? (2marks)

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f) What is the main message of this poem? (3marks)

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g) Explain the meaning of the following words as used in the poem. (3marks)

i. Turf

ii. Toppled

iii) Rasping