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INSTRUCTIONS

- This paper contains **two** sections, **A** and **B**.
- Attempt all the questions in section and **one** from section **B**.
- Responses to section **A** should be written in the spaces provided and those for section **B** should be written in the answer booklet provided.
- Not more than **one** item should be responded to inspection **B**.
- Any additional questions answered will not be marked.

ITEM 1.

During visitation day, your mother came at school to see you, but did not bring your favorite shoes as you had requested when you called home informing them about visitation day. You were disappointed and insisted to know why your request was not honored. However, your mother claimed that your cousins visited over the weekend and were made to sleep in your room. When leaving, they forgot to lock the window to your room. To their surprise, the window was wide open in the morning when the house help went to clean your room, only to realize that some things were missing. They don't know how the theft occurred and were all confused since none of them heard anyone entering the room. Read the passage below and briefly inform your mother the tricks the criminals use to access our homes, in not more than 120 words.

Most criminals are highly trained to specialize in home invasions, that is why they wear masks to stop people from identifying them and gloves so they do not leave finger prints.

They carry knives and firearms and have the proper tools with them for breaking and entering into our homes. Some are calm and collected in order to get what they want, but are not afraid to use force if necessary.

Robbers use different gimmicks to break into our homes. In a house without a ceiling, they access it through the roof, cutting a hole or remove an iron sheet to access the interior. On getting inside, they gather all they need and open the doors for a comfortable exit. Pouring acid in the outside padlocks and door frames from the gate to the main house and quarters. After, they open the inside locks and start robbing and vandalizing. Some even hurt the occupants.

Others remove two or three ventilators above the main door to access the upper locks. After opening them, they force the door open by shaking and pulling the lower locks. Attacking at 3.00am is another trick they use. At this time, many people are dead asleep, unable to hear petty thieves get away with phones, woofers and laptops. Be careful when driving into the gate and house at night because some invaders tactfully cling onto your car or hide behind dark corners of the home to gain access to the interior at

night. Before sleeping, check all the dark corners under the beds and rooms for safety.

Some people wake up after several hours to an empty house to realize that even their beds were taken after having been sprayed with chloroform through the ventilators at night. Children are used in some robberies. They cut the burglary proof bars in the metallic windows or doors to create a hole in which they pass a small boy to open for them in the wee hours of the night.

Watch your steps and those you deal with. You can be tracked by impersonators for days all the way from the bank. A ladder can be used to climb over the fence into your compound and your house. A tree next to the fence can be used, so we should avoid leaving items. During the day, as others are gone for work, impersonators can use house helps to get away with valuables such as TVs and laptops among others. They usually disguise as Umeme and National Water and Sewerage Corporation staff to access the house. Houses with doors attached to Windows are also prone to attacks. When the thugs force windows open, they really easily reach in to open the metallic door locks to access the interior.

Avoid leaving your wallet in your trousers because some things open the windows and use a long hooked stick to pull the clothes they suspect to have money. With this trick, they also pull handbags, phones and shoes. The thugs often attack at night and steal newly installed windows and door frames, if the house is not guarded for days until the items are firm.

They also attack and rob during the night when it is raining because even you make an alarm no one will come to your rescue. Cooking food outside can be lethal because invaders can add chloroform. After eating especially at night, you could pass out, hence simplifying the attacker's mission. Train your dogs not to be fooled by strangers. This will stop the invaders from giving them food containing poison. If your door is not strong enough, thugs can force it open by throwing on it a big rock.

The guard can also be made drunk with alcohol or chloroform. Some even attack and kill them before breaking into the house.

Always be mindful of your home and its surroundings lest the thieves outwit you and vandalize what you have worked for yourself in just hours!

(Adapted from Saturday Vision November 26,2016, pg 14).

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ITEM 2

The school's riskety and half-dead fife-band was in full session. Each class stood in twos in rigid military fashion. All the teachers, six of them, were standing on the school veranda, in the shade, while the children stood in the scorching sun. Each class teacher stood in front of his class and backed orders. The newly admitted class one boys were unruly and noisy. They had not yet been initiated into the military discipline, which prevailed on such occasions. It was only a matter of time.

While they were so engaged, Torto, who was in another file, was looking intently in Mensa's direction; he was trying to to wink and smile at him, hoping that Mensa too would wink and smile reassuringly back at him. Unfortunately, Mensa would not look his way. Torto therefore had to persist, and he was so taken up by the fruitless task that when the teacher on duty belowed "March time" he did not hear him. Mr. Lomo, the impressive head teacher, who stood aloof both from the pupils and teachers, noticed Torto's inattention, but waited for more evidence. Meanwhile, Torto was busy still winking and smiling. The teacher on duty yelled again, "Right turn!" and then "Quick March!" Torto was standing without any attention of moving when the boy immediately behind him, marched and bumped into him. The boy who bumped into him was so startled that soon after the bump, he nudged Torto in the ribs to get moving so that they would soon not be caught. Torto was so startled by the well-intentioned nudge that he squealed.

"Halt." cried Mr. Lomo the whole school came to a halt. The boy playing the bass was so taken aback by the thunderous cry of halt that he gave the already tired drum a big superfluous bang, which marked time for nobody. He had to pray to God at once that no ill should befall him for striking the bass drum when it should have been silent. It was the kind of thing the head teacher did not like and he had been warned before. He had been accused by the head teacher of playing the bass not to keep time, just to satisfy his juvenile lust for hitting things.

"Torto! Come forward!" Mr. Lomo thundered. Torto, thinking that Mensa had reported him, decided to run away at once, never to return. But the shock he had on hearing his name mentioned paralyzed him.

"Torto, I say. Come forward!" cried Mr. Lomo, this time brandishing a stout cane he held in his hand.

The whole place was quiet as a courtroom just before the judge pronounces a sentence.

Torto once more thought of bolting, but he knew too much about the school. Just as he had been told in detail that the wife of the teacher was selfish and wicked, so also had it been explained to him in graphic language that it was hopeless and indeed dangerous for a class -one boy to run away from school: Mr. Lomo would order the big boys to chase and catch him and if they caught him, they would so secretly nudge and twist all parts of his body that they would give him hell before the worse hell followed.

He therefore obeyed and went forward. By the time he reached the head teacher who stood tight-lipped and over-powering, his mind had become completely blank. Mr. Lomo spoke aloud and said. "Attention, everybody! This boy Torto standing before me, while the master on duty was giving orders, was laughing and winking. When you were all ordered to March, he was so engaged in naughtiness that he wouldn't budge."

"Whip him!" the whole school roared to the skies.

(Adapted from: "The Strange Man," by Amu Djoletto)

Questions

a) There is a behavior that reflects a lack of integrity in life. What behavior in the passage shows a lack of integrity?

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b) " The newly admitted class one boys were unruly and noisy. They had not yet been initiated into the military discipline. (Join the sentence using a relative pronoun)

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c) The way people behave usually tells us a lot about their character. From his behavior in the passage, what kind of person is Mr. Lomo?

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d) Sometimes in life, we do certain things only to realize that we should have acted differently. If you were Torto, what would you have done after the head teacher called your name?

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e) Situations in life usually arouse certain feelings in us. How do you feel after reading this passage?

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f) In life, we learn from our own experiences and those of others. What can one learn from the text above?

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SECTION B

EITHER ITEM 3.

In preparation for your upcoming prom party scheduled for end of second term, a class meeting was held to discuss how the day will go. During the meeting, the date was agreed, different people were assigned role and responsibilities, the venue was agreed and the activities of the day were laid down. A contention arose on who would be the prom king and queen, forcing the class to go into voting where the winners emerged. Towards the end of the meeting, it also emerged that your class teacher's wedding was scheduled for the same month and a suggestion was made for the class to contribute a gift which will be presented as the class is meant to present during the event. The gift was agreed upon and the mode of purchase. However, there was no device to record the proceedings of the meeting. As a result, you were requested to take record of resolutions taken and present to the school administration for approval. Present a document showing the record of what transpired in the meeting.

OR ITEM 4.

There is an upcoming inter-house MDD competitions to be held at your school under the theme "Both boys and girls deserve equal opportunities ." Your house patron has tasked you with the responsibility of addressing the audience on behalf of your house. Prepare what you will present during the competitions on behalf of your house.

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