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### ENGLISH LANGUAGE 1

Instructions for the conduct of Section A.

(Listening Comprehension Test - 5 marks)

**These instructions are for the use of the Teacher ONLY and must not be shown to the candidates.**

The question paper for the Listening Comprehension test should be distributed to the candidates. Candidates should be instructed to enter the details required on the front cover of the question booklet. They should then be told to fill in the information required on the answer sheet. Ensure that candidates do NOT open the question paper until they are told to do so after the first reading of the Listening Comprehension passage (see below).

The complete test should take 25 minutes. The timing commences at the beginning of the first reading of the passage. The short time allowed to candidates for reading the questions should be two minutes.

If the teacher considers it desirable to give an extra reading of any group of words because of some noise from outside or for any other good cause, this can be done. If this is found necessary, the cause must be reported to the Board on the special report form.

The procedure for giving the Listening Comprehension test is explained in the following announcement which the teacher should read to the candidates immediately before the test:

**I shall read a passage to you once. You are not allowed to write anything during this first reading. Do not look at your question paper.** (First reading)

The timing of the test (25 minutes) commences at this point. The teacher should read the passage through at normal reading speed, avoiding any distortion of features of spoken language. The teacher then announces:

**Now open your question paper. I shall give you two minutes to look at the questions on the paper. They are grouped into three sections. Do not write anything.**

The teacher allows an interval of two minutes and then announces:

**I shall now read the passage through again but this time in three Sections. When I have finished reading the first section you will be given two minutes in which to provide answers to the first section of the questions. Your answers must be given as instructed in the booklet. This procedure will then be repeated for the other sections. You may still look at the questions and you may make notes on the blank spaces in the booklet, if you wish, as I read. First section.**

The teacher should read each section aloud pausing at each slant line. A two-minute interval should be respected after each section. Two minutes after reading the third section the teacher should make the following announcement: **You now have the remainder of the 25 minutes for final revision.**

**Turn Over**

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## LISTENING COMPREHENSION.

### SECTION ONE

Once there lived a man called Mbu. /When he learned that an agric show was being held in a nearby village,/ he knew that a large crowd of country people would be there selling different farm produce,/ animals and handicrafts; / and so much money would change hands. / He quickly conceived a plan/ to make use of his funny-looking tricolour hat. / He prepared three bags containing some money/ to be left at different points in the said village. / At each point, / he would agree with the keeper/ on what colour of his hat would be worn for recognition. /

One bag was left at the oil merchant's stand, / another at the drug store, / and the last with the village priest. / Having disposed of all three bags, / Mbu went to the show grounds. / He spotted one of the rich farmers/ who had sold all his cattle. / 'This would be my man,' / Mbu said to himself. /

### SECTION TWO

Mbu stopped beside him. / Although it was raining, / Mbu took off his hat/ and wrapped it carefully in his cape/ instead of keeping it on to protect his head. /This puzzled the farmer/ and he asked Mbu for an explanation. /

Mbu saw that the farmer had swallowed his bait /and smiling to himself, / he told the farmer that the hat was the most valuable thing in the entire world. / The farmer's curiosity increased / and he asked what was so valuable about a mere tricolour hat./ Mbu told him that the hat worked for him./Whenever he put on the hat / with a colour turned over, / people just handed him any amount of money he asked for. / The farmer was very amazed / but he told Mbu he couldn't believe a word of it / until he saw with his own eyes, / the hat at work. /

Mbu took out his hat, / turned one corner green, / put it on / and took the farmer out to the oil stand. /The moment the oil merchant saw Mbu,/ he handed over the bag of money/ Mbu had left with him. /The farmer stood with is mouth open in astonishment. /

### SECTION THREE

The farmer asked Mbu if he would sell the hat. /Although that was what Mbu wanted, /he was quick to say no./The farmer was determined to have the hat at any cost./ Further discussions got the farmer more and more curious / and he did not hesitate to offer all he had realized / from the sale of his cattle. / Mbu still pretended not to be interested / but chuckled to himself, / thinking of the trick he was about to play on the farmer. / The farmer told Mbu he would like to see the hat / with one of the corners turned red / and Mbu repeated his trick at the drugstore. / At this /the farmer was convinced. /He took out all his money / but before he would hand it / he asked Mbu to work with the hat just once more./

Mbu put on the hat, / yellow corner out and headed for the church. / As soon as the priest saw Mbu's hat / he went to the sacristy / and returned with a bag of money. / Mbu thanked the Priest and asked for blessings./ Now the farmer was fully convinced / of the hat's magical powers. / The deal was sealed./