

GREENHILL ACADEMY

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Instructions: Attempt one question in section A but in Section B, all numbers are compulsory

1. a. Justify the need for the new curriculum in the education sector of your country.
b. Examine the challenges the new curriculum is facing in the education sector of your country.
- 2 a. Examine factors heightening gender-based violence in your community.
b. Discuss the adverse effects of gender-based violence in your community.

SECTION A

Study the following information and answer the questions which follow.

Hotel Africana has been appointed by a Paris based firm to organize a beauty contest and select a lady to represent Uganda in the miss world beauty pageant. The successful candidate will among other things be the country's ambassador of goodwill at several international events that will be organized over the next two years. The foreign firm has instructed Hotel Africana to consider the following qualities in order of their merit.

1. Education attainment
2. Intelligence quotient (I.Q)
3. Character
4. Beauty
5. Smartness

Below are the names of the contestants:

1. Agnes: She has a master's degree, has a high I.Q, her character is fairly good. She is very beautiful and her smartness is average.
2. Angella: She is in S.4 vacation, her I.Q is fair, her character is poor. She is beautiful and very smart.
3. Diana: She is an S.6 leaver, has average I.Q, her character is good. She is fairly beautiful and her smartness is average.
4. Florence: She is an S.6 leaver, has a high I.Q, her character is fair. Her beauty is average and she is very smart.

5. Shania: She is a graduate, has an average I.Q, her character is very good. She is very beautiful and fairly smart.

Questions

- (a) Who of the ladies would make the best choice? Show how you arrive at your answer. **(12 Marks)**
- (b) Arrange the rest of the ladies in order of their importance. **(04 Marks)**
- (c) If the winner fell sick suddenly, who would take over her role? Give reasons for your answer. **(04 Marks)**
- (d) "Beauty contest degrade women," Do you agree? **(12 Marks)**
- (e) Suggest any possible ways to improve beauty contests organised in your county. **(08 Marks)**

PASSAGE

Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow:

If you must give expression to prejudice and hatred and intolerance, do not speak it but write it; write it in the sands, near the water's edge. When dawn of intelligence shall spread over the eastern horizon of human progress, and Ignorance and Superstition shall have left their last footprints on the sands of time, it will be recorded in the last chapter of the book of man's crimes that his most grievous sin was that of Intolerance. The bitterest intolerance grows out of religious, racial and economic prejudices and differences of opinion. How long, O God, until we poor mortals will understand the folly of trying to destroy one another because we are of different religious beliefs and racial tendencies? Our allotted time on this earth is but a fleeting moment. Like a candle, we are lighted, shine for a moment, and flicker out. Why can we not learn to so live during this brief earthly visit that when the great Caravan called Death draws up and announces this visit completed, we will be ready to fold our tents, and silently follow into the great unknown without fear and trembling?

I am hoping that I will find no Jews or Gentiles, Catholics or Protestants, Germans, Englishmen, Frenchmen when I shall have crossed the bar to the other side. I am hoping that I will find there only human souls, brothers and sisters all, unmarked by race, creed, or colour, for I shall want to be done with intolerance so I may rest in peace throughout eternity.

You visualise two animals demonstrating the futility of combat. Two male deers have engaged in a fight to the finish, each believing that he will be the winner. Off at the side the female awaits the victor, little dreaming that tomorrow the bones of both combatants will be bleaching in the sun.

“Poor foolish animals”, someone will say. Perhaps, but not very different from the man family. Man engages his brothers in mortal combat because of competition. The three major forms of competition are sex, economic and religious in nature.

Twenty years ago a great educational institution was doing a thriving business and rendering a worthy service to thousands of students. The two owners of the school married two beautiful and talented young women, who were especially accomplished in the art of piano playing. The two wives became involved in an argument as to which one was more accomplished in this art. The disagreement was taken up by each of the husbands. They became bitter enemies. Now the bones of that once prosperous school “lie bleaching in the sun”.

The two deers we visualised earlier locked horns over the attention of the female. The two-man deer locked horns over the selfsame impulse.

In one of the greatest industrial plants, two young foremen “locked horns” because one received a promotion which the other believed he should have had. For more than five years the silent undertow of hatred and intolerance showed itself. The men under each of foremen became inoculated with the spirit of dislike which they saw cropping out in their superiors. Slowly the spirit of retaliation began to spread over the entire plant. The men became divided into little cliques. Production began to fall off. Then came financial difficulty and finally bankruptcy of the company.

Now the bones of a once prosperous business “lie bleaching in the sun”, and the two foremen and several thousand others were compelled to start all over again in another field.

Down in the mountains of West Virginia lived two peaceful families of mountain-folk-the Hatfields and the McCoys. They had been friendly neighbours for three generations. A razor-back pig belonging to the McCoy family crawled through the fence into the Hatfield family’s corn field. The Hatfields turned their hound loose on the pig. The McCoys retaliated by killing the dog. Then began a feud that has lasted for three generations and cost many lives of the Hatfields and McCoys.

In a fashionable suburb of Philadelphia certain gentlemen of wealth have built their homes. In front of each house the word “INTOLERANCE” is written. One man builds a high steel fence in front of his house. The neighbour next to him, not to be outdone, builds a fence twice as high. Another buys a new motor car and the man next door goes him one better by purchasing two new cars. One remodels his house adding a colonial style porch. The man next door adds a new porch and a Spanish style garage for good measure. The big mansion on top of the hill gives a reception which brings a long line motor cars filled with people who have nothing in particular in common with the host. Then follows a series of “receptions” all down the “gold-coast” line, each trying to outshine all the others.

The “Mister” (but they don’t call him that in fashionable neighbourhoods) goes to business in the back seat of a Rolls Royce that is managed by a chauffeur and a footman. Why does he go to

business? To make money, of course! Why does he want more money when he already has millions of dollars? So he can keep out -doing his wealthy neighbours.

Poverty has some advantages-it never drives those who are poverty stricken to “lock horns” in the attempt to out-poverty their neighbours.

Wherever you see men with their “horns locked”, in conflict you may trace the cause of the combat to one of the three causes of intolerance-religious difference of opinion, economic competition or sex competition.

The next time you observe two men engaged in any sort of hostility toward each other, just close your eyes and THINK for a moment and you may see them, in their transformed nature, very much resembling the male deer we pictured earlier. Off at one side you may see the object of the combat-a pile of gold, a religious emblem or a female (or females).

Remember, the purpose of this essay is to tell some of the TRUTH about human nature, with the object of causing its readers to THINK. Its writer seeks no glory or praise, and likely he will receive neither in connection with this particular subject.

Andrew Carnegie and Henry C. Frick did more than any other two men to establish the steel industry. Both made millions of dollars for themselves. Came the day when economic intolerance sprang up between them. To show his contempt to Frick, Carnegie built a tall sky-scraper and named it the “Carnegie Building”. Frick retaliated by erecting a much taller building, alongside of the Carnegie Building, naming it the “Frick Building.”

These two gentlemen “locked horns” in a fight to the finish, Carnegie lost his mind perhaps more, for all we of this world know. What Frick lost is known only to himself and the keeper of the Great Records. In memory their “bones lie bleaching in the sun” of posterity.

The steel men of today are managing things differently. Instead of locking horns they now “interlock directorates”, with the result that each is practically a solidified, strong unit of the whole industry. The steel men of today understand the difference between the meaning of the words COMPETITION and CO-OPERATION; a difference which the remainder of us would do well to understand, also.

Questions:

a) Suggest a suitable title for this passage. (2 marks)

b) What does the author mean by:

“... it never drives those who are poverty stricken to “lock horns”? (4 marks)

i) “...their bones lie bleaching in the sun”?
(4marks)

- c) In not more than **100** words, summarise the causes of intolerance according to the passage.
(10 marks)
- d) Explain the meaning of each of the following words and phrases as used in the passage:
- i) grievous
 - ii) fleeting moment
 - iii) fold our tents
 - iv) futility of combat
 - v) silent undertow
 - vi) inoculated with the spirit of dislike
 - vii) feud
 - viii) transformed nature
 - ix) “locked horns”
 - x) Posterity