ENGLISH PAPER 1

(READING COMPREHENSION, ORAL SKILLS, AND GRAMMAR)

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Read the following passage then answer Question 1-6.

A group of learners noticed that bullying was becoming rampant in school. They decided to act. They put an organised strategy in place to curb the menace and make the environment safer and more welcoming. Learners were asked to complete anonymous surveys to collect information on how often it happened as well as the forms of bullying practised. The learners collected information from their fellow learners, teachers, and the support staff. They also organised a campaign to increase public awareness on the negative impacts bullying had on them.

1. The word safer has been used in the passage. Under which word class does it belong?
   A. Adverb B. Adjective
   C. Noun D. Verb

2. Which among the following was not a method the learners used to collect information?
   A. Used the library
   B. Talked to teachers
   C. Talked to support staff
   D. From among themselves

3. The word more is used in the passage. What is its positive degree?
   A. More B. Most
   C. Many D. Much

4. Which of the following can best replace the word anonymous as used in the passage:
   A. Known B. Incognito
   C. Flawless D. Marked

5. According to the passage, the learners acted by putting organized strategies because?
   A. Bullying had to stop.
   B. Learners had started bullying.
   C. Bullying was on rampant.
   D. Bullying was enjoyable.

6. What community based learning did they practice?
   A. Filling in questionnaires / survey
   B. Completing anonymous survey
   C. Organizing a bullying awareness campaign
   D. Collecting information on bullying

Read the passage below and then answer Question 7-10.

A local community is debating whether to allow a company to build a resort near a protected forest. The company promises jobs and economic growth, but environmentalists warn that construction could disrupt wildlife habitats and pollute nearby rivers. Some residents are torn between the potential financial benefits and the long-term environmental impact. The town council must decide whether to approve the project.

7. What advice would you give to the council?
   A. Our people will get jobs hence daily bread
   B. The company would uplift the lives of our people
   C. The resort will make our vibrant
   D. One bird at hand is worth two in the bush

8. What are the possible long-term consequences of prioritizing economic development over environmental conservation in this scenario?
   A. Destruction of habitat and ecosystems.
   B. The water will be clearer.
   C. The resort will beautify the environment.
   D. Gain of biodiversity.

9. How might the community balance economic growth with environmental protection?
   A. Give the company all rights of using the reserve as long as itemploys the locals.
   B. They could explore eco-tourism that creates jobs.
   C. Allow the company to use the trees with an aim of doing reforestation later.
   D. The company to use a small portion of the reserve.