ENGLISH (Composition & Literacy Analysis)

PAPER 2

SECTION A: COMPOSITION (15 marks)

TASK 1: COMPOSITION

Write your composition in the spaces provided.

Write an interesting composition beginning with the words given.

My classmate and I were sitting under a tree behind the classroom one afternoon. We were discussing a storybook we had read during the English lesson. Suddenly, we saw.....

SECTION B: LITERACY ANALYSIS (35 MARKS)

TASK 2: ORAL LITERATURE

Read the story below and then answer the questions that follow. (10 marks)

Once upon a time, there lived a mighty lion. He was a powerful leader who reigned over all animals in his kingdom with an iron fist. He was also a great hunter. He moved like a shadow in golden fur and never failed to bring down his prey. He always had more than enough to eat and remained in splendid health.

One scorching afternoon, after feasting on a hearty meal, the lion stretched out beneath the shelter of an old tree whose branches murmured lullabies to the drowsy earth. The warm breeze stroked his mane and lulled him into a deep and peaceful sleep. After a moment, he stirred. A peculiar sensation startled him from slumber. His eyes snapped open and to his disbelief, a tiny mouse was scampering playfully over his body, as if the lion were no more than a grassy hill. Outraged by this bold intrusion, the lion brought down his heavy paw and got hold of the mouse.

Quivering beneath the lion's mighty paw, the mouse squeaked, "Please, noble lion, spare my life. Someday, I may be able to help you."

The lion threw back his golden head and laughed; a deep, rumbling laugh that echoed through the trees. "You? Help me?" he scoffed. Yet, moved by a strange flicker of amusement and a spark of mercy, the lion raised his paw and let the mouse scurry away.

Days melted into one another like drops in a stream, until one morning, something tragic happened to the lion. While prowling the undergrowth in search of prey, he stepped into a hidden trap laid by hunters. A thick net sprang up and wrapped around him like a treacherous clutching at his limbs and pulling him to the forest floor.