COMPETENCE BASED ASSESSMENT
GRADE NINE
EXTRA-ACTIVITY ASSESSMENT
ENGLISH

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READING COMPREHENSION.

Read the story below and answer the questions that follow.

Kinuthia left the other farm and rushed home. It was approaching noon and had been working for a bout six hours. He realized it was time to release even the three farm hands he had hired although they still had an hour to go. The clouds were descending low and if it found them on the farm, one would wonder if they ever looked up as they worked.

"You can take a rest. The weather is changing fast," he told them.

"Why don't we clear the small portion left there?" Simon requested. Maurice and Kobia seconded the suggestion.

"I've no objection but I doubt if it will be possible. Leaving the farm in a run is not a good idea," said Kinuthia handing over the trio their payment for the day. "Moreover, you will be tired.

"that's alright but tomorrow we shall come here half an hour earlier to compensate for your generosity," Maurice said.

The three men took their jembes and started leaving the farm, ensuring they did not trample in the maize seedlings that were just sprouting. Kinuthia was the last to leave but he walked a little faster for the sun was already blocked by the clouds and the wind was blowing faster. He knew signs that led to rainfall so, he started jogging.

QUESTIONS.

1. For how long had the men been working at the farm? **(1mk)**

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2. Which farming activity was Kinuthia and the three doing? **(1mk)**

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3. At what time do you think the workers were supposed to complete the work? **(1mk)**

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4. Why did Kinuthia and three left the farm earlier? **(1mk)**

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5. Three phrase "earlier to compensate" has been used in the passage. Explain what it means. **(2mks)**

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Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow.

During drought, people pray for rain. They believe that at the onset of the rains, all their problems would be washed away. They say, vegetables would be easy to get, food prices would go down and they would generally live a healthier life cheaply. To some extend they are right. In some areas, water isn't easily available so people have to walk or ride for long distances to look for this precious commodity which in some cases, they also share with their livestock.

When the rains start pelting the dusty grounds it is a celebration both to human and wild animals of course plants don't talk but since we see a big change in them too, we believe they too appreciate it. The more it rains