



THE KENYA NATIONAL EXAMINATIONS COUNCIL

KNEC/TD/SE/KCSE.QT/TT/18/010

THE 2018 KCSE QUALIFYING TEST EXAMINATION TIMETABLE & INSTRUCTIONS

1.0 GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

- 1.1 **The examination will start at 8.30 a.m.**
- 1.2 The time allowed for each paper is indicated against the name of the paper and ***NO EXTRA TIME IS TO BE ALLOWED***. In case of any discrepancy, the time stated on the question paper should be taken as the correct one. Time for reading through questions is part of the time shown on the question paper except where special paper instructions indicate otherwise.
- 1.3 Supervisors and Invigilators are asked to ensure that candidates have written their **names, index numbers** and have **signed** on their answer scripts before they collect the answer scripts from each candidate while the candidates are advised to ensure that they take all the papers.

2.0 EXAMINATION PERIOD AND DATE

DAY	PERIOD	ITEM NO.	PAPER/SUBJECT	DURATION
MONDAY 29.10.2018	8.30 a.m. – 10.30 a.m. (1 st session)	1	QT904 Mathematics & Science	2 hrs
	10.30 a.m. – 11.00 a.m.		BREAK	30 mins
	11.00 a.m – 1.00 p.m. (2 nd session)	2	QT903/1 English	2 hrs
	1.00 pm – 2.00 pm		LUNCH BREAK	1 hr
	2.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m. (3 rd session)	3	QT903/2 Kiswahili	2 hrs
4		QT903/3 Kenyan Sign Language	2 hrs	

3.0 INSTRUCTIONS AND GUIDELINES TO SUB-COUNTY EXAMINATION OFFICERS AND CANDIDATES

3.1 Sub-County Examination Officers are advised to ensure that the candidates read these instructions and guidelines carefully and adhere to them. The candidates should be made aware of the penalties for examination irregularities or misconduct.

3.2 INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- 3.2.1 Avail yourself for searching outside the examination room and be seated at your desk/table **15 minutes** before the time fixed for the examination to start in the various papers. The first session will start at **8.30 a.m.**
- 3.2.2 A candidate who arrives late will be required to give a satisfactory reason to the Supervisor. Only in exceptional circumstances will a paper be given to any candidate who is more than **half an hour** late. Absolute punctuality is essential for all papers.
- 3.2.3 Check the question paper you have been given to confirm that it is the paper you registered for.
- 3.2.4 Attend carefully to any general instructions that may be given on the first page of a paper, e.g. instructions limiting the number of questions that should be answered.
- 3.2.5 Check to ensure that each page of your question paper is printed.
- 3.2.6 Write your name and your index number on the answer booklet.
- 3.2.7 Write on both sides of the paper, but do not use the margins. Begin the answer to each separate part of a question on a fresh line.
- 3.2.8 Write the number of the question clearly in the left-hand margin at the beginning of each answer. Do not copy the question. Be careful to use the same system of numbering as appears in the question paper. Leave a blank line after the answer to each question.
- 3.2.9 Write your responses in **black or blue** ink. You may use fountain pen or ball point pen. Pencils should only be used for diagrams. Bring mathematical and drawing instruments for subjects for which they will be needed.
- 3.2.10 Read each question carefully. A lot of time may be wasted in writing down information that is not asked for and no marks will be given for it.
- 3.2.11 Do not spend too much time on one or two questions. Leave yourself adequate time to answer other questions.
- 3.2.12 As soon as notice is given to stop, make sure your name and index number is written on the answer booklet and then hand it over to the Supervisor/Invigilator.
- 3.2.13 Withdrawal from the examination should have been notified to the KNEC in writing before the examination begins.

3.3 CAUTION TO THE CANDIDATES

- 3.3.1 You are not allowed to leave the examination room before the end of the period allocated to the paper except with special permission from the supervisor. **NO CANDIDATE SO PERMITTED TO LEAVE MAY TAKE QUESTION PAPERS OUT OF THE EXAMINATION ROOM.**
- 3.3.2 Do not leave a sheet of paper you have written on or your answer in such a position that another candidate can read them. You should not give or obtain unfair assistance, or attempt to do so, whether by copying or in any form and your work should not show proof of such unfair assistance.
- 3.3.3 No communication whatsoever in whatever manner between candidates or with outsiders is allowed during the examination.
- 3.3.4 You are not allowed to have in your possession or in your proximity while in the examination room, any books, notes, papers or any other materials whatsoever except the correct question papers and any materials expressly authorized by the Kenya National Examinations Council.
- 3.3.5 You may only use mathematical tables printed by the Kenya National Examinations council, and these should not contain any additional notes except the printed information. If you are using a calculator as permitted by the Regulations, it should be the specified non programmable calculator. If in doubt, check with the supervisor.
- 3.3.6 You must return immediately to the supervisor any question paper that has smudges or has errors or is badly printed.
- 3.3.7 You must not take any used or unused writing papers out of the examination room. Any rough work must be done on the official answer papers and, if not to be submitted with the answers, must be left on the desk to be collected by the supervisor and destroyed.
- 3.3.8 Any misconduct or causing of disturbance in or near the examination room will be treated as an examination irregularity.
- 3.3.9 Cell phones or any other electronic communication device are prohibited in examination centres. Any candidate caught in possession of a cell phone/any other electronic communication device will have his/her results cancelled.

3.4 PENALTY FOR EXAMINATION IRREGULARITIES

- 3.4.1 The **KNEC Act No. 29 of 2012** Offences and Penalties stated in **Sections 27 to 40** for cases of examination irregularities will apply. Some of the highlights in these **Sections** state that:
 - 3.4.1.1 A candidate who commits an examination irregularity in any paper will have the results for the **WHOLE SUBJECT** cancelled. Such a candidate will not be entitled to a result and will be awarded result "Y" overall.
 - 3.4.1.2 If there is evidence of wide-spread irregularities in any examination centre, the examination results for the whole centre will be cancelled.
 - 3.4.1.3 **Any person who:-**
 - a) gains access to examination material and knowingly reveals the contents, whether orally or in writing, to an unauthorized party, whether a candidate or not, will be in violation of **Section 27** of the **Act** and the penalty will be imprisonment for a term not exceeding **ten years**, or a fine not exceeding **two million shillings** or both;
 - b) willfully and maliciously damages examination material will be in violation of **Section 30** of the **Act** and the penalty will be imprisonment for a term not exceeding **five years** or a fine not exceeding **five million shillings** or both;
 - c) is not registered to take a KNEC examination but, with intent to **impersonate**, presents or attempts to present himself to take the part of an enrolled candidate will be in violation of **Section 31** of the **Act**, and shall be guilty of an offence and liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding **two years** or a fine not exceeding **two million shillings** or both and shall be prohibited from taking an examination conducted by or on behalf of the Council for a period of **three years**.
- 3.4.2 Please ensure that you do not commit any examination irregularity to avoid having your results cancelled.

Aq. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER