



**COMMON ENTRANCE EXAMINATION INTO
SACRED HEART HIGH SCHOOL, IGUOSA,
BENIN CITY, EDO STATE.
2012/2013 ACADEMIC SESSION.
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
TIME: 2 Hours**

INSTRUCTION: Write your name and number on the answer sheet. Write whether you are a boy or a girl. Write your centre. Make sure you shade your Mathematics answers in the side marked Mathematics and English answers marked English on your answer sheet. Use HB pencil throughout. Do not ask questions as soon as the examination starts.

SECTION 1 – COMPREHENSION

INSTRUCTION: Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow by choosing the most appropriate of the options lettered A - E

PASSAGE ONE:

Oge picked her way across the swamp, not far from her house. She took the shortcut used by people living on either side of the swamp. They had put together boards from packing cases, old planks, broken pieces of concrete blocks, anything they could step on to avoid the swampy ground.

Tall banana trees stood on the high ground on the far side of the swamp. The early morning sun was still hiding behind them. Next to the banana trees was a small plot of cassava and cocoyam. Someone on the other side was cultivating it.

All kinds of creeping, tangled plants grew in the middle of the swamp. Oge noticed a particular group of vines with juicy leaves. The goats loved them. She would carry as much as she could back to the compound for the animals. There were fourteen black and white goats in all. Mouths to feed.

Questions

- Oge picked her way across the swamp. In other words, Oge walked
 - Quickly
 - Noisily
 - Gracefully
 - Fearfully
 - Carefully
- People made a shortcut by
 - going round the edge of the swamp
 - cutting the bush growing in the swamp
 - making use of anything they could step on
 - breaking up lumps of mud
 - stepping on the swampy ground
- The banana trees grew
 - in the middle of the swamp
 - on a hill very far away from swap
 - on the side of the swamp away from Oge's house
 - on the high ground next to Oge's house
 - in the plot of cassava and cocoyam
- The cassava and cocoyam
 - belonged to no one in particular
 - were planted near the banana trees
 - were ready to be harvested
 - grew wild on the other side
 - were surrounded by creeping plants