

The First Examination of English

A/Comprehension: Read the text carefully then do the activities:

Kenya's battle to switch off fake phones

Peter Marete, a second-hand clothes dealer in Kenya's capital, Nairobi is finding life very difficult without a mobile phone. "My clients are unable to reach me-my business is being affected," he tells the BBC. His phone was switched off on Monday by his mobile phone operator because his handset's IMEI number-the unique identifier for each phone-was not recognised by an international database & therefore deemed to be "fake".

About 1.5 million Kenyans have been affected by the switch-off launched this week by the Communication Commission of Kenya (CCK) to clamp down on counterfeit handsets, defined as: "copies of popular brands & models made from sub-standard materials" that have not been licensed by it. They are sourced from China & other parts of Asia, as well as Nigeria & South Africa. The CCK says the move is to protect consumers from substandard phones, safeguard mobile payment system & prevent crime. "they've become a menace to consumers from both the safety & security perspective;" CCK head told the BBC. "the fake mobile phones have been used frequently in trying to perpetuate criminal activities".

The permanent secretary in the communication ministry Bitang Ndemo says the government also intends to switch off phones with unregistered SIM cards, but the focus at the moment is the counterfeit phone switch-off.

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1. Circle the letter that corresponds to the right answer:

The text is: a) an article. b) a speech. c) a letter.

2. Are these statements (True) or (False) according to the text:

- a) Peter Marete thinks that mobile phone is useless.
- b) His mobile phone was switched-off because it seems original.
- c) Fake phones are produced mainly in Europe.
- d) Fake phones represent a real threat to society.

3. Answer these questions according to the text:

- a) What is meant if the IMEI number of the phone was not recognized by international database??
- b) Where are counterfeit handsets coming from?
- c) What is the future plan of the Kenyan government?

4. What or who do the underlined words refer to in the text:

a-his. b-it. c-they.

5. In which paragraph is it mentioned that:

Fake phones are used in illegal practices....

B/Text exploration:

1. Find in the text words that are closet in meaning to:

a-influenced. b-marks. c-threat.

2. Divide these words into roots & affixes:

Operator - international - unregistered - payment .

Prefix

Root

suffix

3. Re-write sentence (b) that means the same as (a):

A1-The CCK must switch-off the counterfeit handsets.

B1-It's time.....

A2-My phone was switched-off last Monday without any announcement.

B2-I wish that they.....

A3-China produces most of the fake brands & models.

B3-Most of.....

4. Fill in each gap with one word from the list:

(Financial - signing - subscribers - operators)

Kenya has 29 million mobile phone.....(1)..... & competition between the country's four.....(2).....is fierce. However, all the mobile operators agreed to comply with government directive to implement the shutdown.....(3)..... a joint memorandum of understanding in which the CCK agrees to.....(4)..... Compensation for losses incurred.

5. Classify these words according to their number of syllables:

Switched - international - secretary - counterfeit

C/Written expression:

Choose either topic one or topic two:

Topic one:

A lawyer is talking to a fake goods businessman. Write the conversation happened between them using the following notes:

Fake product - not real brand - cheap - cheating customers - showing off - threaten business of real brands - unemployment - social problems - illegal taxes - child labour

Topic two:

Fake mobile phones business becomes a serious problem to be solved
How can this be done??

Best wishes of good luck