

WOMAN POWER

When Sophia Kiarie moved from Kenya's forested highlands to the arid community of Ruiru 20 years ago, she was immediately struck by the lack of greenery. She looked over the dry fields and wondered where she could possibly find enough firewood for her family. So she began studying informally, asking Kenyan foresters their advice and carefully observing the life cycles of different trees. « some died of drought », she recalls, putting a finger into the Kenyan soft soil. « others died when the hard rains came. »

Though she never took a class in forestry or botany, Kiarie, 41, learned quickly. «I have a diploma in understanding the problems of my area, » she says with a smile she became a local field officer for the Geneva-based Belle rive Foundation, a non-profit organization that focuses on environmental issues. That woke her up to the dangers of land degradation around Ruiru, about 20 kilometres north of Nairobi. Soon she opened a tree nursery, which has so far distributed more than 500.000 plants to schools, hospitals and individual farmers. In addition, Kiarie has led a successful campaign to conserve trees by promoting an energy efficient, low-cost stove designed by engineers from the Belle rive Foundation. The stove, which burns far less wood than the traditional stone-bordered fire, has become a local hit; more than 2.000 Kenyan families and 600 institutions now use one. «I can convince people because I use one myself », says Kiarie. «It's easier to convince people when they can identify with you».

Kiarie is not just a local hero. Last November she was invited to Miami to attend the United Nations-sponsored Global Assembly on Women and the Environment, where she spoke about her crusade to establish hundreds of «green islands» -plots of trees-around government institutions Kiarie believes that women are the key to a healthier future for Kenya and hopes to get more of them involved in her reforestation projects. «women know how to nurse», she says. « they have caring hands. »

COMPREHENSION : (15 PTS)

Base your answers on the text.

A. ARE THESE SENTENCES TRUE OR FALSE ? JUSTIFY : (6PTS)

1- Sophia studied forestry at university.

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2- Thanks to her tree nursery, Sophia participated in reforestation in Kenya.

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3- Sophia is known only in Kenya.

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B- ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS : (3PTS)

1- How did the highlands compare with Ruiru?

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2- What are the advantages of the stove that Sophia promoted ?

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3- Why does Sophia think women can play an important role in her country ?

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C- WHAT DO THE UNDERLINED WORDS IN THE TEXT REFER TO ? (3PTS)

1- Others: p (1).....2.one: p (2).....3- them: p (3).....

D- FIND IN THE TEXT WORDS THAT MEAN THE SAME AS : (3pts)

1. Is concerned with (p2)

2. Take part in (p3)

3. land (p1).....

Language : 15 pts

1-use the words in capitals at the end of each sentence to make words which fit in the place :2pts

- Most shops accept by credit card. **PAY**
- My teacher always my writing . **CRITIC**
- The reason for his disappearance remains **MYSTERY**
- Ahmed writes really stories ;he wants to be a novelist. **IMAGINE**

2- Complete the right prepositions: 2pts

- John did not believe..... flying saucer, until he saw one.
- It is said that the house next door is haunted..... ghosts.
- I gave him a complete description..... my symptoms.
- If we compare the air on earth.....the air on mars. We will see the difference.

3-read what these people are sorry about and then change the sentences into wishes :(3pts)

- Anita would like to have more time to read mysterious novels.
Anita wishes she.
- I want Vanessa to stop smoking.
I wish
- Sara is sorry she did not see the pyramids when she was in Egypt.
Sara wishes she.....

4-choose the right one : A B or C : (4pts)

- Sue Touch the door handle. She is too short.
A-must B-can 't C-have to
- Jane..... put her coat on because it was very cold.
A-must B-had to C-has to
- "You stop smoking". My doctor advise me.
A-has to B-should C-shouldn't
- There is a possibility that he..... Pass the exam.
A-may B- has to C-ought to

5-complete with the right tense :cond type 1- 2 (4pts)

- If i.....(**borrow**) my father 's car without telling him, he would be angry.
- If Susan does not start her project now, she.....(**not come**) to the party.
- I would be very surprised if my daughter.....(**wear**) her new dress.
- If I (be) you , I would say yes .

Writing 10 pts :

Access to the internet educates and entertains, but it creates a lack of communication within the family and leaves no time for reading or for other hobbies.

Discuss this statement and give arguments to support your opinion.

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