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16+ Scholarship Examination

Subject: General Paper

Time: 1 hour

You must have:
Lined paper

Total Marks

25

Instructions

- Use **black** ink or ball-point pen.
- **Fill in the boxes** at the top of this page with your name.
- Answer the question in the spaces provided
 - *There may be more space than you need.*

Information

- The total mark for this paper is 25

Advice

- Read both the question and the article carefully before you start to answer it.
- Keep an eye on the time.
- Write your answers neatly and in good English
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.

Read the following article, which has been edited from the Guardian's *Africa* section:

Kenyan court sentences police officer to death for triple murder

Three other accused will serve sentences of up to 30 years over deaths of Willie Kimani, Josephat Mwenda and Joseph Muiruri, in case that sparked national protests

Peter Muiruri

A police officer, Fredrick Leliman, who was among those convicted of killing Nairobi lawyer Willie Kimani, his client Josephat Mwenda and taxi driver Joseph Muiruri, has been sentenced to death by a Nairobi court.

In the judgment delivered on Friday, three other accused, Stephen Cheburet, Sylvia Wanjiku and Peter Ngugi, will serve 30, 24, and 20 years in prison, respectively.

In Kenya, death sentences are usually commuted (**reduced**) to life in prison, according to a ruling by the country's supreme court.

Kimani, Mwenda and Muiruri were abducted on 23 June 2016 after leaving law courts just outside the city where Mwenda had filed a case against Fredrick Leliman.

Their bodies were discovered a week later.

While concluding the five-year trial, Justice Jessie Lessit termed the crime as "a most foul murder, an execution that was most heinous" and which had a clear motive.

"The [murder] was to destroy evidence by destroying the complainant, which was not only drastic but draconian and extreme action to take," said Lessit.

The killings caused uproar in Kenya where cases of extrajudicial (**not legally authorised**) killings are rife, with some organisations reporting 127 cases of police killings and 25 enforced disappearances in 2022 alone.

Benson Shamala, country director of the International Justice Mission, where Kimani worked, told the BBC. "No one should experience what these three went through, especially from the same people mandated to protect them."

The Police Reforms Working Group – Kenya welcomed the judgment in a statement posted on Twitter, saying it has closed a chapter on "one of the most heinous murders in our country".

In July 2022, family members of the victims were elated by the guilty verdict, with Kimani's wife, Hannah, calling it "a source of comfort to our hearts, even though it may not bring Kimani back".

She added: "At least Kimani will not be included in the statistics of people who went through torture, went [through] abduction, and [were] killed without getting justice."

After the sentencing on Friday, Mwenda's widow fainted while addressing the press outside the court.

Kenya remains one of the most highly developed economies and societies on the African continent. Yet, new stories such as this one along with verified statistics show that there remains a real issue surrounding the issue of Kenyan society being truly fair and just.

YOUR TASK:

Write an essay that includes commentary on the following points.

- a) Identify and comment on where, in your opinion, Kenya has major issues as a society in relation to issues of social justice, civil society etc.
- b) Offer a commentary on what are the main drivers of this issues, past and present. Why do they exist?
- c) What is the best means of improving the situation and creating a more ‘just society’ in Kenya? Offer a detailed overview of what this improved society should look like.

You will be marked based on your ability to present a cogent argument and for your inclusion of general knowledge relating to Kenya’s historical and political past; along with the ability to reference any historical events that may also have contributed to the current state.

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