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Scholarship Examination

Subject: English
Paper: III
Time: 1 hour

	Total Marks **/25**

Instructions

- Read the poem carefully and then answer **all the** questions

Information

- The total mark for this paper is 25
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets
  - *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*

Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Keep an eye on the time.
- Write your answers neatly and in good English.
- Use supporting evidence/quotes to support your points.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.

THE SEA EATS THE LAND AT HOME *by Kofi Awoonor*

At home the sea is in the town,
Running in and out of the cooking places,
Collecting the firewood from the hearths
And sending it back at night;
The sea eats the land at home.

It came one day at the dead of night,
Destroying the cement walls,
And carried away the fowls,
The cooking-pots and the ladles,
The sea eats the land at home;
It is a sad thing to hear the wails,
And the mourning shouts of the women,
Calling on all the gods they worship,
To protect them from the angry sea.

Aku stood outside where her cooking-pot stood,
With her two children shivering from the cold,
Her hands on her breasts,
Weeping mournfully.
Her ancestors have neglected her,
Her gods have deserted her,
It was a cold Sunday morning,
The storm was raging,
Goats and fowls were struggling in the water,
The angry water of the cruel sea;
The lap-lapping of the bark water at the shore,
And above the sobs and the deep and low moans,
Was the eternal hum of the living sea.

QUESTIONS
Answer the following questions
Explain your ideas
Support them with quotes and then explore your quotes.

1. What role does the personification of the sea have in the poem? **5 marks**

2. Explore the ways the poet portrays the destructive nature of the sea. 6 **marks**

3. How does Awoonor create pity for the characters in the poem? **5 marks**

4. Discuss the importance of these lines

   [I]…. *calling on all the gods they worship to protect them*

   [I1] ...her ancestors have neglected her

   [111] Eternal hum of the living sea

   9 **marks.**

Total marks 25 marks