III. Answer the following in about 200 words.  

1. ‘An act of kindness is misunderstood as weakness’. Discuss this with reference to the story, “The Gentlemen of the Jungle”.  

   OR

2. Do you think the story can be read as a political satire on colonialism? Exemplify.

**Ans:** The story, ‘The Gentlemen of The Jungle’ is a remarkable one which throws light on the whites’ colonial and imperial attitude towards the Blacks. The innocent man represents the Black Africans, and the jungle animals represent the Whites. The writer, Jomo Kenyatta has very effectively described the cunning quality of the British which resembles the wild animals of the jungle.

The kindness of man was misunderstood as his weakness by Mr. Elephant and his friends. Mr. Elephant, who was also one of the honourable ministers of the jungle kingdom made a friendship with the man purposefully. He also had a plan to occupy his hut in future. So, he went with his plan successfully on the day of torrential rain. The kind-hearted man didn’t understand that and was flung out in the rain by his ‘So Called’ friend. The man got angry and started to grumble, but it was not useful.

Though, the Lion, the king of the jungle appointed a commission of enquiry called ‘The Imperial Commission’, the man was not given any chance to state his case against Mr. Elephant. Very surprisingly, the Rt. Hon. Mr. Fox was the Chairman and Mr. Leopard was made the Secretary who were cunning and furious. The Members were Mr. Rhinoceros, Mr. Buffalo and Mr. Alligator. Once, the commission of enquiry was appointed, Mr. Elephant got involved in that process who was not supposed to do it as it was the culprit. Moreover, he was given the first chance to speak in the enquiry and he told the story which was completely false. He was also able to convince all his friends that he did the right thing and proved that the man was wrong.

When the judgement was given by the Members of the Commission against the man, it was on the expected lines. He was made silent through the powerful ‘teeth and claws’ of the wild animals. Later, the man went on losing all his new huts which he built with lot of efforts as they were occupied by all the jungle animals. This attitude continued till he thought of an effective method of protection himself. This is how, the story clarifies that ‘an act of kindness was misunderstood as weakness’. Finally, the act of jungle animals was unacceptable.

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The Gentlemen of the Jungle

By – Jomo Kenyatta

III. Answer the following in about 200 words. 6 x 1= 6

1. ‘Peace is costly but it’s worth the expense’. What is the ironical significance of this statement? OR
3. Do you agree with the action of the man at the end? Why?

Ans : The story, ‘The Gentlemen of The Jungle’ is a remarkable one which throws light on the whites’ colonial and imperial attitude towards the Blacks. The innocent man represents the Black Africans, and the jungle animals represent the Whites. The writer, Jomo Kenyatta has very effectively described the cunning quality of the British which resembles the wild animals of the jungle. The kindness of man was misunderstood as his weakness by Mr. Elephant and his friends. Mr. Elephant, who was also one of the honourable ministers of the jungle kingdom made a friendship with the man purposefully. He also had a plan to occupy his hut in future. So, he went with his plan accordingly on the day of torrential rain. The kind-hearted man didn’t understand that and was flung out in the rain by his ‘So Called’ friend.

The man got angry and started to grumble, but it was not useful. Though, the Lion, the king of the jungle appointed a commission of enquiry called ‘The Imperial Commission’, the man was not given any chance to state his case against Mr. Elephant. Very surprisingly, the Rt. Hon. Mr. Fox was the Chairman and Mr. Leopard was made the Secretary who were cunning and furious. The Members were Mr. Rhinoceros, Mr. Buffalo and Mr. Alligator. Once, the commission of enquiry was appointed, Mr. Elephant got involved in that process who was not supposed to do it as it was the culprit. Moreover, he was given the first chance to speak in the enquiry and he told the story which was completely false. He was also able to convince all his friends that he did the right thing and proved that the man was wrong. When the judgement was given by the Members of the Commission against the man, it was on the expected lines. He was made silent through the powerful ‘teeth and claws’ of the wild animals.

The man went on losing all his new huts which he built with lot of efforts as they were occupied by all the jungle lords. This attitude continued till he thought of an effective method of protection himself. When he was fed up with the bad instances like this, he realized the fact that the Commission of Enquiries are of no use to him. So, one day he sat and planned to get rid of these unremitting problems created by the wild animals. The proverb, “Ng-enda thi ndeagaga motegi” crept into his mind. Then he decided to teach them a lesson as the proverb says ‘there is nothing that treads on the earth that can not be trapped’. He waited and built a bigger and better hut to attract all the aspiring animals when the old huts began to decay. They all started to dispute their rights of penetration and embroiled together. Then the man set the hut on fire and burnt them to the ground. This is how, the man got peace after losing
many huts and forgot worries on getting success. Finally, the innocent man outwit the cunning animals and lived happily by saying that ‘Peace is costly but it’s worth the expense’. The story also upholds that the good always prevails over evil.

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II. Answer the following in a paragraph of 80-100 words. 4 x 1= 4

1. How did the man outwit the jungle animals in the story, “The Gentlemen of the Jungle”.

Ans : The story, ‘The Gentlemen of The Jungle’ discusses the whites’ colonial and imperial attitude towards the Blacks. Their idea of ‘Expansion’ is reflected and made clear in the fable through the jungle animals. The innocent man represents the Black Africans, and the animals represent the Whites in the story. The kindness of man was misunderstood as his weakness by Mr. Elephant and his friends. When the judgement was given by the Members of the Commission against the man, it was on the expected lines. He was made silent through the powerful ‘teeth and claws’ of the wild animals. The man went on losing all his new huts which he built with lot of efforts as they were occupied by all the jungle lords. This attitude continued till he thought of an effective method of protection himself. When he was fed up with the bad instances like this, he realized the fact that the Commission of Enquiries are of no use to him. So, one day he sat and planned to get rid of these unremitting problems created by the wild animals. The proverb, “Ng-enda thi ndeagaga motegi” crept into his mind. Then he decided to teach them a lesson as the proverb says ‘there is nothing that treads on the earth that can not be trapped’. He waited and built a bigger and better hut to attract all the aspiring animals when the old huts began to decay. They all started to dispute their rights of penetration and embroiled together. Then the man set the hut on fire and burnt them to the ground. This is how, the man got peace after losing many huts and forgot worries on getting success. Finally, the innocent man outwit the cunning animals and lived happily by saying that ‘Peace is costly but it’s worth the expense’. The story also upholds that the good always prevails over evil.

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II. Answer the following in a paragraph of 80-100 words.  

2. Narrate the incidents that led to the appointment of a ‘Commission of Enquiry’ in “The Gentlemen of the Jungle”.

OR

Why did the man face the ‘Commission of Enquiry’ in the story, “The Gentlemen of the Jungle”?

Ans: The story, ‘The Gentlemen of The Jungle’ discusses the whites’ colonial and imperial attitude towards the Blacks. Their idea of ‘Expansion’ is reflected and made clear in the fable through the jungle animals. The innocent man represents the Black Africans, and the animals represent the Whites in the story. The kindness of man was misunderstood as his weakness by Mr. Elephant and his friends. Mr. Elephant, who was also one of the honourable ministers of the jungle kingdom made a friendship with the man intentionally. He also had a plan to occupy his hut in future. So, he went with his plan accordingly on the day of torrential rain and pleaded the innocent man to give him a space to protect his trunk. The kind-hearted man didn’t understand that and allowed him to keep only his trunk inside the hut by believing the sweet-coated words of Mr Elephant. The silver-tongued Elephant slowly occupied the man’s hut and had flung the man out in the rain as the Whites did for the Blacks. The man got angry and started to grumble, but it was not useful. The Lion, the king of the jungle came along with roaring and appointed a commission of enquiry called ‘The Imperial Commission’. The Lion had given the false assurance that he would get justice after the Impartial Enquiry. But he was not given any chance to state his case against Mr. Elephant. Finally, the man had to give up his hut for his ‘So Called’ friend.

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II. Answer the following in a paragraph of 80-100 words. 4 x 1= 4

3. How did the Hon. Minister, Mr Elephant fool the innocent man?

Ans : The story, ‘The Gentlemen of The Jungle’ discusses the whites’ colonial and imperial attitude towards the Blacks. Their idea of ‘Expansion’ is reflected and made clear in the fable through the jungle animals. The innocent man represents the Black Africans, and the animals represent the Whites in the story. The kindness of man was misunderstood as his weakness by Mr. Elephant and his friends. Mr. Elephant, who was also one of the honourable ministers of the jungle kingdom made a friendship with the man intentionally. He also had a plan to occupy his hut in future. So, he went with his plan accordingly on the day of torrential rain and pleaded the innocent man to give him a space to protect his trunk. The kind-hearted man didn’t understand that and allowed him to keep only his trunk inside the hut by believing the sweet-coated words of Mr Elephant. The silver-tongued Elephant slowly occupied the man’s hut and had flung the man out in the rain as the Whites did for the Blacks. The man got angry and started to grumble, but it was not useful. The Lion, the king of the jungle came along with roaring and appointed a commission of enquiry called ‘The Imperial Commission’. Very surprisingly, the Rt. Hon. Mr. Fox was the Chairman and Mr. Leopard was made the Secretary and the Members were Mr. Rhinoceros, Mr. Buffalo and Mr. Alligator who were all cunning and furious. Once, the commission of enquiry was appointed, Mr. Elephant got involved in that process who was not supposed to do it as it was the culprit. Moreover, he took the first chance to speak and told the false story citing that the man only invited him to save his hut from being blown away. He was also able to convince all his like-minded friends that he did the right thing as could develop the undeveloped space to a more economic use. This is how, the Elephant fooled the man.