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To All Secondary School Principals

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**RE: APPROVED SECONDARY EDUCATION LITERATURE IN ENGLISH AND  
FASIHI YA KISWAHILI SET BOOKS FOR 2022 - 2026**

This is to inform you that the final phase of change of set books for Literature in English and Fasihi ya Kiswahili for Secondary Schools for the period 2022 – 2026 has been finalized.

Some of the texts are to be studied by Form 3 students beginning April 2022 while others are scheduled to commence in January 2023.

The new texts shall be replacing those that have been in place since 2017 as per the circular MOE/QAS/A/5/19/16 (copy attached). The duration for the study of set books is five (5) years. The new set books for English and Kiswahili and the ones to be replaced are captured on the Tables A and B below respectively:

**A: (i) Literature in English – Compulsory Set Books**

TITLE/AUTHOR	PUBLISHER	DURATION	TEXT TO BE REPLACED	PUBLISHER
<b>COMPULSORY NOVEL</b> <b>Fathers of Nations</b> by Paul B. Vitta (Approved by KICD, 2021 Edition)	Oxford University Press	<b>2023 – 2026</b>	<b>Blossoms of the Savannah</b> by Henry Ole Kulet	Longhorn

<b>COMPULSORY PLAY</b> (Play from the rest of the world)  <b>The Samaritan</b> by John Lara (Approved by KICD, 2021 Edition)	Kenya Literature Bureau	<b>2023 – 2026</b>	<b>A Doll's House</b> by Henry Ibsen	East African Educational Publishers
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**A: (ii) Literature in English – Optional Set Books**

TITLE/AUTHOR	PUBLISHER	DURATION	TEXT TO BE REPLACED	PUBLISHER
<b>OPTIONAL NOVEL</b> <b>Artist of the Floating World</b> by Kazuo Ishiguro (Approved by KICD 2021 School Edition)	Longhorn Publishers	<b>2022 – 2026</b>	<b>The Pearly</b> by John Steinbeck	Bookmark Africa
<b>ANTHOLOGY OF SHORT STORIES (Optional)</b> <b>A Silent Song and Other Stories</b> edited by Godwin Siundu (Approved by KICD 2021 School Edition)	Spotlight Publishers (EA) Limited	<b>2022 - 2026</b>	<b>Memories We Lost</b> by Chris Wanjala	Moran (EA)
<b>OPTIONAL PLAY</b> <b>A Parliament of Owls</b> by Adipo Sidang (Approved by KICD 2021 School Edition)	East African Educational Publishers	<b>2023 – 2026</b>	<b>Inheritance</b> by David Mulwa	Longhorn

**B: Fasihi ya Kiswahili – Compulsory Set Books**

TITLE/AUTHOR	PUBLISHER	DURATION	TEXT TO BE REPLACED	PUBLISHER
<b>TAMTHILIA</b> Bemba by Dr. Timothy Moriasi (Kimeidhinishwa na KICD - Toleo la 2021)	Access Publishers	<b>2022 – 2026</b>	<b>Kigogo</b> by Pauline Kea Kyovi	Storymoja
<b>HADITHI FUPI</b> <b>Mapambazuko ya Machweo na</b>  <b>Hadithi Nyingine</b> (Kimeidhinishwa na KICD - Toleo la 2021)	Mountaintop Publishers	<b>2022 - 2026</b>	<b>Tumbo Lisiloshiba na</b>  <b>Hadithi Nyingine</b> by Alifa Chokocho na Dumu Kayanda	Longhorn
<b>RIWAYA</b> <b>Nguu za Jadi</b> by Prof. Clara Momanyi (Kimeidhinishwa na KICD - Toleo la 2021)	Queenex Publishers	<b>2023 - 2026</b>	<b>Chozi La Heri</b> by Assumpta K. Matei	One Planet

The commencing and lapsing year imply that the form three class of the given year are the first and last to study the particular book respectively. The books for the period 2022 – 2026 have a running foot note on every page stating, "approved by KICD 2021 edition" and "kimeidhinishwa na KICD toleo la 2021" for English and Kiswahili respectively. All the new set books have a security tag on the cover which when scratched will reveal a sixteen (16) digit pin number. When the pin number is sent by sms to 22776 you will receive a message confirming whether the copy is genuine or pirated. This is an important security measure aimed at ensuring that schools/parents/students have genuine copies with correct content.

By a copy of this circular, all County Directors of Education are required to ensure that all Sub-County Directors of Education forward this circular to all schools within their jurisdiction as soon as possible.



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