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KENYA JUNIOR SCHOOL EDUCATION ASSESSMENT

701/1: ENGLISH (*Reading Comprehension, Oral Skills and Grammar*)

Paper 1

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Time: 1 hour 40 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. You have been given this question paper and a separate answer sheet. The question paper consists of 50 multiple choice questions.
2. Answer **ALL** questions on the **ANSWER SHEET** provided, **NOT** on the question paper.
3. Do all the necessary rough work on the question paper.

HOW TO USE THE ANSWER SHEET

4. Use an ordinary HB pencil.
5. Confirm that the answer sheet you have been provided with has the following:

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6. Keep the answer sheet clean and dry. **DO NOT** fold it.
7. For each of the questions 1 – 50, four options are given. The options are lettered A, B, C and D. In each case, only **ONE** of the four options is correct. Choose the correct option.
8. On the answer sheet, the correct answer is to be shown by drawing a **DARK LINE** inside the box in which the letter you have chosen is written.

Example In the Question paper:

30. Which one of the following means the opposite of the word “happy”?

A. joyful B. glad C. sad D. cheerful

The correct answer is ‘C’. On the answer sheet, in the set of boxes given for number 40, draw a **DARK LINE** inside the box with the letter C printed in it as marked below.

40 A B C D

9. Your dark line **MUST** be within the box. **DO NOT** make any marks outside the boxes.
10. For each question, **ONLY ONE** box is to be marked.

This paper consists of 5 printed pages. Candidates should check the question paper to ascertain that all the pages are printed as indicated and that no questions are missing.

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-ENGLISH-

Read the following story and answer questions 1 to 5.

A young girl named Moraa lived near a big river. Every day, she would go to the river to fetch water for her family. One hot afternoon, as Moraa was filling her pot, she saw a small puppy struggling in the water. The puppy was whimpering and looked scared.

Without thinking twice, Moraa put down her pot and carefully reached for the puppy. She gently pulled it out of the river and held it close to keep it warm. The puppy shivered and licked Moraa's hand. Moraa carried the puppy home and gave it some milk. Her family was happy that she had saved the little animal. They decided to keep the puppy and named it Lucky.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. What was Moraa doing at the river?
A. Washing clothes
B. Playing with friends
C. Fetching water
D. Swimming2. What did Moraa see in the river?
A. A big fish
B. A small boat
C. A struggling puppy
D. Some floating leaves3. What did Moraa do when she saw the puppy in danger?
A. She called for help.
B. She ignored it and continued with her work.
C. She carefully pulled it out of the river.
D. She ran away in fear. | <ol style="list-style-type: none">4. What did Moraa give the puppy when she took it home?
A. Some food
B. Some water
C. Some milk
D. Some medicine5. What did Moraa's family name the puppy?
A. River
B. Hot
C. Lucky
D. Moraa |
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Read the following poem and answer questions 6 to 9.

The Busy Bee

*A busy bee flies all around, From flower to flower on the ground.
It gathers nectar sweet and gold, A sticky treasure to behold.*

*It works so hard throughout the day, Then flies back home without delay.
The hive is buzzing, warm, and bright, The bee will rest throughout the night.*

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none">6. What does the busy bee fly around?
A. From tree to tree in the sky.
B. From house to house in the town.
C. From flower to flower on the ground.
D. From cloud to cloud up high.7. What does the bee gather from the flowers?
A. Colorful petals
B. Sweet and gold nectar
C. Green leaves
D. Tiny seeds | <ol style="list-style-type: none">8. Where does the bee fly back to at the end of the day?
A. To a bird's nest
B. To a spider's web
C. To its buzzing hive
D. To a quiet pond9. What will the bee do throughout the night?
A. Continue to work hard.
B. Fly around in the dark.
C. Rest in the warm hive.
D. Look for more flowers. |
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Read the following instructions and answer questions 10 to 13.

How to Plant a Bean Seed

- i. Find a small pot and fill it with soil.

ii. Make a small hole in the center of the soil with your finger.

iii. Place a bean seed in the hole.

iv. Cover the seed with a little more soil.

v. Water the soil gently.

vi. Place the pot in a sunny spot.

vii. Water the soil regularly, keeping it moist but not too wet.

10. What is the first step in planting a bean seed?
A. Water the soil gently.
B. Find a pot and fill it with soil.
C. Make a hole in the soil.
D. Place the pot in a sunny spot.

11. What should you do after making a hole in the soil?
A. Water the soil.
B. Cover the hole with more soil.
C. Place a bean seed in the hole.
D. Put the pot in the shade.
12. How often should you water the soil after planting the seed?
A. Only once.
B. Every day.
C. Regularly, keeping it moist.
D. Only when it is very dry.

13. Where should you place the pot after watering the seed?
A. In a dark room.
B. In a cold place.
C. In a sunny spot.
D. Near a fan.

Complete the following conversation between two friends, Amina and Juma. Choose the best response for the blanks numbered 14 to 17.

Amina: Hi Juma! Did you watch the football match yesterday?

Juma: Hello Amina! No, I didn't.14.

Amina: It was very exciting! Our team won.

Juma: Oh, that's great!15.

Amina: They scored a goal in the last minute!

Juma: Wow, that must have been thrilling!..... 16.

Amina: Yes, you should try to watch the next one with me.

Juma:17. I'd like that very much!

14. A. I was playing outside.
B. Who was playing?
C. What time was it?
D. Where did they play?

15. A. How many goals did they score?
B. Who was the referee?
C. Did it rain during the match?
D. Where did you watch it?
16. A. I don't like football.
B. I knew they would win.
C. I wish I had watched it.
D. Football is boring.

17. A. Maybe another time.
B. No, thank you.
C. Yes, definitely!
D. I prefer other sports.

Read the following passage with missing words and choose the best word to fill each blank numbered 18 to 25.

My pet cat, Whiskers, is very playful. Every morning, when I18. up, she is already waiting by my door. She will rub19. her body against my legs and purr loudly. After I give her some food, she loves to..... 20. around the house, chasing after anything that moves. Her favorite..... 21. is a small, colorful ball. She will bat it with her paws and then chase after it when it22..

Sometimes, Whiskers likes to sit23. the window and watch the birds outside. She will make soft, chattering24.. In the evening, she will often curl..... 25. on my lap while I read a book.

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| 18. A. wake | B. woke | C. wakes | D. waking |
| 19. A. it | B. its | C. her | D. she |
| 20. A. sleep | B. run | C. eat | D. climb |
| 21. A. food | B. toy | C. bed | D. friend |
| 22. A. fall | B. fell | C. falls | D. falling |
| 23. A. at | B. in | C. on | D. under |
| 24. A. noises | B. songs | C. whispers | D. shouts |
| 25. A. up | B. down | C. around | D. over |

For questions 26 to 30, choose the correct verb to complete the sentences.

26. The children _____ (sing) a happy song.
 A. sing
 B. sang
 C. sung
 D. singing
27. My father _____ (cook) dinner last night.
 A. cook
 B. cooks
 C. cooked
 D. cooking
28. We _____ (go) to the market tomorrow.
 A. go
 B. went
 C. will go
 D. going
29. She _____ (read) a book in the library.
 A. read
 B. reads
 C. is reading
 D. reading
30. They _____ (play) football in the field.
 A. play
 B. played
 C. are playing
 D. playing

For questions 31 to 35, choose the correct pronoun to complete the sentences.

31. This is my book. Where is _____?
 A. your
 B. yours
 C. you
 D. yourself
32. The teacher told _____ a story.
 A. we
 B. us
 C. our
 D. ourselves
33. He hurt _____ while playing.
 A. him
 B. his
 C. himself
 D. he
34. The cat washed _____ paws.
 A. it
 B. its
 C. itself
 D. it's
35. They shared the sweets among _____.
 A. them
 B. their
 C. themselves
 D. they

36. Which of the following sentences is punctuated correctly?

- A. "What a beautiful flower" she exclaimed.
 B. "What a beautiful flower!" she exclaimed.
 C. "What a beautiful flower, she exclaimed."
 D. "What a beautiful flower she exclaimed?"

37. Choose the sentence that uses the correct article.

- A. I saw elephant at the zoo.
- B. I saw a elephant at the zoo.
- C. I saw an elephant at the zoo.
- D. I saw the elephant at zoo.

38. Choose the best way to complete the following sentence.

The boy is than his sister.

- A. tall B. taller C. tallest D. more tall

For questions 39 and 40, choose the word that has the opposite meaning to the underlined word.

39. The classroom was very **noisy**.

- A. quiet B. loud C. happy D. busy

40. It is important to be **kind** to others.

- A. friendly B. helpful C. cruel D. gentle

For questions 41 to 45, choose the correct preposition to complete the sentences.

41. The bird flew _____ the window.

- A. in B. on C. through D. under

42. The children are playing _____ the shade of the tree.

- A. at B. in C. under D. beside

43. The shop is located _____ the two schools.

- A. between B. among C. near D. opposite

44. She poured some water _____ the glass.

- A. over B. into C. onto D. around

50. It is important to **listen** carefully to your teacher.

- A. speak B. hear C. ignore D. shout

45. They traveled _____ bus to Nairobi.

- A. by B. on
- C. with D. in

46. Which of the following sentences uses correct punctuation?

- A. Where are you going asked Mary?
- B. Where are you going? asked Mary.
- C. "Where are you going?" asked Mary.
- D. "Where are you going", asked Mary?

47. Choose the sentence that is grammatically correct.

- A. He don't like eating vegetables.
- B. He doesn't like eating vegetables.
- C. He not like eating vegetables.
- D. He no like eating vegetables.

48. Choose the best way to rewrite the following sentence in passive voice.

The dog chased the cat.

- A. The cat chased the dog.
- B. The cat was chasing the dog.
- C. The cat is chased by the dog.
- D. The cat was chased by the dog.

For questions 49 and 50, choose the word that has the same meaning as the underlined word.

49. The old man was very **wise**.

- A. foolish
- B. clever
- C. weak
- D. tired

