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KENYA JUNIOR SCHOOL EDUCATION ASSESSMENT

801/1: 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:

40. Which one of the following means the opposite of the word “better”?

A. weak B. wrong C. worse D. wasted

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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Turn over

Read the following story and answer questions 1 to 6.

Long ago, Hare was known for his cleverness, but also for his trickery. One day, he challenged Tortoise to a race. Tortoise was slow, and Hare was very fast, so Hare was sure to win. They agreed to race from the big mango tree to the riverbank.

On the day of the race, Hare dashed off quickly, leaving Tortoise far behind. After running for a while, Hare got tired and decided to take a nap under a shady tree. He thought, "Tortoise is so slow, he will never catch up!" Hare fell fast asleep.

Meanwhile, Tortoise kept walking slowly but steadily. He never stopped, not even for a rest. By the time Hare woke up, Tortoise was already near the riverbank. Hare was surprised and ran as fast as he could, but it was too late. Tortoise reached the finish line first and won the race.

From that day on, Hare learned that being slow and steady can sometimes be better than being fast and careless.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Why was Hare sure that he would win the race?
A. Because Tortoise was also very fast.
B. Because he was known for his kindness.
C. Because Tortoise was slow and Hare was fast.
D. Because they were racing to his home.2. Where did Hare decide to take a nap?
A. Under the big mango tree.
B. Near the riverbank.
C. Under a shady tree.
D. In Tortoise's house.3. What did Tortoise do during the race?
A. He ran very fast.
B. He stopped to eat mangoes.
C. He walked slowly and steadily.
D. He asked Hare for help. | <ol style="list-style-type: none">4. What surprised Hare when he woke up?
A. That the sun was setting.
B. That Tortoise was near the finish line.
C. That other animals had joined the race.
D. That he had slept for a long time.5. The phrase "<i>dashed off quickly</i>" in the story means
A. walked away slowly.
B. ran away very fast.
C. hopped around playfully.
D. crawled on the ground.6. What is the main lesson we learn from this story?
A. It is good to take naps when you are tired.
B. Being fast always leads to success.
C. Slow and steady wins the race.
D. Cleverness is more important than speed. |
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Read the following poem and answer questions 7 to 11.

My Little Seed

I planted a little seed, In soil soft and brown.
I gave it water every day, As the sun shone down.
Slowly, slowly, day by day, A tiny sprout appeared.
It reached up tall and green and strong, My little seed I cheered.
It grew some leaves and then a bud, A promise sweet and small.
And then one day, a lovely bloom, The prettiest of all!

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none">7. What did the speaker plant?
A. A big tree B. A small flower
C. A little seed D. A green leaf | <ol style="list-style-type: none">8. What did the speaker give the seed every day?
A. Sunlight B. Water C. Fertilizer D. Air |
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9. What appeared after the seed was planted?

- A. A big fruit
- B. A tiny sprout
- C. A long root
- D. A colorful bird

10. The word "sprout" in the poem means

- A. a flower that is fully grown.
- B. a new, young plant.
- C. a seed that is ready to be planted.
- D. a leaf that has fallen off a plant.

11. What grew after the leaves on the plant?

- A. A strong branch
- B. A sweet fruit
- C. A lovely bloom
- D. A small bud

Read the following instructions on how to wash your hands properly and answer questions 12 to 16.

How to Wash Your Hands

Wet your hands with clean, running water.

Apply soap and lather your hands by rubbing them together. Make sure to lather the backs of your hands, between your fingers, and under your nails.

Scrub your hands for at least 20 seconds. You can hum the "**Happy Birthday**" song twice to time yourself.

Rinse your hands well under clean, running water.

Dry your hands using a clean towel or an air dryer.

12. What is the first step in washing your hands properly?

- A. Apply soap.
- B. Rinse your hands.
- C. Wet your hands.
- D. Dry your hands.

13. How long should you scrub your hands with soap?

- A. For 5 seconds.
- B. For at least 20 seconds.
- C. Until they are dry.
- D. Until the soap disappears.

14. Why should you lather the backs of your hands and between your fingers?

- A. To make your hands smell good.

B. To remove all the dirt and germs.

C. To make the soap last longer.

D. To make your hands feel soft.

15. What can you do to make sure you scrub your hands for the right amount of time?

- A. Count to ten.
- B. Sing your favorite song once.
- C. Hum the "Happy Birthday" song twice.
- D. Wash your hands very quickly.

16. What should you use to dry your hands after washing them?

- A. Your clothes.
- B. A dirty cloth.
- C. A clean towel or an air dryer.
- D. The air only, without wiping.

Complete the following conversation between two friends, Ken and Alice. Choose the best response for the blanks numbered 17 to 20.

Ken: Hi Alice, have you read the new book by our favorite author?

Alice: Hello Ken! No, I haven't.17.

Ken: It's a really exciting adventure story. I think you would enjoy it.

Alice: Oh, that sounds interesting.18.

Ken: I borrowed it from the school library. You can borrow it from me when I'm done.

Alice:19. When do you think you will finish reading it?

Alice:20. I'll look forward to it!

- Read the following passage with missing words and choose the best word to fill each blank numbered 21 to 30.*

As the afternoon28. to an end, we packed up our things. We made sure to leave the picnic area clean and tidy. We all felt happy and29. after spending such a wonderful day30. nature.

- For questions 31 to 40, choose the correct form of the word in brackets to complete the sentences.*

- 33.** The children are _____ (play) in the garden right now.
A) play
B) played
C) are playing
D) plays
- 34.** Yesterday, we _____ (visit) our grandparents.
A) visit
B) visited
C) visiting
D) have visited

35. If I _____ (know) the answer, I would tell you.

- A) know B) knew
C) known D) knowing

36. They _____ (be) very excited about the upcoming school trip.

- A) is B) am C) are D) be

37. The cat _____ (catch) a mouse in the kitchen.

- A) catch B) caught C) catches D) catching

38. We are _____ (learn) about different cultures in our social studies class.

- A) learn
B) learned
C) learning
D) learns

39. He _____ (help) his father wash the car last weekend.

- A) help
B) helps
C) helped
D) helping

40. By next year, I will have _____ (finish) my degree.

- A) finish
B) finished
C) finishing
D) finishes

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

41. The book is _____ the table.

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

42. The cat jumped _____ the chair.

- A. over B. under
C. into D. behind

43. She walked _____ the street.

- A. across

49. The journey was **long** and tiring.

- A. short B. fast C. easy D. pleasant

50. She always **helps** her classmates.

- A. teaches B. ignores C. likes D. joins

- B. along
C. through
D. around

44. The gift is _____ you.

- A. for
B. to
C. with
D. at

45. They live _____ a big city.

- A. on
B. in
C. at
D. near

46. Which of the following sentences uses correct punctuation?

- A. My favorite colors are blue green and yellow.
B. My favorite colors are blue, green and yellow?
C. My favorite colors are blue, green, and yellow.
D. My favorite colors are blue green, and yellow!

47. Choose the sentence that is grammatically correct.

- A. Them boys are playing football.
B. Those boys is playing football.
C. Those boys are playing football.
D. That boys are playing football.

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

The teacher praised the students.

- A. The students praise the teacher.
B. The students were praised by the teacher.
C. The students are praised by the teacher.
D. The teacher was praised by the students.

For questions 49 and 50, choose the word that is opposite in meaning to the underlined word.

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