

STANDARD EIGHT MID TERM 1 EXAMS-2019

ENGLISH

1. You have been given this question paper and a separate answer sheet. The question paper contains 50 questions.
2. Make sure that you have written on the answer sheet

(i) Your name

(ii) Name of your school

TIME: 1HR 40MINS

Read the passage below. It contains blank spaces 1-15. Choose the best alternative from the choices given.

Reading is a 1 2 many people have not 3. 4 are accused 5 not taking reading with the 6 it deserves. Many people read 7 for examinations which means, they stop reading the 8 they are out of learning 9.

Reading is very important in 10 day to day lives. 11 when reading different 12 we acquire knowledge or information. Most people 13 rather spend 14 leisure time glued to their television sets than read a book 15 a newspaper.

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| 1. A. way | B. habit | C. behaviour | D. culture |
| 2. A. who | B. whom | C. that | D. whose |
| 3. A. embraced | B. accepted | C. approved | D. allowed |
| 4. A. Kenyan | B. Kenyans | C. Kenyans' | D. Kenyan's |
| 5. A. with | B. of | C. for | D. off |
| 6. A. keenness | B. seriousness | C. willingness | D. eagerness |
| 7. A. majority | B. only | C. mainly | D. seriously |
| 8. A. moment | B. time | C. immediately | D. day |
| 9. A. college | B. school | C. university | D. institutions |
| 10. A. your | B. our | C. there | D. their |
| 11. A. Though | B. Although | C. Moreover | D. Through |
| 12. A. materials | B. magazines | C. newspaper | D. books |
| 13. A. may | B. would | C. should | D. could |
| 14. A. there | B. their | C. the | D. they |
| 15. A. or | B. with | C. then | D. and |

For questions 16 and 17, choose the alternative that best fits in the blank spaces.

16. _____ she is very pretty, people forget that she is unkind.
A. Since
B. Although
C. As
D. Because
17. I wish he _____ here tonight.
A. was
B. be
C. is

For questions 18, choose the alternative that means the same as the underlined sentences.

18. Unless these seedling are watered, they will soon dry.
A. These seedling will dry soon if they are not watered.
B. These seedling will not dry unless they are watched soon.
C. If they are watered soon, these seedlings may not dry.
D. If these seedlings are not watered they can

When baboon finally reached the foot of the hill, he rushed to a nearby stream to cool his hurting bottoms. But the pain would not go away. The other animal screamed with laughter. "Look at his bottom. They are as red as scarlet," hyena laughed. "I can't wait to see him jumping from tree top to another with his red bottom." Baboon ran deep in the forest to hide. He tried to administer different herbs to heal his bottoms but they have never healed to date.

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| <p>26. From the first paragraph, we are told "He was fast and could jump with ease from one tree top to another." Who is the writer referring to?
 A. Monkey B. Ape
 C. Chimpanzee D. Baboon</p> <p>27. Baboon watched the drama from the top of the tree with glee. Which drama is it?
 A. Animals being beaten
 B. Animals being shot with poisoned arrow
 C. Animals eating the maize cobs
 D. Animals being chased away</p> <p>28. The word "tease" as used in the passage means _____.
 A. to be amazed
 B. to laugh and make jokes
 C. to abuse
 D. to be excited</p> <p>29. Why did the baboon take the banana from the monkey?
 A. To help monkey to peel the banana
 B. To teach the monkey to be fast when eating delicious food
 C. To quickly eat the banana
 D. Baboon was fed up with monkey's behaviour</p> <p>30. The word within "earshot" according to the passage means _____.
 A. long distance B. middle distance
 C. short distance D. none of the above</p> <p>31. When the monkey told the other animals what the baboon had done to him, they were _____.
 A. sad B. very happy
 C. delighted D. excited</p> | <p>32. The phrase show off is used in the passage. It means _____.
 A. annoyed B. cheerful
 C. boast D. happiness</p> <p>33. Which phrase in the passage would suggest that the animals were merciless to baboon ?
 A. They were very upset
 B. His pleas fell on deaf ears
 C. He would tease him
 D. Eager to show off his prowess</p> <p>34. The word shoving as used in the passage means _____.
 A. pushing in a rough way
 B. pushing in a smooth way
 C. pulling in a smooth way
 D. pulling in a rough way</p> <p>35. Why do you think the baboon rushed into the river?
 A. To take a bath
 B. To drink water
 C. To cool his hurting body
 D. To cool his hurting bottoms</p> <p>36. Describe the character of the baboon.
 - A. intelligent and tricky B. greedy and intelligent
 C. tricky and greedy D. kind and respectful</p> <p>37. Choose the alternative that best describes the character of the hyena.
 A. concerned B. intelligent
 C. kind D. merciless</p> <p>38. Which proverb would best summarise the passage?
 A. A friend in need is a friend in deed
 B. Once bitten twice shy
 C. Pride comes before a fall
 D. Don't carry all your eggs in one basket</p> |
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Read the passage below carefully and then answer questions 39 - 50.

Air pollution, a new study shows, can change the effectiveness of antibiotic and increase the risk of contracting bacterial diseases. Specifically bacteria that cause respiratory infections are directly affected by air pollution. This increases the possibility of infection and reduces the effectiveness of antibiotic treatment.

Pollutants such as black carbon a major air pollutant produced through the burning of fossil fuels such as diesel, biofuel and biomass (wood, organic waste) change the way in which bacteria grow and form communities.

The research focused on two human bacteria **staphylococcus aureus** and **streptococcus pneumoniae**, both of which cause respiratory diseases such as skin and soft tissue infections like boils,

blood stream infection, pneumonia and bone and joint infections. Both bacteria show high level of resistance to antibiotics.

In particular, the pollutant affects the survival of bacteria in the lining of the respiratory passage, making them able to hide and fight with our immune system, the study reveals.

The team of researchers found that black carbon affects the antibiotic tolérance of the bacteria to penicillium which is the key treatment of bacterial pneumonia.

The black carbon also caused the bacteria to spread from the nose to the respiratory part. These findings come at a time when people world wide are exposed to air pollution everytime they take in a lungful of air due to rapid urbanization. Already, about seven million people die prematurely each year from air pollution related infections. Of this, nearly a million are from Africa.

39. According to the paragraph one _____.
- A. antibiotics fail to function due to air pollution
 - B. air pollution enhances effectiveness of medicine
 - C. there is risk of pollution due to increased bacterial diseases
 - D. bacterial diseases are reduced by air pollution
40. According to the passage, increase in air pollution _____.
- A. promotes bacterial resistance to treatment
 - B. reduces the risks of respiratory infections
 - C. is the main cause of respiratory infections
 - D. improves body ability of fighting diseases
41. Which one of these fuels is odd one out?
- A. Diesel B. Wood C. Coal D. Kerosene
42. From paragraph two, we learn that _____.
- A. biomass as well as inorganic fuel produce black carbon when burnt
 - B. fossil fuel unlike organic fuels produce black carbon when burnt
 - C. except the fossil fuels a biomass produce a great deal of carbon
 - D. biomass unlike fossil fuels produce black carbon
43. "**..... change the way the bacteria grow and form communities.....**" This means _____.
- A. bacteria change communities as they grow
 - B. bacteria change only in presence of carbon
 - C. bacteria neither grow nor form communities without carbon
 - D. bacteria have an ability to behave differently in the presence of black carbon
44. From paragraph four, it is clear that _____.
- A. a research was conducted on soft tissue infections like boils
 - B. a research was conducted on the causes of air pollution
 - C. human bacteria was not the subject of the research
 - D. a research was conducted on bacteria that cause various infections
45. Which one of the following is a disease causing organism?
- A. Black carbon B. Bacteria
 - C. Pneumonia D. Infection
46. "**The pollutant affects the survival of bacteria in the lining of the**" This means that _____.
- A. bacteria hide from the pollutant
 - B. bacteria are unable to survive
 - C. the pollutant improve the condition for the bacteria to hide
 - D. the lining is affected by the pollutants
47. What did the team of researchers find out?
- A. That penicillins ability to cure pneumonia is improved by the dark carbon
 - B. That penicillins is the key treatment of bacterial pneumonia
 - C. That it was not easy to cure bacterial pneumonia with penicillin
 - D. That the bacteria improves its resistance to penicillin due to black carbon
48. Another word that may mean the same as the word tolérance is _____.
- A. effectiveness B. treatment
 - C. resistance D. killing
49. From the passage, we learn that _____.
- A. about seven million people die after their old age
 - B. air pollution is one of the bad effects of urbanization
 - C. Africa is least affected by air pollution related deaths
 - D. air pollution is not a major cause of premature deaths
50. The best title for this passage is _____.
- A. Effects of air pollution on human health
 - B. Production of black carbon
 - C. Research on air pollution
 - D. Respiratory diseases