

Read the passage below. It contains blank spaces numbered 1 - 15. For each blank space, choose the best alternative from the choices given.

A survey 1 by the National Agency For the Campaign against drug abuse (NACADA) 2 that Kenya is 3 nation under the influence of drugs. The survey also revealed that many young people are 4 to have experimented with drugs. However, more than half of 5 stop using drugs after 6. The NACADA survey also established that alcohol and tobacco are the doors 7 which young people start abusing drugs. Alcohol and tobacco are 8 the initiators of this health-threatening behaviour.

Studies 9 show that 10 young people are influenced to start 11 by their friends or older siblings. 12 they want to 13 part of the peer group, they will withstand the effects first smokers experience. 14 young people 15 therefore resist the temptation to engage in drug abuse and assist their addicted peers to stop.

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| 1. A. made | B. carried | C. conducted | D. started |
| 2. A. provided | B. registered | C. indicated | D. supplied |
| 3. A. a | B. an | C. the | D. some |
| 4. A. said | B. known | C. reported | D. taken |
| 5. A. this | B. these | C. that | D. those |
| 6. A. sometime | B. sometime's | C. everytime | D. every time |
| 7. A. among | B. with | C. for | D. through |
| 8. A. nevertheless | B. therefore | C. furthermore | D. however |
| 9. A. further | B. farther | C. hence | D. then |
| 10. A. much | B. little | C. any | D. most |
| 11. A. to smoke | B. smoking | C. to abuse drugs | D. taking |
| 12. A. As | B. But | C. And | D. When |
| 13. A. see | B. touch | C. feel | D. find out |
| 14. A. All | B. No | C. Some | D. Few |
| 15. A. should | B. would | C. can | D. could |

Choose the correct preposition

16. The defendant was charged _____ kidnapping.
A. for B. with
C. by D. of
17. The teachers go to school _____ a bus.
A. by B. on
C. in D. with

Choose the correct question tag.

18. Magdaline never wash clothes on Saturdays,

A. does she? B. doesn't she?
C. is it? D. of course

Choose the correctly punctuated sentence

19. A. "Juma", said the teacher, " is always sleeping in class."
B. The secretary said, "tell the other members to come in."
C. "I require total silence," shouted the teacher.
D. Childrens' school bags were carried away in the fast flowing river.

Choose the best arrangement to make a sensible paragraph.

20. (i) He came rushing down
(ii) It had all started again
(iii) Following close behind was his brother
(iv) The two were always at loggerheads
A. i, ii, iv, iii B. i, iii, ii, iv
C. ii, i, iii, iv D. i, iv, iii, ii
21. (i) I pinched myself to reassure myself that it was real
(ii) As sure as death my long lost brother stood in front of us
(iii) This could not be happening to me
(iv) I rubbed my eyes to ascertain it was him
A. iv, i, ii, iii B. iv, ii, i, iii
C. i, ii, iv, iii D. i, iii, iv, ii

Choose the odd word out.

22. A. Cutlery B. Furniture
C. Cups D. Luggage

Complete the following questions correctly.

23. It was such a cold day _____
A. then we preferred to stay indoors.
B. that we preferred to stay indoors.
C. when we preferred to stay indoors.
D. because we preferred to stay indoors

Choose the correct order of adjectives

24. My aunt brought us _____ watches
A. sunny, brown, golden
B. golden, shiny, brown
C. brown, golden, shiny
D. golden, brown, shiny

25. The deputy president was in a _____ jacket.
A. fluffy, black, new
B. new, black, fluffy
C. black, fluffy, new
D. new, fluffy, black

Read the passage below carefully and answer questions 26 - 38.

We always look forward to going to the village during the holidays. There is always plenty of food to carry back to the city, we get to eat mother's delicious meals and meet all long - lost relatives. I must say my two sons were the most excited on that fateful day. That was owing to the fact that they would once again visit their grandparents. They would also have enough space to play with their cousins.

The day promised to be bright and warm. I had a few errands to run before the kick off. I also bought some things to take to my parents. Hardly had I left town when my husband called to say that the family car was fuelled and ready to go. He had also checked that the first Aid box, the extra tyre and torch were in the car.

On reaching home, the boys were eagerly waiting to start the journey. I packed a few clothes for the weekend and in a record time we were out of the house. On the way, we picked up my youngest brother and later on my sister - in - law. The joy we had knew no bounds. We admired the beautiful scenery along the way : the fresh and deep green trees on either side of the road, the appetising fruits and vegetables sold along the road and the endless rows of maize plantations. It was so peaceful.

However, I could not push away some fear that kept nagging me. I felt really uncomfortable but I could not put my finger on what the problem was. Everybody had buckled their seat belts except for my younger son who was three years old. My sister - in - law wanted to hold him because he was fussy but I advised her to let him sit on his own seat and buckle his seat belt. I tried eating some food we had bought along the way, but I felt nauseated. I just could not push the unusual feeling away.

All was well until we got to a black spot along the way. A black station wagon car sped past us. It swerved in front of us and slowed down, almost coming to a halt. We were moving at a high speed so it was hard to avoid hitting the ill - fated station wagon from behind. My husband opted to drive past the road into the bushes on the far right but we were not fortunate enough to evade the disaster. I only remember hearing the screeching of brakes, a few hastened prayers, a scream and then a loud bang . I was in a daze.

26. All the following are reasons that make the writer and her family enjoy going to the village **except:-**
- Having food to carry back to the city
 - Holding family meetings
 - The delicious meals they eat
 - Meeting long - lost relatives
27. The word **errand** has been used. What does it mean?
- Household chores
 - Daily routine
 - A task that you do, that involves going somewhere
 - Going hunting
28. "Hardly had I left town when my husband called....." as used in the passage means
- I had not left town when my husband called
 - I had just left town when my husband called
 - I was about to leave town when my husband called
 - I was leaving town when my husband called.
29. Why were the writer's children excited about going to the village?
- They would once again visit their grandparents
 - They would get gifts
 - The grandparents were not strict
 - There were no restrictions there.
30. Which one of the following things did the writer's husband not do before the beginning of the journey?
- Make sure that the car was fuelled
 - Make sure that they had a map to guide them
 - Ensure that the tyre and torch were in the car
 - Ensure that first Aid box was in the car
31. "..... in a record time we were out of the house....." indicates that:-
- The family made a record of leaving the house
 - They left the house very fast
 - They took a very long time to leave the house
 - They took an hour to get out of the house
32. All the following adjectives describe the scenery around them apart from:-
- Noisy
 - Fresh
 - Peaceful
 - Green
33. It is true to say that the writer:-
- Had a premonition that something was going to happen
 - Was nagging everybody around her
 - Was unwell
 - Was aware of what was going on
34. According to the passage, why was it wrong to hold a baby instead of letting him sit on his own seat?
- The baby would disturb the driver
 - It would be dangerous in case of an accident
 - It is a law in the country
 - He had not buckled the seat belt.
35. One of the following , did not happen when the accident took place. Which one is it?
- Screeching of brakes
 - Fainting of the writer
 - Prayers said
 - A loud bang
36. Why was it difficult to avoid hitting the illfated station wagon from behind?
- They were driving slowly
 - They did not know the way well
 - They were surprised
 - They were driving very fast
37. Among the following people who was not in the car?
- Husband to the writer
 - Children to the writer
 - Grandparents
 - Sister - in - law to the writer
38. How old was the boy that sister - in law to the writer wanted to hold?
- Three months
 - Three weeks
 - Three days
 - Three years

Read the passage below carefully and answer questions 39 - 50.

Marriage usually begins on a very high note, with the people who are full of great expectations. But when a marriage goes sour and it all comes to an end due to divorce, a very different picture is presented.

Children, who are often the innocent **by standers** in a divorce, need support systems to help them during this transition. The notion, that most people have about children being 'naturally resilient' and the assumption that they can survive a divorce without it impacting their lives adversely is simply a myth.

Experts agree that divorce makes the children feel that their security and sense of stability are lost, they literally feel as though their world is falling apart.

Leah whose parents divorced when she was 14 years old, wholly agrees; "It has been 16 years since the fateful Saturday morning yet I remember it just like it was yesterday. My parents sat us down, told us they were getting separated and that mum would no longer live with us. As I watched mum leave with her bags, I felt as though someone had gripped my stomach and throat with a tight fist, I could not breathe and simply had no appetite - everything seemed so unreal."

Leah reveals that at the time she was in the throes of adolescence and had been getting into heated arguments with her mother. "I eventually thought that mum left because I was such a naughty girl."

We were not allowed to talk about the divorce with either of our parents and so I could not tell either one what I was thinking or feeling. I began to bargain with God, told Him I would change my wayward ways and begged Him to bring my parents back together. This was not to be, the divorce was finalized and, four years later, my father remarried I was **devastated**.

It took years and professional counselling for Wamaitha to finally deal with and let go of the mix of emotions her parents' divorce evolved in her.

A counselling psychologist reveals that the fact that Leah's parents made her not discuss the divorce delayed the healing process.

An environment needs to be created that enables feelings to be expressed freely and without fear of 'duffing' the parents. Protecting and taking care of the child must be the number one priority and not vice-versa.

He further highlights the importance of parents being truthful, factual and wise about the information they give right from the outset. Depending on your child's age, let them know exactly what is happening, he says. For a younger child, you can say, daddy or mummy will not be living with us anymore, he/she will be living at..... Don't lie and tell your child that she/he is away working that's why she/he is not at home - the truth always has a way of coming out. The child may hear something contradictory from relatives and this will not only make him begin to mistrust you but also hate the other parent and have feelings of abandonment.

Njogu, a counselor, also reveals that it is not always necessary to go for counselling when dealing with divorce. However, he notes that if you, as the parent, feel extremely overwhelmed by your own emotions concerning the divorce and find that you are unwilling to talk about the divorce or be objective about the other party, it is best to seek assistance.

Do not influence your child to hate the other party. Just because your spousal relationship is dead does not mean that the child - parent relationship must follow the same path- making your child hate the other parent is not only fool hardy and selfish, it does not help and is bound to backfire on you.

39. "A very high note" as used in the passage means:-
 A. Exciting B. Sad
 C. Disappointing D. Expensive
40. From the first paragraph we learn that :-
 A. Marriages have great expectations
 B. When marriages go sour, they come to an end
 C. Marriages are very happy when they begin but end sadly in divorce
 D. Different pictures are present in a marriage
41. When a divorce takes place in a marriage, children:-
 A. Are innocent bystanders
 B. Are naturally resilient
 C. Need support systems to help them cope with a divorce
 D. Can survive divorce without impacting their lives adversely
42. How do children feel when a divorce occurs in the family?
 A. More secure
 B. Their sense of stability is reduced
 C. Their security and sense of stability has been abused
 D. As though their security and sense of stability has been lost
43. Why does Leah refer to the day as a fateful Saturday?
 A. It was a very sad day for her
 B. Her mother left
 C. The divorce was sealed then
 D. A very bad thing happened to her.
44. What reason was given for Leah's mother's sudden departure?
 A. None
 B. Not mentioned in the passage
 C. That they were getting separated
 D. Mother would no longer live with them
45. What made Leah bargain with God?
 A. She had no one else to pour out her sorrows to
 B. She was a naughty teenager and had caused her mother's departure
 C. She was not getting along with her mother then.
 D. The father was unavailable and did not want the topic discussed
46. The underlined word devastated in the passage means:-
 A. Very excited
 B. Very shocked
 C. Greatly disappointed
 D. Very enraged
47. What delayed Leah's healing process?
 A. It took years of professional counselling
 B. She took long bargaining with God
 C. The fact that she was not allowed to discuss the issue with her parents
 D. The fact that she spent a lot of time blaming herself
48. According to the counseling psychologists
 A. Protecting and taking care of the child must be priority in a divorce case
 B. Number one priority is the child and not vice versa
 C. An excuse on the whereabouts of the parent's better than saying nothing
 D. If the child is too young to understand tell them what they can accommodate then
49. What may make a child feel abandoned?
 A. When parents divorce
 B. When a child suspects you lied to him/ her
 C. When they get contradicting information and suspects your lied to them
 D. The truth has a way of always coming out
50. When is the best time to seek assistance from a counselor?
 A. Before the divorce takes place
 B. When you are overwhelmed by your own emotions
 C. When you feel a willingness to talk about the divorce
 D. When you begin influencing your child to hate the other party.