

STANDARD 8 END TERM 1 EXAM

ENGLISH 2019

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

Maize has 1 a staple food for many 2 in Kenya 3, the farming of this important crops is saddled 4 many challenges. Many families 5 their 6 to this crop as they depend on it for school fees, medical and other basic needs.

The growth of the crop 7 a myriad of challenges 8 harsh weather and 9 pests. A lot of investment 10 to be done on research, pesticides and testing of the soil. There 11 be open markets for the seeds and fertilisers, where farmers can 12 them at an affordable prices. Unregulated 13 from other countries leads to insecurity on food. A 14 on the farming facilities, will protect farmers 15 cheap imported maize.

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| 1. | A. been | B. being | C. be | D. bean |
| 2. | A. millenium | B. perennial | C. annual | D. decades |
| 3. | A. Moreover | B. Therefore | C. However | D. Besides |
| 4. | A. into | B. by | C. across | D. with |
| 5. | A. owe | B. renter | C. debt | D. look |
| 6. | A. resistance | B. existence | C. living | D. dwelling |
| 7. | A. encounters | B. faces | C. overcomes | D. displays |
| 8. | A. such | B. as | C. like | D. and |
| 9. | A. invasive | B. disturbing | C. offensive | D. irritative |
| 10. | A. likes | B. needed | C. liked | D. needs |
| 11. | A. would | B. should | C. must | D. could |
| 12. | A. access | B. found | C. avail | D. see |
| 13. | A. exports | B. immigrants | C. imports | D. emigrants |
| 14. | A. decreased | B. subsidy | C. reduced | D. increased |
| 15. | A. onto | B. against | C. away | D. from |

For questions 16 to 18, choose the best alternative to complete the given sentence.

16. Stacy **hardly** goes to the farm.
A. never
B. usually
C. occasionally
D. rarely
17. They climbed the mountain **slowly** to the peak.
A. rapidly
B. gradually
C. promptly
D. quickly
18. The teacher ordered we read the context **over the over**.
A. repeatedly
B. sometimes
C. always
D. regularly

For questions 19 and 22, choose the best alternative to fill the blank space.

19. Donel could not _____ the cruel treatment from his uncle.
A. put up
B. put off
C. put up with
D. put down
20. We _____ to the educational trip.
A. look onto
B. look down
C. look upto
D. look forward
21. The firemen worked hard to _____ the fire
A. put out
B. put off
C. put down
D. put up

22. Joseph _____ the offer of the job.
A. turned up
C. turned down
D. gave up
D. gave away

For questions 23 to 25, arrange the following sentences to make a sensible paragraph.

23. (i) We played against team Mawimbi.
(ii) This result was masterminded by their striker
(iii) We had a problem because the goal was conceded
(iv) moments later a chance fell to our defender
A. i, ii, iii, iv
B. ii, i, ii, iv
C. iii, i, iv, ii
D. i, iii, ii, iv
24. (i) We didn't find much to talk about
(ii) We retired to bed
(iii) As soon as the car stopped at the petrol station
(iv) George and I set of through the streets
A. iv, ii iii, i
B. iii, iv, i, ii
C. iii, i, ii, iv
D. iv, ii, iii, i
25. (i) She had to pass by the mechanic
(ii) Victoria had woken up earlier than usual
(iii) where she could pick it to go to work
(iv) her car had broken down the previous day
A. ii, iv, i, iii
B. iii, i, ii, iv
C. ii, i, iv, iii
D. iv, i, ii, iii

Read the following passage and then answer question 26-38.

When it rained in the city, all hell broke loose. Hundreds of thousands of the people, in a sudden unexplained and irrational fear of the rain, scuttle off work early to form a maddening stream of panicky human traffic. On this day, it was certainly no different from the obvious. Despite the previous nights prediction by the meteorological department of a serious shortfall of rain and their consequent warning of drought, the skies opened with a vengeance in the afternoon, released torrents rain that soon threatened to bring down the city.

Naomi felt like crying she had been standing in the matatu queue for close to four hours under the drenching rain. She cursed herself for the millionth time for not wearing a sweater or anything warm, like the many city people who had been duped by either the weather men's promise of a dry day, or the bright cloudless sky, she had worn very light clothing. Earlier on she had looked **fashionable** but then was drenched.

As she embarked the matatu she heaved a sign of relief. Inside the matatu everybody was in a foul mood. They were all drenched beyond caring. Someone next to her tried to start a conversation. After three sentences later, he was met with inaudible answers and despaired. He opted to read from his drenched newspaper. Under normal situations, Naomi would not have taken this ramshackle of a matatu. Many of the new matatus would be fighting amongst themselves to have her into the irs. But on this day, there was no telling when another one would come. The jam was magnanimous.

The tout slammed the door shut and hit the roof with his fist. The driver on the other hand peered over his shoulders to confirm that it was full, then fiddled with the music system. Suddenly, the speakers came alive unleashing a traditional song as they drove towards Thika road. If anybody was disturbed by the loud music, they did not show it. She was flabbergasted that the driver did not bother to find out if the music would go down well with the passengers. As they proceeded, the conductor announced to them that the fare was hundred shillings.

A barrage of condemnation followed his declaration. He had literally doubled the fare. The matatu crew was known to hike fares in such seasons. All the passengers knew very well they could do nothing. They were infuriated and even their complains could not be heard. She was finally relieved as she alighted at her destination. She had truly had alot in a day.

26. According to the first paragraph what happens when it rained in the city?
- A. People fear the rain
 - B. People hurriedly leave their work
 - C. Hundreds of thousands people break loose
 - D. The day becomes different as usual.
27. What was unexpected about the day?
- A. The panicky human traffic
 - B. An irrational fear of the rain
 - C. The consequent warning from the weather forecast
 - D. The downpour that took place in the afternoon
28. What made Naomi feel like crying according to the passage?
- A. She stood for long in the drenching rain
 - B. She had been fashionable but then got soaked
 - C. The matatu she embarked on was an old one
 - D. The conductor doubled the price of the fare
29. Why did Naomi curse herself for many times?
- A. She looked fashionable in such condition
 - B. There were no vehicles at the station
 - C. She had not left her place work early
 - D. The way she dressed made her freeze.
30. What had made many people unaware of the weather of that day?
- A. There was a drought
 - B. The weather men's had forecast the wrong thing
 - C. People had been warned about the rain but did not adhere
 - D. It had been sunny all through the day
31. The best word to replace the underlined word is;
- A. old fashioned
 - B. modernized
 - C. outgoing
 - D. stylish

32. Which of the following explains why the passengers were in a foul smell?
- They had been rained on mercilessly
 - They were sweating after standing for long
 - The matatu was not ventilated
 - People had carried all sorts of stuff in the vehicle
33. "Under normal circumstances, Naomi would have used which kind of vehicle?"
- An old quiet matatu
 - A car
 - Modernized matatu
 - Trekked home
34. What made the driver recognize the matatu was full and set to leave?
- The conductor slammed the door shut
 - The turning of the music system
 - By peering over the conductor's shoulders
 - The traffic jam that was magnanimous.
35. Why did the passengers not complain about the loud music fiddle by the driver?
- they were too drenched to speak
 - they must have been carried away by thought of turn of the events
 - they were curious waiting for the conductor to tell them the fare
 - they were busy reading their newspaper
36. Naomi did not pay attention to the person talking to her mainly because
- the people in the bus were a stench
 - she did not like talking to strangers
 - she must have been bothered by her situation
 - the man did not have an interesting conversation
37. The passengers did nothing after the conductor declared the fare. This was because
- they could not alight the matatu for there were no others
 - the conductor must have threatened them
 - the passengers were okay with the amount
 - they were used to fare hiking in such seasons.
38. The best summary for the passage is
- the old matatu and the conductor
 - The unfortunate day
 - the false weather forecast
 - The rainy season.

Read the following and answer questions 39-50.

Healthy skin not only looks great, but it also serves you well into old age without problems. The skin being the largest organ in the body requires constant care to preserve its health and integrity. When your skin or body is unhealthy, it shows in many ways. Some of the signs of unhealthy skin are prematurely aged skin, infected skin with chronic rashes, pimples and sickly pale skin.

Several factors influence poor health of your skin. The most common is an unhealthy diet. When your body lacks basic nutrients it shows through your skin. For example, lack of water will manifest as dehydration with fine lines and premature wrinkles. This can be remedied by ensuring that your diet and water intake is adequate.

Poor life-style choices affect the skin in several ways causing it to look unhealthy. Smoking and alcohol intake, for instance, causes premature aging. The signs of early aging can be slowed down by avoiding such substances. Excessive exposure to the sun, wind and pollution over time cause photo-ageing. This is a condition caused by repeated exposure to ultra rays. While some of these factors cannot be avoided, they can be minimised by using helpful devices such as sunscreen and protective clothing.

Frequent use of chemical based products adversely affects the skin. It makes it weak and unable to withstand the effects of the sun, strong soaps can also strip oil from your skin so if using hot water. Daily cleansing is all that is required to remove bacteria and ward off infections that result from dirt and grime. A person should eat plenty of fruits, vegetables and whole grain. Management of stress is also very crucial in skin management.

Enough sleep is also very effective. Shaving of the hair should be done carefully. It should be in the direction of the hair growth and not against it. Bleaching the skin makes it weak and unable to withstand the effect of the sun. This effect is possible in countries close to the equator where rays of the sun are strongest. The additives in creams are not any benefit to the skin, instead are added to make the product cosmetically appealing enough to sell and extend its shelf life.

For a good skin one would go for natural ways for maintaining it and so skin related problems will be controlled.

39. What is the benefit of having a healthy skin according to the first sentence?
- It can serve one well in old age without problems.
 - It looks great having such a skin
 - It is the largest organism in the body
 - It brings forth integrity
40. Which of the following has not been listed as signs of unhealthy skin?
- Prematurely aged skin
 - Pale skin
 - Light skinned
 - infected skin with chronic rashes
41. Which is the common factor that influence poor healthy of your skin?
- Using strong chemicals for the face
 - Eating unhealthy diets
 - Failure to drink water
 - Eating too much fat
42. Lack of water in a diet can lead to
- rashes in the skin
 - constipation after eating
 - lack of nutrients in the body
 - premature wrinkles on the face
43. Which drugs have been associated with premature aging of the skin?
- alcohol and smoking
 - smoking and sniffing
 - alcohol and khat
 - drinking and sniffing
44. Photoageing is a skin condition caused by
- taking alcohol and smoking
 - lack of balanced diet
 - excessive exposure to the sun
 - using strong soaps and detergents
45. Frequent use of chemical based products can cause all the following except:-
- the skin tissue are weakened
 - the skin pigment is altered
 - wrinkles starts appearing
 - the skin cannot withstand the sun.
46. How can we control photageing of the skin?
- By using sunscreen and protective clothing
 - Eating healthy food
 - By wearing warm clothes
 - Avoiding drugs
47. Which of the following factors does not cause effect on the skin?
- lack of sleep
 - stress
 - unhealthy eating
 - mild soaps
48. Where is bleaching effects possible?
- In developed countries
 - In countries close to the equator
 - In the rich countries
 - In countries ahead of the equator
49. What is the importance of additives in creams
- To make the skin healthy
 - To make the creams attractive for use
 - To make a good scent in the creams
 - To make the products preserved for long
50. The best title for the passage is
- Causes of unhealthy skin
 - Benefits of a healthy skin
 - An healthy skin
 - Photoaging of the skin