

# STANDARD 6 MID TERM 2 EXAM 2019

## ENGLISH

Time :1hr 40min

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

Hundreds of people 1 killed on Kenyan roads 2 year in accidents which 3 not happen if people observed road 4 - regulations. Many accidents are 5 by drivers 6 break traffic rules or by driving 7 maintained vehicles. Accidents also 8 when drivers 9 on a 10 when they can't see the 11 traffic causing a head-on 12. Pedestrians must also be careful by crossing roads at 13. They should 14 walk 15 the road but stick to the safe sides.

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| 1. A. were      | B. was         | C. are         | D. been            |
| 2. A. hitch     | B. every       | C. all         | D. after           |
| 3. A. will      | B. can         | C. could       | D. would           |
| 4. A. safety    | B. traffic     | C. signs       | D. billboards      |
| 5. A. cause     | B. caused      | C. brought     | D. done            |
| 6. A. which     | B. who         | C. whose       | D. whom            |
| 7. A. poor      | B. well        | C. bad         | D. poorly          |
| 8. A. occur     | B. come        | C. happen      | D. appear          |
| 9. A. undertake | B. overtake    | C. mistake     | D. drive           |
| 10. A. bent     | B. corner      | C. bend        | D. highway         |
| 11. A. incoming | B. forthcoming | C. on coming   | D. out coming      |
| 12. A. approach | B. collision   | C. collusion   | D. caution         |
| 13. A. u-turns  | B. junctions   | C. roundabouts | D. zebra crossings |
| 14. A. ever     | B. never       | C. always      | D. be              |
| 15. A. on       | B. at          | C. to          | D. in              |

**For questions 16 to 18, choose the best alternative that best fits in the blank space**

16. That is the widow \_\_\_\_\_ husband died in the battle field.  
A. who  
B. whose  
C. whom  
D. which
17. My hairstyle differs \_\_\_\_\_ that of Kanyutu's.  
A. to  
B. with  
C. from  
D. than
18. I like Addah best  
A. of all her sisters  
B. of the two girls  
C. than her cousin Emeka  
D. to those other girls

**For questions 19-22, choose the alternative that means the same as the underlined word(s)**

19. His jacket was so tight that it **burst** at the seams.  
A. tore  
B. cracked  
C. broke  
D. split
20. Smith received many **gifts** on his birthday.  
A. greetings  
B. offerings  
C. rewards  
D. presents
21. Joan **hates** his bullish cousin.  
A. loves  
B. dislikes  
C. admires  
D. sight

22. They **look after** him well.  
A. guard  
B. feed  
C. take care of  
D. resemble

**For questions 23-24, select the sentence that is correctly punctuated.**

23. A. "Hurry up?" exclaimed Ali.  
B. "Where are you!" enquired Rose.  
C. What a beautiful day that was!  
D. Who are they? "I asked"
24. A. He works for the Ministry of labour,  
B. He works for the Ministry of labour!  
C. He works for the Ministry of labour?  
D. He works for the Ministry of labour.

**For question 25, complete the sentence with the correct alternative**

25. We do not have  
A. some money to lend you.  
B. no bad boys in our family.  
C. any food to spare.  
D. nothing to eat.



Many years ago, each animal was blessed with an exceptional talent. Lion was the strongest animal and was approached for help when strength was needed. Tortoise was the wisest animal whose wisdom was highly valued at times of making decisions. Dog could sniff from far and would always alert other animals when he smelt danger. Hyena was the village witch doctor and herbalist. Hare could hear sound from far away.

Every animal **strived** to put their talent into use for the betterment of the animal community. However, one animal was not satisfied with his God-given talent. He believed that he deserved better than what he had. This was Hare. He wanted to be able to listen not only to far away sounds but also to other animals' secrets. He was determined to make this happen. After thinking hard, he approached Hyena, the witch doctor for solution. Hyena listened keenly and promised him a brilliant solution the next day.

Early morning the next day, Hare arrived at Hyena's **residence** hoping to emerge successful. Hyena immediately got to work. He had herbs that could help stretch Hare's ears and after that he would be able to hear all that was said around him. Hare agreed to this proposal. In the evening, he left with his supposedly newly acquired talent.

On his way home, he saw the other animals talking to each other and giggling. He couldn't hear what they were saying yet he knew he was supposed to. He began to doubt the transformation. No sooner had he entered his house than his wife collapsed. He stared into the mirror for the first time and could not believe what he saw.

He looked ridiculous. He cried and asked Hyena to transform him to the way he looked before but it was impossible. As time went by, he couldn't take the ridicule and embarrassment any more and thus took refuge in the bush. To this day, when Hare sees any person or animal approaching, he runs into the bush.

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| 26. Which animal would be approached if physical strength was needed?<br>A. Eagle<br>C. Elephant                                                                                                                                                                    | B. Tortoise<br>D. Lion        | 33. Why did Hare approach Hyena?<br>A. Hyena had promised him a solution.<br>B. He trusted Hyena of all other animals.<br>C. Hyena was the best witch doctor around.<br>D. He wanted a solution to his problem.                                                                |
| 27. How many animals have been mentioned in the first paragraph?<br>A. Four<br>C. Six                                                                                                                                                                               | B. Five<br>D. Seven           | 34. The word <b>residence</b> as used in the passage can best be replaced with<br>A. home.<br>C. burrow.                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 28. Which animal has <b>not</b> been mentioned in paragraph one?<br>A. Dog<br>C. Hyena                                                                                                                                                                              | B. Hare's wife<br>D. Tortoise | 35. What solution did Hyena come up with?<br>A. He pulled Hare's ears to make them longer.<br>B. He operated on Hare's ears.<br>C. He used witchcraft to make Hare's ears longer.<br>D. He gave Hare some herbs to make his ears longer.                                       |
| 29. How was dog helpful to the other animals?<br>A. He would make decisions.<br>B. He would fight on behalf of other animals.<br>C. He would alert other animals on oncoming dangers.<br>D. He smelt where nice smell came from.                                    |                               | 36. Why do you think Hare's wife collapsed?<br>A. She was shocked.<br>B. She was excited.<br>C. She fainted.<br>D. She was happy.                                                                                                                                              |
| 30. From the second paragraph it is <b>true</b> to say that<br>A. each animal's talent did not benefit others.<br>B. almost all animals tried to use their talent to help the community.<br>C. Hyena was a witch.<br>D. two or three animals would have one talent. |                               | 37. Why did Hare run and hide in the bush?<br>A. Hyena could not transform him back to the way he was.<br>B. He could not hear all the conversations as he expected.<br>C. He could not take the ridicule and embarrassment any more.<br>D. He realised that he was very ugly. |
| 31. The word <b>strived</b> has been used in the passage. It can be replaced with<br>A. tried very hard.<br>B. showed off.<br>C. prove themselves<br>D. gave evidence.                                                                                              |                               | 38. What is the <b>best</b> title for this passage?<br>A. Why Hare runs.<br>B. The Hare and the Hyena.<br>C. The animals' Talents.<br>D. Hyena the doctor.                                                                                                                     |
| 32. According to the third paragraph, Hare can be described as<br>A. wise<br>C. greedy                                                                                                                                                                              | B. glutton<br>D. contented    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |



**Read the passage below and answer questions 39 to 50.**

Driver ants are found throughout Africa where they inhabit rainforests and savannah. These ants have the largest colonies of any social insects. Colonies can number up to 22 million ants. They hunt by swarming and are known to feed on any animal life in their path. All the ants in the colony are females. However, only one of them, the queen, is responsible for breeding. She lays 1 to 2 million eggs every month almost continuously.

She gets sperms from male driver ant. Once it does, its wings are removed and it is taken back to the nest where it is used for mating. The queen is usually the largest ant with the largest abdomen. She can be up to five centimetres long which makes her the largest ant in the colony and in the world. Males are winged and are about three centimetres long.

Almost daily, swarms embark on raids for food which can be brought to the nest. Although totally blind, they depend on touch, smell and chemical signals from the abdomen of the leading ant. They do not rely on stings to attack, but use their large and powerful mandibles to create punctures, wounds and tears. Whenever the ants swarm or migrate, they form large highways of workers bordered by soldiers which hang over their mandibles waving to protect the colony as it moves.

39. Driver ants live in  
A. grasslands and tropical forest.  
B. rainforests and deserts.  
C. hot deserts and grasslands.  
D. savannah and grasslands.
40. According to the passage, how many eggs can the queen lay in a month?  
A. Around 3 million.  
B. Between 1 and 2 million.  
C. 1 million.  
D. 2 million.
41. Driver ants can be said to be  
A. dangerous insects. B. wild insects.  
C. desert insects. D. social insects.
42. According to the passage, what is the most appropriate time for removing the queen's wings?  
A. During mating.  
B. After receiving sperms.  
C. When migrating.  
D. When swarming.
43. The largest ant is the  
A. driver ant.  
B. male driver ant.  
C. the breeding female ant.  
D. the male king ant.
44. Swarms embark on raids  
A. daily.  
B. all the time.  
C. any time.  
D. almost regularly
45. According to the passage, what can be the possible length of the queen?  
A. Three centimetres.  
B. Five metres.  
C. Three metres.  
D. Five centimetres.
46. Driver ants ensure defence in their colonies by  
A. stinging. B. swallowing  
C. biting. D. killing.
47. Driver ants communicate through all the following **except**  
A. touching B. hearing.  
C. chemical signals. D. smelling.
48. When do the driver ants form large highways of workers?  
A. When migrating. B. When feeding.  
C. When mating. D. When relaxing.
49. According to the passage, which group in the driver ant colony has three centimetre ants?  
A. The soldiers.  
B. The winged queen  
C. The winged males.  
D. The unwinged queen.
50. The most appropriate title for the passage would be  
A. Driver ants.  
B. Queen ants.  
C. Powerful mandibles.  
D. Social beings.