

STANDARD 8 ENGLISH

MID-TERM 1 2020

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES (Read these instructions carefully.)

1. You have been given this question booklet and a separate answer sheet. The question booklet contains 50 questions.
2. Do any necessary rough work in this booklet.
3. When you have chosen your answer, mark it on the **ANSWER SHEET**, not in the question paper.

HOW TO USE THE ANSWER SHEET.

4. Use an ordinary pencil only.
5. Make sure that you have written on the answer sheet:

YOUR INDEX NUMBER

YOUR NAME

NAME OF YOUR SCHOOL

6. By drawing a **dark line** inside the correct numbered boxes, mark your full Index Number (i.e. School Code Number and the three-figure Candidate's Number) in the grid near the top of the answer sheet.
7. Do not make any marks outside the boxes.
8. Keep your answer sheet as **clean** as possible and **DO NOT FOLD IT**.
9. For each of the questions 1-50, four answers are given. The answers are lettered A, B, C, D. In each case, only **ONE** of the four answers is correct. Choose the correct answer.
10. On the answer sheet, show the correct answer by drawing a **dark line** inside the box in which the letter you have chosen is written.

Example:-

In the Question Booklet:

For questions 16 to 19, choose the alternative that best completes the sentence.

17. If I had the money, I _____ buy that car.
- A. shall
 - B. would
 - C. could
 - D. will

The correct answer is B.

On the Answer sheet:

16. [A] [B] [C] [D] 17. [A] [**B**] [C] [D] 18. [A] [B] [C] [D] 19. [A] [B] [C] [D]

In the set of boxes number 17, the box with letter **B** printed in it is marked.

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

Not long ago, a kitten was tied in 1 bag and then flung into a canal. It 2 if it had not been 3 by a kind soul 4 brought it to the society for the prevention of cruelty to animals (SPCA). The throwing of 5 kitten is just one 6 of an act of cruelty towards animals.

7 month, the SPCA 8 with animals that have been ill-treated by their owners. A common 9 of animal abuse occurs 10 these pets are 11 by their owners. Some pet owners do not bother to 12 their pets when the poor animals are ill. By the time these animals are brought to the SPCA, they 13 usually infected 14 diseases. Some of the diseases are so severe that it would be more humane to put these animals to sleep just to 15 their suffering.

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| 1. | A. a small, black, plastic | | B. a black, small, plastic |
| | C. a plastic, small, black | | D. small, plastic, black |
| 2. | A. would die | B. will die | C. would have died |
| | | | D. could die |
| 3. | A. picked | B. seen | C. collected |
| | | | D. rescued |
| 4. | A. that | B. who | C. whom |
| | | | D. which |
| 5. | A. this | B. the | C. that |
| | | | D. these |
| 6. | A. instance | B. incident | C. issue |
| | | | D. incidence |
| 7. | A. Each | B. All | C. Every |
| | | | D. Some |
| 8. | A. copes | B. survives | C. servies |
| | | | D. deals |
| 9. | A. occasion | B. type | C. forms |
| | | | D. situation |
| 10. | A. while | B. if | C. when |
| | | | D. as |
| 11. | A. neglected | B. abandoned | C. left |
| | | | D. ignored |
| 12. | A. take care | B. tend after | C. look after |
| | | | D. look at |
| 13. | A. have | B. were | C. are |
| | | | D. had |
| 14. | A. of | B. with | C. over |
| | | | D. from |
| 15. | A. end | B. protect | C. cause |
| | | | D. lower |

For questions 16 and 17, complete the given sentences using the correct order of adjectives.

16. The _____ player scored the winning goal.
- A. young, well-built, Ugandan
 - B. well-built, young, Ugandan
 - C. Ugandan, well-built, young
 - D. young, Ugandan, well-built
17. It was _____ day.
- A. a long, boring rainy
 - B. a rainy, long, boring
 - C. a long rainy boring
 - D. a boring, long, rainy

In questions 18 and 19, choose the sentence that means the same as the underlined

18. "What are you doing?" Muema asked. Jane.
- A. Jane wanted to know what Muema was doing.
 - B. Muema asked Jane what she was doing.
 - C. Muema asked Jane what she were doing.
 - D. Muema asked Jane what she is doing.
19. Were it not for the hard work, she would have failed the examinations
- A. She worked hard and passed the examination.
 - B. Her hardwork paid off.
 - C. She passed because she worked hard.
 - D. Had she worked hard, she would have passed the exam.

For questions 20 and 21, choose the word that is correctly spelt.

20. A. Superitendant.
B. Calender.
C. Until.
D. Seperate

21. A. Belief.
B. Wierd.
C. Continuos.
D. Skillfully.

In questions 22 and 23, choose the opposite of the underlined word.

22. We remained united to the end of the season.
- A. together
 - B. undecided
 - C. scattered
 - D. divided
23. They were given a cold reception.
- A. cruel
 - B. friendly
 - C. cool
 - D. nice

For question 24 and 25, complete the given statement.

24. As playful as a _____
- A. calf.
 - B. sheep.
 - C. baby.
 - D. bird.
25. Once bitten _____
- A. twice scared.
 - B. always keen.
 - C. twice shy.
 - D. forever alert.

Read the following passage then answer questions 26 to 38.

The elephant did not like the authority of king lion. By account of his massive body frame, the elephant thought he was the best suited to rule over the vast jungle. To show his resentment for lion, elephant began instigating the other animals against the king.

“We know the king is old. He takes advice from Hare because he cannot make decisions on his own,” Elephant told the animals one afternoon, at the common water pan.

The other animals agreed. They did not like hare, whom they saw as the one who was indirectly ruling them through lion. Some of the decisions the king made were not openly welcomed by all and for this reason, Hare the advisor of the king, was hated equally.

It came to pass that many animals began showing their loyalty to Elephant. Daily, as he walked to the common drinking point to quench his thirst at midday, many animals would bow before him and hail him as the king.

It wasn't long before king lion came to hear about the challenge to his authority. Lion was mad and thought of a way to reassert his authority.

“What should I do with these rebels led by Elephant? The king asked hare one morning.

Hare thought of a plan and said, “As you are aware, dear king, the animals go to the water point at midday. Would it not be wise to go and confront Elephant at that place?”

Lion liked the idea, but hare advised him that they leave early in order to hide somewhere so that their presence would not be known.

The lion agreed and together with hare, they left. They passed through thick bushes and hid in a good place close to the water pan.

As usual, Elephant came at midday trumpeting importantly. The animals hailed him as king and bowed, making way for him to pass. King lion jumped from his hiding place and blocked Elephant's path.

“Salute the king!” said Elephant to Lion.

“No! you salute the king!” Lion angrily answered.

The elephant made an angry grunting noise and asked, “Are you challenging my authority?”

“You are the one challenging my authority,” Lion bellowed.

Elephant charged at lion. Lion evaded being gored by one of Elephant's tusks, then jumped on Elephant's neck. The animals drawn by the commotion, were in time to see Elephant crashing to the ground in a cloud of dust. Poor Elephant had to bow down and acknowledge lion as the king of the jungle.

26. Why did Elephant think he was best suited to be king?
- A. He preferred animals with massive body frames.
 - B. He hated lion.
 - C. The king was not wise.
 - D. The size of his body gave him the opinion.

27. The word ‘massive’ as used in the passage could be replaced by all the following except
- A. light
 - B. large.
 - C. huge.
 - D. humongous.

28. How did elephant express his hatred for lion?
 A. He started spreading the resentment to other animals.
 B. He instigated lion against his subjects.
 C. He incited animals against lion.
 D. He spread rumours about lion.
29. What was the animals' meeting point during the day?
 A. Lion's palace.
 B. The water point.
 C. The clearing in the forest.
 D. The thick bushes.
30. Why did the animals think hare was ruling them through lion?
 A. Lion made decisions that were not popular.
 B. They knew lion relied on hare for advice.
 C. Hare did not welcome decisions made.
 D. Lion had grown too old to make decisions.
31. How did the animals show loyalty to elephant?
 A. They bowed before him and saluted him as the king.
 B. They let him quench his thirst before him.
 C. They escorted him to the water point every morning.
 D. They vowed to protect him.
32. When lion heard of the rebellion, what was his first reaction?
 A. He reasserted his authority.
 B. He ran mad.
 C. He was very infuriated.
 D. He called his advisor hare to the den.
33. The word 'authority' as used in the passage can be defined as
 A. the feeling of greatness.
 B. position where others hail you.
 C. an office of power.
 D. the power to direct the actions of others.
34. Why do you think lion thought of hiding before confronting elephant?
 A. The lion feared elephant's strength.
 B. They feared attack from elephant's subjects.
 C. They wanted to find him unawares.
 D. To observe elephant's secrets.
35. What shows that none of the two animals was relenting?
 A. They attracted the attention of their subjects.
 B. The argument led to a fight.
 C. Neither of them won the fight.
 D. They both drowned.
36. Had lion not evaded elephant's tusk
 A. he would have been killed.
 B. he would have won the fight.
 C. he would have defended the throne.
 D. hare would have joined in the fight.
37. The word 'commotion' could be replaced by
 A. trumpeting.
 B. cheering.
 C. disturbance.
 D. fighting.
38. From the last paragraph, we can conclude that
 A. Elephant was the weaker of the two.
 B. The animals disliked elephant.
 C. Lion had no choice but to bow.
 D. Even in his old age, lion was still strong.

Read the following passage then answer questions 39 to 50.

For many people, the most important investment in a lifetime is the family home, where one can live in peace without fear of the landlord coming to knock at your door every month for rent.

The first step in becoming a homeowner is saving enough to buy a house, or convincing a financial institution to lend you the finances to buy the house. Once you have identified the house and are pleased with its location and state, you then discuss the sale with the owner and agree on the price. It is at this point that buyers ask how to proceed-whether they need a lawyer to assist them, and what it costs to get legal assistance.

Because of dishonesty and the doubts about property ownership, especially in the last decade, it is important to seek legal advice before the agreement for sale is signed. First, you need to conduct a title search of the property you want to buy. You may not have the time to do this yourself and, more importantly, you may not know what to look out for.

A search will tell your lawyer who the owner of the property is. It will show whether there are any burdens on the title. These are things that may prevent the owner from transferring the land to you. These may include a charge for securing a loan from a bank, or a caution lodged by a person claiming to have an interest in the land, or even a warning by income tax authorities. A lawyer will help you in deciding whether to proceed with the purchase or not.

The search will also show if the property is a lease, the tenure of the lease, and the number of years remaining. This is important as many leases issued by the colonial government are now expiring. One would need to confirm that the terms of the lease has been extended before buying the property.

The next point at which legal advice is invaluable is at the drawing and signing of the sale contract. A lawyer will explain to you the meaning and implication of each term of the contract. Without such advice, you may end up binding yourself to do something that you may not be able to, and run the risk of losing money in the process.

To complete registration of a property in the name of the buyer, ensure that the rates and clearance certificates, the consents to transfer if it is leasehold property or Land Control Board Consent if the property is agricultural land have been obtained by the seller, given the busy life of many business and professional people, it is advisable to have professional help in ensuring that these documents are in place.

39. Which of the following statements is true according to the first paragraph?
- A. Landlords will always knock on tenants' doors.
 - B. One is more comfortable in their family home than at a rented house.
 - C. There is no peace in rented houses.
 - D. Many people have invested in family homes.

40. How often is rent paid according to the passage?
- A. Monthly.
 - B. Annually.
 - C. Daily.
 - D. Once.

41. According to the writer, the first step to owning a home is
- saving enough to buy a house or taking a loan.
 - convincing a financial institution to lend you money.
 - Buying a house.
 - Identifying the house.
42. Which of the following words means the same as 'location'?
- Cite.
 - Sight.
 - Site.
 - Boundary.
43. Why should somebody seek legal assistance?
- To ensure dishonesty and doubts are not there.
 - To ensure the deal is good.
 - To avoid disagreements.
 - To help conduct a search.
44. A search is carried out to
- show the burden on the title deed.
 - secure a loan.
 - remove cautions on the land.
 - establish the owner of the property.
45. Which of the following is not regarded as a burden on the title deed?
- Name of the owner of property.
 - A charge securing a loan.
 - A caution.
 - A warning.
46. A burden on the title deed will
- make the property more expensive.
 - lead to the arrest of the buyer.
 - block the transfer process.
 - only facilitate a lease.
47. The word 'invaluable' means
- useless.
 - very important.
 - not needed.
 - can be done without.
48. Which is the third step in acquiring property?
- Drawing and signing the contract.
 - Identifying the property.
 - Registration of property in the buyer's name.
 - Conducting a search.
49. According to the last paragraph we can say that
- property acquired must have legal documents.
 - people are too busy to transact business.
 - any property acquisition must be done by professionals.
 - Kenyans are dishonest.
50. The best title for the passage could be
- While legal advice is important.
 - Dishonest property sellers.
 - Steps to follow when acquiring a family home.
 - The past decade.