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ENGLISH

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

The old hyena 1 smothered in mud, 2 except for one brown eye 3 vultures falling from the evening sky. Around her stretched the grasslands of East Africa. The sun dropped 4 a red haze, and five angular acacia trees were 5 on a stage now set for a night hunt.

The hyena stood, and 6 showers of mud. Her flat sides 7 with dull blotches, were 8 by bites and lion claws. Her ears were ripped and torn, and her right eye 9 sightlessly into space. She 10 from old injuries, and her head was still 11 from the kick of a zebra two days 12. Ten years is a long life on the plains.

She 13 last days without food, but now with two hungry cubs, she was 14 to replenish her supplies of milk. 15 the autumn rains were late, the antelope and zebra had moved in search of grass and could not hunt near her den.

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| 1. A. lay | B. lie | C. laid | D. lain |
| 2. A. dead | B. unconscious | C. motionless | D. asleep |
| 3. A. viewing | B. watching | C. observing | D. looking |
| 4. A. onto | B. in | C. on | D. into |
| 5. A. silhouette | B. silhouetted | C. silhouetting | D. silhouette |
| 6. A. shook off | B. shook in | C. shook on | D. shook by |
| 7. A. patched | B. stained | C. spotted | D. dyed |
| 8. A. hurt | B. injured | C. wounded | D. scarred |
| 9. A. glanced | B. looked | C. glared | D. stared |
| 10. A. shuffled | B. limped | C. staggered | D. trudged |
| 11. A. sounding | B. paining | C. paying | D. ringing |
| 12. A. before | B. then | C. later | D. now |
| 13. A. can | B. will | C. could | D. would |
| 14. A. peaceful | B. anxious | C. ready | D. comfortable |
| 15. A. Therefore | B. However | C. Then | D. Because |

For questions 16 and 17, select the alternative that means the same as the given sentences.

16. She rarely says thank you.
 A. She never says thank you.
 B. She sometimes says thank you.
 C. She usually says thank you.
 D. She hardly says thank you.
17. In spite of his injury, he scored a goal.
 A. Although he was injured he scored a goal.
 B. He scored a goal in addition to his injury.
 C. When he scored a goal he was seriously injured.
 D. Because of his injury he scored a goal.

In questions 18 and 19, choose the alternative that best completes the given sentences.

18. Walking into the compound
 A. it was already dark.
 B. my face glittered.
 C. I was welcomed by my cousins.
 D. there was no one home.
19. Had it rained heavily
 A. the area could have flooded.
 B. the area would have flooded.
 C. the area would flood.
 D. the area could flood.

In questions 20 and 21, select the words that can best replace the underlined words.

20. When Jacob won the lottery, he purchased a car.
 A. rented B. leased C. hired D. bought
21. My uncle is a stern man.
 A. harsh B. strict C. lenient D. cruel

In questions 22 and 23, choose the arrangement of the given sentences to form a sensible paragraph.

22. (i) First, look out for people with whom you share similar interests.
 (ii) You must be willing to reach out and establish relationships with others.
 (iii) For example, if you enjoy sports, you may join sports team.
 (iv) In order to enjoy the benefits of good friendship.
 A. iv, ii, i, iii B. i, ii, iv, iii
 C. ii, iv, i, iii D. iv, i, ii, iii
23. (i) Caused by lack of enough protein in the diet
 (ii) However, it can also affect people who are not necessarily poor
 (iii) It mostly affects people from poor family background
 (iv) kwashiorkor is a form of malnutrition

5 (v) but do not have an understanding of what a balanced diet comprise of

- A. iv, ii, i, iii B. iv, iii, ii, i
C. iv, i, ii, iii D. iv, i, iii, ii

Use the information below to answer questions 24 and 25.

Five friends were discussing what they like doing during their free time. Mark said he like reading story books, swimming and dancing. Mutula likes listening to music, cycling and swimming, just like Muriuki, who in addition, likes running. Muniu had the same

hobbies as Mark but didn't want anything to do with dancing. Munene had the same hobbies as Mark except swimming.

24. Which is the most popular hobby among the friends?
A. Running. B. Reading.
C. Dancing. D. Swimming.
25. Which hobby is preferred by both Mutula and Muniu?
A. Swimming B. Reading
C. Listening to music D. None

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 39.

Agriculture has always been dependent on the weather. Farmers need a steady mixture of sun, warmth and rains to produce food.

On the other hand, agriculture has become a carbon-intensive endeavour. Crop, livestock and fossil fuel use in agriculture account for about 25 per cent of global greenhouse gas (GHG) emjssions.

While food security holds key to the prosperity of any country, providing growing populations with sufficient and nutritious food remains a challenge. Reliance on seasonal subsistence farming and the slow adoption of modern farming means that cause chronic malnutrition and acute food shortage will remain a reality.

A revitalization of rural areas is urgently needed to stop rising malnutrition rates, according to the Global Food Policy Report.

The number of extreme climate related disasters, including extreme heat, drought, floods and storms, have doubled since the early 1990s, with an average of 213 of these events occurring every year during the period of 1990-2016. The agricultural sector is especially prone to these increasing risks.

While losses due to climate variability and extreme weather events harm the agricultural productivity and contribute to shortfalls in food availability, knock-on effects causing food prices hikes and income losses that reduce people's access to and worsen the possibility of the utilization of food. In addition, nutrition is highly susceptible to change in climate.

Climate variability is in addition negatively undermining production of major crops in tropical regions and, without adaptation and risk reduction measures, this is expected to worsen as temperatures increase and become more extreme.

The nature of rainy seasons is changing, especially the timing of seasonal climate event. Farmers in Sub-Saharan Africa are particularly vulnerable. Every year has its own challenges, but thanks to climate change, farmers are now facing greater difficulties, like, extreme weather manifest in droughts, floods, severe storms, heat wave; pest and diseases where changes in temperatures and moisture conditions can allow crop diseases and pests to migrate into new areas.

To deal with the issue of food security, we need to look beyond policy actions to innovation, such as addressing changing climate variability and extremes and their impact on agricultural livelihoods, food security and nutrition.

The implementation of climate resilience policies, programmes and practices means adopting and refitting tools and interventions such as : risk monitoring and early warning system, emergency preparedness and response, vulnerability reduction measures, shock responsive social protection, risk transfer and forecast-based financing, and strong risk governance structures in the environment, food , health system nexus.

Agriculture is a unique sector for a just transition. It is both source of greenhouse gases as well as 'sink' where crops and soils can capture carbon. We should exploit this feature as leverage in developing local and global strategies for a just agricultural transition. And for the growth of EAC and Africa, I feel there should be an increase in farming partnership.

26. According to the first sentence, it is true to say that
A. weather has always depended on agriculture.
B. agricultural success has always been determined by weather.
C. without agriculture, weather is nothing.
D. farming does not need weather.
27. The following are necessary for food production except
A. rain B. warmth C. sun D. air
28. According to the passage, which of the following is true?
A. Global warming has really contributed to agricultural growth.

- B. Human activities have contributed to global warming.
C. Agriculture has greatly contributed to global warming.
D. Global warming has led to increase in poverty.
29. From the passage, we learn that for a country to prosper
A. it must have food security.
B. it must cater for the population's needs.
C. it should ban green houses.
D. it must reduce its population.

30. Which of the following is not among the challenges faced by countries?
 A. They are slow to adopt modern farming methods.
 B. Too much reliance on subsistence farming.
 C. Adoption of greenhouse farming.
 D. Inability to feed the growing population.
31. To help stop malnutrition,
 A. the public should be educated on the effects of malnutrition.
 B. rural areas need to be rene ved.
 C. government should provide relief food to drought-stricken areas.
 D. large scale farming should be encouraged.
32. Below are effects of extreme climate except
 A. floods B. drought.
 C. excess heat D. thunder and lightning
33. Climate change has led to all these except
 A. loss of income. B. increase in food prices.
 C. high competition. D. shortage of food.
34. What can be done to enhance production of major crops in tropical regions?
 A. Implementation of risk reduction measures.
 B. Introduction of irrigation schemes.
 C. Growing modern cops that mature quickly.
 D. Use of modern farming methods.
35. According to the passage, how has climate change helped the farmers?
 A. Farmers are facing bigger problems.
 B. Farmers have been able to come up with better solutions.
 C. Farmers have been forced to migrate to better areas.
 D. The high temperatures discourage the growth of pests and diseases.
36. To deal with food security, we are advised to
 A. look into our policies.
 B. be more innovative.
 C. work on population reduction.
 D. use modern farming methods.
37. Below are some of the innovations that farmers are advised to adopt except
 A. effect of climate change on food security and nutrition.
 B. looking at the impact of climate change on agricultural livelihood.
 C. putting a ban on the use of green house.
 D. addressing climate change extremes.
38. The best title for this passage would be
 A. Effects of climate change.
 B. Adapting climate resilience policies to trigger food security.
 C. Effects of global warming.
 D. Food security in Africa.

Read the passage below and answer questions 39 to 50.

It had drizzled a little at night which to me was a good sign for then, cars would be muddy. I carefully cleaned my face with some little cold water from a chipped China cup. My shoes looked pathetic, almost worn out by now, they had not had a shine for sometime. As I wiped them that morning, I knew it was just a matter of days before they fell apart. My clothes looked creased. I tried to flatten them out with my hand with little success. All in all, I was in a much more presentable state than before.

I hit the road early in the morning, before seven, for I wanted to catch my potential clients before they left for their offices. A little mist hang about and my mind felt just as foggy. My new-found friends were sound asleep when I made my way towards the Excelsior Hotel near the General Post Office on Kenyatta Avenue. Beautiful, gleaming cars filled the big car park next to the hotel. I hoped the owners would pay me a little to give those vehicles an extra shine.

Just past the street bordering the Jeevanjee Gardens, two men sat on low stools. Before them was a higher stool and between them was a carton of assorted tins and brushes. I secretly envied the shoe shiners for unlike me, they did not have to call and cajole customers.

I knew shoe shiners and street boys were sworn enemies. The former claimed the boys were a nuisance to pedestrians. In their mind, a street boy was a menace. He snatched watches, ladies' handbags, dipped into pockets for money, and generally caused mayhem. Shoe shiners took it upon themselves to chase off any street boy along the street near them. Cases of savage kicks and blows were not uncommon.

The urge to turn back or cross the street to avoid the shoe shiners seemed almost irresistible, but I decided against it for fear of drawing attention. I was now close to them and I glued my eyes ahead, walking calmly and purposefully. Curiously, I stole a quick glance at the two but they seemed absorbed in their discussion.

I ran out of luck when I heard one of them give a shout. I ignored him hoping he couldn't possibly be calling me. The man shouted again. "Hey!" I glanced backwards and saw one of them beckoning me. I stopped, throttled back a cry of terror and prepared to run for my dear life.

"Are you calling me?" I asked hoping they would not detect the fear in my voice.

"Yes I am," the man said. "It's not nice to step on your shoe like that, you are going to spoil it." I looked at him tongue tied. He had echoed my mother's sentiments about this bad habit. "Your shoes could do with a shine too," he added. He was seated in a less threatening posture.

"I.....er I don't have money," I said desperately wishing he would leave me alone.

"That's fine," the man said with a smile, exposing a chipped front upper tooth. "I'll give them a little shine then you'll be on your way."

Something about him allayed my fears. Cautiously, I went back and sat down on the stool as the man fished for a tin polish next to him, opened it, before carefully passing a brush over the black polish.

"I hate sad shoes," he said busily polishing my shoes. He then turned to the other shoe and did the same. The change was remarkable. "There, there. How about that?" he asked completing the task with a flourish swipe before giving me a smile.

Caught off guard by his kindness, I could not help but express my thanks profusely. "Thank you, thank you very much," I said delightedly, "I promise to pay you as soon as I am able to. You sure have increased my chances of getting a job."

The man, whose smile had grown wider with my gratitude quickly melted. In its place was a look of concern. "A job?" he asked "A boy your age should be in school."

"We are on holiday, I said. "I need money badly, I hope I can convince someone to let me wash their car. This is my first day."

39. Why was the drizzle a good sign to the writer?
A. There would be no dust.
B. Farmers would get a bumper harvest.
C. The writer would get dirty cars to wash.
D. The writer would get many people to walk with him to his destination.
40. The following sentences show the writer's humble life except
A. he was able to get a shoe shine.
B. he was not able to have a shower in the morning.
C. he had creased clothes.
D. his shoes were almost falling apart. ✓
41. Why did the writer start the journey early?
A. It would take him long to reach his destination due to the muddy roads.
B. He knew that he was slow in walking.
C. He resided far from his working place.
D. He wanted to get the customers before they went to their offices.
42.My mind felt as foggy.....means
A. the writer was feeling very cold.
B. the writer had so many unclear ideas in his mind.
C. the writer was very confused.
D. the writer had so many problems.
43. Why was the writer envious of the shoe shiners?
A. They had a central place for their business.
B. They had so many customers to serve.
C. Their customers just walked to where they were.
D. They were well equipped with their tools of trade.
44. Which of the following sentences is true?
A. The shoe shiners hated the street boys for no apparent reason.
B. The street boys claimed the shoe shiners were a nuisance.
C. The shoe shiners claimed that the street boys were a nuisance.
D. The street boys hated the shoe shiners for no good reason.
45. According to the passage, the street boys were known for all these except
A. throwing savage kicks
B. causing trouble
C. pickpocketing
D. snatching valuables
46. Why did the writer decide against crossing the street?
A. He was already too close to the shoe shiners.
B. He realized the shiners were deeply engrossed to notice him.
C. He knew they would still get hold of him.
D. He realized that by doing so, he would attract attention to himself.
47. What made the writer ignore the calls?
A. He did not know the caller.
B. He feared that the shiners would give him a beating of a lifetime.
C. He hoped he was not the one being called.
D. He wanted to run for his dear life.
48. How do you think the writer felt on hearing why he was being called?
A. Afraid
B. Anxious
C. Relieved
D. Threatened
49. Why did the shiner's smile suddenly vanish?
A. He was surprised that the writer was looking for a job at his age.
B. He had expected the writer to pay him after his service.
C. He realized his kindness was for nothing.
D. He discovered the writer was a street boy.
50. At the end, we learn that
A. young children should not go looking for jobs.
B. shoe shiners should not fight street children.
C. it's not right to have formed opinion over others.
D. people should not fear following their dreams.