



# TARGETER KCPE PREDICTION

## STANDARD EIGHT - YEAR 2022



### ENGLISH

### SECTION A: LANGUAGE

Time: 1 hour 40 minutes.



#### 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 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 18, complete the sentence with the correct word

17. Janet prefers tea \_\_\_\_\_ coffee
- A. than
  - B. to
  - C. with
  - D. from

The correct answer is B.

##### On the Answer sheet:

[A] [B] [C] [D]

[A] [B] [C] [D]

[A] [B] [C] [D]

[A] [B] [C] [D]

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

11. Your dark line **MUST** be within the box.
12. For each question, **ONLY ONE** box is to be marked in each set of four boxes.

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KCPE FIRST PREDICTION

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

Louis Braille was born in the 1 century. When he was 2, a tragic accident at his father's workshop left him permanently blind. As a young boy, Louis was hardworking and intelligent. His teachers suggested that he 3 be enrolled in the National Institute for Blind Youths. At that time, 4 was the only school for the blind in France.

At the institute, Louis was eager to learn to read and write. To his great disappointment, the 5 books he found at the institute used raised letters. This method of reading was difficult for the blind. 6 had to feel slowly 7 letter. By the time they reached the end of 8 sentence, they had forgotten what the beginning was about!

Louis wanted to develop an 9 reading system for the blind. His idea of such a system came from Charles Barbier, a French army officer. Barbier had 10 a system called 'Night Writing', which was made up 11 dots and dashes. Soldiers used this system to 12 with one another during the night. Louis 13 this system for his own use. He got 14 the dashes and produced a simpler system based on dots. For example, 'A' is represented by a single dot. Many blind students found this system much easier to use. This came to be known as the 15 system. Today, millions of blind people are able to read, thanks to the work of a dedicated, young blind man.

1. A. nineteenth      B. nineteen      C. ninety      D. ninteenth
2. A. three-year-old      B. three-years-old      C. three years old      D. three-year old
3. A. could      B. would      C. might      D. should
4. A. that      B. this      C. these      D. those
5. A. many      B. a few      C. little      D. few
6. A. who      B. whom      C. that      D. whose
7. A. every      B. all      C. another      D. each
8. A. the      B. any      C. a      D. some
9. A. easy      B. easier      C. quick      D. easily
10. A. invented      B. designed      C. made      D. create
11. A. for      B. over      C. of      D. in
12. A. talk      B. speak      C. communicate      D. say
13. A. adopted      B. adapted      C. took      D. promoted
14. A. rid of      B. away with      C. on with      D. down with
15. A. dot      B. night      C. sign      D. braille

*For questions 16 and 17, choose the option which best fills the blank space in the sentences*

16. If only I had the chance I \_\_\_\_\_ have recited the poem.
- A. would
  - B. could
  - C. should
  - D. will
17. Kenyans \_\_\_\_\_ the president after every five years.
- A. choose
  - B. appoint
  - C. elect
  - D. select

*For questions 18 and 19, choose the sentence that means the same as the underlined.*

18. You should obey your elders.
- A. You will obey your elders
  - B. You ought to obey your elders
  - C. You may obey your elders
  - D. You have to obey your elders
19. No sooner had we arrived at school than the bell rang.
- A. The bell rang after we arrived at school.
  - B. As soon as the bell rang, we arrived at school.

- C. The bell rang as we arrived at school.
- D. As soon as we arrived at school, the bell rang.

*For questions 20 and 21, choose the word that means the opposite of the underlined one*

20. She is so generous that everyone is fond of her.
- A. greedy
  - B. miserly
  - C. mean
  - D. selfish
21. My pencil is very blunt.
- A. dull
  - B. sharp
  - C. flat
  - D. smooth

*For questions 22 and 23, choose the sentence that is correctly punctuated*

- 22.
- A. She went home early, didn't she?
  - B. What a boring day it was?
  - C. All the candidates registered for the English Science Social Studies Kiswahili and CRE examinations.
  - D. Its good to exercise and eat healthy food.
- 23.
- A. " Mary must work hard, Mr. Murimi said."
  - B. "Mary, must work hard," Mr. Murimi said.
  - C. "Mary must work hard," Mr. Murimi said.
  - D. Mary must work hard. Mr. Murimi said

*For questions 24 and 25, choose the odd one out.*

24.

- A. Knee
- B. Knit
- C. Skate
- D. Knight

25.

- A. Huge
- B. happy
- C. friendly
- D. Often

*Read the passage below and then answer questions 26 - 38*

In the race to reach net-zero emissions, countries around the world are looking to use renewable energy to substitute polluting fossil fuels. Wind power is among the most popular sources of renewable energy, and continued improvements in technology are contributing to its rapid expansion. What makes wind so popular right now and what are some of the main advantages of wind energy? While wind has long served as a power source for humans, from sailors relying on it to power their ships across the sea to farmers using windmills to grind their grains and pump water. Today, smaller turbines erected in a backyard can power a single home or business, while large-scale wind farms can generate electricity to cover an entire country's demand. As the name suggests, wind power is a resource that never runs out. Unlike fossil fuels, the production of which requires huge efforts, time, and expensive heavy machinery, renewables convert a natural resource – in this case, wind – directly into electricity without the need for fuel to power the turbines. Another big factor that makes renewable energy much more attractive than coal, oil, and natural gas is the significant difference in emissions. Contrary to fossil fuels – which are the world's largest emitter of planet-warming greenhouse gases – renewables are clean energy sources.

Since turbines do not require fossil fuels to work, energy can be produced with little to no impact on the environment. The only time that wind energy indirectly generates emissions is during the manufacturing process as well as the transport and installation of wind turbines. The materials used to produce turbines such as steel, concrete, fiberglass, and copper all produce some amount of greenhouse gases. However, wind still remains a much better alternative to fossil fuels like coal. The latter's environmental footprint is almost 90 times larger than that of wind while natural gas is more than 40 times bigger. Thanks to advancements in technology, wind turbines – especially offshore ones – are extremely efficient energy harvesters. This is because higher wind speeds and consistency in direction make energy production possible with far fewer turbines compared to the amount onshore farms would require to generate the same amount of electricity. Moreover, while their size and noise have always been among the biggest downsides of this type of renewable, as technology improves, so do the functionalities of the turbines themselves. Nowadays, they can generate more electricity than ever before and because of the advancements in design, they often require less maintenance and can run more quietly and safely. Wind power certainly comes with its downsides. While the

advantages of wind power far outweigh them, it is still worth mentioning the main negative aspects of this renewable source.

One of the main issues of wind energy is the fact that they represent a threat to wildlife, with studies estimating that wind turbines kill between 140,000 and 500,000 birds each year as these are often hit by the fast-moving blades. However, careful planning of where wind farms will be located can significantly reduce the number of bird collisions. Another issue relates to noise, but newer turbines are being built to be quieter than ever. The last drawback has to do with its location limitations. In order to be economically viable and thus produce enough electricity, wind turbines need to be installed in windy areas, which are usually remote places in open places, close to the coast, or on top of hills. Because of their distance from urban areas, power lines connecting wind farms to a power grid have to be built. This comes with extra costs and can sometimes have negative effects on the environment, as building such infrastructure often requires tearing down trees or changing landscapes.

26. Which of the following words could be used in place of the word "substitute" in the first paragraph?
- A. Replace
  - B. Reserve
  - C. Change
  - D. Cover
27. According to the first paragraph, why are more countries racing to use renewable energy?
- A. Because wind is becoming more popular.
  - B. Because it pollutes the environment less than fossil energy.
  - C. Because technology has improved.
  - D. Because fossil fuels run out too quickly.
28. How have windmills been beneficial to farmers in the olden days?
- A. By providing electricity
  - B. By cleaning their backyards
  - C. By powering ships
  - D. By grinding grains
29. What do you think is the biggest reason wind is a popular source of renewable energy?
- A. It is a clean energy source.
  - B. It never runs out.
  - C. It is a natural source of energy.
  - D. It is a safe source of energy.
30. Which of the following is true about coal, oil and natural gases according to the first paragraph?
- A. They emit harmful gases
  - B. They only power heavy machinery
  - C. They are popular sources of energy
  - D. Sailors rely heavily on them.

31. The following are times when wind energy indirectly generates emissions. Which is not among them?
- A. The transport of turbines
  - B. When turbines produce energy
  - C. Manufacturing of turbines
  - D. Installation of turbines
32. Which of the following is not a material used in the production of turbines according to the second paragraph?
- A. Steel
  - B. Concrete
  - C. Stained glass
  - D. Copper
33. The biggest producer of emissions according to the passage is
- A. wind
  - B. natural gases
  - C. coal
  - D. oil
34. What is the main negative issue that comes with using turbines according to the last paragraph?
- A. They kill wildlife
  - B. They require a lot of technology to operate
  - C. They are too heavy to lift
  - D. They are too noisy to work around
35. How are wind turbines generating more electricity nowadays?
- A. They are larger
  - B. Their design has been improved
  - C. They are moved closer to shore
  - D. They are moving at a higher frequency
36. According to the passage you just read, which of the following places would be best to place a wind turbine?
- A. In a forest
  - B. Far from the coast
  - C. On a hill top
  - D. In a valley
37. Which of the following choices is true according to the last paragraph?
- A. Wind turbines should be installed in windy areas
  - B. Wind turbines cause more trouble than they're worth
  - C. Offshore wind turbines are better energy harvesters
  - D. Wind turbines require fossil fuels to work
38. The **best** title for the passage would be?
- A. The race for fossil fuels
  - B. Wind turbines and how to care for them
  - C. How to use renewable energy
  - D. The advantages and disadvantages of renewable energy

**Read the passage below then answer questions 39 to 50**

There was a forest with many birds and animals. Once, a bull wandering in the forest came upon a cave. Near the cave was a big pond and lush green grass. "This is an ideal place for me to settle down," the bull thought. So, he made the cave his home. Many days passed. The bull became quite healthy, grazing in the meadows. The bull was happy and peaceful living in that cave. He had made many friends in that forest.

One day, the bull was resting outside his cave house. A lion happened to come by that way. The lion was happy to have spotted a bull after a long time. "Aha! A bull! He is so healthy too," thought the majestic lion, licking his lips in anticipation of a good meal. The bull too noticed the lion. He could sense danger. "I must be on my guard now," the bull thought and decided to do something to hide himself from the lion.

When the lion came close to the bull, the clever bull looked into the cave and called out, "Darling, do not cook anything for dinner. I have just spotted a lion. I am waiting for it to come near." When the lion heard the bull, he returned around and ran for his life.

A jackal saw the lion running breathlessly. "Why are you running, Mr. Lion?" asked the jackal. The lion told him all that had happened. "The bull has made a fool out of you," replied the jackal. And the jackal added, "Come with me. Together we can feast on the bull." But the lion was too scared to believe the jackal.

The jackal understood why the lion was hesitating to come with him. "Alright then! Tie your tail with mine and let me lead you to the cave of the bull. In case the bull attacks, then I will be the one who will get caught first," the jackal said.

The lion agreed to this plan of action prepared by the jackal. And then the lion and the jackal tied their tails together. They set off to the bull's cave.

Both the lion and the jackal went near the cave where the bull was. When the bull saw the lion coming with the jackal, he thought, "I am sure that cunning jackal knows I fooled the lion. Without panicking, the bull cried out to the jackal, "I had asked you to bring me two lions. Do you want me to keep my children hungry?"

Even this time the lion did not realize that the bull was again fooling him. He was terrified. He ran as fast as he could run dragging the jackal with him over stones and thorns. The clever bull outwitted his enemies and saved himself from its enemies.

Both the lion and the jackal never returned that way. Thereafter the bull lived a peaceful and happy life with his wife and children.

39. According to the first paragraph, the bull was "wandering." That means that he was,
- A. trotting around
  - B. on an adventure
  - C. walking aimlessly
  - D. searching for something

40. From the passage, how did the grass near the pond look?
- A. Withered
  - B. Short and unimpressive
  - C. Green and healthy
  - D. Short and scattered

41. Why did the cave seem like an ideal place for the bull to live in?
- The cave was warm
  - He had food, water and a place to sleep
  - The cave was far from other animals
  - The cave was easy to find
42. Why did the bull decide to be on guard when he saw the lion?
- He knew the lion wanted to eat him
  - He did not want to lose his cave
  - He wanted to protect his wife
  - The lion looked unfriendly
43. Why did the lion run for dear life?
- He thought he was in danger
  - The bull did not have dinner
  - He had seen something in the cave
  - The bull's wife was scary
44. Why did the lion agree to tying tails with the jackal?
- Because he knew he was stronger than the jackal
  - He wanted to run away from the bull
  - It was a way for him to escape the bull if things went wrong
  - He knew the jackal would never hurt him
45. According to the passage you just read, who was the smartest character in the story?
- The jackal
  - The bull
  - The lion
  - The bull's wife
46. Why did the jackal volunteer to go with the lion to the bull's cave?
- He thought they could overpower the bull together
  - He had promised the bull a lion.
  - He wanted to prove he was cleverer than the bull.
  - He wanted the bull's cave for himself
47. From the passage, what did the bull think of the jackal?
- He was afraid of the jackal
  - He hated the jackal
  - He was always happy to see the jackal
  - He knew he was clever
48. How would you best describe the lion according to the passage?
- Vicious
  - Foolish
  - Ferocious
  - Annoying
49. From the passage, how did it feel for the bull to live in his cave?
- It was peaceful
  - It was scary
  - It was lonely
  - It was boring
50. What would be the best title for the passage you just read?
- The naughty jackal
  - The crazy lion
  - The clever bull
  - The dark cave