
COUNTY MOCK EXAMS-STD 8 2016

ENGLISH PAPER

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KIRINYAGA COUNTY MOCK

STANDARD EIGHT-YEAR 2016

Time: 1 hour 40 minutes

ENGLISH:LANGUAGE

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 this question booklet.

HOW TO USE THE ANSWER SHEET

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

YOUR INDEX NUMBER
YOUR NAME
NAME OF YOUR SCHOOL

6. By drawing a line on the correct numbered ellipses (small oval shapes) mark your full Index Number (i.e School Code Number and three-figure Candidate's Number) in the grid near the top of the answer sheet.
7. Do not make any marks outside the ellipses.
8. Keep the 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 line on the ellipse in which the letter you have chosen is written.

Example

Use the correct word to fill the blank space

22. The milk is _____ hot for the patient _____ drink.
- A. too, to
B. two, to
C. to, too
D. very, to

The correct answer is B
On the answer sheet:

21. [A] [B] [C] [D] 22. [A] [B] [C] [D] 23. [A] [B] [C] [D] 24. [A] [B] [C] [D]

In the third set, a line is drawn within the letter B

11. Your dark line MUST be within the letter.
12. For each question, ONLY ONE ellipse is to be drawn a line in each set of four ellipses.

TURN OVER

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

Self supervision leads 1 self management. 2 is critical as you will be in 3 of all the tasks and activities that you are supposed to accomplish 4 a given period of time. Self supervision 5 allows you to 6 evaluate the tasks that you are supposed to accomplish, doing them to the best of your ability. This is because as a pupil you want the 7 results in the final examination.

By doing your homework and other tasks assigned to you by your teachers 8 you learn to become responsible and develop feeling that you are 9 of your work. 10 a pupil, teachers tend 11 have more confidence in you. Pupils 12 only need minimum 13 reliable and dependable. 14 these pupils have what it takes to become 15 in their careers.

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| 1. A. at | B. to | C. on | D. with |
| 2. A. who | B. whom | C. These | D. This |
| 3. A. ahead | B. control | C. under | D. trouble |
| 4. A. with | B. since | C. within | D. on |
| 5. A. also | B. never | C. always | D. hardly |
| 6. A. somehow | B. actually | C. never | D. critically |
| 7. A. worse | B. worst | C. best | D. better |
| 8. A. : | B. , | C. . | D. ; |
| 9. A. in charge | B. inferior | C. superior | D. deputy |
| 10. A. Or | B. Also | C. But | D. As |
| 11. A. by | B. at | C. to | D. in |
| 12. A. whom | B. which | C. who | D. that |
| 13. A. is | B. are | C. have | D. that |
| 14. A. Moreover | B. However | C. Therefore | D. Nonetheless |
| 15. A. failures | B. inactive | C. doomed | D. successful |

For questions 16 to 18, choose the word that means the opposite of the underlined word

16. The lady in red is a miser
A. wealthy B. selfish C. spendthrift D. unique
17. During the regional trade meeting, we put in a modern hotel.
A. new B. classic C. temporary D. ancient
18. The sports venue has been left in an orderly way
A. clumsy B. haphazard C. unusual D. dirty

For questions 19-21, select the alternative that means the same as the given sentences

19. "Children must obey their elders," the classtecher said.
A. The classteacher said that children had to obey their elders
B. The classteacher said that children must obey their elders
C. The classteacher requested the children to obey their elders
D. It is a must for children to obey their elders, the classteacher said.
20. If she had enough money, she would have bought a bicycle
A. She didn't buy a bicycle
B. She had enough money but she did not buy a bicycle
C. Even though the money was there she did not buy a bicycle
D. She is likely to buy a bicycle

21. No sooner had I got my pin number that it got lost
A. My pin number got lost when I got it
B. I had not really got my pin number when it got lost
C. I got my pin number got lost as soon as I got lost
D. My pin number got lost as soon as I got it

For questions 22-23 arrange the sentences given to form sensible paragraph

22. (i) the numbers of people killed and injured in them remains very high
(ii) But in spite of the safety measures
(iii) Everyone is shocked by the number of road accidents
(iv) Taken by the police and county authorities
A. i, ii, iv, iii B. iii, ii, iv, i
C. ii, iv, iii, i D. i, ii, iii, iv
23. (i) Discipline is also an important factor
(ii) For every child to realize the dream they have in life
(iii) But besides being hardworking
(iv) They must work very hard in all aspects
A. ii, iv, iii, i B. i, iii, iv, ii
C. ii, i, iv, iii D. ii, i, iii, iv

In questions 24 and 25, choose the best alternative to fill the blank space in each of the following sentences

24. You should work _____ the sum before giving the answer.
A. up B. down C. out D. over
25. I can't believe her, she has always made _____ all her stories.
A. up B. out C. over D. off

Read the passage below and then use it to answer questions 26-38

Once upon a time in a small and bushy village there lived an old woman called Mrs. Siti. She lived with her two grandsons Nono and Mrefu. During the time there were many hyenas who wandered all over searching for food.

Mrs. Siti advised the boys on how to live in this lost area inhabited by hyenas. She warned the boys not to play until late in the night and also avoid leaving the door open. However, the naughty boys did not heed to her advice thinking that their grandma was merely joking.

Nono and Mrefu also argued a lot over house chores. When Nono was told to do any work, he claimed that it was Mrefu's turn. Mrefu would then claim that it had been Nono's turn. The argument would go on until the old woman did the work herself.

"One day you will pay dearly if you do not change your wayward behaviour," She warned them. However, they just laughed off and cracked jokes about it. One day, Mrs. Siti went on a safari to visit her relatives in a far away village, leaving the two naughty boys behind. The following morning after breakfast, Nono and Mrefu went to play. As usual they argued over who was to close the door. Both claimed it was not their turn. Their argument did not end. Finally, they went out leaving the door wide open. Later, a hyena entered the house, ate the food without realizing that it was late and rested in a corner. The hyena slept until late in the night.

The boys played until late against their grandmother's warning. They returned to find the door wide open just as they had left it. They entered without realizing that the hyena was inside. This time, Nono volunteered to close the door for they knew that it was dangerous to sleep with the door open. As soon as they lit the lamp, the hyena got startled from his sleep and laughed loudly, scaring the duo. They started running helter, skelter, catching against each other and the hyena. The frightened hyena hurt the children in the process.

Neighbours heard the unusual noise and came to see what was happening. They rescue them though they were badly injured and bleeding profusely. The neighbours rushed the boys to a nearby hospital. Nono and Mrefu were both stitched and dressed. The doctor advised them to visit the hospital after every two weeks to change the bandages until they healed.

The old woman returned the following day to find her grandchildren nursing their wounds. She was scared out of her wits. She sympathized with them but it was too late the damaged had already been done. She reminded Nono and Mrefu that she had severally warned them but they did not listen to her. After the unfortunate incident, the children changed and became good boys.

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| <p>26. How can you describe Mrs. Siti's village? A. Not large B. Tiny C. Enormous D. Humongous</p> <p>27. The word 'wandered' as used in the story means A. to walk in a slow relaxed way B. to walk slowly, taking short quick steps C. to walk slowly, with heavy steps because you are tired D. to walk slowly around or to a place, often without any particular direction</p> <p>28. One of the following is the warning that Mrs. Siti gave to her grandchildren. Which one is it? A. They should kill the hyena B. They should never walk slowly for the hyena had inhabited their own home C. They should never leave the door open D. They should never leave miss meals</p> <p>29. Apart from being naughty, the boys also _____ A. kept on fighting physically B. argued over trivial issues C. heeded to their grandmother's advice D. inhabited the area with a hyena</p> <p>30. "..... the argument would go on till the old woman resolved to do the work by herself" This extract shows that _____ A. the old woman was loving B. the grandmother didn't want the boys to work C. the boys were irresponsible D. only Mrefu was lazy</p> <p>31. One thing their grandmother was sure of was that _____ A. the boys were going to pay heavily for their behaviours B. If the boys did not change they would one day pay heavily for their behaviour C. the boys were going to be eaten by the hyena D. her warnings would be a bad omen</p> <p>32. Why did the boys leave the door open after their grandmother had left? A. Because their grandmother had gone to visit her relative B. Because none of them was on duty</p> | <p>C. Because the arguement did not end D. Because none of them was ready to take the responsibility</p> <p>33. The phrase 'the hyena slept until late in the night' indicates that _____ A. neither of the boys nor their grandmother had returned by evening B. the boys had realized that the hyena was in the house C. they hyena had eaten to its full D. they hyena had found a new home</p> <p>34. When the boys came late in the night _____ A. they met their angry grandmother B. the first thing they noticed was the hyena C. they were greeted by a wide open door D. they realized that the food had already been eaten</p> <p>35. Why did one of the boys volunteer to close the door when they returned at night? A. Because their grandmother had not returned B. He feared the hyena in the house C. Because of their security D. Because they knew it was wrong to sleep with an open door</p> <p>36. The words 'helter skelter' has been used in the passage to mean that _____ A. the boys were shocked B. the boys ran without any organization C. the boys ran while screaming D. the boys ran without any winner</p> <p>37. It is not true to say that _____ A. the hyena hurt the boys because it was frightened B. the neighbours thought that the noise was unusual C. the old woman sympathized with the injured boys D. if it were not for the grandmother the hyena would have killed the boys</p> <p>37. It is not true to say that _____ A. the hyena hurt the boys because it was frightened B. the neighbours thought that the noise was unusual C. the old woman sympathized with the injured boys D. if it were not for the grandmother the hyena would have killed the boys</p> |
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38. Which one of the following is the best title for the passage?
- You never miss the water till the well runs dry
 - A friend in need is a friend indeed
 - Regrets come after deeds
 - One good turn deserves another

Read the passage below and then use it to answer questions 39-50

When you make a mistake, you should not be bitter, engage in self-blame and have regrets written all over your face. When it happens, there is nothing you can do about it. The most important thing is that you should learn from your mistakes. If it is your best friend who puts you in trouble, then you should avoid trusting every Tom, Dick and Harry.

Once faced by a situation that is beyond your control, you should put your chill up and move on with life. You should always be optimistic in life. Positive thinking is what drives you out of the cocoon that most people who face challenges of equal magnitude stay in.

The main reason for learning to move on is that when you are pessimistic about life, you begin to limit yourself and your abilities. As a human being, it is easy to get pulled into negative thoughts and self-criticism when faced with life's problems. This is what most people do. However, if you learn to deal with life issues realistically, then life becomes easier for you.

Sometimes, your family and friends may reject or avoid you when you make a mistake. If this happens you should do some soul-searching, accept your situation and decide to move on with life. Handling your difficult well is important in that it will make the end results much more helpful to you. This is as opposed to when you dwell too much on the problem at hand.

Positive thinkers are always at ease with everyone. They do not get stressed with what life gives them. They cope better than pessimists who are always out to make things seem worse. But to achieve this, you must actively practice being positive or looking on the brighter side of life. This is seeing the glass as half full and not as half empty.

You must be kind to yourself and never fall into the temptation of taking blame for things that are not your fault or are not in your control. You need to treat yourself with kindness, just as you would treat other people. It is unacceptable, for instance, to abuse other people because they have made mistakes. This should apply to you too. You should view yourself as a human being capable of making mistakes, but willing to correct them.

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| <p>39. From the first paragraph we learn that you should _____ when you make a mistake.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> learn keep yourself with bitterness engage in self-blame regret <p>40. "...every Tom, Dick and Harry" has been used in the passage to mean _____</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> close friends any ordinary person nobody in particular everybody in the vicinity <p>41. After a heart-wrenching experience, what should you do?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Keep on blaming yourself Maximize on negative self-talk Cultivate positive thoughts Continue being bitter <p>42. Why is it wrong to be pessimistic in life?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> You never come out of the cocoon You begin to limit yourself You have no self-control You become confident <p>43. What do most people do when they are faced with problems in life?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> They just sit and mourn They have negative thoughts They try to work their problems out They ask for help from their friends <p>44. When your family and friends reject you, what is the best thing to do?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Move out of their lives Engage in self-criticism Just limit yourself Accept your situation and continue with your life | <p>45. Winners do not dwell too much on the problem but _____</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> handle the difficulty well ignore the mistake assume the mistake never happened keep on regretting <p>46. The word 'pessimist' has been used in the passage. What is its opposite?</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">A. Delinquent</td> <td style="width: 50%;">B. Optimist</td> </tr> <tr> <td>C. Corrupt</td> <td>D. Diligent</td> </tr> </table> <p>47. A pessimist is known to always _____</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> make things seem worse than they are see the positive side of something practice positive things stress other people <p>48. According to the passage, when should we never take blame?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> When we are kind to ourselves When we treat other people with kindness When things are not our faults When we see a cup as half empty <p>49. "It is unacceptable, for instance, to abuse other people because they have made mistakes." This statement means that _____</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> sometimes it is not acceptable to abuse other people sometimes we can abuse others when people make mistakes they can be abused even when people make mistakes they should not be abused <p>50. What is the best title for this passage?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Lamenting when we make mistakes How to live after making mistakes The life of a pessimist Life is not one sweet song | A. Delinquent | B. Optimist | C. Corrupt | D. Diligent |
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