

# PRIMARY END TERM 3 EXAMS 2016

## ENGLISH STD 7

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

Our basketball \_\_\_1\_\_\_ is now preparing for this \_\_\_2\_\_\_ competition which \_\_\_3\_\_\_ on Friday 31st June. We would like to \_\_\_4\_\_\_ a practice game before the competition \_\_\_5\_\_\_.

Our school \_\_\_6\_\_\_ two important functions every year, prize giving and sports day. Parents and guests \_\_\_7\_\_\_ to these functions and it is \_\_\_8\_\_\_ these functions that we \_\_\_9\_\_\_ our best behaviour. The headmaster and the teachers \_\_\_10\_\_\_ our parents and \_\_\_11\_\_\_ one another. We are pleased and proud that our parents have come to visit our school. The \_\_\_12\_\_\_ parents are those whose children have won prizes. Everyone cannot come \_\_\_13\_\_\_ hence other parents are not disappointed \_\_\_14\_\_\_ their own children. There \_\_\_15\_\_\_ tea party for the guests after the function.

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|-----|----------------|-----------------|---------------|----------------|
| 1.  | A. match       | B. team         | C. teams      | D. march       |
| 2.  | A. terms       | B. year         | C. term's     | D. terms'      |
| 3.  | A. start       | B. begin        | C. starts     | D. began       |
| 4.  | A. play        | B. pray         | C. played     | D. match       |
| 5.  | A. go          | B. begins       | C. begin      | D. began       |
| 6.  | A. helds       | B. holds        | C. hold       | D. held        |
| 7.  | A. are invited | B. were invited | C. is invited | D. invited     |
| 8.  | A. with        | B. onto         | C. within     | D. at          |
| 9.  | A. show        | B. shows        | C. showed     | D. are showing |
| 10. | A. welcomed    | B. welcoming    | C. welcommed  | D. welcome     |
| 11. | A. fight       | B. knowing      | C. know       | D. get to know |
| 12. | A. proudest    | B. proudly      | C. sad        | D. unhappy     |
| 13. | A. fast        | B. firstly      | C. first      | D. saddest     |
| 14. | A. at          | B. on           | C. to         | D. with        |
| 15. | A. is a        | B. was          | C. had been   | D. has been    |

*For questions 16 to 17, choose the word that means the opposite of the underlined word*

16. At school, we are fed on a monotonous diet.  
A. sensible                      B. varied  
C. regular                        D. balanced
17. He is going to write a book about rare birds in East Africa.  
A. domesticated                B. many  
C. common                        D. native
18. The instructions that came with the machine were quite simple.  
A. lengthy                        B. explicit  
C. useless                         D. complicated

*For questions 19 and 20, complete those sentences with the correct alternative.*

19. Mr. Rotich was driving a \_\_\_\_\_ car.  
A. brand new blue Japanese  
B. Japanese blue brand new

- C. blue Japanese brand new  
D. new Japanese blue brand
20. Our teacher was wearing a \_\_\_\_\_ dress.  
A. fashionable green freshly-ironed  
B. green freshly-ironed fashionable  
C. freshly-ironed fashionable green  
D. green fashionable freshly-ironed

*Complete questions 21 - 23 with the correct preposition*

21. We were all congratulated \_\_\_\_\_ passing our examinations.  
A. for                                B. on  
C. with                               D. in
22. She was very interested \_\_\_\_\_ geography.  
A. in                                 B. of  
C. for                                D. with
23. I made him a good offer for his car but he turned it \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. away                            B. down  
C. over                               D. up

In questions 24 and 25, re-arrange the given sentences to make a sensible paragraph

24. (i) We are both tall and slender  
(ii) We both have long hair and brown eyes  
(iii) My sister and I look alike  
(iv) People who see us together always know that we are sisters
- A. (iii), (i), (ii) (iv)      B. (iii), (iv), (i) (ii)  
C. (iii), (i), (iv) (ii)      D. (iii), (iv), (ii) (i)

25. (i) They ordered tea and drank it  
(ii) The waiter brought it  
(iii) Later they asked for the bill  
(iv) They entered the cafe
- A. (i), (ii), (iii) (iv)      B. (iv), (i), (ii) (iii)  
C. (iv), (i), (iii) (ii)      D. (iii), (i), (iv) (ii)

Read the passage below carefully and answer questions 26- 38.

Mary vividly remembered the fateful day. Her family had woken up early since they were going to meet their elder brother at the airport. Her brother Abros had been studying in America for three solid years. **No sooner had they woken up than the cock crowed.** They **commenced** their journey to Jomo Kenyatta International Airport in Nairobi at five in the morning.

Although, they were very poor, Abros' father had managed to hire an old van to take them to the airport. The family was full of expectations. They knew very well that when Abros came, they would kiss poverty goodbye. Earlier on, rumours had spread in the village that Abros was going to buy his father a car and build for the family a beautiful house. The villagers had started calling at Abros' home with the hope that they would also get something small when Abros came back.

The journey to Nairobi **seemed to take a century** but at long last they arrived. At the airport there were very many people. Some were waiting to board the plane while others were waiting for their relatives or friends. Abros' family joined in the wait. The plane carrying Abros would **touch down** in the next thirty minutes.

There was a lot of excitement when the plane eventually landed. Everybody was eager to meet his or her relatives or friends. Abros' family was very excited to see him. He had grown into a tall handsome man.

They later went into a restaurant where they were served with **mouth-watering delicacies**. Teddy, Abros' youngest brother seemed very impatient. He could hardly wait to finish his food. He kept on asking one question after another.

"What have you brought me?" Teddy asked.

"So many nice things," replied Abros.

"Did you also bring me a toy car?" continued Teddy. Everybody laughed. After they had their fill, Abros told his father that he wanted to buy them some clothes. His mother who wore old tattered clothes was beside herself with joy. They were all bought expensive clothes which fitted them perfectly.

It was getting dark when they started the journey back home. It had rained heavily and the roads were slippery. The driver drove slowly. Inside the pick-up van, it was very cold and wet as tinny drops of rain found their way through the ramshacked roof of the van. However, the family was too excited to mind that. Their minds were full of expectations. Mary was busy **building castles in the air**. She wondered how life would be like after her brother had built them a big house and bought his father a car. They had been the village laughing stock. Abros' home coming was a big relief to them. She kept on smiling hoping all would be well.

26. Why had Mary's family woken up early?  
A. They were to meet Abros  
B. They were excited they would see their brother  
C. They were to travel in a van  
D. They were going to the airport
27. Which of the following statements explains why Mary's family was hopeful?  
A. They knew that Abros was going to bring changes in their lives  
B. Abros was going to buy them a car  
C. The villagers were visiting them  
D. They were becoming rich
28. The expression "the journey... seemed to take a century" means  
A. The journey was likely to take a long time  
B. The journey would take a century  
C. The journey had taken a long time  
D. The journey was as long as a century
29. What did Abros say he brought his younger brother?  
A. A toy car                      B. Nice things  
C. Clothes                        D. A car
30. Why were roads slippery?  
A. It was dark  
B. It had rained heavily  
C. The driver was driving slowly  
D. There was a lorry ahead

31. "No sooner had they woken up than the cock crowed" means  
 A. The cock crowed and they woke up  
 B. The cock crowed immediately after they had woken up  
 C. The cock crowed when they were woking up  
 D. The cock crowed at the same time they woke up
32. According to the passage, why didn't the family mind the cold and rain?  
 A. They had new clothes  
 B. They were very satisfied  
 C. They were very excited  
 D. Their minds were full of expectations
33. The phrase 'touch down' can be replaced by  
 A. arrived                      B. stopped  
 C. came                         D. land
34. What romours had spread in the village?  
 A. Abros was going to buy his father a car and build a house for the family  
 B. The village would kiss poverty goodbye  
 C. There would be mouth watering delicacies  
 D. The villagers would get something small on Abros' arrival
35. What are mouth watering delicacies?  
 A. Something causing the mouth to water  
 B. Food with a lot of water  
 C. Very delicious food  
 D. Drinking plenty of water
36. The word 'commenced' is underlined in the first paragraph. It means the same as  
 A. went                              B. arranged  
 C. started                         D. prepared
37. The expression, "Mary was busy building castles in the air" means?  
 A. Mary built a castle in the air  
 B. Mary had a lot of imaginations and expectations  
 C. Mary was seeing castles in the air  
 D. Mary was busy looking at castles in the air
38. What would be the suitable title for the passage?  
 A. A visit to the airport  
 B. Abros' life abroad  
 C. Abros' homecoming  
 D. A happy day

*Read the passage carefully and answer questions 39 - 50*

Paul rode in a matatu from Githurai where he worked in a Jua kali garage as a mechanic. He whistled softly. He was heading to the city centre to catch a night bus to Monibasa. Two weeks before, he had seen a job advertisement in the newspaper from a company called Heshima Mechanical Engineering Company. The company was based in Mombasa. He had applied for the job and sent the 3000 shillings required as interview fee. He had just received an invitation for an interview. Now he was heading to Mombasa via the city centre. He hoped that he would make it to Mombasa in time.

Paul arrived in the city centre at 6.00p.m. He went to the office to confirm his ticket. He then sat in the passengers' lounge waiting to board the night bus which was due to depart at 9.00p.m.

Paul was the first to board the bus at 8.00p.m. He easily found his seat number indicated on his ticket. The seat was at the front, just behind the driver's seat. He held on to the small travelling bag he had carried and checked to ensure that his school certificates were in the bag. A few minutes to 9.00p.m, a conductor started checking the passengers' tickets as the driver revved the engine. All was ready for departure. Just then, a strong smell of something burning filled the air. It was coming from the luggage cabin at the side of the bus.

Someone shouted, "A bomb!" A bomb!"

**All hell broke loose** as everyone ran to the door, trying to get out. The passengers assembled at a safe distance from the bus. The police arrived half an hour later. Together with the bus crew, they checked all the luggage cabin. The strange smell was found to be emanating from a sack of charcoal that had started smoking. No one claimed ownership of the charcoal and the police took it away. As a result, the journey started off two and a half hours late. Paul became even more anxious as he wondered whether he would make it to Mombasa for the 9.00a.m interview. He was comforted by the fact that the bus was expected to arrive in Mombasa at 6.30a.m.

Within few minutes after departure, the bus had gained speed and was cruising at around 120 kilometres per hour. Paul did not feel comfortable with the speed; at the same time, he did not mind it because he would arrive in Mombasa on time. The road was very straight, newly tarmacked and very smooth.

Paul tried to sleep and forget about his anxiety. However, the driver and his co-driver were making a lot of noise. They cracked jokes and excitedly held a conversation at the top of their voices. They used all possible body movements to demonstrate their points. Even as the bus cruised at the high speed, the driver take his hands off the steering wheel, recline in his seat, clap his hands and shout, "give me a high five" as he and the co-driver raised their right hands and hit their open palms together.

Paul stared at all this with his mouth agape wondering whether they were on a road or up in a plane, wh was on auto pilot. He looked around. All other passengers were fast asleep.

Suddenly the co-driver shouted something to his colleague. By what Paul considered to be pure luck, the driver managed to screech to a halt but only after hitting a police warning sign in the middle of the road. The police

officers manning to checkpoint jumped to the side of the road to avoid being hit by the bus.

One of the police officers ordered the reckless driver off the bus. She handcuffed him and told him that he was under arrest. The police officer then asked for the co-driver, checked his driving licence and ordered him to take control of the bus. Soon the bus was on its way.

In a short time, some of the passengers fell asleep again. Paul could not sleep. A passenger seated behind him started snoring loudly. A girl sitting next to Paul made a telephone call.

"Mummy, please don't hang up," she pleaded on the brink of tears.

"Keep talking to me and keep me company. I am very lonely and afraid. The journey has taken too long and I am uneasy. There is a man behind me snoring loudly. Another one seated next to me keeps fidgeting as if he has been attacked by safari ants. I wish I had travelled by air."

Paul knew that the girl was talking about him but he was too anxious about the interview to think about anything else. At long last, the bus arrived in Mombasa at 8.45a.m. On alighting, Paul took out his invitation letter and checked the address. Luckily for him, the building housing Heshima Mechanical Engineering Company was very near the bus stop. Paul set off for the building as he combed his hair, rubbed his eyes and straightened his clothes. He walked up the stairs to office No. 17 where the office was indicated on the invitation letter. To his shock and dismay, office No. 17 was a dental clinic. Paul soon discovered that there were no offices belonging to the company he was looking for in that building or anywhere else in Mombasa City. He realized that he had been deeped into sending his hard-earned savings of 3,000 shillings, paying costly bus fare and travelling all the way to Mombasa.

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| 39. Paul was<br>A. a matatu driver<br>B. an engineer<br>C. a jua'kali artisan<br>D. a mechanic  | 46. We can conclude that the driver and his co-driver were<br>A. entertained by their conversation<br>B. amused by Paul's behaviour<br>C. bored by the journey<br>D. careful drivers  |
| 40. At first, Paul was in a _____ mood.<br>A. jovial and relaxed<br>B. worried and excited<br>C. jovial and impatient<br>D. patient and anxious   | 47. According to Paul, the driver was able to stop the bus at the checkpoint<br>A. by chance<br>B. due to his expertise<br>C. without any effort<br>D. by hitting the sign  |
| 41. Why did Paul check his bag?<br>A. To make sure he had the interview fee<br>B. To see if he had carried his certificates<br>C. To make sure he had his ticket<br>D. To see if he had the bag                     | 48. The most dangerous autistic of the driver was<br>A. talking loudly to the co-driver and cracking jokes<br>B. laughing, shaking his head and shouting loudly<br>C. using different body movements to explain his point<br>D. driving at a high speed with his hands off the steering wheel |
| 42. 'All hell broke loose' means<br>A. people started running in all directions<br>B. bad things happened on the bus<br>C. there was chaos and confusion<br>D. the driver lost control on the bus                   | 49. Who was seated next to Paul?<br>A. A girl who was afraid<br>B. A man who was snoring<br>C. A girl and her mother<br>D. A man who was awake  |
| 43. Paul was worried about the delay before departure because<br>A. Mombasa was very far away<br>B. he could be late for the interview<br>C. the bus would delay on the way<br>D. he did not know what would happen | 50. Why did the writer ignore the person seated next to him?<br>A. It was already 8.45a.m<br>B. The person was asleep<br>C. He was thinking about the interview<br>D. The person was tired  |
| 44. How did Paul find his seat on the bus?<br>A. It was shown on his ticket<br>B. It was at the front<br>C. He chose any seat<br>D. He guessed  |   |
| 45. When was Paul's interview?<br>A. At 8.45a.m<br>B. At 6.30a.m<br>C. At 9.00p.m<br>D. At 9.00a.m  |   |