

# STANDARD SIX MID TERM 3 EXAM 2017, ENGLISH

Time: 1 hour 40 minutes

Read the passage below, it contains blank spaces numbered 1 – 10 for each space, choose the best word from the choices given.

My school, is called St \_\_\_\_\_ 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Banana Primary \_\_\_\_\_ 2 \_\_\_\_\_ school. \_\_\_\_\_ 3 \_\_\_\_\_ headteacher is called Mr. Peter Nyambasora and his \_\_\_\_\_ 4 \_\_\_\_\_ is Mr. Andrew Otieno. They are both hardworking men. They have made the school to be known in both academic and \_\_\_\_\_ 5 \_\_\_\_\_ activities. Last year it was \_\_\_\_\_ 6 \_\_\_\_\_ the top ten schools in the KCPE exams.

The school has a staff of fourteen teachers including the head teacher. It has three hundred pupils. It \_\_\_\_\_ 7 \_\_\_\_\_ from standard five up to eight. The school has two \_\_\_\_\_ 8 \_\_\_\_\_ of classes, four dormitories and one dining hall, combined with a kitchen.

I like my school because the teacher and pupils \_\_\_\_\_ 9 \_\_\_\_\_ like one another. When they see a friend in trouble they \_\_\_\_\_ 10 \_\_\_\_\_ assist.

- |     | A                 | B                | C                 | D                 |
|-----|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 1.  | Mary              | Mary's           | Marys'            | Marys             |
| 2.  | boarding          | boading          | bording           | bolbing           |
| 3.  | An                | A                | The               | And               |
| 4.  | deputy            | deputey          | depiuty           | deputiy           |
| 5.  | extra ccurricular | extra-curricular | extra ccurricular | extra ccurricular |
| 6.  | among             | in               | at                | on                |
| 7.  | start             | starts           | starting          | stated            |
| 8.  | lines             | groups           | streams           | rooms             |
| 9.  | theyselfes        | themselves       | theirselves       | itself            |
| 10. | rarely            | seldom           | hardly            | always            |

Rearrange the given parts of sentences to make correct sentences.

11. (i) been cautious  
(ii) The accident would  
(iii) had  
(iv) not have occurred  
(v) if he
- A. iii, v, i, ii, iv      B. iii, v, iv, ii, i  
C. v, iii, i, ii, iv      D. i, iv, v, iii, iv
12. (i) an eagle swooped over me  
(ii) before I knew it  
(iii) as I was walking home from school  
(iv) my sandwich was gone
- A. i, ii, iii, iv      B. iii, ii, iv, i  
C. iii, iv, ii, i      D. iii, i, ii, iv

In questions 13-16 choose the alternative that correctly completes the sentence

13. Hannah eats \_\_\_\_\_ chicken \_\_\_\_\_ eggs.

- A. neither, nor      B. either, nor  
C. neither, and      D. either, and

14. My grandmother is \_\_\_\_\_ old \_\_\_\_\_ she cannot run fast.

- A. too, to      B. so, that  
C. very, that      D. such, and

15. Beth is good \_\_\_\_\_ English.

- A. of      B. in      C. at      D. by

16. What is the time \_\_\_\_\_ your watch.

- A. by      B. to      C. with      D. on

For questions 17 – 18 choose the correct question tag to complete the sentences.

17. You did it, \_\_\_\_\_ ?

- A. did you                      B. didn't you  
C. haven't                      D. is it true

18. They won't come today, \_\_\_\_\_?  
A. won't they                      B. isn't it  
C. will they                      D. won't they

**Read the following information and answer question 19 – 21.**

Lilian, Catherine and Mary went to the market. Lilian bought onions and carrots. Mary bought onions, garlicks and pepper. Catherine bought carrots, onions and garlicks, she also bought a few apples.

19. Which items did all girls buy?  
A. garlicks                      B. onions  
C. pepper                      D. carrots
20. Which girls bought onions but did not buy carrots?  
A. Mary                      B. Catherine  
C. Lilian                      D. Mary and Lilian

**For questions 21-25 choose the most suitable answers.**

21. The canoe \_\_\_\_\_ by the time the rescuers arrived (sink).  
A. sank                      B. sunk  
C. has sunk                      D. had sunk
22. The injured girl \_\_\_\_\_ there the whole day (lie).  
A. laid    B. lay    C. lied    D. lain
23. After I left the room I realised that my handbag was?  
A. missing                      B. missed  
C. miss                      D. mist
24. He jumped \_\_\_\_\_ the fence.  
A. at    B. across    C. over    D. past
25. The dog \_\_\_\_\_ every day.  
A. barked                      B. barking  
C. bark                      D. barks

**Read the passage below and answer questions 26 – 37.**

I have a tale to tell about my master. He has made my life very miserable. This morning I had a very early start. It did not matter to my master that I was unwell. He shouted at me that we had to set off early. We had to take some bags of maize to the market.

I thought of the long journey, would I be able to carry a heavy load on my back? I feared I was going to die on the way, "I am unwell, master. I need to see a vet urgently," I begged. Do you know what he did? He took his whip and hit me several times I wished I had not opened my mouth.

With the help of his son, they loaded four sacks of maize on my back. The weight was too much for me. I heard him tell his son to take charge of me. You can imagine how the son was excited. He kept on whipping me as he walked on, just like he had seen his father do.

After sometime the boy took a bottle of water and he drank it as he walked along. I was very thirsty and I wished he could give me just a little of the water. I stopped and looked at him of course he knew what I needed. But he lashed me mercilessly, forcing me to move on.

"There is no water for a lazy donkey like you," he said. "This bottle has only enough water for me." He added, shaking the bottle in my face. Then he raised the bottle and drank from it.

When we reached the market, I was tired and hungry. My master and his son were not in a hurry to remove the load from my back. I heard them say they were going to have lunch and look for the maize. I just could not stand anymore. I lay down with the bags still in my back.

One hour later, they came back with the buyer. They wanted me to take the maize to her stall. "Get up you lazy donkey." My master said as a whip landed on my neck. In anger I shot up and kicked the boy as the four bags fell and landed on my master. I ran wildly out of the market.

Now I am homeless and I do not know what might happen next.

26. Where was the donkey transporting the maize to?  
A. buyer                      B. sacks  
C. market                      D. shop
27. Why did the donkey want to see the vet?  
A. he was sick  
B. he was tired

- C. he was carrying a heavy load  
D. he was weak
28. How many sacks of maize were loaded on the donkey?  
A. four B. for C. heavy D. five
29. What cruel thing did the son do to the donkey?  
A. He did not give the donkey water.  
B. He loaded heavy sacks on his back.  
C. He mercilessly forced the donkey to walk and kept whipping him.  
D. He said the donkey was lazy.
30. "of course he knew what I needed," the boy knew the donkey was?  
A. greedy B. tired  
C. sick D. thirsty
31. How long did the father and son take to get a buyer?  
A. Two hours B. One hour  
C. Three hours D. Hours
32. Why do you think the donkey kicked the boy?  
A. He did not give him water.  
B. The boy refused to give the donkey food.
- C. the donkey was angry, tired and hungry  
D. the donkey feared his master
33. Who is telling the story?  
A. Master B. Son  
C. Donkey D. Boy
34. "there is no water for a lazy donkey like you," who said this words?  
A. Buyer B. Master and son  
C. Master D. Boy
35. How many people walked to the market?  
A. two B. three C. to D. all
36. Which of the following is false according to the passage?  
A. The donkey was tired and hungry.  
B. The master and his son treated the donkey cruelly.  
C. The donkey was taken to the vet.  
D. The donkey was feeling unwell.
37. The best title for the story would be;  
A. The master and his son  
B. The miserable donkey  
C. The lazy donkey  
D. The rich buyer

**Read the following passage and answer questions 38 – 50.**

When dirty things are dumped into water, it becomes polluted. Examples of these are shown below.

Sewage consists of human waste (faeces), used water from the bathrooms and other washings from the house, and used water which contains detergents and other chemicals, like disinfectants, carry phosphates and nitrates. Then these phosphates and nitrates find their way to natural water, they provide nutrients which support growth of microscopic plants called algae.

The algae then multiply more rapidly than they can be consumed by bacteria. When they die, the bacteria then uses oxygen to break them down. This cuts the supply of oxygen in the water. The water animal like fish will therefore die of suffocation.

Other industrial waste which contains lead, mercury and cadmium also poison the water plants and animals. Likewise, when crude oil is spilled into the sea or lake, the living things in there, will die.

Another pollution is water pollution. This is caused by smoke and dust. Smoke consists mainly of tiny particles of carbon and tar. This blackens the lungs with tar. Just as it does with the walls in the kitchen and chimneys. The tar drops contains chemicals that can cause cancer.

Other things that can be in smoke are sulphur dioxide which dissolve in rain water to form an acid.

Another pollution is noise pollution. This can break ear-drum causing poor hearing, it can cause headache, high blood pressure and stress.

38. According to the paragraph one, sewage water consists of \_\_\_\_\_.
- water from bathroom
  - human and animal faeces
  - human faeces and other washings in the home
  - unused detergents and other chemicals
39. Bacteria are \_\_\_\_\_.
- microscopic plants
  - the ones that cause reduction of algae
  - the ones that cause reduction of nutrient
  - small plants in water
40. According to the passage it is true to say that \_\_\_\_\_.
- bacteria cuts the supply of oxygen in the water
  - the algae multiply more rapidly than they can be consumed by the bacteria
  - algae support bacteria
  - animals like fish die of oxygen
41. Carbon and tar are found in?
- sewage
  - smoke
  - noise
  - walls in kitchen and chimney
42. It is true to say that cancer is caused by?
- tar drops
  - bacteria
  - carbon
  - noise
43. Industrial waste consists of \_\_\_\_\_.
- lead, mercury and crude oil
  - mercury, crude oil and human faeces
  - lead cadmium and mercury
  - lead cadmium and lead oxide
44. One of the sentence is false about crude oil. Which one is it?
- Oil spilled into the lake or sea does not support life.
  - Crude oil does not support life in the sea or lake.
  - Crude oil comes from oil industries.
  - Crude oil spilled into water does not cause water pollution.
45. Algae are \_\_\_\_\_.
- plants
  - species of bacteria
  - non-living plants
  - plants formed by phosphate and nitrates
46. The following are the effects of noise pollution. Which one is not?
- Headache and stress.
  - Eardrum breakage and headache.
  - Blood pressure and headache.
  - Headache and stomach-ache.
47. Eardrum breakage can cause \_\_\_\_\_.
- poor sense of touch
  - poor sense of smell
  - poor sense of hearing
  - poor sense of sight
48. The following are examples of pollution. (i) water (ii) air (iii) noise
- Which one of the above can cause an outbreak of water-borne diseases?
- air
  - air and noise
  - water
  - noise
49. Acid rain is caused by \_\_\_\_\_.
- industrial waste that contains lead and mercury
  - dissolved smoke in water
  - damaged plant leaves in water
  - sulphur dioxide and smoke
50. Which of the following is the best title for the passage?
- Sewage water
  - Pollution
  - Smoke and sewage
  - Carbon and tar