

STANDARD SIX

TERM 1 2018

ENGLISH

Read the passage below. It contains blank spaces numbered 1-15. Choose the correct word to fill in each blank space.

I was eighteen years old when the mountain turned 1. Until then, I had been 2 master for climbing was my great love. I spent 3 summer climbing and each winter 4 of the next summer when I 5 climb again.

But on April tenth year two thousand, I fell with two 6 students from the university of Nairobi. I was 7 a perpendicular facing when my rope 8 on a jagged ridge. It parted and I 9 backwards, tumbled down with a heavy 10.

What happened to my rope? The voices of my 11 filtered dimly through me. By the time the 12 squad had arrived with a 13, I had become delirious. I was strapped into it, 14 down the canyon to an ambulance 15 screamed the thirty kilometres to Nairobi Hospital.

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| 1. | A. with | B. at | C. in | D. on |
| 2. | A. it's | B. it is | C. its | D. its' |
| 3. | A. the | B. all | C. cold | D. each |
| 4. | A. recalling | B. dreaming | C. dreams | D. recall |
| 5. | A. will | B. could | C. would | D. should |
| 6. | A. fellow | B. companion | C. climbing | D. fellows |
| 7. | A. dealing | B. climb | C. scaling | D. facing |
| 8. | A. frayed | B. jag | C. jagged | D. fray |
| 9. | A. fell | B. climbed | C. fallen | D. descended |
| 10. | A. fall | B. splash | C. thud | D. roll |
| 11. | A. students | B. companions | C. university | D. other |
| 12. | A. recalling | B. rescue | C. recar | D. rescued |
| 13. | A. ambulance | B. team | C. squad | D. stretcher |
| 14. | A. carry | B. carried | C. bring | D. carrying |
| 15. | A. which | B. who | C. whose | D. who's |

For questions 16-18 choose the BEST alternative to fill in the gaps.

16. The thief fell down while jumping _____ the wall
A. over B. through
C. under D. below
17. The conductor had to apologise _____ the passenger when the luggage fell
A. for B. with
C. against D. to
18. The boy jumped _____ the swimming pool
A. to B. in
C. into D. over

Select the word that means nearly the same as the underlined words.

19. My father started his career as a teacher in 1955 and retired in 1980.
A. began to work as a teacher
B. decided to work as a teacher
C. become well-known as a teacher
D. was trained as a teacher
20. Our school always participates in music festivals
A. attends B. comes first
C. takes part in D. works hard in

Fill the blank spaces with the CORRECT question tag.

21. Your brother must go for higher education, ___?
A. will he? B. can he?
C. must he? D. mustn't he?
22. I shall not go there, _____?
A. shan't I? B. shall I?
C. will I? D. won't I?

For questions 23-26 select the correct word to complete the sentences.

23. None of the ships _____ lost.
A. were B. is
C. have D. was

24. Neither of the pirates _____ the sailors were afraid of the battle.
A. nor B. and C. or D. and
25. The old shepherd carefully counted his _____ of sheep.
A. herd B. frock C. pride D. flock
26. He attended a meeting of the _____ of directors.
A. staff D. to B. board
C. group D. host

For questions 27-28 arrange the sentences to make a sensible paragraph.

27. (i) This girl fell sick many times and she died
(ii) They had a girl
(iii) A long time ago there was a man and his wife
(iv) When she died she was thrown away
A. (i), (ii), (iii), (iv), (v)
B. (iii), (i), (ii), (iv), (iv)
C. (iii), (ii), (i), (iv), (v)
D. (ii), (i), (v), (iii), (iv)
28. (i) the better
(ii) he leaves
(iii) the
(iv) sooner
A. (iv), (ii), (iii), (i)
B. (iii), (iv), (ii), (i)
C. (ii), (iv), (i), (iii)
D. (iii), (i), (ii), (iv)

Select the sentence that is correctly punctuated.

29. A. I may go to Nanyuki "the woman said"
B. "I may go to Nanyuki, the woman said."
C. "I may go to Nanyuki," the woman said.
D. "I may go to Nanyuki," the woman said

Select the word opposite in meaning to the underlined word.

30. The teacher tells us that if we want to succeed we must work hard
A. pass B. fail
C. perform D. failure

Read the passage below then answer questions 31-40.

Every pupil in Hongera primary school knew Songoi. But the pupils and the teachers knew him for all the wrong reasons. In class, he never paid attention. He also failed to complete most of the teachers' assignments. As if that was not enough, he never **adhered** to any of the school rules.

All the pupils hated him for bullying them. Ever since he was in standard six, his classmates could not dare cross his path. If they did, he would beat them up and force them to do his homework. In the evening, he would give his big load of books to younger boys in his class to carry for him.

However, nobody knew where his home was. He claimed that his father was a pilot and was a rich man.

One day the teachers organised a school trip to Nairobi. Many pupils registered and paid the sh. 300. required. Songoi was almost the last one to pay up.

After visiting several places they all sat down to eat their packed meal. Songoi was walking all around holding a bottle of soda and shouting orders to his schoolmates.

At once a strong middle-aged man held Songoi by the collar of his shirt. He punched him on the stomach. When the teachers enquired what was happening the man explained that Songoi had stolen his new car battery.

Everybody was shocked to learn that Songoi's father worked for the middle-aged man as his farm-hand and that Songoi had been stealing for years.

From that day on Songoi never bullied other children because they laughed at him.

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| <p>31. Everybody knew Songoi. We can say that he was:-
A. popular
B. unknown
C. friendly
D. unpopular</p> | <p>36. The money that Songoi used to register for the trip was:-
A. got from selling stolen goods
B. given to him by his father
C. given to him by the pupils
D. we are not told</p> |
| <p>32. Why did all the pupils hate him?
A. he was good to them
B. he bullied them
C. he liked playing with them
D. he protected them from bullies</p> | <p>37. Who held Songoi by the collar of his shirt?
A. his father
B. the teachers
C. his classmates
D. a middle-aged man</p> |
| <p>33. He never adhered to any of the school rules. The word adhered means _____
A. broke
B. disrespected
C. followed
D. believed</p> | <p>38. What made Songoi to be punched on the stomach?
A. he was hungry
B. he had stolen
C. he refused to complete the teacher's assignment
D. he bullied his school mates</p> |
| <p>34. Which of the following statement is true about Songoi?
A. he was a strong boy
B. his father was a pilot and a rich man
C. he respected his teacher
D. he came from a poor family</p> | <p>39. Everybody was shocked. This means that:-
A. everybody was happy
B. everybody was surprised
C. everybody was amused
D. everybody was impressed</p> |
| <p>35. Who organised for a trip?
A. Songoi
B. teachers
C. parents
D. pupils</p> | <p>40. The BEST title for this story is:-
A. a trip to Nairobi
B. Songoi the strong boy
C. A shocking story
D. Songoi the bully</p> |

Read the following passage and answer questions 41-50.

One day Ken visited a friend who took him to the movies. After the movie they went and bought miraa and alcohol. Ken's friend taught him how to chew miraa and make a drink. He couldn't stand the taste of miraa and alcohol.

When his friend was not seeing, he spat the miraa and poured the alcohol. But his friend kept adding the alcohol.

Ken fell asleep and woke up at 7pm. He went home but his father chased him away. He went to his aunt's home. The next morning he went back home. His father beat him thoroughly. He confessed to what he had done. When Ken told his friend what had happened, he advised him to run away from home.

But Ken remembered the words of his CRE teacher. He went to her for advice. This happened when Ken was in class 5. Since then he has never taken drugs or alcohol.

We are all advised to take care of the people we choose to be our friends.

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| <p>41. Where did Ken's friend take Ken?
A. to visit a friend
B. to the movies
C. to the shop
D. to school</p> <p>42. What was Ken taught to do?
A. do his homework
B. chew miraa and drink alcohol
C. cook food
D. go to the movies</p> <p>43. He couldn't stand the taste of miraa and alcohol. This statement means that:-
A. Ken enjoyed taking miraa and alcohol
B. he could not stand up when taking miraa and alcohol
C. he hated the taste of miraa and alcohol
D. it was good to take miraa and alcohol</p> <p>44. The word spat is underlined. What does it mean?
A. to send out from the mouth
B. to swallow
C. to chew
D. to eat</p> <p>45. What happened to Ken when he went home?
A. he was welcome
B. his father was happy
C. he slept
D. his father chased him away</p> | <p>46. When Ken fell asleep he woke up _____.
A. at 7am
B. in the morning
C. at night
D. at 7pm</p> <p>47. What happened to Ken after he was beaten by his father?
A. he went to his friend
B. he went to his aunt's place
C. he confessed about what he had done
D. he ran away from home</p> <p>48. Did Ken follow his friend's advice to run away from home?
A. yes he did
B. no he didn't
C. we can't tell
D. we are not told</p> <p>49. Whose words did Ken remember?
A. the friend's
B. the aunt's
C. his father's
D. his CRE teacher's</p> <p>50. What is the best title for this passage?
A. Miraa and alcohol taking
B. Ken's friend
C. Ken learns a lesson
D. Ken is chased away from home</p> |
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