

# STANDARD SIX

## ENGLISH: LANGUAGE

Time: 1Hr 40Mins.

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

The 1 awaited soccer World Cup 2 has been 3 entertaining affair. 4 it 5, all what the world 6 expected from the 7 as well 8 the players came 9 display.

The 10, Russia, playing 11 their home fans opened the competition 12 a spirited fight 13 an equally 14 opponent an Iran National team. Russia 15 triumphed with ease.

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|------------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| 1. A. more       | B. very        | C. much         | D. many        |
| 2. A. league     | B. tournament  | C. games        | D. plays       |
| 3. A. the        | B. a           | C. such         | D. an          |
| 4. A. Imedietly  | B. Immediately | C. Immidietyly  | D. Imediately  |
| 5. A. begun      | B. begin       | C. began        | D. begins      |
| 6. A. have       | B. has         | C. had          | D. were        |
| 7. A. spectators | B. audience    | C. congregation | D. mob         |
| 8. A. for        | B. as          | C. too          | D. and         |
| 9. A. with       | B. in          | C. to           | D. for         |
| 10. A. guest     | B. owners      | C. players      | D. host        |
| 11. A. around    | B. before      | C. front        | D. near        |
| 12. A. with      | B. by          | C. in           | D. at          |
| 13. A. on        | B. to          | C. with         | D. against     |
| 14. A. strongest | B. stronger    | C. strong       | D. more strong |
| 15. A. finally   | B. insantly    | C. lastly       | D. usually     |

In questions 16-18, use the correct form of the verb to fill in the blank spaces.

16. They have \_\_\_\_\_ harvesting.  
A. began                      B. beguns  
C. begin                      D. begun
17. He \_\_\_\_\_ the steel wire.  
A. bend                      B. bent  
C. bended                      D. bented

18. I did not know that she had \_\_\_\_\_ school.  
A. quit                      B. quited  
C. quet                      D. quinted

In questions 19 -21, supply the given statement with the correct question tags.

19. Velma never comes to school early,  
\_\_\_\_\_?  
A. doesn't she                      B. didnt she  
C. does she                      D. don't she

20. They could go with us \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. could they                      B. couldn't they  
C. didn't they                      D. can they

**In questions 22 and 23, fill in the gaps with the correct conjunctions.**

21. \_\_\_\_\_ much she tried, she failed.  
A. Although                      B. But  
C. Though                      D. However
22. Neither the dog \_\_\_\_\_ the sheep was left.  
A. nor                      B. but  
C. or                      D. and

**In questions 24 and 25, choose the correctly punctuated sentence.**

23. A. He bought many things, books, pens, sets.  
B. My friend the one, who came yesterday is sick.  
C. What a day that was!  
D. He asked where I was going?
24. A. She and I went to the market  
B. Joy is a wonderful girl. Isn't she?  
C. She drove along kenyatta avenue.  
D. River Tana drains into the Indian Ocean.
25. A. "Where are you going?" Mother asked.  
B. James's book is lost.  
C. Look out, there is a snake.  
D. Come here, she called.

**Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 38.**

"Kariuki?"

"Present sir."

"Maina C?"

No reply.

"Maina J?"

Still no reply.

Mr. Kiprop, the class teacher of class 6A was taking the register to find out who was present and who was not.

The pupils were then given a five-minute break before the lesson began. During the break, Rotich, one of Maina J's good friend said to Musyoki, another friend of Maina, "That's funny. I mean, Maina being absent. There must be something wrong."

Njoroge, another friend, said, "That's right. He comes to school even if he's sick. He has never been absent before." He continued, "He's not like me, I hate school. The only good thing about it is playing football."

Mr. Kiprop went back to the classroom. "Quiet, now," he said. "Today we are going to look at Mathematical equations. The class sighed as they opened their books. Morning school went on until 10:20am when there was a break and pupils went outside to eat their snacks.

After the break, Mr. Kiprop was already there. "Class," he said, "I have something to tell you. John Maina is absent today because he's in hospital with a broken leg." "I will go and see him after the school," said Rotich, but Njoroge couldn't make it as he had a football match. They first stopped at the reception desk then proceeded to where Maina was.

Maina was overjoyed to see his friends. He explained to them how his bike **skidded** as he rode along the mud. He had some traction with him.

"What can we bring tomorrow?" asked Musyoki. "Anything to read. Comics, magazines and some chocolate." He said.

26. What is a register? A list of:-  
A. pupil who are present  
B. pupils who are absent  
C. the names of the pupils in a class  
D. the names of all the teachers in a school.

27. Who among the following was not one of Maina's friends?  
 A. Kiprop  
 B. Rotich  
 C. Musyoki  
 D. Njoroge
28. When Rotich says: "That's funny" what does he mean?  
 A. Strange  
 B. Alarming  
 C. Amusing  
 D. Terrible
29. Why was everybody surprised by Maina's absence?  
 A. Nobody was surprised because Maina was always being absent.  
 B. Maina had no reason to be absent because he was on top of the class.  
 C. Because they didn't like Maina.  
 D. He was usually at school.
30. According to the passage, who among the following disliked school most?  
 A. Mr. Kiprop      B. Njoroge  
 C. Maina            D. Rotich
31. Why did the class sigh?  
 A. They were sorry about Maina's broken leg.  
 B. They didn't like Maths.  
 C. They didn't like their class teacher.  
 D. They were very unhappy.
32. Rotich and Musyoki went to the hospital and stopped first at the reception desk. Why did they do this?  
 A. To see Maina.  
 B. To get some information.  
 C. To greet the receptionist.  
 D. To see the doctor and find out how Maina was.
33. According to the passage, who among the following played football?  
 A. Njoroge, Rotich and Maina.  
 B. Njoroge and Musyoki only.  
 C. Njoroge and Maina only.  
 D. Maina and Rotich only.
34. Maina fell off his bike because it **skidded**. Which of the following words could best replace the word '**skidded**' as used in the passage?  
 A. Broke down                      B. Fell down  
 C. Slid without control      D. Moved
35. Which of the following statements is true about the reason why Njoroge didn't go to the hospital that day?  
 A. He was not one of Maina's friends.  
 B. He himself was sick.  
 C. He loved football more than his friends.  
 D. He could not let his team down.
36. From the passage, it is true that:-  
 A. Maina was upset when he saw his friends.  
 B. Kariuki was not present on that day.  
 C. Maina asked for magazine, chocolate and comics from the doctor.  
 D. John was absent because he had a broken leg.
37. Which of the following did Maina not ask his friend to bring him the following day?  
 A. School books      B. Comics  
 C. Magazines        D. Chocolate
38. According to the passage, which subject was being taught by Mr. Kiprop?  
 A. English                      B. Science  
 C. Mathematics      D. Social studies.

**Read the passage below and use it to answer questions 39 to 50.**

The reality of unemployment bites really painfully when thousands of youths turn up for a job interview.

One gets to know it is a crisis when the position they are vying for is a job with inadequate pay that can hardly support them singly, leave alone their families. What more, the job is as demeaning as that of a toilet manager.

You feel sick also to learn that the candidates turning up for the interview encompasses a big number with almost a quarter of those to be interviewed are university graduates-as was the case when the Nairobi county government recently announced that it is hiring young people to manage its toilets in central business district.

So, what makes the youth so desperate? Many things contribute to this situation. One, many young men and women rush to the universities and do various courses without considering their **entry** into the future job market.

Two, the very old men who still hold public offices '**way beyond their effective years**' should also retire to create job opportunities to the youth. These will help the youth secure employment. However, the most effective venture is for the youths to create employment by being self employed. This will be the surest way to solve the problem of unemployment.

39. According to the first paragraph, when does the reality of unemployment show?
- When there is no food.
  - When the youth graduate from university.
  - When youth show up for an interview.
  - When there are no jobs.
40. It is true to say that the youth turn for an interview:-
- in great numbers
  - dressed well
  - carrying many papers
  - causing crisis.
41. The job with inadequate pay:-
- cannot provide any food
  - can only support their families singly
  - can only fully support them and their families
  - cannot support them and their families.
42. Toilet manager's job is given in the passage as:-
- an example of demeaning jobs
  - jobs that many people want
  - jobs that require degree
  - jobs that are well paying.
43. The youth who turned up for the Nairobi county jobs advert:-
- all had degrees
  - were all men
  - were all women
  - most were university graduates.
44. When the youth go to university, many of them:-
- work hard in all fields
  - go rushing and running
  - do courses with no job consideration
  - specialize in demeaning jobs.
45. The opposite of the word 'entry' as used in the passage is:-
- departure
  - exit
  - door
  - outside.
46. What will happen if the ineffective old people retire?
- Many young people will drop from the universities.
  - The companies will fall.
  - The youth will not get jobs.
  - The youth will get opportunities.
47. The surest employment guarantee suggested by the writer is:-
- government jobs
  - self-employment
  - management jobs
  - demeaning jobs.
48. 'Way beyond their effective years' has been used in the passage. It means that these old men:-
- are too old to work
  - are still effective in work
  - are not as effective as they had been
  - have refused to retire.
49. What is the writer's advice to the youth according to the last paragraph?
- Create employment.
  - Go back to school.
  - Push the old to retire.
  - Be keen not to miss opportunities.
50. The best summary for this passage would be:
- Management jobs.
  - How to create employment.
  - Pain of unemployment.
  - Employment opportunities.