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## ENGLISH LANGUAGE

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### **INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES (Please read these instructions carefully)**

1. You have been given this question paper and a separate answer sheet. The question paper contains 30 questions. Answer **ALL** the questions.
2. When you have chosen your answer, mark it on the **ANSWER SHEET** only. You should **NOT** mark your answer in the question paper.

#### **HOW TO USE THE ANSWER SHEET**

3. Keep the answer sheet clean and do not fold it.
4. Use an ordinary pencil.
5. Confirm that the answer sheet that you have been provided with has the following:

**YOUR ASSESSMENT NUMBER** \_\_\_\_\_

**YOUR NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**NAME OF YOUR SCHOOL** \_\_\_\_\_

**NAME OF SUBJECT** \_\_\_\_\_



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6. For each of the questions 1 – 30, four choices are given. The choices are lettered A, B, C and D. In each case, only **ONE** of the four choices is correct. Choose the correct answer.
7. Do not make any marks outside the boxes. **Be sure of your answer before marking the box.**
8. On the answer sheet, the correct answer is to be shown by drawing a **dark line** inside the box in **which the letter you have chosen is written.**

#### **Example**

##### **In the Question paper:**

For question **22**, choose the alternative that **best** completes the sentence.

**22.** We are working hard in school, \_\_\_\_\_?

- A. are we
- B. isn't it
- C. aren't we
- D. don't we

The correct answer is C.

##### **On the answer sheet:**

In the set of boxes numbered **22**, draw a **dark line** inside the box with the letter C printed in it as indicated below.

**22** [A] [B] [C] [D]

9. Your dark line **MUST** be inside the box.
10. For each question **ONLY ONE** box is to be marked in each set of four boxes.

**This question paper consists of 7 printed pages.**

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### Questions 1 to 5

Read the conversation below. It contains blank spaces numbered 1 to 5. For each blank space, select the best alternative from the choices given after the conversation.

- Jane:** Good morning, Sir.
- Teacher Hima:** Good morning Jane. \_\_\_\_\_ 1 \_\_\_\_\_ ?
- Jane:** Sir, I would like to ask a question?
- Teacher Hima:** \_\_\_\_\_ 2 \_\_\_\_\_.
- Jane:** When are we going for the class trip?
- Teacher Hima:** Two weeks from now. I am going to give you all the details in class.
- Jane:** \_\_\_\_\_ 3 \_\_\_\_\_.
- Teacher Hima:** Make sure you prepare yourselves well.
- Jane:** Yes. \_\_\_\_\_ 4 \_\_\_\_\_.
- Teacher Hima:** Okay. Go to class now.
- Jane:** Yes. Thank you Sir.
- Teacher Hima:** \_\_\_\_\_ 5 \_\_\_\_\_.

1.
  - A. What do you want
  - B. Do you have a problem
  - C. How may I help you
  - D. What is it
2.
  - A. Ask the question
  - B. Yes, you may
  - C. Thank you, ask
  - D. You may speak
3.
  - A. Thank you
  - B. Good day
  - C. Best time
  - D. That's great
4.
  - A. We shall
  - B. We know
  - C. You too
  - D. You wait

5. A. It is all right  
 B. You are welcome  
 C. It is well  
 D. It is okay

Read the passage below and then answer questions 6 to 9.

All animals in the forest feared the cock. This was because they believed the red comb on cock's head was fire.

"If you make me angry, I will burn you," he often told the animals.

One afternoon, it rained heavily. The animals felt very cold. They wanted to light a fire to keep themselves warm. Unfortunately, all the matchsticks were wet.

"I have an idea," said Monkey, "Let us ask the cock to light the fire for us." All the other animals agreed this was a bright idea. They went to look for the cock. They found him sleeping on a branch of a tree.

"Psst, that is better," said Monkey. He then took a stick and placed it slowly on the cock's comb. Nothing happened. The monkey blew on the comb hoping that the stick would start to burn. Suddenly, the cock awoke. He was surprised to see the animals around him. He realised his lie had been discovered. "There is no fire on your head!" shouted Hare.

"Yes, you have been cheating us!" Monkey added. The cock **broke off** from the animals and ran to a nearby village. Since then he lives with human beings.

6. Why did the animals fear the cock?

- A. He had a fire on his head.  
 B. They thought they could get burnt.  
 C. He told them not to make him angry.  
 D. They obeyed him as a king.

7. From the story, we can tell that the cock was \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. dishonest  
 B. selfish  
 C. brave  
 D. lazy



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8. The words "**broke off**" in the story means \_\_\_\_\_.
- disappeared
  - jumped
  - hurried
  - separated
9. What do you think the cock feels when living with human beings?
- Worried.
  - Lucky.
  - Safe.
  - Ashamed.

Read the story below and then answer questions 10 to 12.

Human beings believe they are better than animals. This is because they are able to do many things which animals cannot even dream of doing.

However, do you know that there are things some animals can do much better than us? Dogs, for example, can smell better than us. They have a sharp sense of smell. No wonder they are used to detect drugs, weapons and other substances that could harm us.

Cats are able to see clearly in the dark, something we humans cannot do. This enables the cat to hunt at night. The animal also has a good hearing ability. It is able to hear very soft sounds which the human ear cannot detect.

An eagle up in the sky can see a rabbit more than three kilometres on the ground below. The bird has a very strong eyesight which is much better than that of human beings. Indeed, the different abilities of human beings and animals make the earth an interesting place to live in.

10. Why do human beings think they are better than animals?
- Animals cannot think of doing things.
  - Humans can do everything animals can do.
  - Animals do not have brains to use.
  - Humans have more abilities than animals.

11. According to the story, it is true to say that
- human beings cannot smell some things that dogs can smell.
  - cats are not able to see during the day.
  - eagles can only see things that are far away.
  - dogs, cats and eagles are feared by human beings.
12. What would happen if animals were not on earth?
- The earth would be quiet.
  - The earth would be boring.
  - There would be no food on earth.
  - There would be a bad smell on earth.

Read the passage below and then answer questions 13 to 15.

Malaria is responsible for many deaths in the world. It is caused by a parasite called plasmodium. This parasite is spread by mosquitoes. However, not all mosquitoes carry the plasmodium parasite. It is only the female anopheles mosquito that carries the parasite. A single bite from this type of mosquito can inject millions of the disease causing parasite into your blood stream.

Apart from causing malaria, mosquito bites can also cause swellings on the skin. These swellings may become red and itchy and eventually turn into wounds when scratched. Furthermore, mosquitoes are annoying because they keep us awake at night.

Is there anything we can do to keep away this troublesome insect? Yes, there is. The solution lies in keeping our environment clean. We can do this by clearing bushes around our houses. We should also drain **stagnant water** to prevent mosquitoes from breeding near our homes. Sleeping under mosquito nets can also help in keeping away this stubborn tiny insect.

All in all, it is possible to prevent malaria by ensuring that mosquitoes do not come into contact with our bodies.

13. Which one of the following is **true** about malaria?
- It cannot be prevented.
  - It is caused by a bushy environment.
  - It kills many people in the world.
  - It is difficult to keep it away.
14. The words "**stagnant water**" as used in the passage mean \_\_\_\_\_
- water that is near the house.
  - water that is not moving.
  - water that is not clean.
  - water that is full of germs.



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15. Which one of the following is the **best** title for this passage.
- Diseases
  - Mosquitoes
  - Insects
  - Parasites

### Questions 16 to 20

Read the passage below. It contains blank spaces numbered 16 to 20. For each blank space, select the **best** alternative from the choices given.

We all have friends. A friend 16 someone you enjoy being with. When you are with your friend, you have a lot to 17 about. This is because you have many things 18 common. A good friend usually knows your secrets 19 never tells them to other people. A good friend also helps you when you have a 20.

16. A. are B. was C. were D. is  
 17. A. talk B. say C. tell D. speak  
 18. A. of B. at C. in D. to  
 19. A. even B. so C. nor D. but  
 20. A. problem C. job  
 B. load D. question

For questions 21 to 26, fill in the blank spaces with the correct alternative from the choices given.

21. Mrs. Kioko, the new teacher, is very friendly, \_\_\_\_\_?
- is she
  - isn't she
  - is it
  - isn't it

22. The stranger looked at me and asked, " \_\_\_\_\_ did you find out my name?"
- what
  - which
  - who
  - how

23. My sister is \_\_\_\_\_ than I.
- beautiful
  - more beautiful
  - most beautiful
  - much beautiful

24. The doctor said that my grandfather is the \_\_\_\_\_ old man in the village.

- healthier
- very healthy
- healthiest
- healthy

25. The headteacher \_\_\_\_\_ about the importance of discipline.

- spoken
- speaking
- speak
- spoke

26. If you leave your books in the field, you will \_\_\_\_\_ them.

- loose
- loss
- lost
- lose

For questions 27 choose the alternative that means the same as the underlined.

27. At break time, we saw a group of birds flying in the air.
- swarm
  - flock
  - herd
  - fleet

For questions 28 to 30, choose the alternative that means the same as the underlined sentences.

28. Some diseases are caused by smoking.
- A. Some diseases cause smoking.
  - B. Diseases are caused by some smoking people.
  - C. The causes of some diseases are smoking people.
  - D. Smoking causes some diseases.
29. Either the kitten or the puppy drank the milk.
- A. Both of the animals drank the milk.
  - B. One of the animals drank the milk.
  - C. None of the animals drank the milk.
  - D. Some of the animals drank the milk.
30. Juma kicked the ball to Omar.
- A. Juma kicked the ball for Omar.
  - B. The ball was kicked to Omar by Juma.
  - C. Omar kicked the ball to Juma.
  - D. The ball was kicked for Juma by Omar.



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