

# KCPE PREDICTION 2020

## ENGLISH

**Read the passage below. It contains blank spaces numbered 1 - 15. Read and select the best alternative for each blank space from the choices given.**

Many people in 1 parts of the world experience stress. It can be defined as worrying excessively about a difficult situation. I would like us to share some thoughts 2 how to manage stress as an ongoing 3. First of all, the manner in which we explain things that happen to us 4 determine the 5 our actions.

Stress has no age limit. Children 6 known to experience and express extreme stress. Sometimes stress 7 to disagreements with those 8 we love. We need to be aware that stress does not come in 9 bang. Thinking about 10 events is one way of building on our failures. A small failure here and there not only increases pressure 11 it 12 also reach a level which is beyond control.

The second point is to take note of 13 which causes war in the self. Remember at one time, somebody may have made a passing comment 14 "Your look 15 ugly" If you store this in your mind and keep on thinking about it, it becomes unhealthy.

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|------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| 1. A. versatile  | B. various    | C. diverse    | D. assorted  |
| 2. A. off        | B. with       | C. on         | D. of        |
| 3. A. event      | B. process    | C. problem    | D. method    |
| 4. A. could      | B. would      | C. will       | D. should    |
| 5. A. courses    | B. measures   | C. causes     | D. results   |
| 6. A. were       | B. have being | C. had been   | D. have been |
| 7. A. lead       | B. leading    | C. led        | D. leads     |
| 8. A. who        | B. whom       | C. which      | D. whose     |
| 9. A. the        | B. some       | C. a          | D. any       |
| 10. A. current   | B. present    | C. past       | D. future    |
| 11. A. and       | B. but        | C. even       | D. so        |
| 12. A. can       | B. shall      | C. must       | D. will      |
| 13. A. something | B. nothing    | C. everything | D. anything  |
| 14. A. ,         | B. .          | C. !          | D. ;         |
| 15. A. very      | B. so         | C. rather     | D. quite     |

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**For questions 16 and 17, choose the word which**

**least fits in the group**

16. A. Cultivating  
B. Planting  
C. Harvesting  
D. Farming

17. A. Peep  
B. Stare  
C. Read  
D. Glance

**For questions 18 - 20, choose the correct**

**alternative to fill the blank space**

18. The workers were still working hard \_\_\_\_\_ the sun was burning.
- A. although  
B. but  
C. and  
D. as

19. Mary had enough time but she \_\_\_\_\_ not do extra work.

- A. will  
B. could  
C. would  
D. can

20. The banker had \_\_\_\_\_ in her purse.

- A. a five - shillings coin  
B. a five - shillings coins  
C. a five - shillings coins  
D. a five - shilling coin

**For questions 21 and 22, choose the sentence**

**which is correctly punctuated**

21. A. "Peris is my elder sister," said Paul, "she is in class seven."
- B. "Peris is my elder sister," said Paul, she is in class seven."
- C. "Peris is my elder sister." said Paul, she is in class seven."
- D. "Peris is my elder sister," said Paul, she is in class seven."

22. A. Kamau is a good student. Isn't he?

B. Kamau is a good student, Isn't he?

C. Kamau is a good student. isn't it?

D. Kamau is a good student, isn't he?

**For questions 23 -25, read the paragraph below**

**and answer.**

Four pupils Maureen, Justin, Linda and Lan were asked by their teacher to mention their favourite clothes.

Maureen mentioned trousers, blazers and T-shirts. Justin said he liked trousers and vest. Linda stated that she liked blouses and T-shirts while Lan mentioned sweaters and blazers.

23. Which two clothes were equally popular?

A. Trousers and sweaters

B. Blazers and T-shirts

C. Trousers and sweaters

D. Blazers and sweaters

24. Which cloth was not liked by the girls?

A. Trousers

B. Blazers

C. T-Shirt

D. sweaters

25. Which of the following statement is ~~is~~ true?

A. All the pupils liked trousers

B. The two boys like different games

C. Maureen wore the highest number of clothes

D. T-shirts were the most popular clothing

**Read the passage below then answer questions 26 - 38.**

Long ago, in the land of Persia, there lived a poor wood cutter called Ali Baba. One day, while he was working in the forest, he saw some horsemen coming his way. They were shouting and making a loud noise and poor Ali Baba knew at once that they were a gang of robbers. As quickly as he could, he climbed up the nearest tree and hid among the branches.

As they passed close to the tree, Ali Baba counted forty men in all. Suddenly, they stopped and got off their horses. The captain of the gang walked forward and struck the face of a great rock with his hand. At the same time, he cried in a loud voice, "Open sesame" Strange to say, a door in the rock opened and the man entered what seemed to be a large cave.

Ali Baba nearly fell off the tree in surprise. This must be the place where the robbers did their **treasure**. He watched and waited until they **came out**. He saw that each man looked very happy and was carrying a heavy bundle.

When they had all gone, Ali Baba climbed down the tree and went to the rock. He struck it with his hand and cried, "***open sesame***". The door in the rock opened and he went forward to peep inside.

His eyes and mouth opened wide at what he saw. There were bags of gold and silver and heaps of jewels piled on the floor. Ali Baba entered the cave and carried some of the sacks outside. Then he said to himself, "***How can I take home such a heavy load?***"

Suddenly, he remembered his faithful donkey. He had left it tied to a tree while he was cutting and fathering wood in the forest. Ali Baba rushed to where the animals was and emptied the baskets of wood. He then led the donkey to the cave.

Ali Baba put the sacks of treasure into the baskets and carefully shut the door of the cave. He hurried home and hid the bags in a corner of the stable so that no one would know about his lucky discovery.

26. Which one of the following sentences is **TRUE** according to the first sentence in the first paragraph?
- A. Ali Baba lived long
  - B. Ali Baba was a lumberjack ✓
  - C. Ali Baba had a land in Persia
  - D. Ali Baba called a wood cutter
27. Ali Baba quickly climbed up the nearest tree in order to
- A. have a better view
  - B. avoid the loud voice
  - C. take refuge
  - D. to cut wood
28. Which one of the following is **FALSE** about the horse men?
- A. They were about forty ✓
  - B. They were shouting ✓
  - C. They were making loud noise ✓
  - D. They were robbers ✓
29. Why do you think captain struck the face of a great rock with his hand?
- A. He wanted to cry loudly
  - B. He had hurt his hand
  - C. Ali Baba had counted the men
  - D. It was probably the way of opening it's door
30. Which one of the four words below can be used to describe Ali Baba as he watched the robbers come out the cave?
- A. Shocked
  - B. Curious
  - C. Nervous
  - D. Worried
31. Which of the following words can be used to replace the phrase **came out** as used in the passage?
- A. Set off
  - B. Set out
  - C. Set about
  - D. Set forth
32. Which one of the following best explains why each man looked very happy?
- A. They were shouting and making loud noise
  - B. A door in the rock opened
  - C. They carried heavy bundles of treasure
  - D. They entered what seemed to be a large cave
33. A gang is to robbers as a \_\_\_\_\_ is to journalists.
- A. battery
  - B. team
  - C. band
  - D. troupe
34. Which one of the following words can best replace the word **treasure** as used in the passage?
- A. Gold
  - B. Trash
  - C. Valuable
  - D. Valuables
35. *"His eyes and mouth opened wide....."*  
Suggests that Ali Baba was
- A. excited
  - B. astonished
  - C. disappointed
  - D. a vicious
36. Which one of the following is **TRUE** about the passage?
- A. Ali Baba was a farmer
  - B. Ali Baba fell off the tree in surprise
  - C. The robbers were carrying nothing as they entered the cave
  - D. Ali Baba left the donkey in the cave
37. Why do you think the writer describes Ali Baba's discovery as lucky?
- A. It was by confidence that he became rich
  - B. The robbers did not kill him
  - C. He had a faithful donkey
  - D. He carefully shut the door of the cave
38. Which of the following is the proverb that would **BEST** summarise the story?
- A. Hard work pays
  - B. All that glitters is not gold
  - C. Hurry hurry has no blessings
  - D. Fortune knocks on every man's door



**Read the passage below then answer questions 39 - 50.**

The tourism sector in Baringo is set to reap big after millions of flamingoes migrated to the Bogoria from Lake Natron in Tanzania earlier than usual.

The unique spectacle usually takes place in May when the lake hosts half of the world's flamingoes after breeding.

Mr. James Kimani, a senior game warden at the national reserve says this has boosted the tourism sector in the country where the peak season has come early, with the lake being the only one in.

He said that the number has increased drastically over the years, hosting more than a millions flamingoes at the moment, according to an annual statistics done in collaboration with nature Kenya wildlife service, bird life international, tour companies and hoteliers. The birds normally migrate to Tanzania for breeding in November and return mid June.

"Lake Bogoria is the only lake at the moment hosting flamingoes. In normal circumstances, the flamingoes migrate to the lake in June after breeding in lake Natron, but this time they have come in January, a rare occurrence. We expect to reap big from local and international tourists," Mr Kimaru said

"We have never received such a high number of flamingoes in January. Basically this is the only Rift valley lake hosting flamingoes at the moment," he says

The warden said the spectacular phenomenon was attracting tourists from far and wide, coupled with the hot springs at the lake. The flamingoes are mostly at the shores of the lake early in the morning and evening.

Amazingly, brightly coloured flamingoes hover around the shoreline of lake Bongoria in such a way that they form into the exact shape of the shore.

The warden said that it's the highest number of flamingoes they have ever received for **two decades**. The warden noted that the number of flamingoes that go to lake Bogoria every year varies, depending on the amount of food and the water level.

"The high number **of** the flamingoes indicate that they are getting enough food. The presence of fresh water in the lake, which is flowing from river Wasages in Mogotio sub county, makes algae (aquatic **plants that flamingoes feed on**) to thrive." said Mr. Kimaru.

He adds, "Lake Bogoria is **birding destination** this season and apart from the flamingoes, we also have more than 373 birds' species, 50 of which are migratory birds and wildlife as well."

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39. The tourism sector in Baringo is set to reap big' suggest that
- there will be good harvest in Baringo
  - Baringo is likely to have good income through tourism
  - Baringo is likely to sell millions of flamingoes
  - The tourism sector in Baringo will harvest millions
40. From the first paragraph, it is **CORRECT** to say that
- the movement of the flamingoes came late this years
  - millions of flamingoes migrated to lake Natron earlier this years
  - the migration of flamingoes to lake Bongoria was not expected this early
  - there was only one million flamingoes migrating to lake Bongoria this years
41. When according to the passage, are the flamingoes expected to move from Lake Natron to Lake Bongoria?
- In June
  - After breeding
  - In May
  - When the lakes hosts half of the flamingoes
42. Why do you think Mr. James Kimani said, *"this has boosted the tourism sector in the county...."*
- Lake Baringo was the only one with flamingoes then
  - Flamingoes had migrated in millions
  - The migration had taken place earlier than usual
  - The peak season had come
43. The annual statistic mentioned in the story was done by the following bodies **EXCEPT** one . Which one is it?
- Nature Kenya
  - Tour companies
  - Kenya wildlife services
  - National youth service
44. The **MAIN** reason why the flamingoes move to Lake Natron in November is to
- procreate
  - feed
  - hide
  - our
45. What else apart from the flamingoes attracted tourists from far and wide according the passage?
- The shores of the lake
  - The hot springs at the lake
  - The algae at the lake
  - The shape of the shore
46. The phrase *'two decades'* has been underlined in the passage. A decade means
- a period of twenty years
  - a period of five years
  - a period of ten years
  - a period of fifty years
47. What does 'birding *destination*' mean as used in the passage?
- Where people go to see birds
  - Where birds breed
  - Where birds migrate
  - Where birds tour
48. The presence of fresh water in Lake Baringo makes it possible for the flamingoes to get
- young ones
  - a place to swim
  - food
  - water to drink
49. Which of the following statements is **NOT TRUE** according to the passage?
- Algae grow only in salt water lake
  - Flamingoes migrate to Lake Natron in the month of June to breed
  - River waseges flows with fresh water
  - Flamingoes hardly ever migrate to Lake Bogoria in the month of January
50. Which one of the following **BEST** summarises the story.
- Lake Bogoria and Lake Natron
  - Migration
  - Flamingoes migrate before time
  - Tourism sector makes profit