
COUNTY MOCK EXAMS-STD 8 2016

ENGLISH PAPER

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STANDARD EIGHT - YEAR 2016
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TIME: 1HR. 40 MIN.

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY

1. You have been given this question paper and a separate answer sheet. The question paper contains 50 questions.
2. Do any necessary rough work in this paper.
3. When you have chosen your answer, mark it on the ANSWER SHEET, not in this question paper.

HOW TO USE THE ANSWER SHEET

4. Use an ordinary pencil only.
5. Make sure that you have written on the answer sheet.

YOUR INDEX NUMBER

YOUR NAME

NAME OF YOUR SCHOOL

6. By drawing a **DARK LINE** inside the correct numbered boxes mark your full Index Number (i.e. School Code Number and the three- figure Candidate's Number) in the grid near the top of the answer sheet.
7. Do not make any marks outside the boxes.
8. Keep the sheet as clean as possible and do not fold it.
9. For each of the questions 1 - 50 four answers are given. The answers are lettered A, B, C, D. In each case only **ONE** of the four answers is correct. Choose the correct answer.
10. 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:

16. Sheila was given a _____ punishment for bullying a new pupil admitted in the school.

- A. severe
- B. hard
- C. serious
- D. difficult

The correct answer is A.

On The answer sheet:

8. [A][B][C][D] 16. [A][B][C][D] 24. [A][B][C][D] 36. [A][B][C][D]

In the Second set, the box with the letter A printed in it is marked.

1. Your dark line **MUST** be within the box.
2. For each question **ONLY ONE** box is to be marked in each of four boxes.

This Question Paper consists of 4 printed pages.

Candidates should check the question paper to ensure that all the pages are printed and no questions are missing.

TURN OVER

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

Thinking seems to be 1 most logical place to start when one 2 to make change in life. 3 it is really tough to change one's thought patterns. Studies show that if you feel bad about yourself, it is almost impossible to think yourself out of that.

It is an open 4 that you need to be motivated enough in order to successfully 5 whatever you want in life. Without motivation, your goals and dream 6 stall and remain just that dreams. A classic example is when one wants to 7 on a fitness journey through exercise and a proper diet. Motivation is a key factor that will cause you to wake up early to exercise whenever you feel like 8 not. If you keep the motivation button on 9 with your goals.

The reality is that from time to time people suffer from lack 10 motivation. You know that you are motivated when you 11 find it hard to get out of bed and have negative feelings about the day ahead. When you are bored or feel discouraged and when you find 12 always doing the 13 minimum at work and 14 wanting to go the extra mile, it is important to continuously 15 to improve oneself.

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| 1. | a | the | an | some |
| 2. | want | wants | wanted | wanting |
| 3. | However | Moreover | Therefore | Furthermore |
| 4. | knowledge | reason | idea | secret |
| 5. | persue | pursue | pusue | parsue |
| 6. | will | shall | might | can |
| 7. | begin | get on | embark | start |
| 8. | or | and | but | with |
| 9. | keep on | keep up | keep down | keep-off |
| 10. | in | for | off | of |
| 11. | occasionally | constantly | eventually | constructively |
| 12. | oneself | himself | yourself | herself |
| 13. | bare | bear | bail | bale |
| 14. | ever | never | rarely | usually |
| 15. | stifle | seek | strife | strive |

For questions 16 and 17, choose the alternative that best fills the blank space.

16. It was not until the guest of honour arrived the head teacher read her speech.
A. when B. that C. as D. and
17. had she left the mall than thugs stormed in.
A. Barely B. Scarcely
C. Hardly D. No sooner

For questions 18, fill in the blank spaces with the correct order of adjectives.

18. They have put up a building.
A. five storey, spacious, modern, magnificent
B. magnificent, spacious, five-storey, modern
C. five storey, magnificent, spacious, modern
D. spacious, modern, five storey, magnificent

For questions 19 and 20 choose the one that means the same as the underlined one.

19. The fatal accident on the highway was as a result of careless driving.
A. serious B. frightening C. shocking D. deadly
20. However hard they dug through the rubble they could not rescue the victims
A. They tried very hard but were unable to save the victims.
B. They tried very hard and saved the victims
C. They did not work as hard but they saved the victims
D. They rescued the victims after working very hard

For questions 21 and 22 choose the correct modal verb to fill in the blank space

21. To join the Armed Forces the recruits have a national identity card.
A. may B. must C. will D. could
22. If she out at seven she to have arrived by now.
A. ought B. should C. must D. may

For questions 23 fill in the blank spaces with the best alternative.

23. They used to live here, ?
A. do they B. did they C. didn't they D. isn't it

For questions 24 and 25 arrange the sentences give to form a sensible paragraph

24. (i) The water was quite deep, especially in the middle.
(ii) Paul begun to swim but the water was really muddy.
(iii) When they reached the river Luke still felt rather afraid.
(iv) So he decided to stay near the edge.
A. ii, i, iv, iii B. ii, iv, i, iii
C. iii, i, iv, ii D. iii, ii, i, iv
25. (i) The main show for grown-ups was scheduled for the afternoon.
(ii) The first show was a kind of practise and nearly all the children paid ten shillings to see it.
(iii) Everyone enjoyed it very much.
(iv) The concert was given at the end of the term.
A. iii, iv, i, ii B. iv, i, ii, iii
C. iii, ii, i, iv D. iv, iii, i, ii

Read the passage below and then answer questions 26 to 38

Terry and her uncle James lived happily in a house on a plain overlooking the thick Kaimonge forest. They were neither rich nor poor.

One fateful day a terrifying wind blew off the girl's house. Mysteriously, the girl and her lonely cat found themselves transported into a strange land inhabited by weird-looking people.

Alas! she wondered where she was. Those old-looking people made Terry feel even more tense. To her surprise however, they welcomed her warmly.

'You're welcome, most noble sorceress, the land of Munchkins. We're grateful to you for having killed the Wicked Witch of the East, and for setting our people free from bondage,' they told her. While Terry was relieved to be alive and safe, she was a bit confused when she was said to have killed a witch. Further explanations made her realise that this happened when her house fell on the said witch and trapped her.

A pair of silver shoes worn by the bad witch that hung out of the debris of the destroyed home remained as proof that indeed the hated witch of the East had come to a terrible fate.

After this encounter, Terry asked to be shown the way back to her home, Kiptulu. To her shock, the strangers informed her that she was in the middle of nowhere and the only sure way of getting back to her home was by seeking the assistance of the wizard of Mago, famed for his magical powers.

After thinking, Terry left in haste to meet the wizard of Mago. Her journey was plagued by drama. On her way she encountered a talking scarecrow who equally felt the need to visit the wizard to help him overcome his inadequacies make for a comical encounter.

The route was treacherous, through the most lonely part of the forest. The threat of wild animals, notwithstanding. Her company was not the best. Her desire to get back home confirmed the old adage, 'East or West, home is best.'

Adapted from: Young Nation

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| <p>26. Terry and her uncle lived</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. in a thick forestB. on a flat land near a forestC. in a forest overlooking a plainD. on a plain with Kaimonge forest <p>27. Why does the writer use the phrase 'fateful day'?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. The house was destroyedB. The lovely cat disappearedC. The death of the witchD. A pleasant event happened <p>28. What can we tell about the girl in the second paragraph?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. She was tired and lonelyB. She was lonely and mysteriousC. She was inhibited and confusedD. She was unaware of her surrounding <p>29. Why did Terry get tense?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Because of the unusual peopleB. Due to the thick forestC. The cat was lonelyD. The place was mysterious <p>30. Which one of the following described the way Terry was received by the strangers?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Most unwelcomeB. Mixed feelingsC. Very terrifiedD. Well received <p>31. From the people's relationship with the witch, we can tell that they</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. enjoyed Terry's company a lotB. enjoyed witches' relationshipC. were unhappy with the witchD. were indebted to the witch | <p>32. Which one of the following statements is not true?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. The witch was trappedB. Kaimonge forest was thickC. It was not easy to get to the wizardD. Terry knew her way home. <p>33. Why did Terry leave for Mago in haste?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. To get guidance homeB. To avoid the wizard of MagoC. To rescue herself and the witchD. To escape from the strangers <p>34. Why do you think the strangers were willing to help Terry?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Out of gratitudeB. To help her escape the witchC. To help her get back to uncle JamesD. She was in bad company <p>35. Which of the following best describes the strangers?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Magical, weirdB. Careful, selfishC. Odd, gratefulD. Grateful, vengeful <p>36. How do we know that the wizard was well known?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Because the witch had diedB. The strangers knew himC. He had well known magical powersD. The scarecrows talked about him <p>37. "...the most lonely part of the forest" means</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. dangerousB. bestC. famousD. remote <p>38. Which one of the following best summarises the story?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Terry and the wizard of MagoB. The strange people of the forestC. Uncle James, Terry and the forest of KaimongeD. Terry and the weird men of Kaimonge forest |
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Read the following passage and then answer questions 39 to 50

Diabetes is a common disease worldwide. It affects more than 27 millions people, with over 56 million showing relative signs of acquiring it in their future lives.

Persons said to be diabetic usually displays abnormal levels of blood glucose or blood sugar in the body. This is

