

NANDI COUNTY MOCK EXAMS

STANDARD 8 - YEAR 2019

ENGLISH : LANGUAGE

TIME: 1HR. 40MIN.

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:

28. Select the correct word(s) to fill in the blank spaces

Tonny's mother _____ typhoid.

A. died with

B. died from

C. died of

D. died for

The correct answer is (C) (died of)

On the answer sheet:

21 [A] [B] [C] [D] 23 [A] [B] [C] [D] 24 [A] [B] [C] [D] 26 [A] [B] [C] [D] 28 [A] [B] [C] [D]

In the Fifth set, the box with the letter C printed in it is marked.

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

This Question Paper consists of 50 Printed Questions.

TURN OVER

Read the passage below. It contains blank spaces numbered 1 to 15. For each blank space choose the correct answer from the four choices given.

If you wish to become a better and 1 reader, there 2 several things you can do to improve. First, read 3 than you 4 now reading. 5 you are a slow reader, you probably find reading 6 and unrewarding. As you become more 7 you will be 8 more 9 and more 10 11 you will develop a habit 12 reading for two hours or more 13 you will not get enough 14 to become a 15 reader

A.	B	C	D
1. fastest	faster	fast	first
2. are	is	was	were
3. best	most	more	much
4. was	were	are not	are
5. unless	when	if	then
6. tedious	tiredious	tendeous	tired
7. efficient	officient	efficiency	efficient
8. forwarded	rewanded	rewided	rewarded
9. quicker	quickly	quick	quickest
10. offien	offen	often	hoften
11. Till	Unless	Untill	Unrest
12. of	with	over	on
13. eveready	everyday	every day	ever ready
14. plastic	practise	practice	plactice
15. skillfill	skilful	skilfull	skillful

In questions 16 and 17, choose the sentence that means the same as the underlined:-

16. Makucha said, "I am going to see Mwende."
 A. Makucha said that I am going to see Mwende
 B. Makucha said that he was going to see Mwende
 C. Makucha said that "I am going to see Mwende"
 D. "Makucha said," "I am going to see Mwende"
17. Owino is sitting on my chair
 A. My chair is sat on by Owino
 B. My chair was being sat on by Owino
 C. My chair is being sat on by Owino
 D. My chair is sitting on by Owino.

Write the correct synonyme for the underlined

18. I read a brief report of the accident.
 A. short B. false
 C. true D. sad

Choose the correct meaning of the phrasal verbs underlined in questions 19 and 20

19. She is getting off the bus
 A. jumping B. leaving
 C. alighting D. boarding
20. I will see about the visit to the game park.
 A. look B. ask
 C. begin D. organise

Choose the BEST alternative to complete the sentence correctly

21. Rehema's parents are proud _____ her good behaviour.
 A. by B. with
 C. for D. of
22. I'm right, _____
 A. aren't I? B. amn't I?
 C. isn't it? D. is it?
23. The work _____ on Monday.
 A. comenses B. commences
 C. commenses D. comensses

Identify adjectives in the sentence below

24. Which car skidded dangerously in the muddy road?
 A. dangerously, muddy
 B. which, dangerously
 C. which, muddy
 D. skidded, muddy

Choose the correct arrangement of the given sentences to make a sensible paragraph.

25. (i) Suddenly you heard a shout for help from your bedroom.
 (ii) You found your brother lying on the floor
 (iii) You were in the kitchen helping your mother
 (iv) You rushed there immediately
 A. i, ii, iii, iv B. ii, iv, iii, i
 C. iii, i, iv, ii D. iv, iii, ii, i

Read the following passage carefully and answer questions 26 - 38:-

Although no children are reported to be serving in the armed forces in Kenya, the lack of an effective system of registration of births means that there is a risk of under age recruitment. This is according to the 2008 Child Soldiers Global Report launched on Tuesday this week. On the global scale little is being done to end recruitment of child soldiers.

Nonetheless the report reveals that children in Kenya have been known to be involved in activities of armed criminal gangs including transporting weapons. The Children's Act, the law that governs issues relating to children prohibits children from taking part in hostilities.

Although in practice for a person to be recruited into the Kenyan army they have to be in possession of a national identification card, meaning they should be 18 years and over, the Armed forces law states that under -18s may be enlisted with the consent of the parents, guardians or the districts officer.

By definition a child soldier is any person less than 18 years who is part of any kind of regular or irregular armed force group. These children are used as combatants, cooks, porters, messengers etc.

Some are forcibly recruited or kidnapped; others are driven to join by poverty, abuse and discrimination, or to seek revenge for violence directed against themselves and their families.

Nearer home, the report paints a bleak picture of Ugandan children who are continually recruited into the national army by the rebel forces. This is despite the existence of a restriction in the country's laws that bans enlistment of persons less than 18 years and who have not attained a certain level of education. Reportedly, up to 2,000 women and children had been abducted by the rebel group the Lord's Resistance Army in October 2007.

"There is a big difference to the time before I was abducted, especially regarding my health. I used to be able to work hard in the garden but now I'm no longer strong and work is so heavy for me. I can't perform better yet. I have to work hard to earn a living. I really feel weak and sickly, especially in my back and chest," said a former Ugandan child soldier in an interview.

Onto better news: the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities went into force on May 3, 2008.

A convention is basically an agreement between countries that they will obey a law on a particular issue. When a country signs a convention it becomes its legal promise and it guides the actions of that government.

Why should you care? You should care because if you, a member of your family, a friend has a disability the convention offers useful information in exercising your right. It also defines the actions governments must take to help all people with disabilities realize their rights.

Although Kenya is yet to ratify the convention, many of the rights in the convention such as the right of children with disabilities to have access to education, are contained in our persons with disabilities. Act law.

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| <p>26. According to the passage it is TRUE to say that:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. There are child soldiers in Kenyan armed forces B. There is no risk of under age recruitment in Kenya forces C. It is possible to recruit under age persons in armed forces D. The system of registration of births is very effective <p>27. Which report gives the opinion that there exists a risk of under-age recruitment into the armed forces in Kenya?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. The children's Act B. The 2008 child Soldiers Global Report C. The Kenya army Report D. The Armed Forces Law <p>28. The Children's Act can BEST be described as</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. How children behave B. Action taken on children C. The law that relates to children D. Law against child labour | <p>29. According to the Armed forces law</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Persons under 18 years may join with the concern of parents, guardians or districts officer B. No person under 18 years may be enlisted in the army C. No identification card is required if the person is 18 years old D. Children are prohibited from joining the army <p>30. A child soldier can be defined as</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Children whose parents are soldiers B. Children who always play with toy guns C. Any person below the age of 18 years and loves guns D. Any person below the age of 18 years belonging to armed groups <p>31. Child soldiers are used as all the following EXCEPT :-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Fighting B. Making gun C. preparing meals D. messengers <p>32. One of the following is not a reason why people become child soldiers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. violence B. drugs C. poverty D. discrimination |
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| <p>33. Which country according to the passage has many child soldiers?</p> <p>A. Kenya B. Somalia
C. Uganda D. We are not told</p> <p>34. The word abducted as used in the passage means-</p> <p>A. kidnapped B. abused
C. accused D. transferred</p> <p>35. One of the following is TRUE about the former Ugandan Child Soldiers.</p> <p>A. His health became worse after abduction
B. He was weaker but became better after abduction
C. He performs better than he did before abduction
D. He feels weak but can still do heavy work comfortably</p> | <p>36. When countries agree to obey a law on a particular issue, this is referred to as a</p> <p>A. constitution B. law
C. recruitment D. convention</p> <p>37. The convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities is important because</p> <p>A. it punishes the child soldiers
B. it helps the disabled to earn a living
C. it offers useful information in exercising your rights
D. it helps the government to help its citizens</p> <p>38. The BEST title for this passage would be:-</p> <p>A. The childrens act
B. The children with disability
C. Child soldiers and the law
D. Armed forces</p> |
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Read the following passage carefully and answer questions 39 - 50:-

Once upon a time, there lived three brothers, John, Fred and Philip, born to poor peasant farmers in a certain remote village in the country.

John and Fred were healthy, holy and academically bright children but on the other hand their younger brother Philip was not only academically challenged but suffered a mental illness.

For lack of an affordable special school that could cater for Philip's needs, his folks engaged the services of a special education teacher from the village to home school their son. When Philip began exhibiting odd behaviour, such as talking to himself, villagers concluded that he was possessed.

They urged Philip's parents to take him to a witch doctor and have the ghost's exorcised. Some unashamedly suggested that they starve the young man to death.

But being staunch Christians, Philip's parents refused to participate in rituals that could come into conflict with their faith.

They humbly accepted their son as he was and treated him with love as their other sons. After several years, Fred and John completed school and took up professional courses after which they were employed.

One day, heavy rains pounded the village and a massive landslide occurred. The landslide caused heavy environment damage and even claimed several lives, sadly amongst the victims were Philip's parents. Philip who miraculously survived the landslide was left to depend on his brothers.

But John and Fred would not be their brothers' keeper, since they had climbed high up in the social ladder they preferred to keep their odd brother a secret.

To their friends and workmates, John and Fred introduced themselves as the only ones in their family, to the two, Philip was less than a brother.

One Sunday night, as custom John and Fred several of their friends were coming home from a party John who was drunk as the rest in the top of the range vehicle was behind the wheel.

Somewhere along the highway the tipsy John was overcome by fatigue and dozed on the wheel. Before the rest could notice what was happening, the over speeding vehicle veered off the road and came to a grinding halt in a ditch.

Everyone in the vehicle suffered multiple injuries and when good Samaritan came to their rescue, they found them bleeding and unconscious.

The rescuers rushed the victims to a nearby hospital where miraculously doctors found that Fred had only suffered minor injuries and been knocked unconscious due to shock, after a while he recovered.

However, John was found with severe cuts and a fractured leg and badly needed blood transfusion but his rare blood group was not in the blood bank.

They consulted nearby hospital but they too did not have it. They send out a passionate appeal in a local FM station, for a person who had blood groups O to come forward and donate it to save a life, but nobody came forward.

Fred summoned all close distant relatives to the hospital but none had the required blood that could save John that was literally hanging on a thread.

As Fred and some relatives were beginning to think about funeral arrangements somebody inquired about Philip whether his blood group had been analysed. Fred nearly busted laughing since he had even forgotten that his brother had blood. To their dismay, he did and saved John. From then on John and Fred apologised to their brother and began a new reformed life.

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| 39. Who was the eldest among the three brothers?
A. Fred
C. Philip | B. John
D. We are not told | 45. Philip's parents expressed a certain attitude towards their challenged son. This attitude can be described as:-
A. selfish and unkind
B. scornful and awe
C. loving and kind
D. loving and ignorant |
| 40. The word <u>remote</u> is underlined in the passage. It means
A. isolated
C. poor | B. old
D. scarce | 46. How did Philip's parent meet their death?
A. In a landslide
B. In a flood
C. After environmental damage
D. We are not told |
| 41. Why was Philip not taken to a special school despite his difficulties?
A. The school was very far away
B. There were no special schools
C. The parents could not afford the cost
D. There was a special education teacher in the village | | 47. What caused John to doze on the wheel when they were coming home from a party?
A. Beer
C. Sleeplessness
D. Drunkenness |
| 42. According to the passage it is TRUE to say that:-
A. the special education teacher had a school in the village
B. Philip was attended to at home
C. Philip attended a special school in the village
D. Philip had been attacked by ghosts | | 48. From the passage we can conclude that -
A. Blood group O was very rare
B. Blood group O was very expensive
C. Blood group O was kept in a safe in the bank
D. None of John's relatives had blood group O |
| 43. Why did villagers think that Philip was possessed?
A. When they saw him attend special school
B. Due to his poor academic performance
C. When Philip went to visit a witchdoctor
D. When he started exhibiting odd behavior | | 49. From the passage who saved John?
A. Fred
C. Local FM stations
D. Philip |
| 44. Who suggested that the young man should be starved to death?
A. Philip's folks
C. All the villagers | B. Some villagers
D. Philip's brothers | 50. Which proverbs among the following can be used to summarize the story in the passage?
A. A good turn deserves another
B. A stitch in time saves nines
C. Once beaten twice shy
D. Pride comes before a fall |