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ENGLISH STANDARD EIGHT

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The passage contains blank spaces numbered 1-15. Choose the correct answer for each blank space from the given choices.

Esther Kanini is the ______ 1 ______ the drama series. As ______ 2 ______ seen in the first ______ 3 ______ She ______ 4 ______ as she tries to improve but the result is that she does not ______ 5 ______ well with the rest of the members. We also get a ______ 6 ______ the parents ______ 7 ______ argue a lot about religion as they attend different churches.

Acting the role of the mother is Seraphine Mboho who ______ 8 ______ many with her acting and dancing skills. ______ 9 ______ Pineapple Primary School where she is in class seven. “I would like to be ______ 10 ______ and a television presenter when I finish schooling. So it is ______ 11 ______ start early”, she said.

The children ______ 12 ______ their roles well. There is Chelimo who is ______ 13 ______ twelve years old great on the drums. “I love singing ______ 14 ______ dancing so it is ______ 15 ______ to be on TV”, he says.

1. A. piano in  
   B. pianist in  
   C. pianist in  
   D. piano in

2. A. you have  
   B. you has  
   C. you haven’t  
   D. you can

3. A. two episode  
   B. two scene  
   C. two episodes  
   D. two explosions

4. A. is pushes  
   B. is pushing  
   C. is pushed  
   D. is push

5. A. often get about  
   B. often get over  
   C. often get along  
   D. often get around

6. A. speech at  
   B. speak at  
   C. switch at  
   D. peak at

7. A. they  
   B. which  
   C. who  
   D. who’ve

8. A. has damned  
   B. has drown  
   C. has dazzling  
   D. has dazzled

9. A. in  
   B. for  
   C. with  
   D. at

10. A. an honest  
    B. an actor  
    C. an actress  
    D. an her

11. A. nicer to  
    B. wiser to  
    C. nice to  
    D. pointless to

12. A. take up  
    B. take down  
    C. take in  
    D. take over

13. A. the soft talk  
    B. the softened  
    C. the soft spoken  
    D. the soft speaker

14. A. or  
    B. but  
    C. and  
    D. when
Complete each of the following sentences with the correct question tag:

16. I will go with you, _____?
   A. will I
   B. won’t I
   C. can I
   D. shall I

17. You can’t add fire to fire, _____?
   A. can’t you
   B. will you
   C. can you
   D. won’t you

For question 18 and 19, choose the opposites of the underlined words:

18. If you look through one end of a telescope, everything appears huge.
   A. faint
   B. distant
   C. normal
   D. moderate

19. Everybody remembers the woman’s cowardly behavior.
   A. famous
   B. boastful
   C. ambitious
   D. fierce

Select the alternative that best completes the sentence:

20. I enjoyed the picnic _____ the hostility of the weather.
   A. but
   B. despite
   C. due to
   D. in spite

21. She was wealthy _____ her life was miserable.
   A. since
   B. in fact
   C. because
   D. yet

In questions 22 and 23 choose the alternative which means the same as the underlined expression:

22. Did you make up the story?
   A. write
   B. discover
   C. invent
   D. learn

23. Juma was not selected for the post because of his age.
   A. turned away
   B. turned down
   C. turned off
   D. turned out

Choose the correct ending for the sentence:

24. Had he listened to the teacher _____
   A. he would not have fallen in the river.
   B. but he never paid any attention
   C. no, he never listens to any advice
   D. he will have been quite safe

25. She has too many _____
   A. money and so she is lazy and will not work
   B. food for us to eat and it will spoil
   C. bad companions to be able to learn good behaviour
   D. mangoes that she cannot sell them all.

Read the passage below and answer questions 26-38:

Mothers need to be especially careful about their diet when they are breast feeding. They need to eat more and have a balanced diet. Their diet should include protein foods such as beans, groundnuts, meat, fish, eggs and milk. These foods help them to build and repair their own bodies and those of their babies.

Mothers also need carbohydrates foods such as ugali, bread, bananas, cassava and potatoes. The latter are energy giving foods. Nursing mothers also need vitamin foods such as fresh fruits and vegetables, which help to improve their appetites.

It is also important for mothers to have enough liquids especially when they are breast-feeding. They should drink tea, soup, milk and of course means sufficient breast milk for the baby! If the mother eats and drinks properly. She will ensure that the baby gets plenty of the best food; breast milk. Why is breast milk the best food for babies? Here are four reasons, first it is free from germs and it protects the baby against illness. Babies who suckle usually do not suffer diarrhea or colds like those who drink milk from feeding bottles which may not be perfectly clean.

Secondly, breast milk has the correct temperature and is always ready. Thirdly, breast milk is rich in everything necessary for growth during the first few months after birth. Further more, it is easily digested by the baby.

The foregoing phenomenon implies that the baby is likely to have as many stomach problems as when others types of milk are used. The fourth reason is that breast milk costs nothing whereas other types of milk have to be bought and requires bottles and siphoners. Finally babies are happiest when they are close to their mothers. They enjoy her attention and affection while they are suckling. Breast fed babies do not usually cry as much as babies who are bottle fed.
26. Which of the following foods provide energy for the 
mother?
A. These foods are vitamins and proteins
B. Meat, fish, cassava and potatoes
C. These are foods full of fruits and vegetables
D. Bread, ugali, bananas and cassava

27. Which of the following set of foods qualify to be a balanced 
diet?
A. Yams, cassava and milk
B. Green grams, vegetables and an orange
C. Beans, cassava and vegetables
D. Meat, fish and ugali

28. Which of the following statements is true according to the 
passage?
A. Carbohydrates help improve a mother’s immunity
B. Proteins give enough energy to a breast feeding mother
C. Fruits and vegetables help improve a mother’s desire 
for food or drink
D. Groundnuts and meat help to improve a mother’s 
appetite

29. Nursing mothers should consume a lot of fluids because?
A. they need them to produce milk
B. they protect them against bacterial infection
C. they get thirsty quickly
D. they make them healthy and fresh

30. Who is a breast feeding mother?
A. an expectant woman
B. A nursing mother
C. A mother going to have a baby
D. A mother feeding only on breast milk

31. Which of the following makes sucking babies fairly immune 
to infection diseases like diarrhea?
A. Fresh milk served at the right time
B. Feeding on breast milk
C. Bottled milk after being well boiled
D. Dairy milk and its products

32. According to the passage one of the following is NOT 
true. Which one is it?
A. Breast milk protects babies from illness

33. Which of these statements about vitamins is correct?
A. Fruits and vegetables are rich in protective foods
B. Beans, cassava and fruits are rich in vitamins
C. Tea and a lot of soap provide, a breast feeding 
mother with vitamins
D. To improve vitamins in the diet, take porridge and 
a lot of water

34. Breast feeding is important in a few months after delivery 
because ________
A. mothers want to
B. It is rich in nutrients required for growth
C. It causes many stomach problems
D. It has incorrect temperatures when ready

35. Complete the statement; “Adequate feeding for the mother 
leads to ___________”
A. insufficient milk for the infant
B. plenty of milk for the mother’s consumption
C. malnutrition of the baby
D. plenty milk for the baby

36. Which is the last reason why breast milk is the most 
preferable?
A. it has the correct temperature
B. it is very nutritious
C. it costs nothing
D. it makes the mother and the baby bond

37. Which of the following types of food helps to improve the 
mother’s appetite?
A. Carbohydrates
B. Fats and oils
C. Sugary foods
D. Fresh fruits and vegetables

38. What could be an appropriate title for the passage above?
A. Soup and porridge as a diet
B. The breast feeding mother
C. The young baby
D. Care for the expectant mother
Read the passage below and answer questions 39–50

Seven weeks after the accident, Moraa was still in the hospital. The doctor attending to her agreed that she needed specialized surgery outside the country.

Preparations were made. Her teacher’s friend, who she met while in the hospital, offered to pay her her ticket. Her medical expenses were to be met by the school in conjunction with the hospital.

Moraa had to get a passport. “What is a passport?” She asked. It is a small book, the government gives you to allow you to leave the country. You also get a visa if you have a passport,” her teacher explained. She had been booked on a jumbo jet that was bigger than the plane she had used almost two months ago. “Will there be other people in the plane?” Moraa asked her mother on their way to the airport.

“Yes, passengers and the plane crew”, her mother said. If we had money, we would charter a private plane for you.”

“Charter!” Moraa exclaimed. “Yes, if we had the means we would hire one then the whole family could come with you”. She said with a smile. A lorry that was filled to the brim with cartons overtook their car as they approached the airport gate.

“Are those also going into our plane?” Moraa wondered loudly. “Those go by a cargo plane” Moraa’s father explained.

“And how will the pilot tell the direction of where we are going?” Moraa asked. She feared they may never come back home.

“He uses a compass,” her father replied as their car came to a halt.

The whole family and standard seven pupils were there to see her off. Tears welled up in her eyes as she waved to her friends, relatives and classmates. Her tears, however, dried up when she saw the friendly faces in the cabin.

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<th>39. For how long was Moraa in the hospital?</th>
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<td>A. We've been actually informed in the passage</td>
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<td>B. She took a total of seven weeks in hospital</td>
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<td>C. She took seven months in the hospital</td>
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<th>40. Did Moraa have a passport?</th>
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<td>A. Yes she had acquired it immediately after birth</td>
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<td>B. No, she didn’t know what it was</td>
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<td>C. Yes, she had got on admission in hospital</td>
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<td>D. Yes, she got it in school</td>
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<th>41. What did Moraa need in order to go abroad?</th>
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<td>A. An identity card</td>
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<td>B. Her classmate to keep her company</td>
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<td>C. A passport and a Visa</td>
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<td>D. A compass to show her direction</td>
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<th>42. Who travelled with Moraa?</th>
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<td>A. The whole family accompanied her</td>
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<td>B. Only her mother accompanied her</td>
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<td>C. All her classmates travelled with her</td>
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<td>D. No one travelled with her</td>
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<th>43. Who else would be aboard Moraa’s plane?</th>
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<td>A. Her classmate and the classmates</td>
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<td>B. The headteacher and her family</td>
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<td>C. Passengers and the crew</td>
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<td>D. The doctor and the plane crew</td>
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<th>44. Was this Moraa’s first time to travel by air?</th>
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<td>A. Yes it was going to be her first time</td>
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<td>B. No, she had used one two months ago</td>
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<td>C. We are not told in the passage</td>
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<th>45. Who had come to see Moraa off?</th>
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<td>A. The pilot and other crew</td>
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<td>B. All her teachers and neighbours</td>
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<td>C. The whole family and standard seven pupils</td>
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<td>D. Her classmate, the doctor and parents only</td>
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<td>A. Moraa’s luggage</td>
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<td>B. The pilot’s luggage</td>
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<td>C. Moraa’s classmates</td>
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<td>D. The cartons</td>
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<td>A. Her mother and father were responsible</td>
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<td>B. It was her classmate to do it</td>
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<td>C. The school and her parents</td>
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<td>D. Both the school and the hospital</td>
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<td>A. She had become a sickling child</td>
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<td>B. She was involved in an accident</td>
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<td>C. She only but wanted to have a medical check up</td>
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<td>D. She liked hoping in hospitals</td>
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<td>B. They are issued by the school authority</td>
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<td>C. They are issued by the government</td>
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<td>D. They are issued by the hospitals</td>
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<td>B. A journey by air</td>
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<td>C. A plane crash</td>
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<td>D. Passports and visas.</td>
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