

# KCPE 2020 PRACTICE EXAMINATION

## MODEL PAPER 1 ENGLISH

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

One day last year, we were \_\_\_\_\_ 1 \_\_\_\_\_ studying. There was no sound \_\_\_\_\_ 2 \_\_\_\_\_ for the scratching of pens on paper and the \_\_\_\_\_ 3 \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ 4 \_\_\_\_\_ of a cricket which \_\_\_\_\_ 5 \_\_\_\_\_.

Suddenly there was a fearful cry \_\_\_\_\_ 6 \_\_\_\_\_ the next classroom and the sound of tumbling desks and chairs, shouts of confusion and the heavy tramping of running feet. We dashed to the door, jumping and \_\_\_\_\_ 7 \_\_\_\_\_ over our chairs.

By the door of the next classroom, there was a \_\_\_\_\_ 8 \_\_\_\_\_ of fallen students, and clambering over them were the more fortunate one's trying to escape. Some students who do the 100 metre dash in thirty seconds and cover metres in the long jump \_\_\_\_\_ 9 \_\_\_\_\_ three desks at a go. They \_\_\_\_\_ 10 \_\_\_\_\_ running to \_\_\_\_\_ 11 \_\_\_\_\_ in particular.

With difficulty the headmaster and teachers gathered the students together. Some were \_\_\_\_\_ 12 \_\_\_\_\_ from the cupboards; while others had already made for the safety at the fields.

An \_\_\_\_\_ 13 \_\_\_\_\_ started and it was discovered that one girl had caused all the trouble. A cockroach \_\_\_\_\_ 14 \_\_\_\_\_ from her desk onto her head and she screamed. Her frightened classmates \_\_\_\_\_ 15 \_\_\_\_\_ for help and so everyone else joined them. All that fuss about a mere cockroach!

- |     | A          | B                 | C              | D           |
|-----|------------|-------------------|----------------|-------------|
| 1.  | quietly    | quitely           | quetly         | quiettly    |
| 2.  | ecxept     | except            | accept         | expect      |
| 3.  | ocassional | ocasional         | occational     | occasional  |
| 4.  | crow       | croak             | chirp          | cry         |
| 5.  | is heard   | could be heard    | would be heard | is hearing  |
| 6.  | from       | by                | near           | at          |
| 7.  | fallen     | felling           | falling        | fell        |
| 8.  | hipe       | haepe             | hip            | heap        |
| 9.  | were leapt | have been leaping | were leaping   | was leaping |
| 10. | dash off   | dashed off        | dashed of      | dashing of  |
| 11. | everywhere | nowhere           | everyone       | everything  |
| 12. | fetched    | feched            | vetched        | fetshed     |
| 13. | inquiry    | inquiry           | enquiry        | inqualy     |
| 14. | crawling   | had been crawling | has crawled    | had crawled |
| 15. | running    | ranning           | ran            | run         |

Use the given information to answer questions 16 – 18.

Dennis Oliech, Robert Mambo, Titus Mulama and Patrick Oboya are business partners. Their business is called Harambee Stars. They operate buses.

Mambo, Mulama and Oliech own shops. Mambo owns a coffee farm and also grows oranges. He also runs a matatu with another group of people. Oliech is a teacher and owns a coffee farm too.

16. Who grows both oranges and coffee?  
A. Oboya B. Mulama C. Mambo D. Oliech
17. How many partners are doing only one business?  
A. One B. Two C. Three D. Four
18. Which of the following statements is true according to the information given?  
A. All partners do more than one type of business.  
B. Only one of the partners does more than one business.  
C. Mambo is the most enterprising of all the partners.  
D. Oliech is more enterprising than Mambo and all the other partners.

For questions 19 – 21, choose the alternative which is closest in meaning to the underlined expression.

19. A storm in a tea cup  
A. To be in a situation one cannot understand.  
B. To consume tea in a boiling pot.  
C. A funny joke  
D. A short quarrel about a trivial matter.

20. A shot in the dark  
A. A very cowardly action  
B. Just a wild guess  
C. Taking a great risk  
D. A terrible accident
21. To be out of sorts  
A. To be unwell  
B. To be bad – tempered  
C. To be very backward  
D. To always like to be alone

For questions 22 and 23 choose the alternative that correctly completes the given statements.

22. \_\_\_\_\_ had he arrived, than he was asked to leave.  
A. Soon after B. As soon as  
C. Nevertheless D. No sooner
23. \_\_\_\_\_ were the grandparents there, but also the aunts, uncles and cousins.  
A. As a matter of fact B. However  
C. Not only D. In any case

For questions 24 and 25, choose the suitable answer from the choices given.

24. Just look at that \_\_\_\_\_ flower.

- A. Lovely, little, yellow
- B. Yellow, lovely, little
- C. lovely, yellow, little

D. little, yellow, lovely

25. You \_\_\_\_\_ wasted your time talking to a drunkard.

- A. should have not
- B. should not have
- C. have not should
- D. should had not

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

He stopped and looked at me with tears rolling down his face. "Your father killed my only son. I long to revenge. I wish I could kill someone whom he loved. I wish I could kill you, but you are only a woman, a frog, a helpless creature! Your father's spirit would laugh at me and make fun of me!" He lifted me up and held me tightly to himself as he shook with anger. I thought he was going to break my ribs. Then he let go of me and I fell down in a heap on the ground.

'Your father killed my only son,' he moaned. "Your son, your son!" I shouted in hatred from my huddled position. "My father killed your son! He ought to have killed the whole lot of you in the same manner you killed all my people. Why did you leave me alive?" I jumped to my feet and flung myself at him. "Kill me now. What have you spared my life for? What is there in life for me now that you have killed all the others from my village?"

What shall I achieve in life? Shall I ever bear men to fight for the Bukusu against their enemies?

He looked at me with an expression as hard as granite and said, "If I kill you, my son will laugh at me. You are a woman you cannot pay for his life. He was our best warrior. He was a warrior such as we shall never see again. You cannot pay for his life," he repeated.

We rested there for an hour or two. They milked the cows and drank the milk. They gave me a bowlful of it. Then they drained blood from the bulls and had a good meal.

When we left his camp, they let me walk, my feet were still numb from the pressure of the straps that had bound me, but by degrees they became normal again. After three or four Kilometres the men noticed that it was impossible for me to keep pace with them. Two or three attempts to make me walk faster failed, so Kipruto picked me up and set me on the back of one of the cows. At first I was afraid the cow would throw me down. She ran and kicked, hitting me with her tail. I lay flat on her back and held myself firmly by fastening my arms around her neck. After sometime she calmed down and began to walk gently. Kipruto walked close to me and said, "You are a brave girl. You equal my son in that respect." He put his hand on the back of the cow and walked silently by my side.

We had two or three other stops during the day to allow the animals to graze and rest, but no one talked to me at all.

They all seemed to be interested in talking about something that took their mind completely away from me. This gave me time to think about my loving parents and my brother, Chesire. "Is Chesire dead too?" I asked myself, biting my tongue.

26. The captured person was \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. a man
- B. a warrior
- C. an enemy
- D. a woman

27. What was the captor longing for?

- A. Blood
- B. Fight
- C. Revenge
- D. To see his son

28. Why couldn't the warrior kill his victim?

- A. Because the victim was a woman.
- B. Because she was young.
- C. Because the woman reminded him of his mother.
- D. Because the other warriors would laugh at him.

29. Which of the following statements from the passage is correct?

- A. The woman's ribs were broken.
- B. The woman's father killed the warrior's son.
- C. The woman killed Kipruto's son.
- D. The writer longed for forgiveness.

30. Why did the woman challenge the writer to kill her?

- A. He wanted so badly to kill her.
- B. He looked a criminal
- C. She wanted to die
- D. He had killed her family.

31. Which one of the following is untrue according to the passage?

- A. The woman was a Bukusu.
- B. The woman was the writer's wife
- C. The woman was given a bowl full of milk.

D. Blood was drained from the bulls.

32. Why were the woman's feet numb?

- A. From the pressure of the straps that had bound her.
- B. From sitting down for a long time.
- C. From walking for a long distance
- D. Because of oversleeping

33. When did the men realize that it was not possible for the woman to keep pace with them?

- A. After walking for three kilometers.
- B. After four Kilometres.
- C. After walking for a long time.
- D. After three to four kilometers.

34. When it was impossible for the woman to walk faster, she was \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. left for dead
- B. carried shoulder high
- C. put on the back of a horse
- D. put on the back of a cow.

35. Kipruto likened the woman \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. to his son
- B. to her father
- C. to himself
- D. to the other warriors

36. In which way did Kipruto think the woman was like his son?

- A. The way she walked
- B. The way he found her attractive
- C. Her height
- D. Her bravery



37. Why did they have to stop on the way?
- To allow the cows to graze
  - To have a drink of water
  - To chat
  - To milk the cows

38. Who was Chesire according to the passage?
- The Warrior's son
  - The woman's brother
  - One of the captors
  - The writer

**Read the following passage then answer questions 39 – 50.**

The tallest bird in the world today is the Ostrich. A fully grown Ostrich may stand nearly two and a half metres in height and weighs from 100 – 150 Kilogrammes.

It relies on keen eye sight and powerful legs to escape from its enemies, because it is a primitive bird whose wings have not been developed for flight.

The nest of the Ostrich consist of a shallow hole scrapped out of the soil by the male bird. The hen bird lays half a dozen or more eggs and both hen and cock take turns in hatching them. The hen sits on them during the day and the cock during the night.

The eggs weigh about one and a half Kilogrammes and take six weeks to hatch.

In their wild state, the Ostrich lives mainly on coarse grasses, but will also eat snakes, lizards and insects. In captivity, they are fed on clover and grain. To help their digestion they also swallow any kind of grit, glass and pebbles.

One ostrich that died in a zoo was found to have, in its stomach, nails, coins, bits of wire, gloves and handkerchiefs.

Ever since, the time of ancient Egyptians, the long supple feathers of the Ostrich have been used for adornment.

Today there are farms in South Africa where the birds are reared for their plumes, though the number of these farms are decreasing because the plumes are less fashionable than they were forty or fifty years ago.

39. Ostrich is a primitive bird means;
- It does not know how to protect itself.
  - It does not lay eggs.
  - It does not fly.
  - It does not run.
40. A fully grown Ostrich may stand at nearby
- two and a half centimetres high
  - 100 – 150 Kilogrammes
  - two hundred and fifty metres high
  - two and a half metres high
41. It is true to say that \_\_\_\_\_.
- the hen lays only half a dozen eggs
  - the hen sits on the eggs throughout
  - the eggs take six weeks to hatch
  - Ostriches dig deep holes in the ground to make nests.
42. According to the passage \_\_\_\_\_.
- the cock makes the nest
  - Ostriches only eat bits of wire, coins and gloves
  - Ostrich feathers are in fashion
  - Ostriches live only in South Africa
43. It is true to say that \_\_\_\_\_.
- Ostriches are found only in a zoo.
  - Ostrich plumes are no longer fashionable
  - Ostrich eggs hatch during the day.
  - Ostrich wings are used for flying
44. The following group of things help in digestion of food in an Ostrich. Which one is correct?
- Grit, glass and pebbles
  - Wire, clothes and handkerchiefs
  - Coins, wire and grain
  - Handkerchiefs, gloves and hats.
45. The main food for Ostriches are \_\_\_\_\_.
- glass, wire and coins
  - grass, snakes, lizards and insects
  - gloves, handkerchiefs and eggs
  - plumes, grass, coins
46. How do ostriches share the hatching?
- They do it alternatively.
  - The cock sits on them during the day.
  - The cock and hen sit on the eggs at the same time.
  - The hen sits on the eggs during the night.
47. The word plume is used in the passage. It means:
- Ostrich
  - Ostrich eggs
  - Feathers
  - A period of forty or fifty years
48. According to the passage, it is true to say that:-
- Ancient Egyptians used ostriches for adornment
  - Ostrich farms are only found in Egypt.
  - Ostrich farms are increasing
  - Ancient Egyptians used ostrich plumes for adornment.
49. What is the maximum weight of a fully grown ostrich?
- |           |           |
|-----------|-----------|
| A. 100 kg | B. 250 Kg |
| C. 150 kg | D. 160 kg |
50. The best title for the passage would be \_\_\_\_\_.
- Ostriches
  - Ostrich farms
  - Ostrich plumes
  - Ostrich egg

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