

# PRE- K.C.P.E TRIAL

## STANDARD EIGHT - YEAR 2022



**ENGLISH:  
LANGUAGE**

**NYERI COUNTY**

*Time: 1hr 40Mins*

### READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY

1. You have been given this question booklet and a separate answer sheet. The question booklet contains 50 questions.
2. Do any necessary rough work in this booklet.
3. When you have chosen your answer mark it on the **ANSWER SHEET**, not in the 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 your answer 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 show the correct answer by drawing a dark line inside the box in which the letter you have chosen is written.

### Example

For questions 22 select the best alternative to complete sentence.

22. The leopard took the shortest time to \_\_\_\_\_ the goats.

A. get away with                      B. get to  
C. get over                              D. get at

The correct answer is D

On the answer sheet:

22. [A] [B] [C] [D] 23. [A] [B] [C] [D] 24. [A] [B] [C] [D] 25. [A] [B] [C] [D]

In the set of boxes number 24, the box with letter B 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.

**TURN OVER**

This question paper consists of 8 printed pages.

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

As agreed by the 1, the county governorship is 2 the most lucrative positions one can serve 3 the current constitution.

4 the elements of control of funds that 5 with it , many 6 are leaving less paying jobs to get 7 the 8 race for the abundance of billions 9 to every county, ours being a money- minded society.

For that 10 , counties , especially Nairobi, which hosts the national capital city , deserve sober and sharp leaders who will not steal , denying the 11 of the much- needed 12 and facilities , as done so by past governors.

Nairobi 13 a strict and strategic leader committed to uplifting the status of the city while 14 an enabling environment for the many businesses that take place daily.

We as Kenyans , must not 15 leaders whose previous records do not match the qualities of leadership that are required.

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|---------------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| 1. A. many          | B. majority    | C. more       | D. lesser      |
| 2. A. not           | B. around      | C. between    | D. among       |
| 3. A. under         | B. over        | C. in         | D. on          |
| 4. A. Although      | B. Therefore   | C. Besides    | D. In addition |
| 5. A. more          | B. come        | C. comes      | D. came        |
| 6. A. defenders     | B. aspirants   | C. protestors | D. campaigners |
| 7. A. over          | B. on          | C. onto       | D. into        |
| 8. A. gubernatorial | B. senatorial  | C. MP         | D. MCA         |
| 9. A. planned       | B. loaned      | C. allocated  | D. given       |
| 10. A. set up       | B. explanation | C. excuse     | D. reason      |
| 11. A. inhabitants  | B. residents   | C. dwellers   | D. occupants   |
| 12. A. attention    | B. services    | C. work       | D. jobs        |
| 13. A. gets         | B. acquires    | C. requires   | D. deserves    |
| 14. A. providing    | B. giving      | C. presenting | D. providing   |
| 15. A. select       | B. appoint     | C. choose.    | D. elect       |



**In questions 16 to 18, choose the best alternative to complete the sentences**

16. Njeri prefers walking \_\_\_\_\_  
A. to driving                      B. than driving  
C. not driving                      D. besides driving
17. When the teacher entered the class, it was not only organised \_\_\_\_\_  
A. and also tidy                      B. but tidy  
C. but also tidy                      D. than tidy
18. What a great performance, \_\_\_\_\_  
A. was it?                      B. isn't it?  
C. it was?                      D. that was!

**In question 19 to 21, choose the alternative that best completes the blank spaces**

19. Mwikali seldom visits her grandmother, \_\_\_\_\_?  
A. is it                      B. does she  
C. doesn't she                      D. isn't it
20. Mrs. Ateyo will invite a facilitator, \_\_\_\_\_?  
A. isn't it                      B. doesn't she  
C. will she                      D. won't she
21. The boy has a nice watch, \_\_\_\_\_?  
A. hasn't he                      B. did he  
C. doesn't he                      D. does he

**For questions 22 and 23, choose the alternative that means the same as the underlined word**

22. Where did you put up last evening?  
A. live                      B. stay  
C. dwell                      D. reside
23. The robbers surrendered upon seeing the police.  
A. gave up                      B. gave in  
C. gave on                      D. gave away

**For questions 24 and 25, choose the alternative that best completes the sentence**

24. If Juma had a visa, he \_\_\_\_\_ travelled to the United States.  
A. will have  
B. may have  
C. would have  
D. should have
25. The story was not true and the teacher could see it. Kiprono had \_\_\_\_\_  
A. cooked it up  
B. made it up  
C. thought it up  
D. written it up

**Read the following passage and then answer questions 26- 38**

Grandmother had always warned us against being rude to people, especially those older than ourselves. She said rude children were a shame to their parents and could bring ill-fortune to themselves. She insisted that adults had to be addressed with respect as "mother" or "father" of so and so "uncle" or "aunt" as appropriate. We never took her advice seriously until one of us learnt a lesson the hard way.

One day my brother Tope, three of my cousins and I were playing our favourite game of Hide and seek. Everybody had been discovered easily except Tope. We had totally failed to locate him until a stranger came along. To our amazement, he stopped and seemed to be talking to a big tree by the path. We moved closer and heard him say, "Please show me where the shopping centre is."

It was then that we heard Tope tell the stranger, "Shhh! Go away. You'll make them discover where I am"

We all started shouting, "Tope, we have found you at last!" Tope angrily sprang out of his hiding place. The stranger was now confused "Where is the shopping centre?" he asked.

Tope gave him an angrily look and shouted, "Crooked legs, the shopping centre is up here in my nostril." My cousin burst out laughing while the stranger stood there shocked at such misconduct. It was then that grandmother's words came to my mind. Not sure of what my playmates would say, I hesitantly gave the stranger the directions to the shopping centre.

"Thankyou very much," he said and walked away.







34. The word given up has been underlined. What is its antonym?
- Surrender
  - Give in
  - Lose hope
  - Withstand
35. The tree was really tall but Tope volunteered to climb. We can conclude that Tope was \_\_\_\_\_ boy.
- an honest
  - a dedicated
  - a daring
  - an energetic
36. Why did the other children run away when Tope fell?
- They did not know what to do since they were confused
  - They ran to call for help
  - They ran to pick - up an ambulance
  - They did not want to see Tope groaning in pain
37. The word passed out has been underlined. It can be replaced by the word
- revive
  - come round
  - come to
  - fainted
38. From the last paragraph, we can conclude that
- Not all that glitters is gold
  - We don't have to respect all elders
  - We harvest what we planted
  - No matter what we should forgive others

**Read the following passage then answer questions 39-50**

The world we live in today is full of people with diverse interests, desires and obsessions. In the quest of making ends meet. There are several ways of achieving our goals through genuine means but true to human nature, some of us prefer shortcuts to the real struggle. They justify their actions arguing that the end justifies the means, hence have no feelings for the repercussions. They end up causing suffering to very many people, either directly or indirectly conscious.

Greed for money, wealth and power has given rise to obsession which drives many people to corruption. In simple terms, corruption can be said to be an act of crippling or impairing integrity, virtue or moral principle in society. It is a vice or sinful act that causes a grievous loss to society. Acts of corruption include: loss of purity, depravity, wickedness, misuse of authority and bribery.

Corruption leads to deterioration of functional systems in the society. This brings about decomposition of development projects initiated, hatred among communities, impunity and aggravates poverty among all the less fortunate members of the society. Other than being evil, corruption makes people languish in abject poverty because the national cake which ought to be enjoyed by all is only eaten by the high and mighty. Ironically, in actions where corruption is quite rampant, we find a handful of millionaires living at the expense of millions of paupers.

Our government is doing everything possible currently to eliminate corruption. It is dealing ruthlessly with all perpetrators of corruption in government ministries, departments and public offices. Corruption is a serious issue in matters of integrity and indeed a thorn in the flesh for a dynamic society. With the measures put in place, we hope a lasting solution will soon materialize.

Nevertheless, the battle against corruption calls for a collective effort by all and sundry. Social, cultural morality comes in handy to win the battle. Success depends on me and you through positive change of attitude.

Let's all join hands and make our country a complete corruption free zone.



39. According to the first paragraph, we learn that people struggle in life in order to
- enrich themselves at the expense of other
  - make end meet and succeed in life
  - be recognized as important personalities
  - achieve their interests, desires and selfish urges
40. Those who seek shortcuts in life struggle are likely to engage in
- meaningful activities for the benefit of all
  - genuine means to achieve their dreams
  - development projects initiated
  - dubious means to realize their aspirations
41. The term 'repercussions' as used in the passage can best be replaced with the word
- consequences
  - consideration
  - causes
  - reasons
42. What is the major cause of corruption according to the second paragraph?
- Hatred among communities
  - Misuse of authority
  - Greed for money, wealth and power
  - Lack of integrity and cultural ethics
43. Which one of the following statement is false about corruption?
- It affects all of us directly or indirectly
  - It only involves the police and government offices
  - It causes suffering to the entire nation at last
  - It is a social evil that can be easily arrested
44. The following are acts of corruption **except**?
- Wickedness
  - Bribery
  - Depravity
  - Impunity
45. Corruption can best be eradicated through all the following. Which one is least effective?
- Changing tactics of looting public funds
  - Shunning all corrupt activities from the grass root level of societal institutions
  - Prosecuting all people involved in corruption
  - Collective effort by everyone in exposing perpetrators
46. The phrase '.....dealing ruthlessly.....' as used in the passage may mean all the following **except**?
- Without fear or favour towards anyone
  - Being merciless towards suspected perpetrators
  - Entertaining no nonsense on issues of corruptions
  - Soothingly with lots of dilly-dallying
47. Why do you think the fight against corruption proves to be quite a tough one?
- The high and the mighty would do everything to ensure the battle is lost
  - Because people do not change their attitude and view corruption as a social evil
  - Our society is known to be corrupt through and through over generation
  - All the government agencies are involved in corruption
48. The phrase 'languish in abject poverty' means the same as \_\_\_\_\_
- being wealthy
  - enormous fortune
  - living in the worst conditions
  - abundant richness
49. The following efforts help in winning the battle against corruption **except**?
- Dealing with all perpetrators of corruption
  - Collective effort by all and sundry
  - Millionaires living at the expense of millions of paupers
  - Positive change of attitude
50. Which one of the following would be the best appropriate title for the passage?
- Failure of the government in fighting corruption
  - Kenya as a society is corrup
  - Eat and let's eat is the policy in corruption
  - The dangers of corruption in the society