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ENGLISH
SECTION A:
LANGUAGE

Time: 1 hour 40 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES (Please read these instructions carefully)

1. You have been given this question booklet and a separate answer sheet. The question booklet contains 50 questions.
2. When you have chosen your answer, mark it on the **ANSWER SHEET**, not in this question booklet.

HOW TO USE THE ANSWER SHEET

3. Use an ordinary pencil.

4. Make sure you have written on the answer sheet:

YOUR INDEX NUMBER
YOUR NAME
NAME OF YOUR SCHOOL

DAY 1

Tuesday – 13/11/2012
 11.00 am – 12.40 pm

5. 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.
6. Do not make any marks outside the boxes.
7. Keep the sheet as clean as possible and do not fold it.
8. For each of the questions 1 – 50 four answers are given. The answers are lettered A, B, C and D. In each case only **ONE** of the four answers is correct. Choose the correct answer.
9. 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

For questions 23 to 25, choose the alternative that best completes the sentence.

23. She passed her exams very well, _____?

- A. is it
- B. did she
- C. didn't she
- D. isn't it

The correct answer is C.

On the answer sheet:

3 [A] [B] [C] [D] 13 [A] [B] [C] [D] 23 [A] [B] [C] [D] 33 [A] [B] [C] [D] 43 [A] [B] [C] [D]

In the set of boxes numbered **23**, the box with the letter C printed in it is marked.

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



This question paper consists of 7 printed pages.



Questions 1 to 15

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

I enjoy doing many things in my free time. But of all of them, I 1 travelling is the best. There are three reasons why this is so.

Firstly, when I travel, I learn many 2 things about the culture of 3 place I am visiting. This is 4 true when I travel to a foreign country, 5 it is also true when travelling in my own country. People often forget 6 there is much variety even within one's own country.

7, I like travelling because I can try 8 food. Eating is one of my favourite activities, so 9 I travel, I try as many different dishes as possible. Some people say they eat to live. 10, I know many others who live to eat although they 11 not admit it. Perhaps I am one of them.

Food is a major part of culture. Therefore, to really experience and understand different cultures, it is 12 to eat the things the people of that culture eat.

The last reason travelling is the best thing to do when I am free is that when I travel, I can 13 all my problems at home. I don't have to think 14 work or school. I can relax and just concentrate on the things that bring 15 to my heart.

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| 1. | A. say | B. think | C. agree | D. assume |
| 2. | A. funny | B. surprising | C. strange | D. interesting |
| 3. | A. the | B. this | C. a | D. that |
| 4. | A. especially | B. so | C. really | D. very |
| 5. | A. while | B. still | C. but | D. and |
| 6. | A. when | B. that | C. where | D. for |
| 7. | A. Now | B. Then | C. Also | D. Secondly |
| 8. | A. new | B. some | C. the | D. good |
| 9. | A. if | B. as | C. whenever | D. since |
| 10. | A. However | B. Moreover | C. Furthermore | D. Indeed |
| 11. | A. will | B. could | C. should | D. can |
| 12. | A. right | B. important | C. sensible | D. acceptable |
| 13. | A. forget | B. leave | C. keep | D. abandon |
| 14. | A. at | B. on | C. over | D. about |
| 15. | A. joy | B. fun | C. humour | D. pleasure |

For questions 16 and 17 select the alternative that means the **same** as the underlined sentence.

16. As soon as Janet arrived, it started raining.
A. Janet arrived just as it was beginning to rain.
B. Janet arrived and immediately it started raining.
C. It started raining and immediately Janet arrived.
D. It started raining and Janet arrived soon afterwards.
17. Atieno rarely goes to town.
A. Atieno never goes to town.
B. Atieno sometimes goes to town.
C. Atieno usually goes to town.
D. Atieno hardly goes to town.

In questions 18 and 19, choose the alternate that can **best** complete the given sentence.

18. If I passed very well _____
A. I would have gone to a national school
B. I could have gone to a national school
C. I could go to a national school
D. I would go to a national school.
19. When we arrived in school today, we found neither the headteacher _____
A. as well as the deputy
B. and also the deputy
C. nor the deputy
D. or the deputy.

For questions 20 and 21, choose the words that can **best** replace the underlined words.

20. The teacher said that participation in sports is not optional.
A. necessary
B. compulsory
C. advisable
D. good
21. Karen's father bought her a unique watch.
A. a beautiful
B. an interesting
C. a rare
D. an expensive

For questions 22 to 23 choose the best arrangement of the sentences to form a sensible paragraph.

22. (i) A girl shot up from her seat and rushed to the front.
(ii) The conductor had just finished checking the tickets.
(iii) She pleaded with the driver not to leave her mother.
(iv) Satisfied that all was well, he pressed the bell to signal the driver to start.
A. (i) (ii) (iii) (iv)
B. (ii) (iii) (iv) (i)
C. (i) (iii) (ii) (iv)
D. (ii) (iv) (i) (iii)
23. (i) In fact, one does not need a passport to travel within the region.
(ii) Travelling in the East African region has never been easier.
(iii) Since the signing of the Common Market Treaty, restrictions on travel have been lifted.
(iv) All one needs are proper national identification papers.
A. (ii) (i) (iii) (iv)
B. (ii) (iii) (i) (iv)
C. (iii) (ii) (i) (iv)
D. (iii) (iv) (i) (ii)

Read the passage below and answer questions 24 and 25.

Three girls, Mwikali, Wanjiku and Nafula, were choosing subjects. Mwikali chose French; Wanjiku chose English, while Nafula chose German. The three girls then chose Mathematics and Science. For the fourth subject, Mwikali and Wanjiku chose History but Nafula decided to take CRE. Next, Wanjiku and Nafula chose Art and Design while Mwikali chose Agriculture. In addition, Wanjiku took Computer Studies.

24. Which of the following statements is true?
A. Only two subjects were chosen by all the girls.
B. Only one subject was chosen by one girl.
C. Wanjiku and Nafula share all the subjects except one.
D. Nafula and Mwikali chose more subjects than Wanjiku.
25. Which of the following subject combinations did Mwikali choose?
A. French, CRE, Art and Design
B. French, History and Computer Studies
C. French, History and Agriculture
D. French, Agriculture and CRE.

26. What made Stasha consider herself very lucky?
 A. She had both parents.
 B. She lacked for nothing.
 C. Her parents were immensely rich.
 D. Her parents spent valuable time with her.
27. Why do you think Stasha's father swore not to marry again?
 A. He didn't want other women.
 B. He loved Stasha's mother too much.
 C. He didn't want anyone to come between him and Stasha.
 D. He had now become too old to attract any woman.
28. What disappointed Stasha after her father remarried?
 A. She was really mistreated.
 B. Her stepsisters could not play with her.
 C. Her father had broken the promise he had made.
 D. Her stepmother was not as loving as Stasha's own mother.
29. The word **famished** means one who is
 A. really overworked
 B. extremely hungry
 C. really dirty
 D. extremely weak.
30. What do we learn about Stasha's father after he remarried?
 A. He did not want to favour his daughter.
 B. He stopped loving Stasha.
 C. He often disappointed Stasha.
 D. He failed to protect his daughter.
31. Why do you think Stasha's stepmother and stepsisters tried to uproot the plant?
 A. It made them jealous of Stasha.
 B. Stasha wasted time watering it.
 C. Stasha had planted it on her mother's grave.
 D. It attracted many birds and vicious insects.
32. Which of the following is **not true** about Chapchap?
 A. He had supernatural powers.
 B. He was good at working with his hands.
 C. He wore beautiful clothes and shoes.
 D. He had authority over insects.
33. Why didn't Stasha's stepsisters recognize her at the party?
 A. They did not expect her at the party.
 B. She wore beautiful clothes and shoes.
 C. They had left her at home working.
 D. She escaped before they could see her properly.
34. We can describe Stasha as
 A. reliable and humorous
 B. honest and independent-minded
 C. hardworking and forgiving
 D. brave and patient.
35. Stasha probably left the party early because she
 A. wanted to return the borrowed items to Chapchap
 B. was tired after dancing with the prince all evening
 C. wanted to get home before she was discovered
 D. wanted to avoid her stepsisters who were green with envy.
36. The actions of Stasha's stepsisters when the Prince visited their home show that they were
 A. desperate
 B. evil
 C. cruel
 D. courageous.
37. The expression **blew the whistle on her** means that Chapchap
 A. spoiled her plan
 B. revealed her trick
 C. called the prince to see for himself
 D. witnessed everything that she was doing.
38. The **best** title for this passage would be:
 A. Stasha's Luck
 B. Stasha's Best Friend
 C. Stasha's Cruel Stepmother
 D. Stasha and Her Sisters

