

# KCPE 2001

## ENGLISH SECTION A: LANGUAGE

Time: 1 hour 40 minutes

### 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 this question booklet.

### HOW TO USE THE ANSWER SHEET

4. Use only an ordinary pencil.
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
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 question 23, select the alternative that best completes the sentence.

23. She has a \_\_\_\_\_ bag.

- A. small beautiful expensive
- B. beautiful small expensive
- C. small expensive beautiful
- D. beautiful expensive small

The correct answer is D (beautiful expensive small)

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 D 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.

Questions 1 to 15

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

Of all the planets in our solar system only one, Earth, has water. There are two main 1 why there is water on Earth and not on the other planets. First, the appropriate gases that 2 water are present on Earth. These gases are hydrogen and oxygen. Secondly, we are 3 the right distance from the sun. If the Earth 4 closer to the sun the water in the seas and oceans 5 boil, 6 if it were further away, the water would all freeze.

7 how the oceans were originally formed remains something 8 a mystery, but what is 9 is that nearly three quarters of the surface of the Earth is now covered 10 water. Some scientists 11 that Earth was once a ball of fire, and as it cooled, 12 rocks at the centre, which remained 13 hot, let off steam. The condensed into water as it 14 into the cold 15, just as steam in a kitchen condenses into water droplets on a cold surface.

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|----------------|----------------|--------------|------------------|
| 1. A. points   | B. causes      | C. reasons   | D. forces        |
| 2. A. provide  | B. manufacture | C. bring     | D. produce       |
| 3. A. about    | B. just        | C. nearly    | D. approximately |
| 4. A. were     | B. became      | C. is        | D. be            |
| 5. A. can      | B. could       | C. would     | D. might         |
| 6. A. and      | B. even        | C. also      | D. or            |
| 7. A. Surely   | B. Really      | C. Basically | D. Exactly       |
| 8. A. of       | B. about       | C. over      | D. under         |
| 9. A. unreal   | B. certain     | C. right     | D. sure          |
| 10. A. below   | B. in          | C. with      | D. under         |
| 11. A. belief  | B. believe     | C. beliefs   | D. believes      |
| 12. A. any     | B. other       | C. the       | D. these         |
| 13. A. too     | B. quite       | C. so        | D. very          |
| 14. A. escaped | B. disappeared | C. fled      | D. ran           |
| 15. A. space   | B. air         | C. sky       | D. atmosphere    |

For questions 16 to 18, choose the word that means the opposite of the underlined word.

Example:

My friend plays football very well.

- A. badly
- B. nicely
- C. stylishly
- D. roughly

The answer is A (badly).

16. Njenga spoke to the stranger in a very friendly manner.

- A. angry
- B. warm
- C. pleasant
- D. hostile

17. Asha denied committing the offence.

- A. refused
- B. admitted
- C. agreed
- D. rejected

18. It is probable that it will rain soon.

- A. possible
- B. likely
- C. impossible
- D. unlikely

For questions 19 to 21, select the alternative that means the same as the given sentence.

19. 'Ochieng is coming home tomorrow,' Kanini said.

- A. Kanini said that Ochieng was coming home the next day.
- B. Kanini said that 'Ochieng is coming home tomorrow.'
- C. Kanini said that Ochieng is coming home the next day.
- D. Kanini was coming home tomorrow, Ochieng said.

20. Katana wished he had gone to school early.

- A. Katana hoped to go to school early.
- B. Katana did not like going to school late.
- C. Katana regretted not going to school early.
- D. Katana hoped he had not gone to school late.

21. No sooner had Wambui fallen asleep than the baby began screaming.

- A. The baby screamed when Wambui fell asleep.
- B. The baby began screaming as soon as Wambui fell asleep.
- C. Wambui fell asleep and the baby screamed.
- D. Wambui had not really fallen asleep when the baby screamed.

For questions 22 and 23, arrange the sentences given to form a sensible paragraph.

22. (i) We are both tall and slender.  
(ii) We both have long hair and brown eyes.  
(iii) My sister and I look alike.  
(iv) People who see us together always know that we are sisters.

- A. (iii) (i) (ii) (iv)
- B. (iii) (iv) (i) (ii)
- C. (iii) (i) (iv) (ii)
- D. (iii) (iv) (ii) (i)

23. (i) These pupils may begin school expecting nonstop fun.  
(ii) When they find out the school is often a routine, they quickly lose interest.  
(iii) First of all, some pupils are bored in school.  
(iv) Pupils drop out of school for many reasons.

- A. (iii) (i) (ii) (iv)
- B. (iii) (ii) (i) (iv)
- C. (iv) (iii) (ii) (i)
- D. (iv) (iii) (i) (ii)

In questions 24 and 25, choose the correct alternative to fill the blank space in each of the sentences.

24. The story was not true: Johana had made it

- A. up
- B. out
- C. over
- D. off

25. After working hard all day, he dozed \_\_\_\_\_ as soon as he sat down.

- A. out
- B. up
- C. down
- D. off

Read the following passage and then answer questions 26 to 38.

For a long time Anansi tried to catch Kling Kling. They were friends no longer. Anansi set traps and hid them in the grass near the berries on which Kling Kling loved to feed. He got some fibre from the forest and made long, slippery nooses and hid them where Kling Kling liked to walk. *But it was no use.* Kling Kling saw all the traps and avoided them. Sometimes he would hide in the branches of a tree and, without a sound, watch Anansi set a trap. Then when it was all done he would suddenly cry out 'Why?' and fly away, leaving Anansi puzzled and angry.

At last Anansi went to his friend Tiger, and said:

'I beg you, Mr. Tiger, help me to catch that old Kling Kling bird. He wouldn't pay his fine. He flew away, and I cannot catch him at all.'

'And what will you give me if I help you catch him?' asked Tiger.

'Oh, my sweet Tiger,' said Anansi, 'I will give you a cow.'

'A whole cow!' exclaimed Tiger, who was very greedy and very fond of beef.

'A whole cow, Mr. Tiger. I promise,' said Anansi. So Tiger thought and thought for a long time and at last he said:

'I'll tell you what we will do, Mr. Anansi. I will lie down in the house and pretend to be dead. You must take a bell and walk all round the town calling out at the top of your voice: "The great King Tiger is dead; the great King Tiger is dead." Then all the people will come to the funeral, and you can catch him.'

Now the next day was a great market day. Kling Kling went to the market and bought peas and rice and fish and plantain and sweet potatoes. While he was buying the sweet potatoes he heard a bell ringing, and he asked the people what it was. 'Ah,' said a stout market-woman, 'the great King Tiger is dead.'

'What! You mean that Tiger, the great Tiger, is dead?' asked Kling Kling.

'Yes,' said the people standing around, 'yes, what she says is true. The great King Tiger is dead.'

'And when did he die?' asked Kling Kling.

'Yesterday just before twelve o'clock.'

'Then,' cried Kling Kling, 'I must hurry away to put on my second-best coat and go to the funeral.' Kling Kling rushed home and put on his second-best two-tailed blue coat and his shoes that were so new that they cried out 'quee-quee' when he walked in them. He finished dressing and went to Tiger's home. When he got there he saw a great crowd of people outside, and he shook his head and said:

'So the great King Tiger is dead!'

'Yes,' they replied, 'the great King Tiger is dead.'

'When did he die?'

'Yesterday just before twelve,' they replied.

'What killed him? Was it fever? Was it an accident? How did he die?'

'The heat of the weather killed him,' they said.

'And has he laughed at all since he died?' asked Kling Kling.

'No.'

'Then he isn't dead at all,' said Kling Kling. 'Don't you know that a man is not dead until he laughs a big last laugh?'

Tiger was in the nearest room, listening at the window.

When he heard what Kling Kling said he broke out into a great laugh that shook the house, and Kling Kling said, 'Ha-ha, I never yet heard a dead man laugh!' and he flew away. So Tiger never got the cow.

(Adapted from *Anansi the Spider Man* by Philip M. Sherlock)

26. It is clear from the second sentence in the passage that Anansi and Kling Kling
- feared each other
  - hid from each other
  - had once been friends
  - were different types of creatures
27. How do we know that Anansi was determined to capture Kling Kling?
- He hid traps near the berries Kling Kling loved to eat
  - He tried to use many types of traps one after another
  - He tried to catch Kling Kling over a period of time
  - He was always thinking of new ways to deal with him
28. 'But it was no use' This expression means
- it was almost useless
  - there was no reason for it
  - he nearly despaired
  - every attempt failed
29. From the first paragraph we can conclude that Kling Kling
- was too clever for Anansi
  - had done something wrong
  - followed Anansi everywhere
  - considered Anansi rather foolish
30. Why did Anansi approach Mr. Tiger for help?
- Kling Kling had refused to pay a fine
  - Anansi was puzzled and angry
  - He was a good friend of his
  - It was probably the only alternative left
31. The fact that Mr. Tiger asked to be paid for helping Anansi proves that
- he did not believe in giving free services
  - he was not really a true friend
  - Anansi was serious about capturing Kling Kling
  - Anansi was capable of giving Tiger what he demanded
32. Which of the following best explains why Mr. Tiger exclaims 'a whole cow!'
- He wanted to be given less than a whole cow
  - He was excited about eating a whole cow
  - He was concerned that Anansi was willing to pay such a price
  - He was shocked when he heard the price

33. Anansi can be described as
- rich but foolish
  - foolish and desperate
  - rich but unlucky
  - desperate and unlucky
34. If Kling Kling had not gone to the market, he probably
- would not have received the news of Tiger's 'death'
  - would not have had any food in his house
  - would have thought Tiger was still alive
  - would have missed an important funeral
35. Which of the following statements is not true about Kling Kling
- He had at least two coats
  - He has shoes that could cry
  - He dressed specifically for the 'funeral'
  - He hurried home on hearing the news
36. '... a great crowd of people' means
- a multitude
  - a mob
  - a group
  - a congregation
37. Why do you think Kling Kling asked so many questions?
- He wanted correct answers
  - He was curious and anxious
  - He was shocked and puzzled
  - He probably doubted the story
38. Mr. Tiger can be described as
- helpful but foolish
  - foolish and greedy
  - great and famous
  - funny but greedy

Read the following passage and then answer questions 49 to 50

Nobody in Maria's family knew. She carefully hid the gifts she received or kept them at her friend's house. Her friend Rachel took her to the Family Planning Clinic to get an injection to that she would not become pregnant. In exchange for keeping quiet about Maria's secret sugar-daddy, Rachel was allowed to wear the clothes and the jewellery Dan gave Maria. Maria lives for Saturdays. Life went by so slowly during the week.

One evening, Mrs. Mungai, Maria's mother came home from the hospital looking very depressed. 'Aai, these AIDS babies,' she wailed, as she pushed her food away. She had no appetite. 'They break my heart.'

'What sort of babies?' asked her son David, curiously.

'AIDS babies are babies that are born to die,' Gladys answered. 'Their mothers have AIDS.'

'What is AIDS?' asked Maria.

'It's a terrible disease, Maria,' said Mrs. Mungai. 'It has no cure.'

'You mean it's like cancer?' David asked.

'Well, it's only like cancer because there isn't a cure,' Mrs. Mungai explained. 'It starts with a virus called HIV. This HIV makes your body weaker and weaker, so it can't protect itself from disease any more. Then you can catch any disease and die from it. Even a simple disease like flu.'

'How do you get this HIV?' asked Maria.

Well, the most common way of getting it is by having sex with an infected partner.'

Maria stopped eating. She stared at her mother. She suddenly felt very frightened.

'We shouldn't talk about these things at table. I think we should change the subject,' Mr. Mungai said.

'No dear,' protested Mrs. Mungai, touching her husband's arm. This is an important subject. Our children should become aware of it.

'We are already learning about HIV/AIDS in school,' said Gladys. 'Mrs. Chelimo told us all about it. She says the most dangerous thing about it is that you can't tell by looking at someone if he or she has got HIV or not.'

Maria stared at her plate in silence. Her face felt very hot.

'But how do babies get it?' David asked. 'I mean babies do not have sex!'

'If a woman has HIV, then the virus is in her blood. She *passes it on* to the baby before it is born. Then the little thing doesn't have a chance. It gets ill so easily, and such a baby usually dies before its second birthday. Another one died today at the hospital. It's so sad.'

Maria was very quiet. She had hardly heard what her mother had said about AIDS babies. She didn't feel like eating any more. Her stomach felt strange with fear. She and Dan had had sex many times. Did Dan have HIV? Was she going to die of AIDS? Suddenly, having a sugar-daddy didn't seem such a grown-up thing any more.

The things Maria heard that day really shocked her. But she made a decision and was going to stick to it; she would have nothing to do with Dan from that day on. She also resolved to warn all her friends about the risks of living a careless sex life.

(Adapted from *The Yellow Dress* by Gladys Ngwenya)

39. Which of the following is true according to the first paragraph?
- Maria kept quiet about Rachel's secrets
  - Maria always looked forward to Saturdays
  - Maria had a friend who knew everything
  - Maria hid all her gifts at her friend's house
40. What do we learn about Rachel from the first paragraph?
- She was older than Maria
  - She had no clothes of her own
  - She knew something about family planning
  - She was HIV positive
41. Mr. Mungai looked very depressed means she was
- angry
  - disappointed
  - tired
  - cheerless
42. Which of the following statements is not true about HIV according to the passage?
- It weakens the body
  - It is found in infected people only
  - It is a deadly disease
  - It makes you catch simple diseases
43. Mr. Mungai did not want the subject of HIV/AIDS discussed at the table because he
- felt embarrassed about the subject
  - did not think the subject was important
  - he feared he would lose his appetite for the food
  - was too tired and hungry
44. According to Mrs. Chelimo
- HIV makes a person look unfit and unhealthy
  - You can tell by looking, that a person does not have AIDS
  - A person can look perfectly fit and healthy and yet have HIV
  - People who have AIDS look perfectly fit and healthy
45. Which of the following can best replace 'passes it on' as used in the passage?
- distributes it
  - supplies it
  - gives it
  - presents it
46. Maria had not heard what her mother had said because
- she was wondering why she had the virus
  - her stomach felt strange with fear
  - she was worrying about her sugar-daddy
  - she feared she might already be pregnant

47. From the questions David asks, we can conclude that he is
- curious
  - stubborn
  - troublesome
  - anxious
48. At first, having a sugar-daddy made Maria feel
- excited
  - mature
  - lucky
  - rich
49. At the end of the passage we can tell that Maria resolved to
- end her relationship with Dan
  - end her friendship with Rachel
  - Advise all friends about care-less living
  - Stick to one boyfriend only
50. Which of the following best summaries the message in the passage?
- Maria's secret life
  - Maria becomes frightened
  - Maria's adventure with friends
  - Maria learns a lesson