

STANDARD 8 – CODE 001 – 2020

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 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 only an ordinary pencil
4. Make sure you have written on the answer sheet:
Your Index Number
Your Name
Name of Your School
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 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

In the Question Booklet:

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 she

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]

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.

Questions 1 to 15.

Read the passage below and fill the blank space numbered 1 – 15 with the suitable choices given.

However __1__ if we become open minded and refuse __2__ blindly follow rumours, and instead try to __3__ more __4__ them, then we shall confirm or refute them __5__. We can also choose to __6__ them. That way we remain __7__ and __8__ our goals in life. __9__ every individual __10__ to get busy working constructively.

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| 1. A. ! | B. - | C. , | D. ; |
| 2. A. to | B. for | C. in | D. about |
| 3. A. finding | B. find out | C. found | D. find in |
| 4. A. of | B. with | C. at | D. about |
| 5. A. all together | B. altogether | C. altogether | D. or together |
| 6. A. ignored | B. ignoring | C. ignorant | D. ignore |
| 7. A. focussed | B. focused | C. focused | D. foccussed |
| 8. A. archieve | B. achieve | C. achieve | D. archeive |
| 9. A. But | B. And | C. Therefore | D. Or |
| 10. A. need | B. needs | C. needed | D. kneads |

It is unfortunate when young people __11__ idling around __12__ working. Laziness __13__ a nation. We must __14__ that whereas we use a lot of energy to work, it is a positive __15__ to the society.

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| 11. A. preferred | B. prefer | C. preferred | D. prefers |
| 12. A. to | B. in | C. at | D. for |
| 13. A. destroy | B. destroys | C. destroyed | D. destroying |
| 14. A. appreciate | B. apprite | C. appreciate | D. appreciate |
| 15. A. contribute | B. contribution | C. contributes | D. contributed |

For questions 16 and 17, give the opposite of the underlined word.

16. Pretenders are worse than murderers.

- A. good
- B. better
- C. worst
- D. best

17. Idleness cannot help you to achieve your dreams

- A. avoid
- B. assist
- C. hinder
- D. get

In question 18 and 19 choose the alternative that means the same as the underlined words.

18. James likes blowing his own trumpet.

- A. Spreading rumours
- B. Using his own trumpet when singing
- C. Praising his own abilities and achievements
- D. Shouting when explaining something

In question 19 -- 21, choose the correct alternative to fill the blank spaces.

19. I find it difficult to _____ with untidy classroom.

- A. put in
- B. put up
- C. put off
- D. put out

20. Joel is _____ boy

- A. handsome, a tall Kenyan, black
- B. a Kenyan tall black, handsome
- C. a tall Kenyan black handsome
- D. a handsome tall black Kenyan

21. Hardly had I reached home

- A. and I felt tired
- B. but I felt tired
- C. when I felt tired
- D. so as I felt tired

Choose the best alternative to fill in the blank space.

22. I like reading, _____

- A. don't I?
- B. isn't it?
- C. do I?
- D. isn't I?

23. The earth moves round the sun, _____

- A. can it?
- B. can't it?
- C. doesn't it?
- D. does it?

In question 24 and 25, choose the sentence in correct English.

24. A. I prefer milk to porridge.

- B. It is advisable to helping the needy.
- C. The child is suffering of malaria.
- D. Yesterday I go home early.

25. A. We comes to school with the bus.

- B. This is yours letter.
- C. We come to school on a bus.
- D. I wish you success for your examinations.

Read the following passage and answer questions 26 to 38.

The fox has been said to be the most intelligent of all four-footed animals. It is the smallest member of the dog family. Other animals in the dog family include the wolf, the hyena, the coyote and the dingo of Australia. Foxes have short legs and a long and bushy tail. They mainly live in forests. They can be found in places like America, Eurasia and Africa.

There are many types of foxes. The most common is the red fox. It is so called because of a shade of red on its hairs. The grey fox is another kind of fox. It is smaller than the red fox. They have grey hair. They are the only members of the dog family that climb trees. The swift fox runs fast. It is also nocturnal. The arctic fox is found in the Arctic. It has a coat that is white in winter and brown during the warm seasons.

Foxes feed mostly on rabbits, mice, birds' eggs, insects and native fruits. They also feed on animal carcasses. The fox has sharp hearing ability and can see and smell its unsuspecting prey. The fox slowly follows its unsuspecting prey and **pounces** on it. The fox has eyes which become smaller in strong light and bigger in darkness. This enables the animal to hunt at night.

Usually, foxes get their own lair by burrowing just as a rabbit does. However, most frequently, it steals burrows from other animals and occupies them. The cunningness and shyness of the animal is seen by the number of exits to its den. As many as ten bolt-holes from the fox's den have been counted. This feature of the Reynard led to the saying '*as cunning as a fox*'.

26. The difference between a dog and a fox is that
- A. a fox has a longer bushy tail
 - B. a dog has a longer bushy tail
 - C. a dog is faster than a fox
 - D. a fox does not live in a den
27. a fox is able to hunt at night because
- A. it is a four-footed animal
 - B. its eyes are able to contract during the day
 - C. it has short legs
 - D. its eyes are able to expand in darkness
28. the fox is also referred to as
- A. eurasia
 - B. coyote
 - C. dingo
 - D. Reynard
29. According to the passage, the bolt-holes are used as
- A. escape exits
 - B. hiding places
 - C. houses
 - D. hunting routes
30. Which of the following does not describe the fox well?
- A. Are four-footed
 - B. Have a bushy tail
 - C. Have grey hair
 - D. Have sharp smelling senses
31. What is true about foxes according to the passage?
- A. Their eyes become smaller in darkness
 - B. They eat poorly
 - C. They belong to the dog family
 - D. They are the most intelligent animals on earth
32. Which fox turns brown in summer?
- A. African fox
 - B. Nocturnal fox
 - C. Grey fox
 - D. Arctic fox

33. The word **pounces** as used in the passage means

- A. follows
- B. leaps
- C. hunts
- D. climbs

34. The fox can hunt at night because

- A. it can see in the dark
- B. it burrows like a rabbit
- C. it gets hungry
- D. it is in the dog family

35. The following are names of where foxes live except

- A. nocturnal
- B. lair
- C. burrow
- D. den

36. As *cunning as a fox* can also mean

- A. as small as a fox
- B. as swift as a fox
- C. as sly as a fox
- D. as hungry as a fox

37. How many types of foxes have been mentioned in the passage?

- A. One
- B. Two
- C. Four
- D. Eight

38. The best summary of the above passage would be?

- A. The fox
- B. The fox and other stories
- C. The fox and other four-footed animals
- D. How a fox survives in the forest

Read the following passage and then answer question 39-50

People who have friends are happier and healthier than those without. Therefore, it is important to think of how you can keep the friends that you have and how to make new ones. They say that people with close friends have greater ability to fight illness than those who are solitary.

Friendship needs to be cultivated. Find time to be with your friends even if it means putting off something you would like to do. People are more important than things and relating well with other people brings much joy to be with your friends, keep contact through letters or the telephone.

We should be open to our close friends. This means that we should be willing to share our inner feelings with them. Tell them about your fears and worries, your hopes and desires. Why we do this? Because we should be free to be ourselves before our true friends. In other words, we don't fear that we will be misunderstood. Friends should accept us just the way we are and encourage us to overcome our weakness. After all, none of us is perfect.

Similarly, listen to your friends when they have problems but offer advice only when it is wanted. Do not impose your will on others. Encourage them to do what is best for them and be there for them through difficult times.

Different friends for different activities are important. This broadens one's outlook and enriches one's life. Showing sincere interest in what other people are doing draws them to you.

A friend should be assisted when they fall sick without waiting for them to ask for a favour. It is not easy to maintain a friendship but it is worth the effort. If you are friendly, kind and considerate, people will be attracted to you. Talk to strangers and people who seem lonely.

Do not take friendship for granted. Do things that will strengthen it and avoid habits that kill friendship. If you lie and gossip about your friends, they will soon begin treating you like a leper. So, do for your friends what you would like them to do for you. Laugh with them when they are happy, celebrate their success and weep with them when they are sorrowful. Remember, without friends, life would be unbearable.

39. The first paragraph emphasizes on
- A. being happy and healthy through others
 - B. having friends and making new ones
 - C. what has been discovered about friends
 - D. what we can do to fight illnesses
40. It is suggested that people with close friends
- A. rarely fall sick
 - B. are better than those who are solitary
 - C. have realized the value of friendship
 - D. are less likely to get sick than others
41. 'Friendship needs to be cultivated'. This means
- A. friendship is similar to farming
 - B. we need to think carefully about friendship
 - C. we need to work hard in order to keep friends
 - D. friendship brings good things just like plants
42. Which of the following means the same as 'putting off'?
- A. Postponing
 - B. Forgetting
 - C. Avoiding
 - D. Extinguishing
43. Why do you think the writer says that people are more important than things?
- A. Relating well with people needs effort
 - B. Things cannot really help you
 - C. Things cannot meet certain human needs
 - D. You cannot buy relationship
44. A true friend is
- A. one who listens to us no matter what we say
 - B. one who encourages us to overcome our weaknesses
 - C. one who knows he or she is not perfect
 - D. one who knows our fears and weaknesses and still accepts us
45. We should listen to our friends but we must not
- A. make decisions for them
 - B. offer them any advice
 - C. let them suffer alone
 - D. ask them to do bad things
46. 'Be there for them' means
- A. give them some time
 - B. be willing and available to help
 - C. do not be far from your friends
 - D. have a kind heart
47. Why should we have different types of friends?
- A. We can do many different things together
 - B. They help us to learn many things about life
 - C. We can sing or play games together
 - D. They may help us to get wealth
48. Which of the following statement is not true?
- A. One who wants to make friends must be friendly and kind
 - B. People are drawn to those who show interest in them
 - C. Being considerate is important in friendships
 - D. It is quite easy to maintain a friendship

49. To be treated like a leper means to be
- A. hated and isolated
 - B. without any friends
 - C. avoided by others
 - D. considered dangerous
50. The best summary of this passage is
- A. friends should not take each other for granted
 - B. it is good to speak honestly to your friends
 - C. true friendship is wonderful but it requires much effort
 - D. friends need us, especially during hard times