
STD 6 - YEAR 2020
ENGLISH: LANGUAGE

Time: 1hrs 40 min

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY.

1. You have been given this question paper and a separate answer sheet. The question paper contains 50 questions.
2. Make sure that you have written on the answer sheet.

(i) *Your name*

(ii) *Name of your school*

Read the passage below and for each blank space choose the best alternative from the choices given.

Some people are ___1___ because they have lost faith ___2___ themselves. Consequently, they become frustrated ___3___ depressed ___4___ because they are not doing well in anything ___5___ do not make friends ___6___. Worse still, they many not ___7___ well with ___8___ and unjustifiably ___9___ that everybody is ___10___ them. They ___11___ get withdrawn and ___12___ a wall ___13___ themselves and other people. To escape ___14___ realities of life, they ___15___ to such bad habits as smoking, drinking and drug abuse.

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| 1. | A. terror | B.terrible | C.miserable | D.misers |
| 2. | A.on | B.for | C.in | D.with |
| 3. | A.and | B.but | C.also | D.yet |
| 4. | A.since | B.either | C.neither | D.and |
| 5. | A.but | B.neither | C.and | D. or |
| 6. | A.easier | B.easy | C.offenly | D.easily |
| 7. | A.getalong | B.get off | C.get to | D.get in |
| 8. | A.someone | B.anybody | C.anything | D.somebody |
| 9. | A.beleif | B.belief | C.believe | D.beleive |
| 10. | A.against | B.for | C.with | D.after |
| 11. | A.near | B.almost | C.never | D.therefore |
| 12. | A.create | B.build | C.built | D.make |
| 13. | A.among | B.for | C.between | D.from |
| 14. | A.from | B.at | C.to | D.with |
| 15. | A.retort | B.result | C.retake | D.resort |

For question 16 to 18, choose the best question tag.

16. He does not belong here, _____?
A. does he B. doesn't he
C. is it D. isn't it
17. Our guests have arrived, _____?
A. have they B. hadn't they
C. isn't it D. haven't they
18. I am an honest pupil _____
A. amn't I B. are I
C. aren't I D. am I

For questions 19 to 21, choose the word that is pronounced the same as the word underlined.

19. The prince is the heir to the throne.
A. ail B. hair
C. hare D. air
20. Is that the ewe you bought yesterday?
A. you B. youth
C. awe D. owl
21. We are going to bury him tomorrow.
A. barley B. berry
C. hurry D. curry

For questions 22 to 24, choose the best answer to the question given.

22. How are you feeling now?
A. Thank you very much
B. very ably, thank you
C. not at all, thank you
D. Quite well, thank you

23. When are they expected to arrive?
A. any time now
B. soon enough
C. since ten o'clock
D. another time
24. How do you do?
A. Fine, thank you
B. How do you do?
C. Very well, thank you
D. Not badly at all

For questions 25 to 27, complete the similes.

25. That box is as light as a _____
A. flower B. snowflake
C. feather D. cotton
26. Our cake was as sweet as _____
A. sugar B. nectar
C. honey D. jelly
27. The pyramids in Egypt are as old as the _____
A. rocks B. rivers
C. hills D. soils

Complete the statements appropriately

28. Do you have _____ books with you?
A. any B. some
C. alot D. too
29. Prepare us some tea. There is _____ sugar in the dish.
A. a few B. few
C. little D. a little

Choose the correctly spelt word.

30. A. dissappear B. continuous
C. occassion D. enviroment

Read the passage below and answer questions 31 to 40.

Went back to class, gave the chalk to 'Goliath' and told him that his wife had just sent a messenger to ask him to go back home for a minute. Goliath was puzzled and slightly annoyed. He wrote some sums on the blackboard for us to do during his absence and left. As soon as he was out of sight, I whispered the secret to my neighbour who passed it on to his neighbour until most of the class knew it and buzzed with excitement. Some of the girls were not told anything for as we all knew, girls can't keep a secret.

Proud as a cock, I walked to the teacher's desk, put on the hat which was stopped only by my protruding ears and tried to get into the coat. I fumbled and got my hand into a pocket instead of the sleeve. I fished out a packet of 'Nyota' and after a quick squint through the door I extracted a box of matches from another pocket.

"You can't smoke!" Manhu challenged me.

"I can!" I declared lighting a match.

I stuck a cigarette in the corner of my mouth as Goliath used to do and tried to light it. But I could not hold a burst of laughter which put out the match. Another try and I finally managed to light the cigarette by holding the match under it and then blowing on the tip of it. When its tip was glowing well, I put the Nyota into my mouth and managed to keep it alight by blowing through it instead of puffing. That kept the fire going nicely.

I started walking up and down pretending to examine the work of the other children and hitting an occasional girl on the knuckles with my ruler. Just as I was passing near the door, it was suddenly thrust open and the headmaster himself walked in. I was so surprised that I swallowed a whole mouthful of smoke. My teeth tore through the cigarette paper and the tobacco spilt all over my mouth. My lungs were threatening to burst and I started coughing until my eyes were streaming with tears. I must have looked particularly funny as the hat was still seesawing back and forth over my ears at every cough I gave. The headmaster was too surprised at first to say anything. His eyes bulged as if he had seen a donkey wearing trousers. He tried to keep a straight face but soon he was laughing as heartily as anyone else in the classroom. And right in the middle of the commotion, in burst Goliath with murder in his eyes. He collided with the rear portion of the headmaster's anatomy and this gentleman, weak with laughter collapsed on a chair. There were real shrieks of delight this time and half the staff rushed in to find out what was happening. Goliath was particularly keen on getting an explanation for my calling him out of the classroom.

"April Fool!" I just managed to cough, and the whole staff hooted with merriment. It was not long before the story was being told all over the school.

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| <p>31. Why do you think the writer was out of class in the first sentence?</p> <p>A. He was late for school
 B. He had gone to fetch a piece of chalk
 C. He had gone for a message
 D. It was break time</p> <p>32. Why is the name '<i>Goliath</i>' in the quotes?</p> <p>A. He was a big person
 B. It was his actual name
 C. He had been killed by David
 D. It was not his real name.</p> <p>33. According to paragraph one, it is true to say that</p> <p>A. some girls were told the secret
 B. none of the girls was told of the secret
 C. the writer had been sent to call Goliath by his wife
 D. Goliath knew why his wife wanted him home</p> <p>34. What was the second thing that the writer did once '<i>Goliath</i>' left?</p> <p>A. He walked to the teacher's desk
 B. He whispered the secret to his neighbour
 C. He put on the teacher's hat
 D. He was as proud as a peacock</p> <p>35. The teacher's hat</p> <p>A. was too small for the writer
 B. was too big for the ears
 C. was too big for the writer
 D. was the writer's right size</p> | <p>36. How many matches did the writer strike before he lit the cigarette?</p> <p>A. one B. two
 C. three D. four</p> <p>37. Why do you think the writer told the teacher that he was needed home?</p> <p>A. He had not want to learn maths
 B. He wanted to smoke
 C. He was just being mischievous
 D. It was his birthday</p> <p>38. The hat was see sawing back and forth because</p> <p>A. He as coughing
 B. He was smoking
 C. He looked funny
 D. His ears were protruding from his head</p> <p>39. Why did '<i>Goliath</i>' burst in with murder in his eyes?</p> <p>A. he had killed his wife
 B. he was furious with the writer for lying
 C. it was April fools day
 D. the writer had taken his only cigarette</p> <p>40. Which one of the following would be the best title for the passage?</p> <p>A. Smoking in class
 B. How to miss a math's lesson
 C. Goliath's wife sends for him
 D. April fool's day</p> |
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Read the passage below and answer questions 41-50.

Caroline Cheptanui, and her twin sister, Sheila Chepchirchir, both aged 16, might be little known but they are on the right path in the journey of fulfilling their athletics dreams.

The sisters took part in the 21-kilometre (half-marathon) on July 21 to help raise money to assist children living at the One Heart Children home in Turbo, Uasin Gishu County. The Form-one students at One Heart High School located in Turbo, Uasin Gishu County, hope to join the long list of prominent Kenyan athletes, such as the London-marathon Champion Vivian Cheruiyot. They hope to represent the country in various international sporting events. Caroline topped in the tough race clocking about 4 hours while her sister finished second in four hours and three minutes.

"The race was really fun though it was also tiresome. I didn't expect to win this race," the student told Young Nation.

Cheptanui went on, "I have previously participated in a number of races. In March, I ran the 5,000 metres race and even though I finished second, I didn't proceed further due to lack of a birth certificate."

The theme of the fifth edition of the sporting event was 'Run from Poverty' and was organised in collaboration with Athletics Kenya. The two sisters, who are orphans, have found a second home at the One Heart Children's home that also has a learning centre. This home hosts children who have been abandoned and left in the streets, those abused as well as those with special needs.

The Australian High commissioner to Kenya (who has other responsibilities in the East Africa region) Alison Chartres, together with her husband Robert, also took part in the marathon to assist in raising funds to put up a centre for entrepreneurship at the learning institution.

Ms Chartres noted that it was important for every child to be given access to education to transform their lives. From the marathon, a total of 140,000 Australian dollars (Sh 10million) was raised.

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| <p>41. According to paragraph one, it's true to say that</p> <p>A. Caroline and Sheila are teenagers</p> <p>B. Caroline and Sheila are well known athletes</p> <p>C. Caroline and Sheila are neighbours</p> <p>D. Caroline and Sheila are not siblings</p> <p>42. The 21-kilometre race is also called</p> <p>A. half marathon B. full marathon</p> <p>C. marathon D. long race</p> <p>43. Caroline and Sheila's dreams are to do all the following except</p> <p>A. represent Kenya in athletics</p> <p>B. win various medals in athletics</p> <p>C. be like marathon champion, Vivian Cheruiyot</p> <p>D. build a children's home</p> <p>44. The two girls are students at</p> <p>A. One Heart Children's Home school</p> <p>B. One Heart High School</p> <p>C. Uasin Gishu County School</p> <p>D. Turbo, ne Heart Home</p> <p>45. Why couldn't Cheptanui proceed further in the 5000m race in march?</p> <p>A. She did not win</p> <p>B. She finished second</p> <p>C. She did not have a birth certificate</p> <p>D. She was too young</p> | <p>46. At one Heart Children's Home, you will find all the following except</p> <p>A.orphans</p> <p>B. special needs children</p> <p>C. bullies</p> <p>D. abandoned children</p> <p>47. The event Caroline and Sheila took part in was being held</p> <p>A. for the fifth time</p> <p>B. for the fourth time</p> <p>C. for the last time</p> <p>D. for the second time</p> <p>48. Who is an orphan?</p> <p>A. a child whose parents are dead</p> <p>B. a child who has been abandoned</p> <p>C. a child with special needs</p> <p>D. a child who has been abused</p> <p>49. How much money was raised in the event?</p> <p>A. 140,000 Kenyan shillings</p> <p>B. 140,000 US dollars</p> <p>C. 10,000,000shillings</p> <p>D. 140 million Australian dollars</p> <p>50. Which one would be the best title for the passage</p> <p>A. how to run a marathon</p> <p>B. London Marathon Champion</p> <p>C. Running for a cause</p> <p>D. One heart High School</p> |
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