
STD. 6 - END OF TERM 1 - YEAR 2020

ENGLISH : LANGUAGE

Time: 1hrs 40 min

Read the passage below and fill in the blanks numbered 1 - 15, with the correct answer from the choices given.

Well fed children ___ 1 ___ and develop well. Good feeding starts with proper breastfeeding ___ 2 ___ birth. A mother must plan ___ 3 ___ diet so that she gets enough ___ 4 ___ to satisfy her and spare some for the production of milk. There are accepted foods for mothers ___ 5 ___ have given birth; such as beans, cowpeas ___ 6 ___ green grams and other legumes. All these contribute to the production of enough milk ___ 7 ___ the baby.

Have you ___ 8 ___ ___ 9 ___ some honey ___ 10 ___ Honey ___ 11 ___ made by bees in ___ 12 ___. In our country, people ___ 13 ___ collected honey for a ___ 14 ___ time. Honey is ___ 15 ___ by bees from nectar they collect from plants. It is believed that natural honey is one of the most nutritious food in the world.

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| 1. | A. grows | B. grow | C. grew | D. growing |
| 2. | A. in | B. to | C. for | D. from |
| 3. | A. him | B. his | C. her | D. she |
| 4. | A. nutrients | B. nutrints | C. nutrientes | D. nuetrients |
| 5. | A. whom | B. who | C. whose | D. which |
| 6. | A. ? | B. , | C. . | D. ! |
| 7. | A. in | B. to | C. from | D. for |
| 8. | A. every | B. never | C. ever | D. offer |
| 9. | A. eaten | B. ate | C. eating | D. eat |
| 10. | A. : | B. . | C. , | D. ? |
| 11. | A. were | B. is | C. was | D. had been |
| 12. | A. bee hive | B. bee hives | C. honey combs | D. bee swarm |
| 13. | A. had | B. had been | C. have | D. have been |
| 14. | A. short | B. long | C. much | D. many |
| 15. | A. makes | B. making | C. made | D. make |

Choose the correct question tag.

16. The girl fell, sick, _____
A. isn't she? B. did she?
C. didn't she? D. is her?

Choose one word to replace the underlined words.

17. Mr. Wanjala is a person who operates on sick people.
A. a doctor B. a nurse
C. an operator D. a surgeon
18. They enjoy eating the meat of a sheep for lunch.
A. pork B. beef
C. fillet D. mutton

Choose the best alternative to fill in the blanks.

19. My grandmother prefers tea _____ porridge.
A. to B. than
C. for D. and
20. Chelimo's daughter has been lost _____ Saturday.
A. from B. on
C. in D. since

Choose the sentence that is correctly punctuated.

21. A. "why are you crying? She asked"
B. why are you crying? "she asked"
C. "why are you crying," she asked.
D. "Why are you crying?" She asked.

Choose the word that does not fit in the group of words given.

22. A. Water B. Tea
C. Sugar D. Paraffin
23. A. Crawl B. Jump
C. Walk D. Run

Choose the best alternative that means the same as the underlined.

24. He has taken a book
A. A book is taken by him
B. A book has been taken by him
C. A book was taken by him
D. A book is being taken by him
25. He eats potatoes
A. Potatoes is eaten by him
B. Potatoes was eaten by him
C. Potatoes are eaten by him
D. Potatoes is being eaten by him

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 38.

Once there was a farmer called Katana, who lived with his wife Wasiku in a small village far away in the hills. Katana grew food crops for his family and calabashes which he sold to his neighbours. He was not rich but he made enough for his daily needs. Both Katana and his wife worked hard in their farm.

One year however, there was very little rain in the area. The crops failed and the calabashes of Katana's farm were too small to sell. Katana went to the farm and as he was going round he saw a strange calabash. He went down to look at this unusual shape. It looked like the head of a man. There were two black marks for the eyes, a small hump where the nose should be and under the nose a crack which looked just like a mouth. Katana stared at the strange calabash for a few minutes. It smiled at him. He spoke calmly to it.

"Welcome fine calabash, I am going to hide you so that no one will steal you from me" Then he gathered some grass and sticks and covered the calabash with them. Each morning after that, Katana went to see how the calabash was doing and each day it grew bigger and bigger.

Everyone in the village heard about the strange calabash. Some planned how to steal it. They believed it was a magic calabash that would bring luck to their village. Katana made sacrifices to the gods, so as to protect his calabash from thieves. He blamed his wife, for revealing the secret about the strange calabash to the villagers.

26. From the story, Katana was
 A. a rich man
 B. a very poor man
 C. poor but made enough for his needs
 D. a cash crop farmer
27. What was strange about the calabash that he saw?
 A. It looked like a head of a man
 B. It was yellow and big
 C. It was small
 D. It talked to him
28. How did Katana hide the calabash so as not to be stolen?
 A. He put it in the store.
 B. He covered it with grass and sticks
 C. He covered it with his clothes
 D. He visited it every morning
29. Which one of the four sentences below is true about the story?
 A. Katana was unusual man.
 B. Katana's wife was very active
 C. Katana grew calabashes to sell to his friends
 D. The calabash could smile
30. Which one of the following is **not** told in the story?
 A. Katana's wife was beautiful
 B. There was little rain a certain year
 C. Katana went to see the strange calabash
 D. The strange calabash was healthier than others
31. Katana's village was
 A. big and situated in the forest
 B. small and situated in the forest
 C. small and situated in the hills
 D. big and situated in the hills
32. The crops failed in Katana's area because
 A. there was a lot of rain
 B. people did not plant
 C. the rains failed
 D. there were no plants
33. The calabash was hidden so that no one would
 A. break it B. steal it
 C. eat it D. carry it away
34. Katana wondered how he was going to look after his family
 A. because he was blind
 B. because there was too much rain
 C. because he had not planted crops
 D. because the crops had failed
35. "*Welcome fine calabash,*" who said these words?
 A. The calabash B. The writer
 C. Katana D. Katana's wife
36. Who was Katana according to the passage?
 A. A farmer.
 B. A doctor.
 C. A veterinary officer.
 D. A grocer.
37. How often did Katana check on the calabash?
 A. Each morning B. Each evening
 C. Every day D. Thrice in a day
38. What is the **best** title for the story?
 A. Katana and his wife
 B. The strange calabash
 C. The village in the hills
 D. The big rain

Read the following passage carefully and then answer questions 39 - 50.

Hippos live along the shores of the lakes. Hundreds more live in pools. Hippos like clean and fresh water.

Although hippos travel in search of grass, there is a limit to the distance they can go, for they must get back to the water when the night's grazing is finished. They cannot graze in the forests where there is hardly any grass; so, all those hippos have to find their food in less than half the park. This means that each hippo has rather less than fifteen acres of grazing. But fifteen acres of this particular type of grassland would be **insufficient** even for domestic cattle and a hippopotamus weighs at least four times as much as an ox and feeds accordingly.

There are not only hippos on this land. Buffaloes, elephants, zebras and antelopes also compete for the same food. Near the lake shores and around the hippo pools the ground is becoming bare through over-grazing. Eventually this can only mean starvation, not only for the hippos but for other animals as well. There are also signs that the hippos themselves are in poor condition.

Human activities like clearing land for cultivation and settlement have destroyed most of hippos natural habitat. Wastes from industries are all directed to the rivers. This pollutes rivers, lakes and other ponds where hippos' live, of late we have seen dead hippos in rivers and lakes. This is due to polluted water from our industries we should all join hands in conserving the natural habitats of these beautiful animals.

39. According to the passage where do most hippos live?
 A. Along the shores of the lakes
 B. Along the shores of the coastline
 C. In parks on dry land
 D. In pools
40. Why is the distance that hippos can go from the pools or shores of lakes where they live limited?
 A. Because they do not graze during the day.
 B. Because they are too heavy to walk long distances.
 C. Because they cannot graze at night.
 D. Because they cannot stay off water.
41. *Hippos cannot graze in the forests where there is hardly any grass...* This means
 A. there are wild animals in the forest
 B. no grass grows in the forest
 C. there is no water in the forest
 D. there is very little grass in the forest
42. From the second paragraph we know that
 A. all grass is eaten by domestic animals
 B. fifteen acres of grazing land is not enough for a hippopotamus
 C. a hippopotamus eats almost as much as an ox.
 D. fifteen acres are enough for a hippopotamus
43. The word 'insufficient' is underlined in the passage. Which other word can be used in its place?
 A. Many B. Enough
 C. A lot D. Not enough
44. According to the passage, the weight of a hippopotamus is equal to
 A. a quarter weight of an ox
 B. weight of four oxen
 C. three times the weight of an ox
 D. the weight of a domestic cow.
45. We are told that there is competition for food Why do you think these animals compete?
 A. Elephants are bigger than the others
 B. They all eat the same type of food
 C. Buffaloes are more wild
 D. Antelopes are very fast
46.Hippos have to find their food less than half. This means
 A. there are too many animals in the park
 B. most of the area in the park is covered by forest
 C. they cannot penetrate the forest
 D. hippos have many enemies in the forest
47. The ground is becoming bare near the lake shores and hippo pools because
 A. the grass has been eaten away
 B. this is the sign of starvation
 C. there are only hippos on the land
 D. elephants, buffaloes and antelopes travel to water pools
48. If overgrazing continues
 A. hippos will die
 B. hippos will starve
 C. other animals will suffer from starvation
 D. both hippos and other animals will starve
49. Why do you think hippos are in poor condition?
 A. They are not getting enough water
 B. They are feeling the effects of starvation through overgrazing
 C. Because of entering the forests
 D. They are bigger than other animals
50. What is the best title for this passage?
 A. Elephants.
 B. Grass eaters.
 C. Hippos.
 D. Competition for food.