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## STD. 5 - END OF TERM 1 - YEAR 2020

### ENGLISH: LANGUAGE

Time: 1hrs 40 min

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*Read the following passage. It has blank spaces numbered 1 to 15. Complete the passage by filling the blanks correctly.*

\_\_\_1\_\_\_ ostrich is a very \_\_\_2\_\_\_ bird. It is \_\_\_3\_\_\_ largest bird \_\_\_4\_\_\_ the world. It can \_\_\_5\_\_\_ to a height of 2.7 metres. Although it \_\_\_6\_\_\_ wings, it \_\_\_7\_\_\_ not fly. It uses \_\_\_8\_\_\_ wings to balance itself as it \_\_\_9\_\_\_. Its eggs weigh about 2 kilograms each. This is about \_\_\_10\_\_\_ times the weight of a \_\_\_11\_\_\_ egg.

When an ostrich \_\_\_12\_\_\_ danger, it lies down and \_\_\_13\_\_\_ its neck flat on the ground. From this position, it is \_\_\_14\_\_\_ to look around without being seen. When really frightened, it gets up and runs very fast. It can run faster than the \_\_\_15\_\_\_ horse.

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| 1. A. A           | B. The         | C. Because    | D. It            |
| 2. A. interesting | B. interest    | C. interested | D. interester    |
| 3. A. for         | B. in          | C. at         | D. the           |
| 4. A. no          | B. in          | C. at         | D. for           |
| 5. A. grew        | B. grow        | C. grewed     | D. grown         |
| 6. A. is          | B. have        | C. has        | D. have          |
| 7. A. doing       | B. did         | C. does       | D. do            |
| 8. A. it's        | B. its         | C. it         | D. its'          |
| 9. A. ran         | B. runned      | C. ranned     | D. runs          |
| 10. A. forty fife | B. fourty five | C. forty five | D. foty five     |
| 11. A. hen's      | B. hens'       | C. hen        | D. henned        |
| 12. A. saw        | B. sees        | C. sawing     | D. sawed         |
| 13. A. strech     | B. stretch     | C. streches   | D. stretches     |
| 14. A. apple      | B. able        | C. ability    | D. enable        |
| 15. A. fast       | B. faster      | C. fastest    | D. most forstest |

**Use the correct word to complete the sentences below.**

16. The chimney is covered with \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. shoot            B. soot  
C. shut             D. suit
17. If you want to take a holiday, you have to \_\_\_\_\_ some money.
- A. shave            B. save  
C. share            D. eat
18. The mother of her husband is her \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. father-in-law      B. daughter -in-law  
C. mother - in - law   D. son-in-law

**Choose the correct preposition for the blanks.**

19. My friend is always absent \_\_\_\_\_ school.
- A. in                B. at  
C. for              D. from
20. The ball went \_\_\_\_\_ the window into the room.
- A. in                B. through  
C. at                D. on
21. Mulinge is good \_\_\_\_\_ Mathematics.
- A. for                B. at  
C. in                D. on
22. Peter prefers sausages \_\_\_\_\_ rice.
- A. to                B. than  
C. more            D. for

**Choose the plural of the underlined words.**

23. Many people visit our city everyday.

- A. city              B. citys  
C. cityses         D. cities

24. The hungry traveller ate a berry.
- A. berrys            B. berries  
C. beries            D. berryses
25. One injured motorist had a scratch on the face.
- A. scratches        B. scratch  
C. scratched        D. scrutches

**Choose the correct word for the blanks in questions 26 and 27.**

26. Our journey took a \_\_\_\_\_ day.
- A. hawl              B. hole  
C. hall              D. whole
27. The mechanic had to \_\_\_\_\_ under the car to repair it.
- A. crawl             B. crowul  
C. crow              D. kraul

**Choose the opposite of the underlined words.**

28. The customer thought that the cooker was dangerous.
- A. risky             B. danger  
C. unsafe            D. safe
29. The wholesaler sold cheap radios.
- A. expensive        B. new  
C. modern            D. hard
30. One of the students was still awake.
- A. sober'            B. asleep  
C. drunk             D. sleeping

**Read the following passage and then answer questions 31 to 40.**

There was once a king who had only one child, a daughter called Zawadi. She was more beautiful than all the girls in the land. She was so beautiful that her beauty was known even in the neighbouring countries. The king was always pleased wherever people told him how beautiful his daughter was. He knew very well that Zawadi's beauty had come from her mother.

Although Zawadi was very beautiful, she was disliked by people. She was proud and always said that the poor were not good enough for the king's daughter. All her friends, therefore were children of chiefs and the rich. When young men started visiting her asking to marry her, she refused and would laugh at them. Her father became very worried because he knew that one day, Zawadi would leave him and go and start her family. He longed for the day when he could see his grandchild. He tried to advise his daughter to stop being proud, but the princess could hear none of his advice.

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| <p>31. How many children had the king?<br/>A. Three.<br/>B. One.<br/>C. Two.<br/>D. Four.</p> <p>32. The word "<u>pleased</u>" as used in the passage can also be used to mean _____<br/>A. happy<br/>B. sick<br/>C. beautiful<br/>D. wise</p> <p>33. Give the opposite of the word 'disliked' which has been underlined in the passage<br/>A. hate<br/>B. poor<br/>C. rich<br/>D. liked</p> <p>34. Zawadi's friends were _____<br/>A. children of chiefs and the rich<br/>B. farmer's children<br/>C. school children<br/>D. teachers children</p> <p>35. It is true to say that Zawadi got her beauty from _____<br/>A. the king<br/>B. her mother<br/>C. her aunt<br/>D. her grandmother</p> <p>36. Which of the following words can be used to describe Zawadi?<br/>A. Kind.</p> | <p>B. Happy.<br/>C. Proud.<br/>D. Unselfish.</p> <p>37. Zawadi's beauty was _____<br/>A. known by herself<br/>B. not known by many people<br/>C. known even in the neighbouring countries<br/>D. known only by the young men</p> <p>38. Write a simile which can describe Zawadi<br/>A. As proud as a peacock<br/>B. As greedy as a hyena<br/>C. As beautiful as Zawadi<br/>D. As fast as a hare</p> <p>39. What did Zawadi do when young men asked to marry her?<br/>A. Beat them with stones.<br/>B. Sing loudly<br/>C. Clapped her hands<br/>D. Refused and laughed at them</p> <p>40. The most suitable title for this passage would be<br/>A. Zawadi, the king's daughter.<br/>B. Zawadi the king's wife.<br/>C. The king's son.<br/>D. The king's children.</p> <p><b><u>Read the passage below and then answer questions 41 to 50.</u></b></p> <p>The captain blew the whistle. "Ladies and gentlemen, I would like to request those of you who are travelling to Nairobi to board the train. The train will leave in ten minutes," he said.</p> |
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We all boarded and took our seats. Our bags were safely placed in the luggage racks above the seats and the journey began.

For the first time I was afraid of travelling in the long machine. The engine was pulling along twenty-two carriages. As I sat on the train, I wondered who else was travelling with us, and how many people were in the train.

The train's engine was very noisy. After a short while the train picked up speed and it looked as if we were overtaking buses, trailers and even small cars. It moved fast because of its strong engine.

As the train moved away from Kisumu, I could see the Kano plains. I also saw the rice plantations in Ahero. Before long the train reached Nakuru. It stopped for about thirty minutes and then continued with the journey.

We did not fall asleep throughout the journey because we wanted to see the beautiful places we were passing through. We did not even realize that we had reached Nairobi until one of the boys shouted, "we are in the big city!"

At the railway station, the conductor bade us goodbye as we alighted from the train. The journey by train was very enjoyable.

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| <p>41. When the captain blew the whistle, how much time was left for the train to leave?<br/>A. Ten minutes.<br/>B. 30 minutes<br/>C. 60 minutes<br/>D. <math>\frac{1}{4}</math> an hour</p> <p>42. According to the passage, the luggage racks were<br/>A. below the seats<br/>B. under the seats<br/>C. beside the seats<br/>D. above the seats</p> <p>43. The train was moving fast because<br/>A. it was long and moving<br/>B. it had a strong engine<br/>C. it looked as if it was overthrown<br/>D. it took less than five hours to get to Nairobi</p> <p>44. The captain blew the whistle because _____<br/>A. some people were standing on the door.<br/>B. he wanted the passengers to board<br/>C. he was the referee<br/>D. the train would speed</p> <p>45. What is the meaning of the phrase, "<i>The train picked up the speed?</i>"<br/>A. It started to move very fast<br/>B. It started to move very slowly<br/>C. It became very noisy<br/>D. It started becoming enjoyable</p> | <p>46. The rice plantations were in<br/>A. Nakuru<br/>B. Nairobi<br/>C. Ahero<br/>D. Kisumu</p> <p>47. Why didn't the writer and his friends fall asleep?<br/>A. The journey was not long<br/>B. The journey was very boring<br/>C. They did not realize they had reached Nairobi<br/>D. They wanted to see the beautiful places</p> <p>48. Why do you think the train had a strong engine?<br/>A. It produced a lot of noise<br/>B. It moves very fast<br/>C. It was able to overtake buses, trailers and small cars.<br/>D. It was pulling twenty-one carriages</p> <p>49. People board or alight the train in _____.<br/>A. bus station<br/>B. big towns<br/>C. railway station<br/>D. Kisumu</p> <p>50. The best title for this passage is _____<br/>A. A Journey By a Train<br/>B. A Journey to Nairobi<br/>C. The Kano Plains<br/>D. A Noisy Train</p> |
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