

KENYA JUNIOR SCHOOL EDUCATION ASSESSMENT



001

GRADE 9 - YEAR 2025

ENGLISH: LANGUAGE

TIME: 1HR. 20MIN

Name _____ Assessment No. _____

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Instructions: Answer all questions in the spaces provided.

READING COMPREHENSION

1. Read the passage below and then answer the questions that follow.

Hassan's teacher, Mr. Barasa, gave his class a different kind of homework assignment. The assignment was to watch the news at nine every night for five days. Mr. Barasa told the students the exact things to listen to especially the weather report. He provided them with a worksheet to fill out while they watched.

Mr. Barasa explained to them how to study the map behind the weather reporter. He told them that the large blue line indicates a high pressure region and that it usually brings dry weather. A red line indicates a low pressure region and that it usually brings wet weather.

On the worksheet, changes of the temperature for the day were to be filled together with other elements of weather such as cloudiness, wind and humidity.

Hassan watched and filled in the worksheet every day at nine. He noticed that the following day was usually a lot like the report said it would. He really enjoyed this kind of homework assignment.

(a). What made Mr. Barasa's homework assignment different from the others? (2mks)

(b). What news were the students required to watch? (2mks)

(c). What indicates possibility of rain according to weather report? (2mks)

(d). Why were the students provided with the worksheet? (2mks)

(e). Which one of the following elements of weather is not mentioned in the story?

A. Precipitation

B. Temperature

C. Wind

D. Humidity

Grade 9 English

2. Read the following passage and then answer the questions that follow.

Camels are usually called 'ships of the desert'. Their bodies are adapted to travel and survive in the desert. They can carry heavy loads over long distance in bad weather and with little or no water.

A camel can walk easily on sand. Thanks to its wide, soft, padded feet that keep it from sinking into the sand or slipping on rocks. Camels have long and thick eyelashes. They help to block flying sand from getting into the camels eyes. A camel is able to close its nostrils in times of sand storm.

The camels hair keeps its body cool. It is covered in an almost white thick hair that keeps the sun from reaching its skin.

However, the most unique feature of a camel is its hump. It is made of fat and muscle. It is believed to store water for the animal. For your information, Asian camels have two humps, while Arabian camels have only one.

(a). How are camels able to easily walk on sand? (2mks)

(b). Which one of the following is not an adaptation of a camel? (2mks)

A. Wide, soft, padded feet

B. White, thick hair

C. Long and thick eyelashes

D. Unique, long neck

(c). What is the myth behind the camel hump? (2mks)

(d). What is the meaning of the word 'unique' as used in the story? (2mks)

GRAMMAR

3. Fill in the blank spaces with the correct form of the word given in brackets

(a). Don't worry. The disease you are suffering from is _____ (cure)

(b). Your _____ of things can lead you to fear. (imagine)

(c). Make sure you do all your _____ (correct)

4. Fill in the blank spaces with the correct form of the word given in brackets.

(a). The books were _____ by the class representative (take)

(b). He was _____ in the shade of a huge tree. (lie)

A. lay

B. laid

C. lying

D. lain

(c). Maore was _____ a reward by the headteacher (give)

5. Fill in the blank spaces with the correct preposition

- (a). I sat _____ Ebuka and Obina during the whole session.
(b). They visited us _____ Saturday last week.
(c). The mice escaped _____ a tiny hole on the wall.
(d). He expertly swam _____ the wide river.
A. into B. across C. through D. over

6. Fill in the blank spaces using either 'few' 'a few' 'little' or 'a little'

- (a). _____ salt will make the stew sweeter
(b). Only _____ children were playing after storm
(c). The teacher needed _____ boys to fix the fence.

7. Fill in the blank spaces with the correct alternatives given in brackets

- (a). _____ netball, Moraa plays football very well. (Except, Besides)
(b). You can buy either an orange _____ an apple. (and, or)
(c). _____ my brother is short, he is the best in high jump.
A. Although B. Because C. Incase D. Besides

ORAL LITERATURE AND POETRY

8. Read the story below and then answer the questions that follow

Far away in a certain forest, there lived a boastful tortoise who loved talking too much. He even annoyed others. One day, two birds decided to teach the tortoise a lesson he will never forget. They challenged him to a flying race.

The tortoise accepted and a day was set. That particular day, the tortoise asked the birds to tie a stick to their feet. The birds did so without complaining. The tortoise plan was to bite the stick and tell the birds to fly.

They were high up in the sky when the tortoise was unable to control his nature. He talked!

Down he dropped to the ground and his beautiful shell suffered many cracks.

- (a). Why was the tortoise not liked by the others? (2mks)

- (b). What type of a friend is the tortoise? (1mk)

- (c). Why do you think the tortoise talked yet he was holding a stick with his mouth? (1mk)

- (d). Which English proverb can best be used to describe the tortoise? (2mks)

9. Read the poem below and then answer the questions that follow.

Lives are crying because it's not clean
Earth is dying because it's not green
Earth is our dear mother, don't pollute it
She gives us food and shelter, just salute it

With Global warming, it's in danger
Let's save it by becoming a stranger ranger
With dying trees and animals, it's in sorrow
Make green today and green tomorrow

With melting snow, one day it will sink
How can we save it, just think
Trees are precious, preserve them
Water is a treasure reserve it
Grow more trees, make mother, earth green
Reduce pollution and make her a queen

- (a). What message is in the poem you have read? (1mk)

- (b). How many stanzas does the poem have? (1mk)

- (c). What does the writer advise about trees? (2mks)

- (d). Rhyming words have been used in the poem. Give any two pairs of rhyming words (2mks)

CLASS READERS

10. Read the following extract and then answer the questions that follow.

Chao and I did not speak after our little tiff. As I walked to class I decided for the first time in my life, I would be the bigger person. I would take the high road.

An experience in the past couple of days made me realise that I actually liked her. I did not like that she spoke her mind but in a strange way, I admired her for it.

- (a). Who are the main characters in this extract? (1mk)

- (b). What was the relationship between Chao and the writer? (1mk)

- (c). The extract shows that Chao and the writer had earlier (1mk)

- (d). What does the writer seem not to like? (1mk)



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COMPOSITION

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The following is a beginning of a composition. Complete it making it as interesting as possible.

We were far away from home and it was getting darker and darker.....

A series of horizontal lines provided for writing the composition.