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KENYA JUNIOR SCHOOL EDUCATION ASSESSMENT

901/1: ENGLISH (*Reading Comprehension, Oral Skills and Grammar*)

Paper 1

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Time: 1 hour 40 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. You have been given this question paper and a separate answer sheet. The question paper consists of 50 multiple choice questions.
2. Answer **ALL** questions on the **ANSWER SHEET** provided, **NOT** on the question paper.
3. Do all the necessary rough work on the question paper.

HOW TO USE THE ANSWER SHEET

4. Use an ordinary HB pencil.
5. Confirm that the answer sheet you have been provided with has the following:

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6. Keep the answer sheet clean and dry. **DO NOT** fold it.
7. For each of the questions 1 – 50, four options are given. The options are lettered A, B, C and D. In each case, only **ONE** of the four options is correct. Choose the correct option.
8. 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 paper:

40. Which one of the following means the opposite of the word “better”?

A. weak B. wrong C. worse D. wasted

The correct answer is ‘C’. On the answer sheet, in the set of boxes given for number 40, draw a **DARK LINE** inside the box with the letter C printed in it as marked below.

40 A B C D

9. Your dark line **MUST** be within the box. **DO NOT** make any marks outside the boxes.
10. For each question, **ONLY ONE** box is to be marked.

This paper consists of 6 printed pages. Candidates should check the question paper to ascertain that all the pages are printed as indicated and that no questions are missing.

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Turn over

Read the passage below and then answer questions 1 to 6.

The sun is a giant star at the center of our solar system. It is a huge ball of hot, glowing gases. The sun gives us light and heat, which are essential for life on Earth. Without the sun, Earth would be a cold, dark place. The sun's energy also helps plants grow, which in turn provide food for animals and humans. The sun is much larger than the Earth. In fact, you could fit over a million Earths inside the sun! Even though it looks small to us, it is actually very far away – about 150 million kilometers. This distance is just right to keep Earth warm enough for us to live comfortably. The sun has been shining for billions of years and will continue to do so for many more. It is a powerful and important part of our universe.

1. According to the passage, the sun is
 - A. a small planet.
 - B. a hot, glowing star.
 - C. a cold, dark object.
 - D. a source of water.
2. What are the two things that the sun provides for life on Earth?
 - A. Air and water
 - B. Food and shelter
 - C. Light and heat
 - D. Plants and animals
3. Which of the following is true about the size of the sun compared to Earth?
 - A. The sun is smaller than Earth.
 - B. The sun is the same size as Earth.
 - C. The sun is much larger than Earth.
 - D. The passage does not mention their sizes.
4. The phrase "*essential for life*" in the passage means
 - A. not important for living things.
 - B. very important for living things.
 - C. sometimes needed by living things.
 - D. harmful to some living things.
5. The distance between the Earth and the sun is approximately
 - A. a few kilometers.
 - B. a million kilometers.
 - C. 150 million kilometers.
 - D. billions of kilometers.
6. Which of the following would be the best title for this passage?
 - A. The Planets in Our Solar System
 - B. The Importance of Water on Earth
 - C. The Amazing Sun
 - D. How Plants Grow

Read the passage below and then answer questions 7 to 11.

Once upon a time, in a small village nestled beside a large forest, lived a young boy named Kofi. Kofi was known for his kindness and his love for animals. One sunny morning, as Kofi walked through the forest, he heard a small whimpering sound. He followed the sound and found a little bird with a broken wing. Kofi gently picked up the bird and took it home. He carefully cleaned its wing and made it a cozy nest in a basket. Every day, Kofi fed the bird with tiny crumbs and fresh water. He talked to it softly and kept it safe. Slowly, the bird's wing began to heal. One day, the bird fluttered its wings strongly and flew out of the basket. It circled Kofi's head a few times, chirped happily, and then soared into the sky. Kofi smiled, happy that he had helped the little creature.

7. What was Kofi known for in his village?
 - A. His strength and speed
 - B. His kindness and love for animals
 - C. His singing and dancing skills
 - D. His cleverness and tricks
8. Where did Kofi find the injured bird?
 - A. In his house
 - B. Beside a river
 - C. In the forest
 - D. In the village square
9. What did Kofi do for the injured bird?
 - A. He ignored it and walked away.
 - B. He chased it further into the forest.
 - C. He took it home and cared for it.
 - D. He showed it to other villagers.

10. The word "gently" as used in the passage means
- A. in a rough way.
 - B. in a hurried manner.
 - C. with great care.
 - D. with loud noises.

11. What lesson can we learn from this story?
- A. Birds cannot heal their broken wings.
 - B. It is important to be kind and helpful to animals.
 - C. Forests are dangerous places for children.
 - D. Small villages are better than big cities.

Read the following dialogue between a teacher and a learner, and then answer questions 12 to 16.

Teacher: Good morning, Amina. How are you feeling today?

Amina: Good morning, Madam. I am not feeling very well. I have a terrible headache.

Teacher: Oh, I'm sorry to hear that. Have you taken any medicine?

Amina: Not yet, Madam.

Teacher: I think you should go home and rest. I will give you a note for your parents.

Amina: Thank you, Madam. But I will miss the science lesson.

Teacher: Don't worry about that. You can catch up when you are feeling better. Your health is more important.

Amina: Okay, Madam. Thank you for understanding.

Teacher: You're welcome, Amina. Take care.

12. Why is Amina not feeling well?
- A. She is tired from playing.
 - B. She has a terrible headache.
 - C. She is angry with the teacher.
 - D. She missed her breakfast.
13. What does the teacher advise Amina to do?
- A. To stay in class and study harder.
 - B. To go home and rest.
 - C. To take a science test.
 - D. To go and play with her friends.
14. What will the teacher give Amina?
- A. A book to read.
 - B. A note for her parents.
 - C. Some medicine for her headache.
 - D. Homework to do at home.

15. The phrase "catch up" as used by the teacher means
- A. to run faster than others.
 - B. to reach the same level as others.
 - C. to teach others what they missed.
 - D. to forget about something.
16. What does Amina thank the teacher for?
- A. For the interesting science lesson.
 - B. For the delicious food.
 - C. For understanding her situation.
 - D. For the beautiful flowers.

Read the passage below and then answer questions 17 to 20.

Kamau likes to read storybooks and draw pictures. Sarah enjoys playing netball and singing in the school choir. Peter's favorite activities are playing chess and solving puzzles. Maria loves to help in the school garden and also participates in drama club.

17. Which activity is enjoyed by Sarah?
- A. Reading storybooks
 - B. Playing chess
 - C. Playing netball
 - D. Helping in the school garden
18. What are Peter's favorite activities?
- A. Reading and drawing
 - B. Netball and singing

- C. Chess and solving puzzles
 - D. Gardening and drama
19. Who likes to help in the school garden?
- A. Kamau
 - B. Sarah
 - C. Peter
 - D. Maria

20. Which of the following activities is NOT mentioned in the passage?
- A. Singing
 - B. Dancing
 - C. Reading
 - D. Drawing

Complete the following telephone conversation between two classmates, Juma and Wanjiku. Choose the best response for the blanks numbered 21 to 23.

Juma: Hello, Wanjiku. It's Juma here.

Wanjiku: Hello, Juma. How are things?

Juma: 21.

Wanjiku: I'm doing well, thank you. Did you finish the homework for mathematics?

Juma: Yes, I did. 22.

Wanjiku: Oh, that's a good idea. I was having trouble with question number three.

Juma: 23.

Wanjiku: Great! Thanks a lot, Juma.

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| 21. A. I am fine, and you? | B. I am going home now. |
| C. I have lost my pen. | D. I don't understand this question. |
| 22. A. I think the teacher is absent today. | B. I was wondering if you understood question number five. |
| C. Let's play football after school. | D. I have a new storybook to read. |
| 23. A. Maybe you should ask your brother for help. | B. I can explain it to you later if you like. |
| C. The answer is twenty-five. | D. I don't remember how to do it either. |

For questions 24 and 25, select the best response in the given situations.

24. Your friend shows you a drawing they have just finished and asks for your opinion. You think it is very good. What should you say?
- A. This is not bad.
 - B. It's okay, I guess.
 - C. Wow, this is fantastic!
 - D. You could have done better.

25. You accidentally bump into someone in the hallway, causing them to drop their books. What should you say immediately?
- A. What's wrong with you?
 - B. That's your problem.
 - C. Excuse me, I'm so sorry.
 - D. Just pick them up.

Read the passage below. It contains blank spaces numbered 26 to 35. For each blank space, choose the best alternative.

Many people enjoy listening to music. Music can make us feel happy, sad, or26. It can also help us to relax or feel27. Different types of music appeal.....28 different people. Some prefer fast, energetic music,29 others enjoy slow, calming melodies. Music is often played at celebrations and30. It can bring people31 and create a sense of togetherness. Learning to play a musical instrument can be a rewarding32. It requires practice and.....33, but it can also be a lot of fun. Playing music can also help to improve concentration and34 skills. Whether you are listening to it or playing it, music can be a big35 in many people's lives.

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| 26. A. angry | B. excited | C. sleepy | D. confused |
| 27. A. bored | B. tired | C. energetic | D. worried |
| 28. A. for | B. to | C. with | D. at |
| 29. A. while | B. because | C. so | D. if |
| 30. A. meetings | B. parties | C. schools | D. shops |
| 31. A. apart | B. together | C. outside | D. inside |
| 32. A. job | B. hobby | C. sport | D. game |
| 33. A. laziness | B. carelessness | C. patience | D. rudeness |
| 34. A. reading | B. writing | C. speaking | D. listening |
| 35. A. problem | B. influence | C. secret | D. mistake |

For questions 36 to 45, select the alternative that best completes the sentence.

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| <p>36. The farmer keeps a _____ of cows in his field.
A. school B. herd
C. flock D. swarm</p> <p>37. We saw a _____ of bees flying around the flowers.
A. pack B. pride
C. swarm D. team</p> <p>38. _____ left the door open, as it is cold inside.
A. Anybody B. Nobody
C. Somebody D. Everybody</p> <p>39. Did _____ see my lost pen on the desk?
A. nobody B. somebody
C. anybody D. everybody</p> <p>40. My mother is very good _____ cooking delicious meals.
A. on B. in C. at D. by</p> <p>41. She enjoys playing the piano, _____?
A. doesn't she B. does she
C. didn't she D. did she</p> <p>42. They have visited that museum before, _____?
A. haven't they B. have they
C. hadn't they D. had they</p> <p>43. _____ it rains, we will still go for the picnic.
A. If B. Unless
C. Although D. Because</p> <p>44. Either the cat or the dogs _____ broken the vase.
A. has B. have C. is D. are</p> <p>45. This beautiful dress belongs to my sister. It is _____.
A. his B. hers C. theirs D. ours</p> | <p>46. Which one of the following sentences is correctly punctuated?
A. "What time is it" she asked.
B. "What time is it?" she asked.
C. "What time is it", she asked?
D. "What time is it", she asked.</p> <p>47. Choose the alternative that means the same as the underlined sentence.
<u>The learners are cleaning the classroom.</u>
A. The classroom was cleaned by the learners.
B. The classroom is cleaned by the learners.
C. The classroom is being cleaned by the learners.
D. The classroom has been cleaned by the learners.</p> |
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48. Choose the alternative that correctly combines the following sentences.

The movie was very interesting. We enjoyed watching it.

- A. The movie was very interesting so we enjoyed watching it.
- B. The movie was very interesting but we enjoyed watching it.
- C. The movie was very interesting or we enjoyed watching it.
- D. The movie was very interesting because we enjoyed watching it.

For questions 49 and 50, choose the alternative that means the same as the underlined word.

49. The old man **narrated** a story about his childhood.

- A. wrote
- B. read
- C. told
- D. acted

50. It is important to **obey** your parents and teachers.

- A. listen to
- B. argue with
- C. ignore
- D. dislike

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