

JUNIOR SCHOOL ASSESSMENT



GRADE NINE 2026 ENGLISH PAPER 1

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Learner's Name: _____
Assessment No. _____ Date: _____

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- (i). Write your name, Assessment number. (ii). Answer all questions in the spaces provided ,
TIME : 1 HR 40 MIN

SECTION	MAXIMUM SCORES	LEARNER'S SCORE
	50 MARKS	

Read the two passages below. They contain blank spaces numbered 1 to 9. For each blank space, choose the best of the four answers given.

We got to school 1 than usual that morning. 2 in our class was really excited. Even Jan, very unlike 3 was shouting and laughing. On the 4 day of our class teacher had promised to take us out on a field trip. We were to 5 a nearby forest. For 6 of us this was a good opportunity to learn the names of trees and birds, and 7 to pick edible fruits. The science teacher had said these were 8 for our health.

We waited eagerly for our class teacher and kept wondering if she 9 about the trip. However, she came on time and we set off.

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| A. | B. | C. | D. |
| 1. earliest | late | earlier | early |
| 2. All of us | Anyone | Many | <u>Everyone</u> |
| 3. himself | they | him | we |
| 4. past | gone | <u>previous</u> | last |
| 5. learn | explore | find | see |
| 6. more | any | we all | most |
| 7. still | so | there | also |
| 8. good | sweet | better | tasty |
| 9. forget | had forgotten | was forgetting | has forgotten |

In questions 10 and 11, choose the best alternative to complete the sentences

10. The oil tanker _____ into flames.
A. bursting B. burst
C. bursted D. had bursted
11. He had a _____ in his hand.
A. black, small, paperbag, round
B. paperbag, small, round, black
C. round, small, black, paperbag
D. small, round, black, paperbag

For questions 12 choose the best alternative that means the same as the underlined phrase.

12. The stranger was put up in a hotel for a few days.
A. established B. tolerated
C. build D. accommodated

Choose the alternative that best completes the sentence for question 13

13. Baraka seldom visits his mother, _____?
A. will he B. won't he
C. doesn't he D. does he

14. Choose the correct form of the verb

I am going to the park later

- A. am B. is
C. are D. be

For questions 15 and 16 arrange the following sentences to form a sensible paragraph

15. (i) today Improved sanitation and hygiene
(ii) child mortality was high due to infectious disease
(iii) have almost eliminated those diseases
(iv) along with antibiotics and vaccines
- A. (iv),(iii), (i), (ii)
B. (iv), (iii), (i), (ii)
C. (ii), (i), (iv), (iii)
D. (ii), (iv), (i), (iii)

16. (i) but also the leading pupil in the county
(ii) when the examination results
(iii) were announced later that year
(iv) Tudu was not only the top of class
- A. (ii), (iv), (iii), (i)
B. (ii), (iii), (i), (iv)
C. (iv),(i), (ii), (iii)
D. (iv), (ii), (iii), (i)

Read the paragraph below and answer questions 17 and 18

The following traders are friends, Abu, Malia, Tesi and Asha. Abu, Malia, Tesi and Asha all sell beans and flour. Tesi as well as Abu sell yams and maize. Malia and Asha sell peas. Abu sells oranges like Asha.

17. Who sells more items than others?
A. Asha B. Tesi
C. Malia D. Abu
18. Which traders sell fruits?
A. Tesi and Asha
B. Asha and Abu
C. Malia and Asha
D. Tesi and Malia

In questions 19 to 20 replace the underlined word(s) with the best alternative from the choices given.

19. Soon Jane was fast asleep.
A. sound B. quickly
C. tightly D. quite
20. It hardly rains in February.
A. never B. often
C. usually D. rarely

In questions 21 and 22 use the correct form of the adjective underlined.

21. Who is the tallest, Jack or Betty?
A. most tall B. most taller
C. taller D. more tallest
22. He proved to be the ignorantest person
A. much ignorant B. ignoranter
C. most ignorant D. ignorer

In questions 23 to 25 choose the alternative that means the same as the sentences given

23. The teacher said, "Mary where are you going?"
A. The teacher asked Mary where she went.
B. The teacher asked Mary where she was going.
C. The teacher asked Mary where she is going.
D. The teacher asked Mary where she had gone.
24. The teacher asked the student if he knew better than his teacher.
A. The teacher said to the student, "You know more than your teacher."
B. The teacher said to the student, "I know better than you."
C. The teacher said to the student, "Do you know better than your teacher?"
D. The teacher said to the student, "Do you know better than you teacher?"
25. He said to her that Tom would see her.
A. He said to her, "Tom will see her."
B. He said to her, "Tom will see you."
C. He said to her, "Tom would see her."
D. He said to her, "She will see Tom."

Read the following passage and then answer questions 26 to 39

Most mothers in Kenya, especially in rural areas provide the best food for their babies. They breastfeed for at least six months. Many continue breast feeding for two years or more. So long as the mother is well fed and healthy, this is the best way to feed a young child.

Cow's milk is not an alternative to mother's milk, compared to mother's milk, it is more difficult for the baby to digest. Although it can be used for weaning, it should be diluted according to the instructions of the child nutritionist at your health centre. Many parents use cow's milk for feeding their babies. They either get their milk from their own cows or buy it from neighbours. In towns most people buy theirs in packets from shops.

Fresh milk needs special care at home. The rule of Three C's is a good guide on how to take good care of milk. Keep it cool, clean and covered. This will ensure that the milk is neither wasted nor dangerous for the baby. Milk should be boiled before it is used. Boiling kills bacteria which cause disease. The milk bought in packets may be used without boiling because it has already been pasteurised. It is important to wash the packet thoroughly before it is opened.

Sour or curdled milk has advantages over fresh milk. It is not easily attacked by bacteria. It contains the same value as fresh milk yet it is easier to digest. For these reasons it is better than fresh milk for children as well as adults. Many people also prefer curdled milk because they find its taste and smell more acceptable. Curdled milk should also be kept cool, clean and covered.

26. In the passage, what is meant by the best food for their babies which is provided by rural women in Kenya?
A. Packeted cow's milk B. Fresh milk
C. curdled milk D. breast milk
27. Breast milk is best for babies____
A. always
B. never
C. If the mother is well
D. Even if the mother is under nourished
28. Cow's milk is not good as mother's milk for the baby because____
A. it is an alternative to breast milk
B. it can only be used for weaning
C. It is too dilute for the baby
D. it is not as easy to digest as mother's milk
29. The writer says that _____ feed their babies on cow's milk
A. nobody B. many parents
C. many people D. not man
30. In towns most people____
A. get their milk from their own cows
B. buy powdered milk
C. buy milk in packets
D. use breastmilk
31. Why does fresh milk require special care?
A. It can easily become contaminated
B. It is expensive
C. It must not be wasted
D. Milk contains proteins
32. Why is it good to boil cow's milk? It is ____
A. because boiling causes diseases
B. because boiling kills the germs that cause disease
C. because boiling keeps the milk cool
D. because boiling encourages bacteria which cause disease
33. Curdled milk is _____
A. fresh milk B. boiled milk
C. pasteurised milk D. thick sour milk
34. Pasteurised milk is milk _____
A. which has gone sour
B. from which bacteria have been destroyed
C. which is completely fresh milk
D. which has come straight from the cow
35. The curdled milk is _____ as from the passage
A. better than fresh milk
B. not as good as fresh milk
C. more dangerous than fresh milk
D. not as digestible as pasteurised milk
36. Many rural children in Kenya feed well in the early days of their lives because their mothers____
A. are well fed
B. provide the best food for them
C. breastfeed them
D. Love their babies
37. Milk bought in packets _____
A. needs a lot of care than fresh milk
B. should be boiled
C. it is easily digested
D. is safe for the baby
38. From the passage the writer says ____
A. many people like sour milk than fresh milk
B. sour milk is easily attacked by bacteria
C. sour milk doesn't need the rule of three C's
D. Sour milk is better for adults only
39. According to the passage milk should be boiled before use____
A. because cold milk is dangerous
B. to make it safe for the baby to drink
C. because boiled milk is good to taste and smell
D. to help milk feel warm

Read the following passage and then answer questions 40-50

An Italian plane on a schedule flight from Rome to Vienna was taken over by three hijackers shortly after take-off last year. The plane, a Boeing 707, was scarcely airborne when a young man walked casually into the control cabin of the aircraft behind a stewardess and pointed a pistol at the pilot.

At the same time, in the body of the plane two other hijackers drew guns and covered the passengers. The leader ordered the pilot to turn back and land in Rome again. Rather than risk the lives of his passengers, the pilot obeyed and less than half an hour after taking off, the plane was back on the runway at Rome.

Here, the police notified in advance by the control tower, had arrived in large numbers and the plane was surrounded by police cars and trained marksmen almost before it came to a stop. A loud speaker was linked to the pilots radio and through it, the hijackers leader made his demands. They were simple. He wanted twenty million shillings to be delivered to the plane in exactly one hour. If there were any attempts to disobey instructions or to rush to the plane, they would shoot their hostages.

There was little the police could do except bargain for the lives of 82 passengers and crew aboard the plane. An hour later a car drove to the side of the plane where it stood at the southern end of the runway ringed by police and airport security vehicles. A man got out of the car carrying a bag. He raised his arms and ran to show that he was unarmed. He was then allowed to approach the plane and climb the steps to where one of the hijackers was waiting with a pistol and ready to take the bag from him.

A few minutes later, the passengers started to stream out down the steps. They looked rather shaken, but otherwise unhurt. The crew were however held on board. As police and airport officials watched helplessly, the plane took off again.

It was reported earlier this year that the plane had landed at Moscow Airport. The hijackers however, were no longer on board. They had parachuted from the plane after putting the radio out of action. All efforts to trace them have so far met with complete failure. A police spokesman said early this year he was confident that the men would be arrested. With such a large amount of money involved, he said, someone would betray the men soon or later.

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| <p>40. The plane was hijacked ____
A. halfway between Vienna and Rome
B. quite near Rome
C. on the ground
D. quite near Vienna</p> <p>41. The pilot obeyed the leader of the hijackers because ____
A. the police would be waiting at Vienna
B. he was afraid they would shoot the passengers
C. there were three hijackers on the plane
D. he was afraid of being shot</p> <p>42. The police at Rome ____
A. included men with rifles who could shoot very well
B. notified the control tower about the hijack
C. had been notified all round the airport
D. were waiting all round the airport</p> <p>43. The hijackers demanded twenty million shillings in ____
A. small bags B. one hour
C. currency notes D. pounds</p> <p>44. A few minutes after the passengers left the plane, it ____
A. took off
B. remained on the runway
C. caught fire
D. blew up</p> <p>45. The passengers ____
A. ran away before the plane exploded</p> | <p>B. were allowed to leave the plane
C. were rescued by the police
D. escaped from the plane</p> <p>46. The hijackers threatened to shoot ____
A. the crew who were hostages
B. only the first class passengers
C. Only the pilot and the crew
D. all the passengers</p> <p>47. The police bargained with the hijackers ____
A. without success
B. about releasing 82 passengers and crew
C. because they had little else to do
D. for over an hour</p> <p>48. The man who took the money to the plane ____
A. took the money, up the steps and into the plane
B. was ringed by police and security vehicles
C. was carrying no weapons
D. was ordered to approach the plane with his arms in the air</p> <p>49. The people who got off the plane ____
A. looked pale and nervous
B. were let off the plane one by one
C. had only been slightly hurt by the hijackers
D. had been shaken by the hijackers</p> <p>50. When the plane finally landed at Moscow the ____
A. pilot and the hijackers were on board
B. crew were on board
C. crew and the pilot were on board
D. crew and hijackers were on board</p> |
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