



HIGH AIMERS SERIES

STANDARD EIGHT - 2022

Time: 1 hr 40min

ENGLISH

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY.

1. You have been given this question booklet and a separate answer sheet. The question booklet contains 50 questions.
2. Do any necessary rough work in this booklet.
3. When you have chosen your answer, mark it on the ANSWER SHEET, not in the question paper.

HOW TO USE THE ANSWER SHEET.

4. Use an ordinary pencil only.
5. Make sure that you have written on the answer sheet:
YOUR INDEX NUMBER
YOUR NAME
NAME OF YOUR SCHOOL
6. By drawing a dark line inside the correct number boxes, mark your full index number (i.e. school code Number and the three -figure candidate's Number) in the appropriate boxes of the answer sheet.
7. Do not make any marks outside the boxes.
8. Keep your answer sheet as clean as possible.
9. For each questions 1-50 four answers are given. The answers are lettered A, B, C, D. In each case Only One of the four answers is correct. Chose the correct answer.
10. On the answer sheet show the correct answer by drawing a dark line inside the box in which the letter you have chosen is written.

Example

In the question Booklet:

14. We kept walking _____ we did not know where the hut was.
- A. and
 - B. because
 - C. although
 - D. besides.

The correct answer is C(although)

On the answer sheet:

4. [A] [B] [C] [D] 14. [A] [B] [C] [D] 24. [A] [B] [C] [D] 34. [A] [B] [C] [D]

In the set boxes numbered 14, the box with letter C printed in it is marked.

11. Your dark line Must be within the box. Make your line as dark as possible.
12. For each question **Only One** box is to be marked in each set of four boxes

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Read the passage below. It contains blank spaces numbered 1 - 15. For each blank space, choose the best alternative from the choices given.

A high 1 official in an African country 2 explained that if 3 boy is admitted 4 an institution where agriculture is 5 as a subject, problems begin. The boy is lost to the land forever.

Agriculture 6 for him just another academic 7 in which he 8 acquire a certificate or degree 9 will 10 him to a white-collar job in a town.

However, the hard fact is that if 11 boys are lucky enough to get jobs as dock labourers for two months a year, they earn 12 than their brothers who work 13 the farm all the year. Work on the land is 14 considered 15 with a hoe.

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|-----|------------|----------------|--------------|-------------|
| 1. | A. rank | B. ranking | C. schooling | D. ranked |
| 2. | A. one | B. so | C. once | D. ones |
| 3. | A. a | B. the | C. them | D. their |
| 4. | A. in | B. on | C. at | D. to |
| 5. | A. taught | B. teach | C. teaches | D. teaching |
| 6. | A. being | B. become | C. becomes | D. comes |
| 7. | A. subject | B. certificate | C. subjects | D. quality |
| 8. | A. will | B. should | C. can | D. can't |
| 9. | A. who | B. which | C. whom | D. so |
| 10. | A. taking | B. show | C. title | D. entitle |
| 11. | A. these | B. this | C. our | D. my |
| 12. | A. much | B. most | C. more | D. high |
| 13. | A. on | B. in | C. at | D. for |
| 14. | A. steal | B. still | C. steel | D. stilled |
| 15. | A. slave | B. slaves | C. slavery | D. slavry |

For questions 16-18, choose the best alternative to complete the given sentence.

16. Neither of these books _____ interesting
- A. is
B. are
C. were
D. so
17. Most of the parcels _____ not in good condition.
- A. can
B. is
C. was
D. are
18. The _____ of the two goats was slaughtered on Christmas Day.
- A. fat
B. fatter
C. fattest
D. fast

For questions 19 and 20, choose the alternative that means the same as the sentence give.

19. The teacher punished the naughty pupil.
- A. The naughty pupil punished the teacher
B. The naughty pupil was being punished by the teacher

- C. The teacher decided to punish the naughty pupil
D. The naughty pupil was punished by the teacher

20. She is teaching Jane how to read.
- A. Jane is teaching her how to read.
B. Jane is taught how to read
C. Jane is taught reading by she
D. Jane is being taught how to read

Choose the best question tag to complete the following.

21. Kamil has had a bad day, _____?
- A. has she
B. didn't she
C. did she
D. hasn't she
22. I am disappointed, _____?
- A. am I
B. ain't I
C. aren't I
D. am I not
23. We have french fries for lunch every Friday, _____?
- A. haven't we
B. don't we
C. have we?
D. do we?

For questions 24 and 25, choose the sentences that are correctly punctuated.

24. A. He said to Jerry, don't joke with me.
B. He said to Jerry, Don't joke with me."
C. He said to Jerry, "Don't joke with me?"

- D. He said to Jerry, "Don't joke with me."
25. A. 'What a beautiful city?' she shouted.
B. "What a beautiful city!" she shouted.
C. "What a beautiful city." she shouted.
D. "What a beautiful city, she shouted.

Read the following passage and answer questions 26 - 38.

Their bodies lay strewn about like mongrels exhausted from a night fight. But these were humans whose doggy lives had ended in similar circumstances.

They had died clutching at their bellies, their last efforts at filling them having ended in such humiliation. For the pursuit of something to eat isn't about the only thing that concerns Mathare Valley dwellers, illicit brews are attractive, particularly they are found in abundance and offer the much-needed distraction from the pressure of staying alive.

It had rained the previous night, and the smell of rain still pervaded, although it proved inadequate in covering the smell of death that hung threateningly.

Seventeen people had died by the time we arrived although the death toll was expected to rise as most of those who took the brew and went to sleep in their houses, some might never wake up.

Those who died in the walk-ways were at least visible, and so did not prolong the agony of their relatives hoping to find them alive. There were some lucky survivors though. Steamboy was one of them. After taking two drinks he felt dizzy before rushing home. He complained of stomach pains.

"The drink is not a joke. When I saw revellers lying by the roadside dead, I decided to come to hospital." A look at the victim's reveals a lot. Their battered faces are a testimony of hard living surviving on a menu of hard drugs and illicit liquor. The cheapest goes for as little as ten shillings.

The toothless man, who is also on a drip in hospital smiles weakly as he swears that he will never touch changaa again after his supplier and friend, succumbed to death." I saw his body in the morning by the roadside. At first I did not comprehend that he had died from the drink but when I learnt three other drinking mates had died, I was so scared that I went to hospital."

26. From the first paragraph, we learn that;
- the men must have been fighting
 - their bodies were likened to those of dogs
 - they had wasted their lives and lived like dogs
 - their lives had ended after a lot of struggle
27. The fact that they had died clutching their bellies suggests that;
- they had been shot in the stomach
 - they had eaten something that had caused their death
 - they had vomitted before dying
 - their death was self made
28. Illicit brew is taken mainly;
- to entertain the dwellers of Mathare
 - for company and to maintain friendship
 - as they offer the much needed distraction from the pressure of staying alike.
 - fill the ever empty stomachs
29. The fact that it had rained the previous night;
- brought about the smell of rain to overshadow the smell of death
 - did little to cover the smell of death that hung all over
 - made it impossible to save the drunkards in the night
 - the smell of the rain prevailed all through
30. The phrase never wake up as used in the passage refers to;
- deep asleep
 - to faint
 - sleep forever
 - to die
31. Why was the death toll expected to rise?
- More people had taken to drinking the illicit brew
 - Most of those who had taken the brew had gone to their homes to sleep
 - The police had counted seventeen dead bodies
 - Illicit brews are attractive and abundance in the area
32. According to the passage, those who died in the walk-ways;
- did not die in agony
 - were lucky to have their relatives with them
 - were at least visible and their relatives were informed early enough
 - were lucky as their relatives had hope of finding them alive
33. What made Steamboy survive?
- He rushed to hospital and must have been treated
 - He was lucky to have taken only two drinks
 - He was one of the lucky survivors after complaining of stomachs pains
 - He felt dizzy and rushed home before he could take more

34. At the local hospital;
- A. a lot of things happens
 - B. the old man on the grip struggles for his life
 - C. a patient smiles weakly swearing that he will never touch the local brew
 - D. The supplier of the brew and a friend succumbed to the drink
35. A look at the victims reveals'
- A. majority of the victims were admitted
 - B. battered faces and broken homes
 - C. a testimony of depressed people living on cheap beer
 - D. a testimony of hard living surviving on a menu of hard drugs and cheap illicit liquor

36. The drink that killed the victims can be said to be the following except;
- A. chang'aa
 - B. illicit brew
 - C. hard drug
 - D. liquor
37. The word 'pursuit' means;
- A. chase
 - B. search
 - C. struggle
 - D. run after
38. The best title of the above passage is;
- A. Honey that kills
 - B. The speed that thrills kills
 - C. Experience is the best teacher
 - D. The early bird catches the worm

Read the passage below then answer questions 39 to 50.

The art of living is an important element of good citizenship. This calls for consideration for the feelings of others, respect for the other person's point of view and co-operation.

Many of us want everything for ourselves and our families. Let us remember that other people have as much rights to happiness and the good things of this world as we. We should all try to bear one another's burdens by acts of helpfulness when the need arises.

In the eyes of God all men are equal. Every person, regardless of his station in life has a dignity and importance for greater than the lower animals. He or she is a human being and should be treated as such.

All of us are proud of the things we do. Let us cultivate a sense of gratitude - the habit of giving due praise and thanks to people for what they do for us, or what they do for others because of us. Little gifts of flowers, birthday or Christmas cards bring happiness both to the donor and the recipient. Also we must not be too ready to blame others for we all make mistakes.

We must try to avoid the bullying aggression, scowling and critical attitude in our relations with our friends or subordinates. We must not be insubordinate to our supervisors. Insubordination is distasteful to any employer. It antagonizes him and begets retaliation and victimization in the long run it is the employee who suffers. If we only have a thought to the untold misery which accidents bring to the homes of so many families we should all develop a better road sense and observe Highway Code.

This world would be a dull and monotonous world if we all thought alike. It is said that variety is the spice of life. None of us has a monopoly of brain or ideas. We must, therefore, learn to be tolerant of the views and opinions of others. Don't do all the talking. Listen to what the other people have to say even if their view on a question is not the same as yours. There may be a lot in what they have to say.

39. What is the art of living?
- A. It is less important element of good citizenship
 - B. It is the respect for the other person
 - C. It is the element of a good citizen
 - D. It is the co-operation
40. Good citizenship calls for the following except:
- A. considering for the feelings of others
 - B. disrespect of the other people
 - C. co-operation
 - D. respect of the other people's point of view
41. According to the second paragraph, it is true to say that;
- A. a lot of people remember other people
 - B. many people bear one another's burdens
 - C. it is important to help others who are in need
 - D. some people think only about themselves and their families.
42. How can someone activate a sense of gratitude?
- A. By being proud
 - B. By giving thanks
 - C. By cultivating hatred
 - D. By serving others
43. From the second paragraph, a group of letters that are added to the end of a word like happiness, helpfulness are called;
- A. prefixes
 - B. suffixes
 - C. additional
 - D. syllable

44. According to the passage, we should try to avoid the following except.
- A. bullying
 - B. insubordination
 - C. aggression
 - D. tolerance and love for one another
45. The word monotonous is underlined, it can be replaced by,
- A. boring
 - B. variety
 - C. fantastic
 - D. obscene
46. The phrase 'variety is the spice of life' implies that,
- A. similar things make life enjoyable
 - B. putting things together is important
 - C. adding spices to food makes it sweet
 - D. many different characters make life interesting
47. Why do you think it is important to be tolerant of the other people's views?
- A. we may not do all the talking
 - B. in order to avoid problems
 - C. we may learn from other people
 - D. in order to be humble
48. even if their view on a question is not the same as yours. To which part of speech does the underlined word belong?
- A. Adverb
 - B. Pronoun
 - C. Noun
 - D. Conjunction
49. we would all develop a better road sense and observe the Highway Code, as used in the passage can mean the same as;
- A. a good road should be constructed for people
 - B. people should observe highway rules when travelling
 - C. our attitudes towards one another should be good and learn to be tolerant of other people's views and opinions
 - D. road signs should be observed
50. Which one of the following summarizes the passage?
- A. The co-operation
 - B. Proper human relationships
 - C. Equality before God
 - D. Citizenship