



ENGLISH
SECTION A: LANGUAGE

Time: 1 hour 40 minutes.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES (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 numbered boxes, mark your full Index Number (i.e. School Code Number and the three-figure Candidate's Number) in the grid near the top of the answer sheet.
7. Do not make any marks outside the boxes.
8. Keep your answer sheet as clean as possible and **DO NOT FOLD IT**.
9. For each of the 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. Choose 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:

For questions 20 to 23, choose the word that is opposite in meaning to the italicized word.

22. They dug a *shallow* hole in the ground
- A. wide
 - B. deep
 - C. long
 - D. broad

The correct answer is B.

On the Answer sheet:

20. [A] [B] [C] [D] 21. [A] [B] [C] [D] 22. [A] [B] [C] [D] 23. [A] [B] [C] [D]

In the set of boxes number 22, the box with letter B printed in it is marked.

11. Your dark line **MUST** be within the box.
12. For each question, **ONLY ONE** box is to be marked in each set of four boxes.

This question paper consists of 7 printed pages.

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

Njoroge and his sister Njeri were 1 the school holiday. Their parents 2 them permission to 3 part of the holiday 4 their grandparents 5 lived in a neighbouring town. They loved it there for their grandmother cooked them all sorts of delicacies. 6 Njoroge was in form two and his sister in standard seven, their grandmother took care of them as if they 7 little children.

When the day of 8 came, Njoroge and Njeri were given 9 bus fare plus a thousand shillings with which to shop 10 their grandparents. They were given a shopping 11 and instructed to 12 the items in the supermarket 13 they were bound to be 14. They left home early and by nine o'clock they were 15 in Nyeri town.

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| 1. A. looking into | B. looking forward to | C. look up to | D. got down to |
| 2. A. had given | B. has given | C. have given | D. been given |
| 3. A. live | B. take | C. enjoy | D. spend |
| 4. A. for | B. to | C. with | D. at |
| 5. A. which | B. who | C. whose | D. whom |
| 6. A. Although | B. And | C. Moreover | D. However |
| 7. A. be | B. are | C. was | D. were |
| 8. A. departure | B. arrival | C. embark | D. disembark |
| 9. A. they | B. their | C. them | D. they're |
| 10. A. of | B. in | C. on | D. for |
| 11. A. basket | B. bag | C. list | D. receipt |
| 12. A. sell | B. acquire | C. purchase | D. dispose |
| 13. A. when | B. where | C. why | D. what |
| 14. A. bigger | B. greater | C. better | D. cheaper |
| 15. A. ready | B. available | C. already | D. present |

For questions 16 to 18, choose the alternative that best completes the statement given.

16. Not only was it very cold _____
A. and it was also raining.
B. but it was also raining.
C. again it was raining.
D. also it was raining.
17. Wafula bought _____
A. a beautiful, expensive, small bag.
B. a beautiful, small, expensive bag.
C. a small, beautiful, expensive bag.
D. an expensive, beautiful, small, bag.
18. The fire fighters fought hard and long to _____ the raging fire.
A. put off
B. molest
C. extinguish
D. exterminate

In questions 19 and 20, choose the alternative that sounds the same as the word in capitals.

19. THROUGH
A. Tug.
B. True.
C. Throw.
D. Though.
20. CHEW
A. so
B. due
C. now
D. sew

For questions 21 to 23, choose the alternative that best means the opposite of the underlined word.

21. They hesitated on their way to school.
A. hurried
B. stopped
C. lingered
D. padded

22. They denied stealing the laptop.
A. refused
B. decided
C. confirmed
D. protested

23. Mr. Otieno stared at him as he got into the classroom.
A. gazed
B. glanced
C. glared
D. looked

For questions 24 and 25, arrange the sentences to make a sensible paragraph.

24. (i) He had not slept at all
(ii) It had been a night of thinking
(iii) Mwashila got out of bed at dawn
(iv) His eyes were red with lack of sleep
A. i, ii, iv, iii
B. iii, ii, i, iv
C. ii, iii, iv, i
D. iii, i, ii, iv
25. (i) This helps you to give priority to the most essential things
(ii) In addition, it will help you to save time when you go out shopping
(iii) Before you go shopping, it is important that you make a list of items you require
(iv) Indicate the items you require in the shopping list
A. iii, i, ii, iv
B. ii, iii, iv, i
C. iii, iv, i, ii
D. i, iii, ii, iv

Read the passage below and then answer questions 26 to 38.

Oprah Winfrey is a household name in many parts of the world. She has one of the most successful talk-show programmes and is among the world's richest people. However, she had a very humble beginning.

Her early years were spent on her grandmother's farm tending pigs, chickens and cows. She often walked barefoot and she does not remember having a mother around. She only remembers grandmother and big Earless, the grandfather whom she describes as "a dark presence", slept in another room. Little is said about Earless other than that he was a menacing shadow to the little girl. She often feared that he would sneak into their room and strangle her.

Oprah's life centred around the farm and the faith United Mississippi Baptist Church and later, school. Determined that Oprah should get the best possible education. Hattie Mae the grandmother, tutored the little girl so that she could do arithmetic, read and write by the time she was three. There was no television in Hattie Mae's home and reading became a pleasure of Oprah that would always remain with her. Without playmates or toys or television, Oprah used to amuse herself by riding one of the pigs and reading bible stories out loud to the other animals on the farm.

At church Oprah made Hattie Mae feel proud. She had a natural talent for recitation and performance and she soon became the little darling of the adult congregation with her readings and acting in church plays. Years later, Oprah would recall those times to Jane Panley: "I started out speaking there, and it was a way of getting love. And you know, the sisters sitting in the front row would fan themselves and nod to my grandmother. And they would say, "Hattie Mae, this child is gifted. Somehow with no education, my grandmother instilled in me a belief that I could aspire to do great things in my life" Oprah would later remember: "At a Sunday performance, they would say, 'And little mistress" Winfrey is here to do the recitation... and I would have these little, little patent leather shoes. O, very proper"

In one of her first recitations before the entire congregation, three year old Oprah told the story of Jesus' resurrection on Easter. "Jesus rose on Eastern day. Halelu, halelu, all the angels did proclaim. She impressed the adults, who praised both Oprah and her grandmother.

Of course, the kids in the congregation thought she was a little show-off and they soon nicknamed her the preacher" and "Miss Jesus". It meant a lonely life for Oprah, she was for the most part accepted by adults and not by her schoolmates, some of whom would literally spit at her.

When she was an adult, she remembered those days in Mississippi: "All the kids hated me all through school. Children have always hated me, but teachers love me."

Just as Hattie Mae knew that the key to survival for a black female was education, she also understood that careful behaviour, self - discipline and God were important.

26. Which one of the following is true according to the first sentence?
- A. Oprah is a house in the world.
 - B. Oprah is found world wide.
 - C. Many parts of the world have house hold name.
 - D. Oprah is a famous personality in the world.

27. Despite being among the richest in the world
- A. Oprah is very humble.
 - B. Oprah's past was not rosy.
 - C. Oprah was brought up in a well-to-do family.
 - D. Oprah had a very good beginning.

28. Why do you think Oprah walked bare-footed?
- A. She liked it that way.
 - B. There were no shoes.
 - C. Her grandmother could not afford it.
 - D. The shoes were worn by adults only.
29. What made Oprah to fear the grandfather?
- A. She thought that the grandfather would kill her.
 - B. She feared the appearance of the grandfather.
 - C. She was once strangled by the grandfather.
 - D. She often remembered what the grandfather did to her.
30. Which one of the following place did not shape Oprah's life?
- A. Farm.
 - B. College.
 - C. School.
 - D. Church.
31. Why did Oprah engage in reading?
- A. She liked reading.
 - B. She had lots of friends.
 - C. There was television.
 - D. There was nothing else she could do.
32. What excited Oprah on the farm?
- A. Watching television.
 - B. Riding the horse.
 - C. Reading bible stories to the animals.
 - D. Playing with toys.
33. Which one of the following shows that Oprah was a talented actress?
- A. She acted in plays in the church.
 - B. She sang nicely.
 - C. She read the Bible.
 - D. She was lovely.
34. The adult congregation loved Oprah because
- A. she was highly disciplined.
 - B. she sang nice songs to the choir.
 - C. she respected all the adults.
 - D. she read and acted church plays.
35. The grandmother made the writer to
- A. have inferiority complex.
 - B. belief in herself.
 - C. become a proud child.
 - D. develop negative behaviour.
36. The phrasal verb show off can best be replaced by
- A. happy.
 - B. excited.
 - C. proud.
 - D. keen.
37. What made children to hate Oprah?
- A. Prejudice.
 - B. Boldness.
 - C. Faithfulness.
 - D. Honesty.
38. Which one of the following is the best title to the passage above?
- A. Oprah Winfrey Show.
 - B. A Talented Three-year-old Girl.
 - C. How Humble Beginning Made Oprah Successful.
 - D. The Greatest Actress.

Read the passage below and then answer questions 39 to 50.

“Everyone takes drugs” This sweeping statement may be used to lure the naive to experiment with illicit drugs. But depending on how we define drugs” this statement contains an element of truth.

The term drug is defined as, “Any chemical substance, whether of natural or synthetic origin which can be used to alter perception, mood or other psychological state. “This definition does not cover many medical drugs used for physical ailments.

According to that definition, alcohol is a drug. The danger is in its excessive use, which is evidently increasing.

Like alcohol, tobacco is legally available although it contains a powerful substance called nicotine which is poisonous. According to the World Health Organisation, smoking kills about four million people a year. Cigarette smoking is also highly addictive. Perhaps more so than the use of many of the illegal drugs.

In recent years, numerous countries have curbed tobacco advertising. Nevertheless, many people still see smoking as an acceptable social activity. Smoking continues to be glorified by the film and television industry.

Medicinal drugs have certainly benefitted many, but they can be abused. Doctors may at times prescribe drugs too easily or they are pushed by patients to prescribe drugs that are not necessary. Even non - prescription drugs, those that you can buy without a doctor’s prescription such as panadol, if abused can lead to serious health problems. Over two thousand people worldwide die each year as a result of misusing panadol.

The fact is that today the use of drugs including illicit ones, is rampant and has become acceptable to many. Considering the widely publicised damage caused by illicit drugs as well as tobacco and alcohol, the obvious question is, why do people abuse them?

As we ponder this question, it is wise to reflect on our own views about drugs. Peer pressure is leading reason among the young who are vulnerable. In addition, they are confronted by people who they consider as role models in the entertainment world who wield a powerful influence over their young fans. Sadly, entertainers can give drugs a false glamour and appeal that young people seem to find irresistible.

Numerous other factors contribute to the increasing drug abuse. Among these are disillusionment, depression and a lack of purpose in life, economic problems, unemployment and inadequate parental guidance.

Some who have difficulty with human relationships use drugs to help them cope in social situations. They believe that drugs boost their confidence, making them feel witty and likeable. Boredom and lack of parental supervision is another reason youths turn to drugs. Boys and girls come home after school to empty houses. Not surprisingly, they are lonely and do not want to be alone. Friends join them but even together they are often bored. They watch endless television and music videos or browse the internet in rural areas, the young idle about at the shopping centres looking for excitement. Before long, drugs can easily become part of this picture.

39. Which one of the following is not true according to the first paragraph?
- A. Drugs can be defined in a variety of ways.
 - B. One can easily be influenced to take drugs.
 - C. Experiments can be done with illicit drugs.
 - D. Drugs are illicit.

40. The word lure can best be replaced by
- A. persuade.
 - B. discourage.
 - C. trap.
 - D. force.

41. A drug is likely to interfere with
- physical state.
 - psychological being.
 - spiritual life.
 - reception state.
42. What makes tobacco to be one of the most dangerous drugs?
- It is readily available.
 - It is very cheap.
 - Many people smoke tobacco.
 - It is very addictive.
43. Why was the advertisement of tobacco stopped?
- In order to lure people to smoking.
 - In order to get rid of smoking.
 - In order to minimize the number of people who are smoking.
 - In order to make smoking an acceptable activity.
44. Young people are attracted to smoking through
- films that show smoking is fun.
 - observing their peers smoking.
 - parental smoking.
 - increase of chain smokers.
45. Which one of the following is true about medicinal drugs?
- They cannot be abused.
 - Cannot be harmful no matter how many times you take them.
 - They can only be prescribed by a doctor.
 - Can lead to serious health problems when abused.
46. The word illicit can not be replaced by
- illegal.
 - allowed.
 - prohibited.
 - banned.
47. Which one of the following is the main cause of drug abuse?
- Depression.
 - Unemployment.
 - Peer pressure.
 - Economic problems.
48. People who have problems with their relationships
- take drugs in order to raise their self confidence.
 - take drugs in order to forget their problems.
 - take drugs in order to hide their weakness.
 - to forget about their past.
49. How does boredom lead to drug abuse?
- They do not want to be alone.
 - They lack guidance.
 - They solve all their problems.
 - They take drugs to keep them busy and engaged.
50. Which one of the following is the best title to the passage above?
- Types of Drugs.
 - Causes of Drug Abuse.
 - How to Overcome Drug Addiction.
 - Effects of Smoking.