



# MENTOR ASSESSMENT EXAM - 2020

## CLASS 8

## ENGLISH

### SECTION (A) LANGUAGE

Time: 1 hour 40 minutes

#### READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY

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

#### HOW TO USE THE ANSWER SHEET

3. Use only an ordinary pencil.
4. Make sure you have written on the answer sheet:
  - YOUR INDEX NUMBER**
  - YOUR NAME**
  - NAME OF YOUR SCHOOL**
5. 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.
6. Do not make any marks outside the boxes.
7. Keep your answer sheet as clean as possible and **DO NOT FOLD IT**.
8. 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.
9. 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

Choose the alternative which means the **same** as the underlined word.

21. The plaintiff was given a hearing by the magistrate.

- A. accused
- B. suspect
- C. witness
- D. complainant

The correct answer is D (complainant)

On the answer sheet:

1. [A] [B] [C] [D] 11. [A] [B] [C] [D] 21. [A] [B] [C]  [D] 31. [A] [B] [C] [D] 41. [A] [B] [C] [D]

In the third set, the box with the letter D 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 following passage. It contains blank spaces. For each blank space, choose the best alternative from the given choices.**

Paul was a very good artist. He spent \_\_\_ 1 \_\_\_ much time \_\_\_ 2 \_\_\_ his work that he had no time to meet \_\_\_ 3 \_\_\_ people. He \_\_\_ 4 \_\_\_ not even remember \_\_\_ 5 \_\_\_ he looked like because he had not \_\_\_ 6 \_\_\_ himself in a mirror for a long time. The artist \_\_\_ 7 \_\_\_ that no one was able to draw \_\_\_ 8 \_\_\_ pictures than \_\_\_ 9 \_\_\_. His wife knew this and wanted his husband to \_\_\_ 10 \_\_\_ a lesson. She persuaded him to attend an art show \_\_\_ 11 \_\_\_ he refused to go. Later, he \_\_\_ 12 \_\_\_ to her constant nagging and \_\_\_ 13 \_\_\_ to go. On arrival, he moved from picture to picture saying loudly how bad they were. Soon he stopped in front of a mirror. "Come and see \_\_\_ 14 \_\_\_ ugly pictures." He said to his wife. "I wonder whether \_\_\_ 15 \_\_\_ artist wanted to draw a man or a tractor"

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| 1. A. too       | B. very       | C. that      | D. quite        |
| 2. A. other     | B. at         | C. by        | D. for          |
| 3. A. other     | B. another    | C. more      | D. several      |
| 4. A. can       | B. would      | C. should    | D. could        |
| 5. A. how       | B. what       | C. which     | D. whose        |
| 6. A. looked to | B. looked for | C. looked at | D. looked after |
| 7. A. trusted   | B. understood | C. believed  | D. supposed     |
| 8. A. good      | B. better     | C. best      | D. more better  |
| 9. A. himself   | B. him        | C. he        | D. he's         |
| 10. A. learn    | B. know       | C. take      | D. see          |
| 11. A. so       | B. since      | C. but       | D. moreover     |
| 12. A. gave out | B. gave in    | C. gave up   | D. gave off     |
| 13. A. agreed   | B. accepted   | C. admitted  | D. meant        |
| 14. A. this     | B. Accepted   | C. admitted  | D. that         |
| 15. A. an       | B. any        | C. the       | D. such         |

**For question 17, 18 and 19, choose the best alternative to fill in the blank spaces.**

16. Dan pays school fee for his daughters, \_\_\_\_\_?  
 A. Doesn't he  
 B. Did he  
 C. Does he  
 D. Didn't he
17. The guest have not gone home, \_\_\_\_\_?  
 A. is it  
 B. haven't they  
 C. isn't it  
 D. have they
18. Write the direct speech.  
 My elder brother said that he did not understand why people smoked.  
 A. "I did not understand why people smoked," My elder brother said.  
 B. "He does not understand why people smoke," My elder brother says.  
 C. "I do not understand why people smoke," My elder brother said.  
 D. "Why do people smoke? I do not understand" My elder brother said.
19. Neither Mary nor her best friend attended the ceremony.  
 A. Both of them attended the ceremony  
 B. Mary and her friend did not attend the ceremony  
 C. None of them attended the ceremony  
 D. Mary attended the ceremony

**Choose the correct alternative to complete the sentences below**

20. Meda bought a \_\_\_\_\_ skirt.  
 A. Circular, silk, short  
 B. Short, circular, silk  
 C. Silk, short, circular  
 D. Circular, short, silk

21. Kamau, \_\_\_\_\_ house collapsed was not hurt.  
 A. Who  
 B. Who's  
 C. Whose  
 D. Which
22. I don't think I can tolerate his behavior much longer.  
 A. Put up with  
 B. Put out with  
 C. Put down with  
 D. Put off with
23. He is as tall as \_\_\_\_\_  
 A. Me  
 B. Am  
 C. I  
 D. Am I
24. Paul chose to play netball \_\_\_\_\_ he is good at it.  
 A. Though  
 B. And  
 C. But  
 D. Because
25. Choose the correct sentence.  
 A. Don't come late; if you do, you will miss the fun  
 B. Mary bought apples, oranges and pears  
 C. Mercy gave us chocolate; buns; sweets  
 D. Juma made, the cake, we decorated

Read the passage below and answer question 26-38

Drug abuse is the leading cause of crime as well as an effect of indiscipline among young people. There are many reasons why many youths abuse drugs. These include poor parental guidance, peer pressure and readily available drugs. Some of the commonly abused drugs are alcohol, tobacco, marijuana and brown sugar.

School children deceive their parents and teachers by adding alcohol to soft drinks. Some even inject drugs into oranges and other fruits. Fortunately, teachers and parents have discovered these tricks. Therefore, many schools do not allow children to bring drinks even water schools. Those parents who do not understand blame the teachers for what they consider unfair treatment to their children. Some parents transfer their children from one school to another only to discover by talking to other parents that they are sailing in the same boat. This realization has made many parents opt for day schools.

The most common effects of drugs abuse include; school drop-out, irresponsible sexual behavior, pregnancy and crime. Other addicts run out of money and take up petty jobs like prostitution, as a means to buy the drugs abuse. The most important step is for parents and teachers to guide children on good morals and social values. In order to achieve this, lessons on parenting, guidance and counseling should be offered to both parents and teachers.

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| <p>26. According to the passage, which one of the following is not a cause of drug abuse?</p> <p>A. Availability of drugs<br/>B. Media advertisement<br/>C. Poor parental guidance<br/>D. Peer pressure</p> <p>27. The phrase <u>as well as</u> has been used in the passage. What does it mean?</p> <p>A. In addition to<br/>B. Therefore<br/>C. Together with<br/>D. Too well</p> <p>28. What reason would make a pupil to add alcohol to a fruit?</p> <p>A. To add taste<br/>B. To change color<br/>C. To deceive parents<br/>D. To preserve it</p> | <p>29. "Fortunately, teachers and parents have discovered this trick" what is this trick?</p> <p>A. Sharing drinks<br/>B. Drinking alcohol in school<br/>C. Carrying fruit juice to school<br/>D. Adding alcohol to soft drinks</p> <p>30. The word commonly has been used in the passage to mean.</p> <p>A. There are other drugs<br/>B. These are the most abused drugs<br/>C. The drugs are not named<br/>D. There are no other drugs abused</p> <p>31. Which one of the following is not an effect of abusing alcohol?</p> <p>A. Irresponsible sexual behavior<br/>B. Drug addiction<br/>C. Unwanted pregnancies<br/>D. Premature marriage</p> |
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32. According to the passage ,what do the drug addict do when they run out of money.
- Do petty jobs
  - Drink alcohol
  - Drink tea
  - Beg in street
33. Which one of the following is not a commonly abused drugs?
- Marijuana
  - Alcohol
  - Tea
  - Tobacco
34. The word deceive as used in the passage could be replaced by
- Abuse
  - Fighter
  - Encourage
  - Tobacco
35. Why do some parents blame teachers for what they consider unfair treatment of their children?
- Lack of understanding
  - Transfer of children to other schools
  - By taking to other parents
  - Opting for day schools
36. Why must contribute towards eradication of drug abuse according to the passage?
- Teachers
  - Everybody
  - Parents
  - Pupils
37. Why do many schools not allow children to bring drinks, even water to school?
- They are available in school
  - Parents cannot afford the drinks
  - Children abuse drugs using the drinks
  - They have many other things to carry
38. The best title for the passage would be
- Cause of drug abuse
  - HIV/AIDS and drug
  - Effects of drugs abuse
  - Drug abuse

**Read the passage below and then answer the questions 39-50**

Along time ago, it became very cold in the land of animals.

Hare felt cold and shivered terribly. He needed the blanket to keep himself warm. He went to tortoise who was the blanket maker. "Make me a heavy a heavy warm blanket, "hare said. "Come next year. I have five blankets to make for other people," Tortoise said as he happily threaded a blanket at a snail's place.

"I might as well make the blanket myself. Give me the thread." Hare said impatiently. "Please yourself," tortoise said calmly. Hare grabbed a ball of blanket thread and ran off. When he got home, he realized that he had no idea of how to make a blanket. As he wondered what to do, he remembered he had seen leopard's wife making blankets for her children. so he thought of a plan.

He went and hid in the thicket near leopard's house and kept watch. When leopard and his wife were not at home, hare walked into the compound. He gave the leopard's child and thundered. "Tell your mother, the king wants her to make a blanket for him in three days!" when leopard and his wife came home, the child said, "Mother, you must make the blanket quickly." "Which blanket?" "Leopard's wife asked, surprised.

The king blanket! "the child said excitedly. " The king himself brought this thread. He wants the blanket made very quickly. Leopard's wife wondered how king lion would have come to her homestead instead of sending one of his subjects. However being an obedient woman that she was known to be, leopard's wife started making the blanket for the king. She finished making the blanket and waited for the king to come for it but he never did. After waiting for a long time, she decided to venture into a nearby forest to look for food. "Immediately the king appears," she instructed her child, "Whistle loudly. I will rush back to give him the blanket." Leopard's wife hardly stepped out of the compound when hare jumped right in front of the child and demanded, "Give me the blanket!" Leopard's child fearfully ran into the house and brought out the blanket. Just then leopard's wife who had seen Hare jump into the compound grabbed hare as he tried to run off with the blanket. Hare managed to escape but he was without the blanket and he had lost one year.

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| <p>39. Why did hare shiver terribly?</p> <p>A. He had no blanket</p> <p>B. It was very cold</p> <p>C. Tortoise needed a whole year to make him a blanket</p> <p>D. He was only pretending</p> <p>40. According to the passage hare can be described as</p> <p>A. Quick and rude</p> <p>B. Impatient and impolite</p> <p>C. Hasty and quick</p> <p>D. Impolite and incooperative</p> <p>41. At a "snail's pace," in the passage means</p> <p>A. Very slowly</p> <p>B. At a speed of a snail</p> <p>C. Moving the way the snail does</p> <p>D. Behaving like a snail</p> | <p>42. Why could tortoise not make a blanket for hare, immediately?</p> <p>A. He could only work at a snail's pace</p> <p>B. He wanted hare to make the blanket himself</p> <p>C. He had five other blankets to make</p> <p>D. He did not want to make a blanket for the hare</p> <p>43. How can you tell that hare was not as clever as he pretended to be?</p> <p>A. He discovered he did not know how to make a blanket</p> <p>B. He did have the needle and thread to make the blanket</p> <p>C. He went to tortoise for help</p> <p>D. He pretended to be the king of the animals</p> |
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44. Why did hare have to wait until leopard and his wife had left their home?
- A. They wanted to catch and kill him for food
  - B. He wanted to frighten leopards child
  - C. Leopard had gone to the bush to look for food
  - D. He did not want them to recognize him
45. What made leopard's child think that hare was the king?
- A. Only kings would demand that thing to be done for them
  - B. Hare told the child, he was the king
  - C. Everybody knew that hare was the king
  - D. He had a crown
46. The word "subjects" as used in the passage refers to
- A. Things like science, mathematics and English
  - B. Someone who is being discussed
  - C. Making someone to do unpleasant things
  - D. People under the control of the king
47. Which of the following best describes leopard's wife?
- A. Meek, obedient and foolish
  - B. Aggressive, quick and foolish
  - C. Obedient, quick and foolish
  - D. Clever, forgetful and meek
48. Why did leopard's wife go to the forest?
- A. She had decided not to wait any longer
  - B. There was more food in the house
  - C. She wanted to hide in order to catch hare
  - D. She went to look for food
49. Why did leopard's wife instruct the child to whistle when the king arrived?
- A. She wanted to catch hare and punish him
  - B. She wanted to present the blanket to the king
  - C. She wanted to meet the king
  - D. She feared that the king might punish her
50. Why did leopard's child not whistle when hare came for the blanket?
- A. He was a disobedient child
  - B. He forgot to whistle
  - C. Hare jumped right in front of him
  - D. He was frightened of hare