

ACHIEVERS FOCUS EXAMINATION SERIES



STANDARD 7 – 2021

AF005

ENGLISH

Time: 1 hour 40 minutes

Fill in the blanks with the best alternative from the choices given

Jack is the son of an __1__ businessman. His father is loved and respected by all people __2__ know him. One Tuesday afternoon, Jack's __3__ did not turn up to fetch him home from school. Jack __4__ up and down for an hour. Just when he had __5__ to take a bus home himself, a __6__ car pulled up near him. A smartly dressed man __7__ from the car. Before Jack __8__ ask who the man was, he was roughly pushed into the car. __9__, Jack did not even have __10__ time to raise alarm. Soon, he felt something hit his head. He lost __11__. When he __12__, Jack found himself in an unfamiliar room. __13__ he was tired and hungry, he was __14__ alert. He took his mobile phone and contacted the police. The latter arrived in the __15__ of time to rescue him.

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| 1. A. Imminent | B. Eminent |
| C. Infamous | D. Impopular |
| 2. A. Whom | B. Whose |
| C. Which | D. Who |
| 3. A. Chauffeur | B. Chauffer |
| C. Chaeffeur | D. Chauffeur |
| 4. A. Roamed | B. Sauntered |
| C. Paced | D. Strolled |
| 5. A. Chosen | B. Thought |
| C. Decided | D. Agreed |
| 6. A. Sleek brand-new, blue | |
| B. Branded-new, blue, sleek | |
| C. Sleek, blue, brand-new | |
| D. Blue, sleek, brand-new | |
| 7. A. Alighted | B. Emerged |
| C. Disembarked | D. Arrived |
| 8. A. Would | B. Can |
| C. Might | D. Could |
| 9. A. Unfortunately | B. Suddenly |
| C. However | D. Therefore |
| 10. A. Some | B. Any |
| C. A lot of | D. Plenty |
| 11. A. Conscience | B. Consciousness |
| C. Consciousness | D. Consciousness |

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| 12. A. Came to | B. Came over |
| C. Came about | D. Came off |
| 13. A. Since | B. Despite |
| C. In spite of | D. Although |
| 14. A. Rather | B. Very |
| C. So | D. Too |
| 15. A. Moment | B. Twinkle |
| C. Nick | D. Flush |

For question 16 and 17, complete the sentences given with the best alternative

16. Would you rather visit your grandparents today _____ tomorrow?
A. Than B. When C. To D. Or
17. It was not until he talked _____ I remembered his name.
A. Then B. That
C. When D. Than

Complete the statement given with the best question tag

18. Let's get more serious in our work, _____?
A. Will we B. Can't we
C. Shan't we D. Shall we
19. The company has made little progress _____?
A. Has it B. Does it
C. Hasn't it D. Doesn't it

For questions 20 and 21, choose the sentence that is correctly punctuated

- 20.
- A. Henry said, "my parents are at their respective places of work."
B. "It's not the best time go swimming," commented Lucy.
C. "Get out now!" He shouted.
D. "When you get back," said Joshua, "we shall tell you about the match."
- 21.
- A. Molly, my younger sister enjoys collecting stamps.
B. My five-year-old brother is a good artist.
C. Women's purses are often with many things.
D. Miwani secondary school often does well in drama.

For questions 22 and 23, choose the best alternative to fill in the blank space

22. We knew the meeting would result _____ chaos.

- A. With B. On C. To D. In

23. My parents knew I would _____ back home before sunset

- A. Return B. Reached
C. Get D. Resume

Choose a word that can best replace the underlined words

24. Our class teacher does not like children who like looking down upon their friends

- A. Watching B. Despising
C. Ignoring D. Mistreating

25. The concert was put off until further notice

- A. Postponed B. Cancelled
C. Changed D. Stopped

Read the following passage carefully then answer questions 26 - 38

It was a busy term. Apart from class work, we had athletics to think about and our teachers worked hard on the syllabus and urged us to complete our assignments on time so we could find time for practice.

My cousin, Daisy and I were known for our prowess on the track, especially, in the 100-metre race. Everyone urged us to practice so that we could win the top position for our school. We, therefore, practiced after school and went home a bit late every day.

One evening as we were leaving school, we met two men carrying some huge loads on their backs. We did not take much notice as we quickly made our way past them. The following day we met the two men again. This time, they were making their way out of our neighbour's farm. This raised our curiosity especially as they were carrying huge loads on their backs just as they did the day before. We became suspicious.

When we met them again a day later, our curiosity peaked so we hid behind some bushes and tried to see where they were going. We had to be cautious because we did not know who they were—they could have been criminals for all we knew.

We watched as they struggled with their heavy loads and kept looking behind as if to see if they

were being followed. They did not see us and we followed them to an abandoned house. After a while, they came out with empty sacks and walked away.

This routine went on for several days. We eventually figured out that the two were maize thieves since we always caught them sneaking out of maize farms. Also, we had heard farmers in the neighborhood complain that they were losing their maize and they could not figure out who the thieves were.

One day during parade, the local chief was introduced to us by our head teacher who informed us that the chief was there to talk about security. He told us that it was our responsibility to report any criminal to our parents, teachers, or any other adults so we could live in a secure environment.

My cousin and I decided to tell our head teacher what we knew about the two men we suspected were thieves. The head teacher was surprised by our story and he scolded us for following the two. "You should have said something to an adult. What if they had seen you? They could have hurt you. Next time, do not follow strangers even if you are curious. Remember, curiosity killed the cat".

26. Why was it not easy for the learners to practice adequately for athletics?

- A. They were busy with other sporting activities
B. They did not have much interest in it
C. It was a busy term
D. They had to finish their academic work promptly

27. Which one of the following words best describes the teachers according to the first paragraph? They were:

- A. Inquisitive B. Diligent
C. Generous D. Sympathetic

28. The writer and his cousin practiced daily mainly because?

- A. They were athletes
B. They had a great desire to please others
C. They didn't have much work to do
D. They were intent on winning the top position for the school

29. The writer and his cousin did not concern themselves much with the two men because?
- They were in a hurry to get home
 - They were scared
 - The two men were unfamiliar to them
 - They wanted to report the strangers
30. Which one of the following best explains why the two children became suspicious?
- They had seen the two men who were carrying loads again
 - There had always been numerous cases of theft in the village.
 - Curiosity got the better of them
 - The two men appeared lost
31. Which word can best replace cautious as used in the passage?
- Reckless
 - Courageous
 - Anxious
 - Careful
32. Where were the two men taking their loads?
- To a house in a forest
 - To their master's house
 - To the village granary
 - To an abandoned house
33. After several days, the writer and his cousin discovered that the two men were?
- Robbers
 - Smuggler
 - Thieves
 - Burglars
34. According to the local chief, the pupils could ensure their own safety by:
- Not involving themselves in criminal activities
 - Telling the old persons of any criminal activity they might have witnessed
 - Not walking by themselves especially in the evening
 - Hiding themselves when they notice any suspicious activity
35. The word curiosity has been underlined in the passage. It is classified under
- Nouns
 - Adjectives
 - Adverbs
 - Conjunctions
36. Why did the local chief visit the school?
- To confirm that the pupils were secure
 - To advise the staff on security
 - To commend them for their discipline
 - To advise them on security issues
37. What was the best course of action for the writer and his cousin to take the first day they saw the two men?
- Running away to be secure
 - Find out what they were up to
 - Telling an adult about them
 - Hiding in the bush to point any contact

38. The writer and his cousin decided to report the incident
- As soon as it happened
 - After they had heard the chief's advice
 - So as to become popular
 - In order to prove their honesty

Read the passage below and answer questions 39 to 50

Corruption is a dishonest or illegal behavior commonly practiced by people who hold certain offices in the society. It is not a new phenomenon in Kenya. It has been prevalent in the society since time immemorial. Corruption has become so common in Kenya that it has found its way into families. It is not uncommon to find siblings bribing one another in order to avoid being reported for their misdemeanour.

Corruption takes boundless forms. Bribery is the most prevalent form. It involves perversion of morality, integrity and character. Undue favor for anyone for some monetary or other gain is an act of corruption. Simultaneously, depriving the genuinely deserving of their right or privilege is also a form of corruption. Besides, thefts, wastage of public property constitute varieties of corruption.

Corruption is not a uniquely Kenyan phenomenon. It is witnessed all over the world in developing as well as developed countries like USA and UK. It had spread its tentacles in every sphere of life, namely, business administration, politics, public offices etc. In fact, there is hardly any sector which can be characterized for not being infected with the vices of corruption. Surprisingly, it has found its root into the church.

People have grown insatiable appetite for money in them and they can go to any extent to get money. Undoubtedly, they talk of morality and the importance of value-based life but that is for outer show. The inner voice is something else. It is always crying for money. It has been seen that the officers who are deputed to look into the matters of corruption turn out to be corrupt.

It pains to see police, who are supposed to be the symbol of law and order and discipline, indulge in corruption. Unfortunately, they often get away with this vice. This is more so because they enjoy unlimited powers and there is no action against them even on complaints and sufficient proof of office atrocities and high handedness.

Many new leaders always declare their determination to eradicate corruption when they get into office. However, they soon become corrupt themselves and start amassing huge wealth. Though it is very difficult to control corruption, but it is not unattainable. It is not only the responsibility of the government but ours too. We can eliminate corruption if there will be joint effort. We must have some high principles to follow so that we may be models for the coming generation. Let us take a view to create an atmosphere free from corruption.

Corruption has a corrosive impact on our economy. It worsens our image in international market and leads to loss of overseas opportunities. Corruption is a global problem that all countries of the world have to confront, solutions, however, can only be home grown. Citizens can best eliminate corruption by voting in morally upright leaders who are less prone to corruption.

39. According to the first sentence, we can conclude that
- All people are corrupt.
 - People who serve in offices are usually corrupt.
 - Corruption is unlawful.
 - Corruption has always existed in Kenya.
40. Since time immemorial implies that corruption
- Has hardly reduced
 - Has existed for quite a long period
 - Has been increasing drastically
 - Has taken unique forms
41. Why would a child bribe a sibling according to the passage?
- To get away with a misbehavior.
 - To avoid false accusation.
 - To appear honest before the parents.
 - To show remorse for their misbehaviors.
42. Bribery has been mentioned in the passage as _____.
- The newest form of corruption
 - The most widespread of corruption
 - The only form of corruption
 - The form of corruption that needs urgent redress
43. Denying somebody of their genuinely deserving right
- Is an act of absconding duty.
 - Is justifiable in the society.
 - Leads to hatred in the society.
 - Is both dishonest and illegal.
44. Which one of the following is **not** mentioned in the passage as an act of corruption?
- Offering someone money to avoid false accusation.
 - Giving somebody biased help.
 - Staying away from one's duty regularly.
 - Using public property inappropriately.
45. USA and UK have been mentioned in the passage as
- Developing countries
 - Countries free of corruption
 - Countries with the highest cases of corruption
 - Among the countries riddled with corruption
46. Which one of the following incidents is rather worrying?
- Most people in public offices are corrupt.
 - There is little effort to reduce corruption.
 - Religious groups are not immune to corruption either.
 - Every country in the world has high cases of corruption.
47. Why do most people engage in corruption?
- Undying desire for money.
 - Lack of morality.
 - Lack of skills to discharge duty.
 - Desire to please their clients.
48. Why do you think police officers often get away with acts of corruption?
- They are above the law.
 - They are too sly to be caught.
 - Their seniors cover them up.
 - They have boundless powers.
49. How **best** can the society eliminate corruption?
- By not paying bribes.
 - By electing leaders of good morals.
 - By working jointly with the government.
 - By reporting all cases of corruption.
50. Which one of the following sentences **best** summarizes the passage?
- Forms of corruption.
 - Ways of overcoming corruption.
 - The heights of corruption in the society.
 - Effects of corruption in the society.