



SCHOOL BASED ASSESSMENT TEST

STD 6 – 001

ENGLISH

Time: 1 Hr. 40 mins.

Read the following passage below. It contains blank spaces numbered 1 – 15 .

Choose the BEST alternative to fill the blank spaces.

Finally, ___1___ day we had all ___2___ waiting ___3___ came. Nora and ___4___ had ___5___ up very early that morning ___6___ father had told us that we would not be leaving early. We prepared ___7___ and packed our ___8___, eager ___9___ the trip. Time seemed to move slowly as we waited for the driver who ___10___ be taking us to Moyale. The driver finally arrived in a ___11___ car at about noon. He found us all ___12___ outside the front door of ___13___ house. Then, we left ___14___ Moyale. The first section of the road was so bumpy ___15___ we did not enjoy much.

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| 1. A. an | B. the | C. these | D. this |
| 2. A. been | B. be | C. to be | D. being |
| 3. A. at | B. by | C. of | D. for |
| 4. A. me | B. myself | C. I | D. mine |
| 5. A. woke | B. waked | C. woken | D. wake |
| 6. A. although | B. and | C. because | D. since |
| 7. A. ourselves | B. themselves | C. ourselves | D. myself |
| 8. A. luggages | B. lugage | C. lugagge | D. luggage |
| 9. A. at | B. for | C. of | D. by |
| 10. A. could | B. would | C. was | D. will |
| 11. A. bigger | B. biggest | C. big | D. smaller |
| 12. A. waiting | B. waited | C. wait | D. to wait |
| 13. A. my | B. his | C. their | D. our |
| 14. A. to | B. at | C. for | D. by |
| 15. A. and | B. than | C. but also | D. that |

For questions 16 – 17, complete the sentences with the correct question tag

16. The girl broke the vase, _____?
A. did she
B. was she
C. didn't she
D. isn't it
17. They will come tomorrow, _____?
A. willn't they B. won't they
C. are they D. can't they

For questions 18 – 21, choose the correct word to complete the sentences

18. She cannot see _____ she kept her keys.
A. where B. why
C. how D. what
19. The thieves broke _____ the house.
A. into B. out
C. up D. in
20. The man was suffering _____ malaria.
A. of B. by
C. with D. from

21. David can visit either Mombasa _____ Samburu.
A. and B. also
C. and not D. or

For questions 22 – 24, choose the opposite of the underlined words

22. The interior of the tank was painted
A. exterior B. inside
C. bottom D. top
23. The arrival time of the train was changed
A. stopping B. depart
C. coming D. departure
24. The lazy pupil will be punished.
A. idle B. industrious
C. stupid D. kind

For question 25, choose the word that least fits in the group

25. A. Kettle B. Swarm
C. Herd D. Flock

Read the following passage and then answer questions 26 – 38

Just before dark, we took up our abode for the night at a small village where I bought some food for myself and some corn for my horse at the moderate price of a button and was told that I would see the river Niger early in the next day.

The lions here are numerous. The gates of the compound are shut a little after sunset, and no one is allowed to go out after this curfew. The thoughts of seeing the Niger in the morning, and the buzzing of the mosquitoes, prevented me from sleeping until nearly dawn.

I saddled my horse and was in readiness to start before any of my followers but we were obliged to wait until the villagers were stirring and the gates opened. As this happened to be a market day at Segou, the roads leading to the village were crowded with traders and merchandise. However, we drew along fairly rapidly in spite of a few stops on account of false alarms, and after passing through some marshy land, we at last saw in the distance the Niger!

26. At what time did the writer and the rest take up abode at the small vilage?
A. At dawn
B. Late at night

- C. At dusk
D. In the morning
27. What did the writer buy for the horses?
A. Corn B. Hay
C. Biscuits D. A button

28. Which word means the same as 'numerous' as used in the passage?
 A. Few B. Dangerous
 C. Very many D. Very big
29. How did the writer know that river Niger was quite near?
 A. There were many mosquitoes
 B. He was told that he would be able to reach it early the next day
 C. The village was in a marsh
 D. The village shut its gates at sunset
30. Why were the gates of the village shut a little after sunset?
 A. To keep off mosquitoes
 B. To discourage visitors
 C. Because of the many lions there
 D. They were expecting an attack
31. What prevented the writer from sleeping?
 A. The buzzing of the mosquitoes and thoughts of seeing the Niger
 B. The constant roaring of lions
 C. The thoughts of seeing the Niger and mosquito bites
 D. The noise from the villagers
32. Why didn't the writer leave early as he had planned?
 A. It was a market day
 B. It was very cold
 C. He was late to wake up
 D. The gates had not been opened
33. We can say that the price of the corn was
 A. cheap B. expensive
 C. clear D. very high
34. Why were the roads crowded?
 A. The people travelled away from Sego when the gates were opened
 B. The people of Sego were all merchants
 C. It was a market day in the village
 D. There were so many visitors in the village
35. What was the purpose of the writer's journey?
 A. To trade in the village
 B. To buy food
 C. To spend the night at Sego
 D. To see the Niger
36. Which word below is the synonym of 'obliged' as used in the passage?
 A. allowed
 B. compelled
 C. pleaded
 D. requested
37. The writer made a few stops on the way due to
 A. false alarms
 B. marshy ground
 C. fatigue and hunger
 D. getting lost
38. Choose the most appropriate title for the passage
 A. An insecure village
 B. A village market day
 C. The dangerous lions
 D. A journey to the Niger

Read the following passage and then answer questions 39 – 50

June 1978 was the 25th anniversary of the climbing of Mt. Everest. This great mountain in the Himalayan mountains of Northern India, the highest mountain in the world, had always looked down mockingly on mere man, seeming to say, "I challenged you to climb me, poor, weak mortals." And try they did, "but failed to reach the top. There were avalanches, blizzards, extreme cold and hunger to contend with.

Then it happened! The news flashed around the world and Edmund Hillary and John Hunt had led a party of devoted climbers ever upwards until the fateful moment when Hillary himself and

a Nepalese, Tensing Norgay, set foot upon the roof of the world and looked down from a height of 3,848 metres.

Celebrations followed to mark the great exploit. Queen Elizabeth II awarded him, Hillary and Tensing with the British Empire Medal!

39. If June 1978 was the 25th anniversary of climbing the mountain, when was it climbed?
A. June 1950 B. June 1920
C. June 1953 D. June 1978
40. In which country is Mt. Everest?
A. Europe B. India
C. Britain D. Nepal
41. Those who tried to climb the mountain and failed faced the following problems except
A. money
B. cold
C. hunger
D. blizzards
42. The word that is similar in meaning to 'climb' as used in the passage is
A. ascend
B. descend
C. lower
D. catch
43. Who led the party of devoted climbers?
A. Queen Elizabeth II
B. Tensing and Norgay
C. Edmund Hillary and Queen Elizabeth II
D. Edmund Hillary and John Hunt
44. What is referred to as 'the roof of the world' according to the passage?
A. The medal they received
B. The celebrations
C. The peak of the mountain
D. The party that climbed the mountain
45. The following received medals according to the passage except
A. Hunt
B. Queen Elizabeth II
C. Tensing
D. Hillary
46. Which one of the following statements is false according to the passage?
A. The Everest is the highest mountain in the world
B. The first people to try climbing the Everest mountain did not reach the top
C. No climbers have ever reached the top of the Everest mountain
D. The first people to reach the top of the Everest mountain were rewarded a medal
47. Climbing of mountains is called
A. mountaineering
B. surfing
C. skiing
D. gliding
48. The height of the Everest mountain in metres is
A. 8884
B. 8848
C. 8488
D. 8084
49. The great exploit was folled by
A. hunger
B. punishment
C. ridicule
D. celebrations
50. The most appropriate title for the passage would be
A. The cold mountain
B. The fateful journey
C. Climbing Mount Everest
D. A failed attempt