



# KCPE EXAMINER SERIES 2021 PREDICTION TWO Standard Eight

## ENGLISH SECTION A: LANGUAGE

Time: 1 hour 40 minutes

### 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 this question booklet.

### HOW TO USE THE ANSWER SHEET

4. Use only an ordinary pencil
5. Make sure that you have written on the answer sheet:

YOUR INDEX NUMBER  
YOUR NAME  
NAME OF YOUR SCHOOL

6. By drawing dark aline inside the correct numbered boxes mark your full index number (I.e school code number and the three- figure candidates number) in the grid near the top of the answer sheet.
7. Do not make any mark outside the boxes
8. Keep the sheet as clean as possible and do not fold it
9. For each of the questions 1-50 answers are given. The answer 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 the correct answer is to shown by drawing a dark line inside the box in which the Letter you have chosen is written.

#### Example

In question 19 to 20, select the alternative that best completes the sentence.

19. It was \_\_\_\_\_ an interesting trip that we all enjoyed.  
A. so                                      B. very  
C. too                                     D. such

The correct answer is **D**. On the answer sheet:

6 [A][B][C][D] 16 [A][B][C][D] 26 [A][B][C][D] 36 [A][B][C][D] 46 [A][B][C][D]

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

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**Fill in the blank spaces numbered 1 to 15 with the best alternatives from the choices given.**

Aside from the \_\_\_1\_\_\_, I celebrated city motorists. You contend with high \_\_\_2\_\_\_ charges by the county authorities and other 'extra payments' for \_\_\_3\_\_\_ officials and guards who \_\_\_4\_\_\_ an \_\_\_5\_\_\_ on your car if you do not want to find the side \_\_\_6\_\_\_ and other accessories \_\_\_7\_\_\_.

With the long snarl-ups, the cars guzzle substantial amounts of \_\_\_8\_\_\_ and guess who digs deeper into his pocket? Upon arrival at your estate, you \_\_\_9\_\_\_ it is immersed in a sea of water. What do you expect after the heavy \_\_\_10\_\_\_? With thousands of people \_\_\_11\_\_\_ every year from road accidents, \_\_\_12\_\_\_ the safety measures \_\_\_13\_\_\_ by the government, I submit that the Kenyan road user, \_\_\_14\_\_\_ survives the madness \_\_\_15\_\_\_ the city, is the true 'shujaa'.

1. A. commuter      B. crew      C. engineer      D. police
2. A. packing      B. purchasing      C. parking      D. selling
3. A. watching      B. security      C. observing      D. checking
4. A. store      B. pick      C. put      D. keep
5. A. ear      B. arm      C. eye      D. elbow
6. A. windows      B. mirrors      C. panes      D. windscreens
7. A. missing      B. losing      C. disappearing      D. dashing
8. A. water      B. spirits      C. diesel      D. fuel
9. A. understand      B. think      C. discover      D. realize
10. A. landing      B. falling      C. snowing      D. downpour
11. A. dieing      B. dying      C. dyeing      D. dyieng
12. A. spite      B. because      C. despite      D. from
13. A. introduced      B. hired      C. imported      D. induced
14. A. which      B. whom      C. whose      D. who
15. A. at      B. in      C. for      D. with

**In questions 16 to 18, complete the statement given appropriately.**

16. My cousin is a \_\_\_\_\_ lady.  
A. beautiful, young, tall  
B. young, tall, beautiful  
C. tall, young, beautiful  
D. beautiful, tall, young
17. Every one of us \_\_\_\_\_ to give a present to the industrious performers.  
A. have  
B. are  
C. has  
D. were
18. Who is \_\_\_\_\_ behind you?  
A. seating  
B. sat  
C. seated  
D. sitting

**In questions 19 and 20, complete the sentences with the best alternative.**

19. Scarcely had we left the river:-  
A. than it started raining  
B. that it started raining  
C. when it started raining  
D. so it started raining
20. He was not only proud:-  
A. but also a kind boy  
B. and also a kind boy  
C. as well as a kind boy  
D. besides he is a kind boy

**For questions 21 to 23, select the best alternative that means the same as the underlined phrase.**

21. No one should allow themselves to give up hope.  
A. surrender  
B. suffer  
C. despair  
D. die

22. We arrived on time since we had left at the crack of dawn.  
A. late in the morning  
B. very early in the night  
C. very early in the morning  
D. very early in the evening
23. It is wise to watch your mouth when dining with the old.  
A. wipe your mouth clean  
B. look at yourself keenly  
C. be keen on what you say  
D. copy how the old eat

**For questions 24 and 25, select the alternative that is correctly punctuated.**

24. A. "Have you seen the bat!" he asked.  
B. "Have you seen the bat"? he asked.  
C. "Have you seen the bat," he asked.  
D. "Have you seen the bat?" he asked.
25. A. Ladies clothes are more expensive than mens.  
B. Ladies' clothes are more expensive than men's.  
C. Ladies' clothes' are more expensive than men's.  
D. Ladies clothes' are more expensive than men's.

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

When I was growing up, I wanted to be a doctor; a cardiologist to be specific- a smart intelligent girl with an honorable title at the beginning of my name - Dr Mamboi Rembo rolled off my tongue smoothly. I admired their sense of authority, walking confidently in their spotless white coats, a stethoscope around their necks and a big warm smile for us children. It was almost as if our fate lied entirely on their hands, and back then, it really did. Whether or not we got an injection was for them to decide, and that was the most terrifying part of it, but at the end of every visit, we would leave their rooms smiling, thanks to the lollipop they surprised us with.

I kept my dream of becoming a doctor alive, worked hard through primary school, and joined a reputable high school, only to come face to face with the stark reality of the difficult path that led to my dream. I learnt that Physics was just that; a hard subject with a hard name. I could hardly grasp the concepts. Biology was a disappointment as well, especially since it required that I know how to dissect frogs and other slimy creatures all in the name of learning. That was when I had a long conversation with myself and decided that medicine was going to remain a childhood dream.

With this in mind, I dispensed all of my energy to languages and surprisingly enough, I discovered a deep seated passion for the English language. I had always loved reading anything I could get my hands on and would write down my thoughts. However, until then, I had not imagined that I could turn this pastime into a career. I joined debate club and journalism club, and eventually found an enjoyable escape with the spoken art. It was a journey of self-discovery and I relished every moment of it, prying more into my inner beings and discovering my talents, strengths and weaknesses.

When I completed high school, I naturally pursued a communication and public relations course at the university, where I fell more in love with the power of words. It was thrilling to learn the art of verbal communication and the lasting impact of non-verbal communication; it was all about what you said and how you said it. Learning that first impressions mattered before you could even utter your first word, and that perception was a close resemblance of the truth. Mastering the art of how to package your thoughts, feelings and words into an ensemble that would be well-received, understood and acknowledged by others. Enjoying the beauty of words and the calm soothing effect of saying the right word to the right person, at the right time, in the right manner.

By this time, my childhood dream had gradually faded away, and I had embraced the knowledge of who I truly was and what I truly loved. At times I shudder when I think of the journey that would have been had I not followed my heart and allowed myself to blindly follow the conception of what society expected of me. As much as our parents want what is best for us, children should be allowed to do what they enjoy, and in the process discover their strength, because ultimately, their happiness is all that matters. It would be a disheartening scenario for a child to be forced to follow his parent's dream, only to reject it along the way to pursue their dreams. The best gift we can give our children is allow them to follow their dreams.

26. The writer had admired being a cardiologist:-  
 A. before she was born  
 B. as soon as she was born  
 C. as she was growing up  
 D. when she left high school.
27. Why was the writer attracted to being a doctor as a profession?  
 A. She believed it was a well paying job.  
 B. She knew she could easily treat patients.  
 C. She admired the work because of her parents  
 D. She saw it as an honorable job.
28. According to the writer, doctors are:-  
 A. strict, knowledgeable and ruthless  
 B. confident, smart and intelligent  
 C. brave, tall and confident  
 D. authoritative, smart and cruel.
29. Which of the following is easily found with doctors?  
 A. Tape measure      B. Thermometer  
 C. Hammer            D. Pencil
30. What was the difficult path that led to the writer's dream?  
 A. Paying school fees  
 B. Choosing subjects  
 C. Finding a good school  
 D. Performing well in some subjects
31. Which of the following subjects probably helped the writer to her current profession?  
 A. Maths and Science  
 B. English and Kiswahili  
 C. Biology and Physics  
 D. Social Studies and Kiswahili
32. According to the passage, the writer:-  
 A. finally became a good doctor  
 B. dropped her new dream  
 C. changed her childhood dream  
 D. became a cardiologist at last
33. The writer's journey to her dream can be described as:-  
 A. self-discovery  
 B. self-discipline  
 C. self-esteem  
 D. self-motivator
34. Which of the following was not discovered by the writer after joining debate and journalism clubs?  
 A. Talents  
 B. Religion  
 C. Strengths  
 D. Weaknesses
35. Life at the university taught the writer that:-  
 A. language is easily mastered  
 B. hard work is luck  
 C. speech fully depends on first impressions  
 D. talking to people is unavoidable.
36. It is true to say that the writer lost her childhood dream in :-  
 A. primary school  
 B. university  
 C. high school  
 D. nursery
37. The dream to follow a particular profession is normally:-  
 A. initiated by the family  
 B. a child's own duty  
 C. the society's responsibility  
 D. nurtured by teachers.
38. The best title for this passage would be:-  
 A. Dreaming big  
 B. Finding my own dream  
 C. Dreams from my father  
 D. A cardiologist's dream

***Read the passage below carefully then answer questions 39 to 50.***

I remember when I was young, my older sisters, younger brother and I were always excited to go for a visit upcountry. Every time my parents mentioned that they were taking us to Machakos, we would rush and pack our bags and wait eagerly for that day. The nights before each trip were always long and I could hardly sleep. I would constantly go to my parents' bedroom to ask them what the time was. Sometimes the pestering was so much for them that they threatened that if I kept bothering them, I would be left behind. That was not an option for me. How could I have stayed behind while the rest were having a great time?

I was a bit of a bully when I was young and thought that I could do whatever I wanted and get away with it. For me, the best part of the trip was sitting next to the window. But many Kenyans believe the older child can have the window seat and the younger ones should sit at the middle for protection. That did not apply to my family and much less to me. I would demand that I take the window seat and no amount of persuasion would change my mind.

The best part of being in my rural home was meeting up with my cousins and other kids of the neighborhood. We always had something planned out to do. The older kids would play together, claiming that the game was for the 'grown-up'. But somehow we ended up playing together. The game we loved most was being carried around in a wheelbarrow. We would all line up and vote to get the first ride.

Surprisingly, often I was the first. In all the rides, I preferred my older cousin to push me around in the wheelbarrow, as she was stronger and we would ride so fast down the slope. When everyone had gotten a chance to ride, and we were all exhausted, we would rush home, eat our lunch, then head back to create new games. Life back then was really exciting - creating time for family and friends and even getting time to travel upcountry. But things have changed.

With the arrival of cellphones, laptops and video games, the current generation is obsessed with gadgets. Some students even carry cellphones to school. But some teachers are allowing students to have cellphones and laptops in school as they have become part and parcel of our daily lives. Have they eased communication? Yes. More than a decade ago, we had to wait for weeks to receive a letter from the post office. But cellphones have changed our lives completely. We no longer create time to visit family and friends as we oftenly did in the past.

The quality of interaction between people has gone down. The gadgets have become our best friend and living without them is next to impossible. Small mobile devices with high-tech computing technology are owned by people of all ages. The smartphones have thousand of apps and are a must-have. And with the market of smartphones on the rise, some parents are giving their phones to their children as a tool for learning. Many parents agree that smartphones are actually helping their kids learn new things. That may be true, but the gadgets have actually barred them from engaging in constructive things. For instance, some youth are too attached to their phones and barely pay attention to their parents as they spend most of the time fiddling with their phones. They have become irresponsible and do not help with house chores. Families no longer sit together to catch up, and this has weakened the bond between them.

My family recently travelled upcountry to visit our grandmother. It had been a while since we saw her, as some of us must work and study, and we barely have time to visit. The place has really changed. The mango tree we loved to climb when we were little, to feast on its fruits, was cut down. The bench we used to sit on with our grandfather was not the same. It has been refurbished. The kids in the neighbourhood have moved to the city to work and study, leaving their parents behind. I missed the good old days when we had fun all the day. But not all hope is lost.

I was walking around looking at my mum's compound when I saw her wheelbarrow near the kitchen. I went back to the house and gave everyone the idea of riding the wheelbarrow like we used to. They were all busy doing something. Some were texting and the guys were reluctant and said they were tired. But after a lot of persuasion, they agreed. There we were at last riding around the compound like little kids, screaming and chanting.

39. What would happen to the writer before a trip to upcountry?  
 A. He would pack his bags  
 B. He would go to his parents to ask for time  
 C. He would hardly sleep  
 D. He would threaten to be left behind
40. Which of these is not mentioned as a gadget of the current generation?  
 A. Wheelbarrow  
 B. Mobile phone  
 C. Laptop  
 D. Video game
41. '..... and get away with it.....' This expression means:-  
 A. the writer was respectful  
 B. the writer's parents were strict  
 C. the writer was mischievous  
 D. the writer disturbed his cousin only.
42. What was the best moments of the writer while at the countryside?  
 A. Eating traditional food.  
 B. Driving wheelbarrows and cars.  
 C. Visiting cousin's schools.  
 D. Playing together with cousins.
43. Why does the writer feel that life in the past was really exciting?  
 A. It had few diseases and problems.  
 B. There was enough food and clothing.  
 C. It was fun meeting family and friends.  
 D. It was exciting creating new games.
44. How have cellphones changed how we communicate unlike in the past?  
 A. It has quickened the speed of communication.  
 B. It has become cheaper commuting to relatives' homes.  
 C. It has created a chance to have more friends and families.  
 D. It has enabled passing of examinations by browsing
45. Which of these has been mentioned in the passage as a challenge of new gadgets?  
 A. Improved speed of computing  
 B. Reduced rate and quality of interaction  
 C. Improved learning opportunities  
 D. Faster speed of internet-related communication
46. From the passage, it is evident that smartphones can also:-  
 A. cause having a friend next to impossible  
 B. replace teachers in the classrooms completely  
 C. prevent engaging in constructive activities  
 D. strengthen family bonds across generations
47. A number of youth who barely pay attention to their parents can be termed as:-  
 A. irresponsible  
 B. disciplined  
 C. ignorant  
 D. disobedient
48. The writer could easily remember the wheelbarrow because:-  
 A. it reminded him of the good old days  
 B. it resembled his latest gadget  
 C. it featured in his smartphone  
 D. it led him to his grandmother's homestead
49. It is clear that the gadgets have:-  
 A. taken us ages back  
 B. improved our basic needs demands  
 C. weakened family ties  
 D. easened life for the old
50. The most suitable title for this passage would be:-  
 A. my family background  
 B. memories of a gadget-free world  
 C. a nature walk  
 D. a journey to remember