

SOARING HIGH IN KCPE EXAM

SECOND PREDICTION 2021



Time: 1 hour 40 minutes

ENGLISH SECTION A: LANGUAGE

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

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 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 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 answers are lettered A, B, C and 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 be shown by drawing a **dark line** inside the box in which the letter you have chosen is written.

Example

For question 16 and 17, choose the opposite of the underlined words.

16. My brother promises to hide the secret,
A. Conceal B. Reveal C. Not tell D. Not keep

The correct answer is B.

9 [A] [B] [C] [D] 19 [A] [B] [C] [D] 29 [A] [B] [C] [D] 39 [A] [B] [C] [D] 49 [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.

This questions papers consist of 8 printed pages **TURN OVER**

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

Recent fire _____ 1 _____, mostly in Gikomba, have brought back the endless debate _____ 2 _____ Kenya's disaster preparedness. Since the year _____ 3 _____, the Kenya National Disaster Operational Centre says that there have been several fire related cases which have destroyed close to thousands of household _____ 4 _____. The organization, _____ 5 _____ coordinates response to disasters, confirmed the above.

The _____ 6 _____, on the other hand, has documented _____ 7 _____ fires in the Nairobi suburbs alone. _____ 8 _____, the body's regional disaster revealed to the media that the number could be _____ 9 _____ because fires that the immediate community manages to _____ 10 _____ are never reported, as are their damages.

This month alone, _____ 11 _____ houses in Wetewa area and Kapiti estates have gone up in smoke. The _____ 12 _____ case has happened twice leaving in _____ 13 _____ wake two fatalities. Upendo neighbourhood is another on the list of the _____ 14 _____. Yet quite _____ 15 _____, people are quick to fault electrical systems. So, what is our level of fighting fires?

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|-----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 1. A. incidences | B. incidents | C. accidents | D. incedent |
| 2. A. in | B. for | C. about | D. of |
| 3. A. began | B. begun | C. had began | D. has begun |
| 4. A. goods | B. properties | C. property | D. goodies |
| 5. A. who | B. whose | C. that | D. which |
| 6. A. Kenya red cross | B. Kenya red cross | C. Kenya Red Cross | D. Kenya Red cross |
| 7. A. twenty six | B. twenty - six | C. twenty sixth | D. twentysix |
| 8. A. However | B. Moreover | C. Nevertheless | D. Furthermore |
| 9. A. more high | B. higher | C. more higher | D. highest |
| 10. A. put up | B. put on | C. put off | D. put out |
| 11. A. any | B. enough | C. some | D. most |
| 12. A. latter | B. later | C. lartter | D. latest |
| 13. A. i'ts | B. its' | C. it's | D. its |
| 14. A. infested | B. affected | C. effected | D. infected |
| 15. A. rarely | B. hardly | C. seldom | D. often |

For questions 16 and 17 choose the appropriate question tag.

16. Close that door, _____

- A. won't you?
- B. isn't it?
- C. will you?
- D. shouldn't you'?

17. You go to a good school, _____

- A. don't you?
- B. do you?
- C. won't you?
- D. will you?

Choose the correct preposition to fill in the blank space for questions 18 and 19.

18. After a long interrogation the suspect

was charged _____ theft.

- A. with
- B. over
- C. for
- D. of

19. She divided the fruits _____

her many children.

- A. among
- B. between
- C. by
- D. for

For question 20 choose the word that is correctly spelt.

20. A. grammar
B. recieve
C. finnaly
D. writting

Choose the word that means the opposite of the underlined word for question 21

21. I detest stew with rice.

- A. prefer
- B. choose
- C. like
- D. want

For questions 22 and 23 choose the sentence that means the same as the underlined.

22. This soup is rather hot.

- A. The soup is a little too hot.
- B. The soup is too hot to drink.
- C. The soup is a little cold.
- D. The soup is really hot.

23. There were scarcely twenty people at the meeting.

- A. There were no people at all.
- B. There were more than twenty people.
- C. There were exactly twenty people.
- D. There were probably fewer than twenty people.

For question 24 choose the sentence with the correct order of adjectives .

24. A. My father bought me a Ugandan beautiful red toy.
B. My father bought me a red Ugandan beautiful toy.
C. My father bought me a beautiful red Ugandan toy.
D. My father bought for me a Ugandan red beautiful toy.

For question 25 re-arrange the following sentences to form a sensible paragraph

- 25.i) it was one of those miserable days
ii) his health not withstanding
iii) when hell broke loose
iv) on Kamau
v) he was jailed for seven years
- A. i, iv, v, iii, ii
B. iv, iii, v,
C. i, iii, iv, ii, v
D. v, iv, iii, i

Read the following passage and answer questions 26 to 38

As soon as the palace was complete and Lion moved in, the animals began to ask each other what their King would eat. No one was sure. " I am your King", said the Lion. " I will be busy ruling you so I will not have time to go out looking for food," he added. The animals were not sure of the kind of food lion wanted to eat. The King finally said that he wanted to eat one animal per day. The animals were not sure they liked the idea, but they agreed to the plan. Lion said, " When you catch the animal don't kill it. Bring it to me alive. I'll kill it myself. There is a way I kill an animal to make it's meat sweeter". "As soon as Hare's turn comes," thought the Lion, "I will say to him: Little thing, what did I tell you? I am going to eat you. Who is the cleverer one now? Bring your head close to my mouth and let me crunch it." On hearing this news, Hare became very worried. The other animals including the Cheetah told the Hare to stop getting worried and wait for his turn to be eaten. Squirrel told Hare, a King is free to behave the way he wants. In addition, Tortoise said that, in case he was taken to Lion, he would hide in his shell. Hare left these animals and went to Porcupine and told him his problem. Porcupine was glad to listen to him but he could not help him. He said that his spines could not help so he suggested that Hare should ask Black Mamba to help him. Black Mamba suggested that although he had poison, it was little. It was not enough for sharing. However, that poison would

not stop him from being eaten by Lion. Consequently, when it was Hare's turn to be eaten, the Lion called Cheetah and Leopard and told them that he had no food. Hare had suggested that he would walk to the Palace to present himself to King Lion. However, he went to a pool and invited Lion to go and eat him there. On reaching near the pool, Hare told Lion that he would not be eaten by two Kings - one in the water and the other outside the pool. Lion jumped into the water to beat up the other King Lion who looked like him.

26. Out of the many animals King Lion planned to eat, which one of the following would he enjoy to settle scores with?
- A. Squirrel
 - B. Hare
 - C. Black Mamba
 - D. Porcupine.
27. How many animals have been mentioned in the passage?
- A. 4
 - B. 7
 - C. 8
 - D. 9
28. Animals in this passage were not sure if they liked the idea but they agreed. This statement suggests to us that;
- A. The animals hated the idea.
 - B. The animals were very happy about it.
 - C. The animals wanted to be eaten.
 - D. They wanted the Hare to be eaten.
29. Why did Black Mamba think that he was of no help to the Hare?
- A. The poison would neither help the Hare nor Black Mamba himself.
 - B. Lion liked Black Mamba's poison.
 - C. Black Mamba had no poison.
 - D. King lion was eating him that night.
30. Which of the following would protect the tortoise from being eaten by the Lion?
- A. Spines
 - B. Poison
 - C. Fur
 - D. Shell
31. The following statement is the reason why Hare waited patiently for the King Lion at the pool. Which one is it?
- A. assist him to swim to the other kingdom.
 - B. lure him into drowning in the pool
 - C. persuade him so that he is not eaten
 - D. make friends with him.
32. Why were there two King Lions at the pool?
- A. King Lion who was in the water was the former King of animals.
 - B. The other was King Lion's reflection.
 - C. The new king was hiding in the water.
 - D. The one in the water was the Queen
33. Lion's two friends were
- A. Black Mamba and hare
 - B. Porcupine and Tortoise
 - C. Cheetah and Leopard
 - D. Hare and Black Mamba.

34. What do you think happened to Hare?
A. he was saved from Lion's jaws by Squirrel.
B. he died after taking Black Mamba's poison.
C. leopard killed him
D. he escaped death.
35. Among the following proverbs, one applies to King Lion. Which one is it?
A. Every dog has its day
B. Forbidden fruit tastes sweetest
C. Once bitten twice shy
D. Unity is strength.
36. In the first paragraph of this passage, King Lion gave a solution to the animal's problem. What was the solution?
A. to build another palace
B. the food to be eaten in the palace
C. eating one animal per day
D. how to get the proud Hare and eat it.
37. If King Lion was to be killed by Black Mamba, how would he die?
A. by poisoning
B. be suffocated by Mamba's tail
C. by the spines
D. be forced to swallow the shell.
38. Which one of the following is the most suitable title for this passage?
A. King Lion and friends
B. Life in the forest
C. Hare at the pool
D. King Lion's search for food.

Read the passage below and answer questions 39 to 50.

Knowledge is power. One of the best ways of acquiring knowledge is reading. The more one reads the more knowledgeable one becomes. Some people say that a person who can read has armed himself or herself with a shield against stupidity.

It is important for children to develop an interests in reading early in life. This is because reading is a lifelong activity; there simply is no end to it. Knowledge is being created every day at an incredible speed. As such, there is no point at which any one person can claim to have read all that there is to read.

Apart from reading for academic purposes as learners in school, we also read for other purposes such as self-improvement and enjoyment. We may read about how to improve our relationships with the people around us. We may also read humorous stories as a way of relaxation. It is through reading that children learn the basic things about life such as eating a balanced diet, morality and religious facts. Thus, there is a lot to be gained from books even when we are not reading for an examination. Reading also helps us to express ourselves and

communicate well with each other. This helps us to develop good relationships with each other.

It is often said that Kenyans do not read as much as they should. They are known to be aggressive in other fields of life such as athletics and business. But how successful would an athlete be if he or she did not bother to read about strategies that can help him or her to excel in athletics? What business person would not want to read business articles that will help him or her to market his or her goods and achieve better results? The truth is that to excel at what we are doing, we must be inquisitive so that we can learn how to improve. In short, when we read, we increase the likelihood of coming across information that will be useful to us. That information would be hidden from us completely if we did not take the first step of reading.

Everybody should be involved in promoting the development of a reading culture in our country. The challenge, therefore, not only goes to teachers but also goes to parents, leaders and other members of the society. They should ensure that children are exposed to different types of reading material. These include simple textbooks, storybooks, magazines and newspapers. Pupils also have a responsibility to take an active role in becoming good readers. They should take up every opportunity to read whatever useful material is available to them. They should also read widely and not restrict themselves to one type of reading material such as storybooks.

39. According to the passage, knowledge is acquired through

- A. dancing.
- B. weeping.
- C. reading.
- D. talking.

40. The phrase "knowledge is power" as used in the passage means

- A. the more you know, the richer you become.
- B. the more you learn, the more powerful you are.
- C. the more you learn, the more you end up knowing.
- D. the more opportunities you have,

the more you study.

41. From the first paragraph, we conclude that one who does not read is

- A. fearful.
- B. foolish.
- C. literate.
- D. violent.

42. Which one of the following is not a reading material?

- A. Newspaper
- B. Radio
- C. Textbook
- D. Magazine

43. Which of the following statements is **true** according to the passage?
- A. Kenyans are aggressive in business, athletics and reading.
 - B. Kenyans have a well-developed reading culture.
 - C. Reading is good for self-improvement and enjoyment.
 - D. Reading is the only way to acquire knowledge.

44. The word "inquisitive" can be replaced by
- A. clever.
 - B. cautious.
 - C. noisy.
 - D. curious.

45. Who do you think should enhance the reading culture?
- A. The government and its people
 - B. Either the parent or the teacher
 - C. Both the parents and the teachers
 - D. All the parties concerned

46. According to the last paragraph, pupils have the responsibility to
- A. restrict themselves to one type of reading material.
 - B. wait to become good readers.
 - C. take up every opportunity to read all types of useful material.
 - D. expose different types of reading materials.

47. Which one of the following statements is **true**?

- A. Reading determines economic status.
- B. Through reading children learn basic religious facts.
- C. Reading helps to conceal foolishness.
- D. Reading erodes cultural values.

48. We expose ourselves to a lot of reading
- A. so as to find out what is hidden in a book.
 - B. to be able to make achievements.
 - C. to get more knowledge from books.
 - D. to be able to upgrade our living standards.

49. A reading culture can be developed by
- A. exposing children to different types of reading material.
 - B. restrict children to one type of reading material.
 - C. reading humorous stories only.
 - D. reading serious books.

50. Which of the following is the **best** title for the above passage?
- A. The bookshop
 - B. Study skills
 - C. The importance of reading
 - D. Acquisition of knowledge