

MERIT 007



TARGETER KCPE PREDICTION ONE STANDARD EIGHT - YEAR 2021

ENGLISH SECTION A: LANGUAGE

Time: 1 hour 40 minutes.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES (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 the question paper.

HOW TO USE THE ANSWER SHEET.

4. Use an ordinary pencil only.
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 marks outside the boxes.
8. Keep your answer sheet as clean as possible and **DO NOT FOLD IT**.
9. 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.
10. On the answer sheet, show the correct answer by drawing a **dark line** inside the box in which the letter you have chosen is written.

Example:-

In the Question Booklet:

For questions 16 to 19, choose the opposite of the underlined word.

17. The windows were opaque and all that was going on was invisible.
- A. translucent, clear B. transparent, visible
C. dark, invisible D. unclear, seen

The correct answer is B.

On the Answer sheet:

16. [A] [B] [C] [D]

17. [A] [B] [C] [D]

18. [A] [B] [C] [D]

19. [A] [B] [C] [D]

In the set of boxes number 17, the box with letter B 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 8 printed pages.



TURN OVER

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Read the passage below carefully. It contains blanks numbered 1 to 15. For each blank, choose the best answer from the choices given.

I will always remember the trip I made to the animal orphanage 1 February. It was then 2 I caught measles from one of my friends, Peter, who had gone 3 too. Before he met us at the zoo, he 4 to visit his cousin who was recovering from measles. The next day, Peter was complaining of a 5 throat, a bad cold and high fever. When he was 6 by a doctor as having measles, his parents 7 me up to warn me that I had been exposed 8 measles too. By the next day, I was 9 the same 10. My doctor 11 me to stay at home for the next two weeks.

I was 12 pleased with the 13 instruction. I 14 the time reading storybooks, listening to music and watching television. When I got bored, I 15 call up Peter, who also had to spend two weeks at home for a chat.

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| 1. A. from | B. around | C. on | D. in |
| 2. A. when | B. as | C. that | D. while |
| 3. A. along | B. there | C. their | D. to the zoo |
| 4. A. had gone | B. went | C. goes | D. have gone |
| 5. A. sour | B. bitter | C. sore | D. hoarse |
| 6. A. pronounced | B. diagnosed | C. examined | D. seen |
| 7. A. rang | B. rung | C. called | D. ringed |
| 8. A. over | B. on | C. to | D. of |
| 9. A. experiencing | B. behaving | C. exercising | D. having |
| 10. A. behaviour | B. symptoms | C. characteristics | D. sign |
| 11. A. advised | B. adviced | C. warned | D. ordered |
| 12. A. quite | B. too | C. extremely | D. rather |
| 13. A. doctors' | B. doctors | C. doctor's | D. doctor |
| 14. A. wasted | B. spent | C. whiled | D. use |
| 15. A. should | B. could | C. can | D. would |

For questions 16-18 choose the word which best completes the sentence given.

16. Classes were _____ early because of the storm.
A. dismissed
B. dissolved
C. discharged
D. cancelled
17. Police officers _____ the thugs' hideout following a tip off from the neighbours.
A. invaded
B. attacked
C. stormed
D. raided
18. The corona virus _____ had adverse effects on our country's economy.
A. disaster
B. pandemic
C. tragedy
D. problem

For questions 19 to 20, select the sentence that is grammatically correct.

19. A. Today's weather is more worse than yesterdays.
B. I am not understanding what you are saying.
C. What an interesting story it is?
D. There isn't nothing left.
20. A. You need not carry many clothes.
B. Who'se in the house?
C. None of the remaining boys are good players.
D. The president, as well as the cabinet secretaries are travelling to Uganda tomorrow.

For questions 21 and 23 choose the word that best fills in the blank space.

21. You _____ be tired after the long journey.
A. could
B. must
C. should
D. ought
22. The residents _____ the area after the attack.
A. fled
B. flew
C. fled
D. flowed
23. We had _____ settled down when the bell rang.
A. hardly
B. soon
C. immediately
D. rarely

For questions 24 and 25, choose the odd one out.

24. A. Lately
B. Anyhow
C. Proudly
D. Keen
25. A. Company
B. Lost
C. Troupe
D. Member

Read the passage below then answer the questions that follow.

Many years ago, baboon was the most boastful ape. He was fast and could jump with ease from one tree to another. Whenever the animals went out to steal crops from man's shamba, baboon would never be caught. He always laughed at his cousins; the monkeys and chimpanzees who would be caught and whipped mercilessly.

"Oh, poor you! How would you be as slow as a tortoise? You should learn to be fast like me whenever you sense danger," he would tease them. The animals once went to steal maize from man's shamba, baboon quickly ate to his full and took a few maize cobs home. He then alerted man from the top of a tall tree. "Hurry up, some thieves are feasting on your maize! Man hurried to the shamba before the animals could escape and shot several of them with poisoned arrows. Baboon watched the drama from the top of the tree with glee.

With time, the other animals got fed up with baboon's behaviour. They avoided him and rarely talked whenever he was within earshot. One afternoon, baboon found monkey peeling a ripe banana, his only meal for that day. Without uttering a word, he grabbed the banana from the monkey. He quickly ate it and when he was done, threw the peel at the poor monkey's face. Shell-shocked, monkey stared at baboon for a moment before asking, "surely, why did you do that?"

"To teach you to be fast when eating delicious bananas," baboon replied. Monkey walked away feeling humiliated as baboon laughed loudly at him. He told other animals what baboon had done to him and they were upset. They decided to put an end to his unacceptable behaviour. They held a sliding competition and gathered on top of a steep hill. The competition involved sitting on the bark of a tree and sliding down a steep hill. The one who would take the shortest time to slide down the hill would emerge the winner.

Baboon was upbeat about the competition and boasted he would be the first. Eager to show off his prowess, he sat on the hard bark of a tree and made himself comfortable. As he was able to take off, monkey pulled the bark from under his bottoms as chimpanzee shoved him down the hill. Thinking that the animals had done this by mistake, he screamed for help but his pleas fell on deaf ears. The sharp stones and thorns along the steep path were unbearable. They bruised his bottom so much that they felt as though he was sitting on hot charcoal. His effort to hold onto vegetation along the path were frustrated by the animals who continued shoving him down hill. He screamed in pain as other animals joined monkey in mocking him, "are you not the toughest of us all?" they asked.

26. According to the passage, why do you think baboon was the most boastful ape?
- He was fast and wise.
 - Man had never whipped him.
 - He was quick and agile.
 - He could jump really high.
27. How was baboon displaying his cruelty in the second paragraph.
- He left his cousins behind.
 - He called man to kill his fellow animals with arrows.
 - He stole from man.
 - He was always laughing with glee.
28. Which of the following statements rings false according to the passage?
- The animals stole from man's shamba to survive.
 - Baboon was filled with too much pride.
 - Baboon genuinely felt sorry for the other animals who were slow.
 - The other animals eventually got tired of baboon's taunting.
29. How did the other animals treat baboon?
- They shunned him and barely spoke to him.
 - They respected him and offered him bananas.
 - They only spoke when he was around.
 - They avoided agitating him.
30. Baboon elicited the following feelings from his fellow animals **except**?
- Humiliation
 - Anger
 - Frustration
 - Gratitude
31. From the passage, we can tell that,
- Baboon had planned the competition.
 - The competition was a plan by the other animals to get revenge on baboon.
 - The other animals were also excited about participating in the competition.
 - The sliding competition was an annual event.
32. Why did monkey pull the bark from under baboon's bottom?
- It was part of the plot to hurt baboon.
 - To signal to the chimpanzee to push baboon.
 - He was desperate to win and wanted baboon to be slow.
 - It was an accident and he had not intended to do so.
33. The word upset in the passage would best be replaced by the word
- annoyed
 - sad
 - anxious
 - warned

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34. According to the passage, baboon's pleas fell on deaf ears. This means that,
A. the animals could not hear him.
B. the animals would not help him.
C. the animal's ears were not working.
D. the animals could hear baboon but they couldn't understand him.
35. The word prowess has been used to show that baboon was
A. very quick
B. greatly skilled
C. highly flexible
D. a show off
36. While going down the steep, baboon's bottom was hurt by
A. sharp stones and rocks.
B. thorns and pebbles.
C. hot charcoal and sharp stones.
D. thorns and sharp stones.
37. What did man use to hurt the animals?
A. He shot them with a gun.
B. He hit them with stones.
C. He shot them with poisoned arrows.
D. He trapped them in his farm.
38. The lesson learnt from this passage is:
A. Don't tell on your friends.
B. Once bitten twice shy.
C. He who laughs last laughs best.
D. Pride comes before a fall.

2. Read the passage below then answer the questions that follow.

3. Kenya's weather patterns are changing. The change in rainfall patterns has a huge impact on
4. Kenya because 98 percent of the country's agriculture is rain fed. The major challenge that farmers face is
5. timing. It is crucial for them to know when rains start and stop so that they know when to plant or harvest
6. their crops. Most parts of Kenya experience two rain seasons, March to May's long rains and October to
7. December's short ones. The months of June to August are mainly cool and dry over most parts of the
8. country, except for some areas in the Western region that get rain.

9. Hot and dry conditions are normally observed in the entire country in January and February. In
10. recent years, delay in the coming of rains has been the norm. In other years, rains came on time but then
11. stopped earlier than anticipated. Such lead to massive crop failures.

12. Other than rainfall patterns, studies show a reduction in the amount of rainfall, especially during
13. the March to May long rains period. This is a worrying trend; given that this is the main planting season.

14. The changes in Kenya's rainfall pattern have been linked to climate change. Global warming is
15. known to cause an overall warming in the atmosphere and the ocean, resulting in complex shifts that affect
our planet's weather and climate systems. Research shows that rainfall is reducing while temperatures are
on the rise in Kenya, as is the case in other countries in the Horn of Africa.

In the case of Kenya's delayed rains, another culprit has also been identified; cyclones. It is normal for cyclones to happen on the Southern African Coast between February and March. But their magnitude is dictated by sea surface temperatures. These warm as a result of increased emission of green house gases in the atmosphere leading to global warming. This means the intensity and frequency of cyclones is likely to increase.

The most recent cyclones was Idai and it occurred in the Western Indian Ocean in March last year. The cyclone caused a depression - low pressure zone - in the ocean, cutting off moisture from flowing from the Southern hemisphere to East Africa. Cyclone Idai delayed the Northward progression of the rain-bearing low pressure zone, also known as the Inter-Tropical Convergence Zone.

This limited the moisture flow from reaching Kenya, leading to the observed seasonal rainfall delay that strengthened anomalous dryness from early mid-March last year. A combination of failed rainfall and the observed high temperatures adversely impact agricultural activities across many parts of the country.

39. Why is the impact of the changing weather patterns great in Kenya?
- A. Farming activities in Kenya rely majorly on rainfall.
 - B. 98% of Kenyans rely on agriculture.
 - C. Rain has affected most Kenyans.
 - D. Kenya is semi-arid.
40. What have the farmers failed to do in their ventures?
- A. Determine when the rain would start and stop.
 - B. Timing of their activities.
 - C. Choosing the best varieties.
 - D. To consider how crucial rain is.
41. The word 'crucial' could be replaced by?
- A. Mandatory
 - B. Advisable
 - C. Needed
 - D. Important
42. A crop that needs a lot of rainfall to thrive is **best** planted in?
- A. May
 - P. March
 - C. October
 - D. December
43. Farmers are likely to prepare their farms for planting in the months of?
- A. January and February
 - B. June and July
 - C. March and May
 - D. October and December

44. Which of the following statements is **true** according to the passage?
- A. Western Kenya receives rainfall in June to August.
 - B. It is normal for the rains to delay.
 - C. Some months are dry with little or no rain at all in the entire country.
 - D. Kenyan farmers are a worried lot.
45. What is likely to happen when rains delay?
- A. Crops take longer to mature.
 - B. It delays planting thus lowering productivity.
 - C. There will be no planting of crops thus starvation.
 - D. The inputs become more costly.
46. Climate change is as a result of?
- A. Effects of global warming.
 - B. Changing rainfall patterns.
 - C. Complex shifts.
 - D. Increased temperatures in Africa.
47. The intensity and frequency of cyclones is determined by the
- A. pressure zones.
 - B. atmospheric gases.
 - C. temperatures.
 - D. position on the globe.
48. Which region was affected by cyclone Idai?
- A. Western Indian Ocean
 - B. The African horn
 - C. The entire world
 - D. East Africa
49. What limited the flow of moisture from reaching Kenya?
- A. Unprecedented weather patterns.
 - B. Change in direction of winds.
 - C. Delay in the creation of Tropical Convergence Zone.
 - D. Lack of moisture in the Southern hemisphere.
50. From the last paragraph, we can conclude that?
- A. It has not rained since March last year.
 - B. Lack of rainfall and high temperatures have adversely affected farming.
 - C. Flow of moisture has affected Kenya.
 - D. Farming activities across the county have been paralyzed.