

K.C.P.E THIRD TRIAL STANDARD EIGHT 2021

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 the question booklet.

HOW TO USE THE ANSWER SHEET

4. Use 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 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 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

In the Question Booklet:

In question 16, complete the sentence with the correct adjective.

16. He is the _____ of Nzioka's sons.

- A. oldest
- B. older
- C. eldest
- D. elder

The correct answer is (C)

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

In the set of boxes numbered 16, the box with the letter C 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 7 printed pages.

Candidates should check the question paper to ensure that all the pages are printed as indicated and no questions are missing.

Read the passage below. It contains blank spaces numbered 1 to 15. For each blank space, choose the **BEST** alternative from the choices given.

When you look back 1 your past, there is so much that you can 2. Some of these memories are good and you smile to yourself as they flashback. 3, there are also those that you 4 to forget 5 but they are the ones that keep 6 in your mind. I remember one of my dreams; I was standing alone in the field when a one 7 came 8 in the air and 9 at my feet. I was 10 but before I could pick it up, another came and when I 11 I saw so many pieces that I was unable to tell which one to go 12. Then it dawned on me that they were being 13 from full sack that was at the corner of the field! I took off at an amazing speed but before I could 14 where it was, I fell down and realized I had fallen off the bed! I'm not 15 what I would have done had I got there without the accident.

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| 1. | A. into | B. on | C. to | D. at |
| 2. | A. think | B. say | C. remember | D. discuss |
| 3. | A. Although | B. Moreover | C. Likewise | D. However |
| 4. | A. imagine | B. wish | C. know | D. hope |
| 5. | A. fast | B. well | C. slowly | D. properly |
| 6. | A. returning | B. staying | C. ringing | D. flying |
| 7. | A. hundred-shillings
note | B. hundred-shilling
note | C. hundred shilling
notes | D. hundreds-shilling
notes |
| 8. | A. dropping | B. floating | C. sinking | D. drifting |
| 9. | A. fell | B. stopped | C. failed | D. ended |
| 10. | A. shocked | B. confused | C. surprised | D. anxious |
| 11. | A. sat | B. looked | C. faced | D. stood |
| 12. | A. to | B. by | C. at | D. for |
| 13. | A. brought | B. pushed | C. blown | D. directed |
| 14. | A. reach | B. arrive | C. come | D. stay |
| 15. | A. thinking | B. aware | C. planning | D. sure |

For questions 16 to 18, choose the word that is **SIMILAR** in meaning to the underlined word or words.

16. We practiced well and **defeated** our opponents in the match.
A. scored
B. beat
C. played
D. overcame
17. Jane looked **slenderer** upon being discharged from hospital.
A. weaker
B. taller
C. smaller
D. thinner
18. Edwin is the **fastest** runner among the boys
A. swiftest
B. greatest
C. strongest
D. quickest

In questions 19 and 20, choose the sentence that is **CORRECTLY** punctuated.

19. A. The bird has just entered it's nest.
B. What he said surprised us?
C. You'll pass your examinations, however, it's not easy.
D. He asked them. "Where do you live?"
20. A. It looks as if its going to rain.
B. Njeri learns at Alliance Girl's High School.
C. The blue pullover is likely to be your's.
D. We use Primary English in our class.

For questions 21 to 23, select the alternative that **BEST** completes the sentence.

21. They looked everywhere for the lost key _____ they did not get it.
A. so
B. although
C. and
D. while
22. Perez ate chips at the hotel and _____
A. I did so
B. I also did
C. also me
D. so did I
23. However loud he spoke, we _____ not hear him clearly.
A. could
B. might
C. would
D. should

In questions 24 and 25, choose the **ODD** one out.

24. A. Property
B. Luggage
C. Furniture
D. Tool
25. A. Gibber
B. Rumble
C. Trumpet
D. Croak

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

It was by coincidence that four boys met. The vehicle they had boarded was grossly overloaded but since it was the last that evening, they considered themselves lucky to get space to hang on. What mattered that time was how to reach closer to their destination, not their comfort. When they alighted, they heaved a sigh of relief. At least, most of them had covered half or slightly more than the distance they were to cover to their homes. They stood at the new stage, with hope that another bus would come. As time went by, that hope kept dwindling until they realised that they were in another trouble altogether. There was no more public transport vehicles and no hotel in which they could spend their night.

Kefa had been talking all along, as if he was the appointed spokesman. It was him who had suggested to the others that they would easily get means to connect to their homes from that junction. Of course, it looked realistic as it happened almost all the time. When things seemed to be going off, he gave a suggestion which everyone fell for. His *maternal* grandmother lived less than ten-minutes' walk from where they were. She had a big house, lived all alone and had plenty of food and room for visitors. Within minutes, the four excited boys were on their way to Kefa's grandmother's home.

They reached in a shorter time than expected. Kefa knocked twice at the door then a sleepy voice asked who it was. Kefa responded and the next question came almost instantly and was most unexpected, "Where are you from at this late hour? Are you drunk as usual?" Kefa chose to respond only to the first question. The other boys giggled. They went in but to their surprise, the house was not as big. It was a two-roomed semi-permanent house but they were happy to go in.

Grandmother offered the hungry boys what was left of her supper. This was a few pieces of sweet potatoes and porridge. As they washed their hands, each looked at the other and Kefa who could only afford a smile. Then, like brothers, they shared out the food and ate it.

There was no sleeping place reserved for anybody. Since grandmother had already retired to her bed, Kefa had only one message to all of them: find how to make yourself comfortable for the night. He curled himself in one of the old seats and each of them reluctantly looked for where to spend the night. It's not possible to say if they slept or just stopped talking in the night.

It was only Wesa who was brave enough to ask Kefa if what he had said about his grandmother was true. He heard the question but responded that standing by the road, in cold and darkness wasn't a better option. No one talked about it again.

It must have been around five o'clock the following morning when grandmother opened her door. None of the boys talked to her or one another but each walked out one by one, except Kefa.

26. The four boys met
- A. in order to travel together.
 - B. to board the last vehicle.
 - C. as they liked one another's company.
 - D. without any prior arrangement.

27. The 'mataau' the boys boarded was to
- A. take them to part of their various destinations.
 - B. prepare them for the problems they were to face.
 - C. ensure they learn a lesson eventually.
 - D. give them necessary comfort for the journey.

28. Which of the following statements is **TRUE** according to the first paragraph?
- The boys had no money to continue their journey.
 - The boys reached their final destinations safely.
 - The overloaded vehicle did not solve the boys' problems.
 - The boys travelled but with lots of difficulties.
29. What made it easy for Kefa to convince the boys to spend at his grandmother's home?
- Lack of money to continue their journey.
 - Failure to get means of transport.
 - The size of her house and the food.
 - The speed at which he spoke.
30. The word '**maternal**' as used in the second paragraph means
- One who is ready to help the needy.
 - The mother of Kefa's father.
 - The mother of either Kefa's father or mother.
 - The mother of Kefa's mother.
31. What was Kefa able to tell the boys almost accurately?
- The walk time it would take from the stage to the home.
 - The amount of food at his grandmother's home.
 - The space each would need when going to sleep.
 - The time when each of them would wake up.
32. Kefa chose to respond only to his grandmother's first question because he
- did not hear the second one clearly.
 - was not sure if he was the one being referred to.
 - was too tired to answer every single question.
 - felt uncomfortable.
33. According to grandmother's second question, Kefa
- was known to tell lies all the time.
 - liked travelling in overloaded vehicles.
 - had a known negative behaviour.
 - was fond of going there at night.
34. Why did the boys giggle?
- They realised the food would not be enough.
 - The question from the grandmother.
 - The response Kefa gave.
 - The time they took standing at the door.
35. The behaviour of the boys as they washed their hands suggests that
- they did not think the food was adequate.
 - the grandmother had intentionally given them little food.
 - not all of them were supposed to eat.
 - Kefa had told them another lie.
36. Why did Kefa smile as the other looked at him?
- It was to cover up embarrassment.
 - He found everything interesting.
 - He did not want them to look disappointed.
 - That is what he was expected to do.
37. Grandmother opened her door around five o'clock because
- she wanted to let the boys out early.
 - it was her usual waking up time.
 - she could no longer put up with the noisy boys.
 - it was not possible to offer the boys breakfast.
38. In the end, we learn that
- the boys left the house earlier than planned.
 - the four boys appreciated the grandmother for the assistance received.
 - the boys did not leave the house the way they had come.
 - Kefa was the first boy to walk out.

Read the passage below and then answer questions 39 to 50

When large scale bedbug infestation was reported in public university hostels and high school dormitories sometimes back, many people were surprised. Now, the bedbugs have spread to many households, especially in the urban areas. The small, oval, brownish insects that feed solely on human blood are giving many Kenyans sleepless nights. Having bedbugs in your home is a stigma many people would not like. It is proper for people to seek professional help to eradicate these blood-sucking insects.

It is not easy for people to come out in the open to admit that they have bedbugs at their homes. When one is spotted with bedbugs on their clothes, it makes one feel stressed. The pests not only cause people sleepless nights but also cause them psychological trauma. The best way to eradicate the bugs is by fumigation. Their spread is attributed to increase on a public transport system. Many people unknowingly pick the bugs from matatus and even in planes, both local and international airlines.

Second-hand clothing is another contributor to the spread of bedbugs. Some of these imported clothes come with bedbugs so fumigation must also target the go downs in which such goods are stored. This should be done weekly but should not end there. It must be extended to the stalls or boutiques where they are displayed and sold.

It is also possible to bring bedbugs into your home through infested second-hand furniture or vehicles. You should not bring in such items without thoroughly inspecting it or bedbug infestation. Never assume that new items aren't a problem; inspect them too, if possible.

The presence of bedbugs in a home is not necessarily a sign of poor hygiene or low socio-economic status. You will be surprised that we get rid of bedbugs in posh estates too as there are as many bedbugs in such homes just as in the slums. There are even people who regard bedbugs demonic and take clerics to their homes to pray for the pests to go away.

Even if you are careful, bedbugs can still find their way into your home. They are great hitch-hikers and can cling onto your suitcase after a night in a hotel or attach themselves to a visitor's hair. If you suspect you have bedbugs in your house, just look out for stains on your bedsheets and mattress, which appear when you crush the bugs. Also, you will see bedbug excrement, which appears as small dark spots. Likewise, bedbug eggs which are white oval-shaped and smaller than a grain of rice, are visible too.

39. The presence of bedbugs in learning institutions surprised many people because
- they are expected to be very clean places.
 - there are very many students staying there.
 - bedbugs had never been heard of.
 - no one ever took bedbugs to such institutions.
40. Bedbugs are **MOSTLY** feared as they
- stay in homes of human beings.
 - are small, oval, brownish insects.
 - feed on human blood.
 - mostly attack people in urban areas.
41. How do people who have bedbugs in their homes feel?
- Unhappy but defiant.
 - Curious and brave.
 - Shy but nervous.
 - Stressed and helpless.
42. The **BEST** way to eradicate bedbugs from a home is to
- avoid going to stay in urban areas.
 - seek advice from professionals.
 - crush them as soon as they are seen.
 - ensure you don't go to any learning institution.
43. Why do bedbugs thrive in homes and hostels?
- The occupants don't believe bedbugs are a reality.
 - They can't identify bedbugs from other insects.
 - Bedbugs live better in urban set up.
 - Many people are too ashamed to seek professional help.
44. People find it difficult to talk about bedbugs in the open because they feel
- scared
 - eager
 - shy
 - anxious
45. Why is it important to fumigate 'matatus' and planes?
- They are used by people from all classes of life.
 - The insects multiply faster in mobile environments.
 - It is best done as the vehicle or planes are in motion.
 - Bedbugs spread faster in different when people keep changing seats.
46. Why are low class people **MOSTLY** affected by bedbugs?
- Bedbugs easily reach their houses.
 - They are almost ever in the house.
 - They take long to realise the presence of bedbugs.
 - They buy second-hand clothes.
47. Which of the four words below show how fumigation of bedbugs should be done?
- Often
 - Rarely
 - Frequently
 - Occasionally
48. What should one do if he bought second-hand furniture?
- Ask the owners if the items have bedbugs.
 - Check them carefully then fumigate.
 - Take your time to confirm if they have bedbugs after buying them.
 - Check the house first before the items are brought in.
49. People who rely on the clergy to eradicate budbugs from their homes can **BEST** be described as being
- holy
 - superstitious
 - ignorant
 - prophetic
50. The **BEST** title for this passage would be
- Various ways of eradicating bedbugs.
 - Urban and rural bedbug infestation.
 - Insects that threaten human lives.
 - How bedbugs spread in different places.