



MENTOR ASSESSMENT SERIES - 2021

CLASS 8

ENGLISH

SECTION (A) LANGUAGE

002

Time: 1 hour 40 minutes

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY

1. You have been given this booklet and a separate answer sheet. The question booklet contains 50 questions.
2. When you have chosen your answer, mark it on the **ANSWER SHEET**, not in the question paper.

HOW TO USE THE ANSWER SHEET

3. Use only an ordinary pencil.
4. Make sure you have written on the answer sheet:
YOUR INDEX NUMBER
YOUR NAME
NAME OF YOUR SCHOOL
5. 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.
6. Do not make any marks outside the boxes.
7. Keep your answer sheet as clean as possible and **DO NOT FOLD IT**.
8. 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.
9. 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

Choose the correct answer from the options given to replace the underlined words.

21. She is walking towards us, _____ ?

- A. is she
- B. is it
- C. isn't it
- D. isn't she

The correct answer is D (tolerate)

On the answer sheet:

1. [A] [B] [C] [D] 11. [A] [B] [C] [D] 21. [A] [B] [C] [D] 31. [A] [B] [C] [D] 41. [A] [B] [C] [D]

In the second set, 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 6 printed pages.

Read the passage below carefully. It contains blank spaces numbered 1 to 15.

From the choices given choose the best alternative.

Our country Kenya is the _____ 1 _____ 2 _____ tourist destination in Africa today. _____ 3 _____ here is based on natural habitat. We have a _____ 4 _____ of different kinds of wildlife in _____ 5 _____ natural habitat. Nowhere else in the world do we have such game life.

The expansive Maasai Mara game reserve _____ 6 _____ more tourists from all over the world to come and watch the _____ 7 _____ wonder of the world; the _____ 8 _____ migration of wildebeests crossing the Mara River from Kenya _____ 9 _____ the neighbouring Tanzania. What a _____ 10 _____ sight it is.

The other major attraction is the Great Rift Valley, with _____ 11 _____ hot springs near Lake Bogoria and the Hells Gate in Naivasha. Area around Lake Naivasha is a haven of _____ 12 _____ with Lake View hotels. _____ 13 _____ warm sandy beaches at the coast on the shores of the Indian Ocean _____ 14 _____ classic attraction for both _____ 15 _____ and foreign tourists on the holiday merry making.

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| 1 A. More | B. Most | C. Best | D. Many |
| 2 A. Liked | B. Known | C. Popular | D. Famous |
| 3 A. Tourism | B. Tour | C. Tourists | D. Touring |
| 4 A. Various | B. Variety | C. Varied | D. Value |
| 5 A. Then | B. There | C. They | D. Their |
| 6 A. Attempts | B. Attacks | C. Attracts | D. Entertains |
| 7 A. Eighth | B. Eight | C. Eighteith | D. Eighteenth |
| 8 A. Greet | B. Great | C. Grand | D. Gland |
| 9 A. And | B. To | C. Into | D. Through |
| 10 A. Spectrum | B. Spectacle | C. Speck | D. Spectacular |
| 11 A. It | B. It's | C. Its | D. ti's |
| 12 A. Beaty | B. Beautiful | C. Beauty | D. Beautifully |
| 13 A. Other | B. An | C. A | D. The |
| 14 A. Prove | B. provide | C. Supply | D. Promise |
| 15 A. Domestic | B. International | C. National | D. Natural |

For questions 16 and 17, choose the best opposite of the underlined word.

16. He was persuaded from joining a bad company.
A. Convinced B. Urged
C. Stopped D. Dissuaded

17. Our trip to Kisumu was postponed to next week.
A. Preponed B. Delayed
C. Put off D. Cancelled

For questions 18 and 19, choose the word that is pronounced the same as the underlined one.

18. The land rover could not tow the stalled vehicle
A. Two B. too
C. to D. toe

19. Our English teacher came at eight O'clock.
A. Height
B. ate
C. right
D. sight

For questions 20 and 21, choose the correct question tags.

20. We must stop the spread of corona virus, _____?
A. Isn't it B. Must we
C. mustn't we D. musn't we

21. We ought not to have helped him, _____?
A. Could we B. Must we
C. Ought we D. Oughtn't we

For questions 22 and 23, choose the sentence which means the same as the give sentence.

22. Both of them were awarded at the national festivals
A. The two were winners at the national festivals
B. Neither of them won any prize at the national festivals
C. None of them was awarded any prize at the national festivals
D. Either of them participated at the national festival
23. If only I had money, I would buy the English revision book.
A. Though I had the money, I didn't have the will to buy the book
B. Though I very much needed the book, I didn't buy it since I didn't have the money
C. I wished I had bought the English revision book with the money I had.
D. Even if the English revision book was good, it wasn't worth the money

For questions 24 and 25, choose the words which are correctly spelt.

24. A. Comitee
B. Full scarp
C. Callender
D. Embarrassment
25. A. Burried
B. Occured
C. Bizarre
D. Manuvre

Read the following passage below carefully then answer questions 26-38.

A peasant family lived in the village of Nyandiwa. It comprised of a man called Bunde, his wife Mary, three sons and two daughters. They lived on a tiny piece of land they had inherited from their parents. Bunde put up a homestead and was left with only a small plot where his wife made a kitchen garden for planting vegetables for domestic use.

Bunde earned a living by working on other people's farms. His eldest son was called Rooney. He was a bright and hardworking boy. In school he was a darling of most teachers due to his obedience and excellent performance. At his final primary school examinations, Rooney performed so well that he excelled with impressive scores. However, poor Bunde could not afford to pay school fees for his son Rooney due to the poverty level and financial constraints at home and the village at large.

Rooney determined to push on with life, decided to look for employment in the factory nearby to help out with family finances. On his first day of work at the factory, his mother prayed for him and wished him well before he set off at the crack of dawn. Carrying his sisal gunny bag, Rooney set off for the factory which was eight kilometers away. After walking for an hour just before he reached the factory, he came across a funny looking bag dropped by the side of the road. Curiosity got the better of him and he picked up the bag.

On opening the bag, what he saw almost made his eyes pop out of their sockets. He found crisp new bundles of money neatly bound with rubber bands and some other documents. With shaking hands the boy sat down by the roadside and counted, counted and recounted the money. Believe it or not, therein, was a total of three hundred and fifty thousand shillings! Rooney instantly ran back home to his parents what he had found.

His father counted the money carefully and later examined the documents found with the money. All the other family members looked on with mixed feelings. Rooney was especially excited and had very high hopes of a happier lifestyle. When he was done, his father said "son, we have to give this money back to the owner, my conscience will not be at peace if we take and keep such a colossal sum of money, which does not belong to us. Let's call the owner and give it back. His number is on some of the documents in the bag." The other members were all stunned by the decision.

"Butdad.... this was my luck. People run into luck. Take this money and build an iron roofed house, buy a piece of land and take me to high school and" "Nonsense!" the father interrupted. "You are too young to understand, it is best, it is best to give the money back." He called the number and the recipient responded immediately. Later that evening, the factory owner where Rooney had got a job came to their home and identified himself as the owner of the lost and found bag.

His joy knew no bound as he was handed back the bag. He examined it and found everything intact. In fact, he was so touched by the family that he there and then offered a permanent job to Mr. Bunde at the factory as a foreman and pledged to sponsor Rooney all through his entire education to the university.

26. From the first paragraph, it is true to say that the peasant family _____

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| A. Was well-to-do | B. was extremely lazy |
| C. Languished in poverty | D. had sold all their land |

27. The phrasal verb 'put up' as used in the passage best means _____
- A. Bought B. built
C. raised D. rented
28. How did Bunde earn his living?
- A. By working as a casual labourer on other people's land
B. By working hard on his own farm
C. By doing big time business in the village
D. By selling the vegetable grown by his wife
29. Which of the following is **not** true about Rooney?
- A. He was bright and obedient
B. He was a hardworking boy
C. He had a big heart and never gave up
D. He was weak, desperate and dishonest
30. Why do you think Rooney carried a gunny bag on his first day to the factory?
- A. To put in the money he would earn
B. To carry his belongings and use it as a sleeping bag
C. To use it as an apron while at work
D. To show other people how poor he really was
31. The phrase "at the crack of dawn" can be best replaced with?
- A. Very early in the morning.
B. When the ground cracks.
C. Late at night before cracking.
D. Almost at dusk time.
32. From the mother's behaviour and humility, we can say that she was highly _____
- A. Superstitious B. Idolatrous
C. Religious D. Evil
33. Rooney's excellence in performance at school, best shows that we can/
- A. Fail to succeed in life at any time after school.
B. Do well in school if we work hard regardless of our background.
C. Be useless in life even with good grades at school.
D. Fail to succeed in education but still be quite successful in life.
34. "Curiosity got the better of him" means?
- A. He became anxious
B. He got shocked
C. He became afraid
D. He was tense and terrified
35. "His eyes almost popped out of their sockets why was this?"
- A. He had a sudden jabbing pain in his own eyes.
B. He was hit hard by the sight of crisp new notes.
C. He did not want anybody else to see him or the money.
D. He simply could not believe his sudden luck
36. How many times do you think Rooney counted the money?
- A. Over and over again
B. about five times
C. Exactly three times
D. we cannot tell
37. We can say all the following about Rooney's father Mr. Bunde **except**?
- A. He was very honest
B. He was responsible
C. He was unreasonable
D. he was faithful
38. Which of the following proverbs would best be used as the title for the passage?
- A. Patience pays always
B. Honesty is the best policy
C. Hard work never goes unrewarded
D. You never know what you know

Read the passage below and use the information to answer questions 39 to 50.

Child abuse is the exposing of children conditions that do not allow their natural healthy development. It is the subjecting of children to responsibilities meant for adults. In a nutshell, child abuse is the misuse of children due to their inability to protect or defend themselves. This evil practice appears in different forms in our society. It could be child labour, sexual molestation, and child battering or even marrying off underage girls to men old enough to be their grandfathers.

Children have and continue being used for economic production from our homes to our industries. The use of children as househelps is quite rampant. Many children are subjected to this throughout the country especially in urban setups. They are exposed to fifteen hour working days and very little pay in many households. It is also common to find them in bars and at bus stops. In rural areas, especially cash crop growing areas, children are forced to pick coffee, tea and pyrethrum. They are treated harshly and are not allowed to bargain on their own terms.

Sexual molestation is also a widespread practice in our country. More often than not, we witness or read from the papers that underage children some as young as two years old have been raped or defiled. Girl children have also been exposed to prostitution and immorality. Many children are also subjected to physical beating either by the uncaring parents or employers. Children also continue to be burnt or scalded with hot water after being accused of imaginary or real crimes.

All these unfortunate incidents have a serious effect on children and their right to develop normally. They lead to children not going to school and this apart from making them unable to have responsible families in future also has a negative effect in the future development of our country. Child labour and lack of parental care also exposes our children to poor mental and physical development. They are exposed to sexually transmitted diseases and HIV/AIDS related infections. Child prostitution also leads to the increase in the number of street children and destitute.

Child abuse should be condemned by all and sundry in the society because every child has a right to love, care and protection. Denying children education is tantamount to killing the future of the nation because as we often claim, they are the future leaders. Child rights organizations for children should be made more effective. The issue of child protection should be preached in churches, villages, barazas, and any other social gathering. The law should also put heavy penalties to those who abuse the rights of the children. This is because a nation that allows her children to suffer has no credit and people should know that this act is equivalent to a man cutting the branch that he is sitting on. Let us defend the child.

39. What is child abuse according to the passage?
- A. Exposing children to conditions enabling development.
 - B. Denying children responsibilities
 - C. Using children to protect and defend themselves
 - D. Making children to perform tasks meant for adults.

40. The following are forms of child abuse **except**?
- A. Youth labour
 - B. Sexual molestation
 - C. Child battering
 - D. Forced marriages

41. Which of the following statements is **true**?
- The use of children as househelp is not common.
 - Only in some parts of the country are children used as househelps.
 - Househelps are well paid everywhere.
 - Children are forced to pick tea, coffee and pyrethrum in rural areas.
42. Which of the following **best** shows how child abuse affects children?
- It denies them chance of going to school.
 - It makes them become all round citizens.
 - It makes them be assertive.
 - It boosts their self-esteem.
43. According to the passage, what leads to increase in the number of street children?
- Allowing girls to play sex.
 - Teaching children topics of sex.
 - Exposing children to child prostitution.
 - Watching pornographic movies.
44. Mostly the information about defiled or raped children comes from?
- The area chief
 - Eye witness or newspaper
 - Child rights organization
 - Roaming boys
45. Sexual molestation as underlined in the passage means?
- Learning more about sex.
 - To physically abuse by way of sex.
 - Practicing sex at a tender age.
 - To beat someone who played sex with another.
46. Which of the following is **CORRECT** according to the passage?
- Child abuse is a thing of the past.
 - Children are abused for economic production.
 - Payment for child labourers has been increased.
 - Children employed work only for a few hours a day.
47. Why are children burnt or scalded with hot water according to the passage?
- It happens after being accused of imaginary or real crimes.
 - When they try to commit suicide.
 - When they try to commit a crime.
 - When they intentionally jump into hot water due to anger.
48. Child labour and lack of parental care are used in the passage as?
- Causes of poor mental and physical development.
 - Reasons why children steal at tender age.
 - Reason why children are abusive.
 - Causes of all crimes among children.
49. A child who has been denied a chance to education?
- Becomes a future leader.
 - May have a bleak future.
 - Will do a lot of farming.
 - Normally speaks fluent English.
50. Which of the following is the **best** title for this passage?
- Little Pitchers have long ears
 - Child's rights should be protected
 - Children as a source of labour
 - Don't underestimate what children can do.