

SIGNAL EXAMS 2021
EIGHTH K.C.P.E. SIGNAL

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 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 on 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

For question 25, choose the alternative that best completes the proverb given.

- 25.** Cut your coat
A. depending on the material
B. according to your size
C. to cut your cost
D. according to your cloth.

The correct answer is **D (according to your cloth)**

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On the answer sheet

In the set of boxes numbered 25, the box with letter **D** 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.

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TURN OVER

choose the best alternative from the choices given.

If you get an opportunity to help 1, do not 2 to do so. This can happen 3 you do your daily duties. When you are sent to the shops, you may come 4 a lost child. Some of 5 a child may not be able even to talk, leave 6 saying their 7. Many people would say it is 8 of their business and continue going their way. If, 9, everybody did this, the 10 child would remain at the same place, probably up to the 11 of darkness. The danger this child is exposed 12 cannot be underestimated. It requires a 13 person to 14 this child, try to talk to him or her if possible and 15 failure, contact the police for assistance. That is when you can go your way.

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|------------------|--------------|-------------|----------------|
| 1. A. everyone | B. anyone | C. no one | D. all |
| 2. A. hesitate | B. stop | C. wait | D. start |
| 3. A. if | B. after | C. as | D. during |
| 4. A. into | B. over | C. about | D. across |
| 5. A. those | B. the | C. such | D. these |
| 6. A. just | B. alone | C. also | D. out |
| 7. A. name | B. home | C. names | D. place |
| 8. A. neither | B. none | C. either | D. not |
| 9. A. although | B. moreover | C. however | D. furthermore |
| 10. A. small | B. young | C. weak | D. poor |
| 11. A. end | B. break | C. fall | D. full |
| 12. A. through | B. to | C. at | D. into |
| 13. A. sensitive | B. secretive | C. creative | D. suspicious |
| 14. A. take | B. approach | C. grab | D. arrest |
| 15. A. while | B. during | C. upon | D. then |

For questions 16 and 17, choose the alternative that best completes the sentence given.

16. He was not only praised _____
A. then also awarded for awarded for exemplary behaviour
B. yet also awarded for exemplary behaviour
C. and also awarded for exemplary behaviour
D. but also awarded for exemplary behaviour.
17. No sooner had the rain started falling _____
A. than we ran for shelter
B. as we ran for shelter
C. then we ran for shelter
D. and we ran for shelter.

For questions 18 and 19, choose the alternative that best completes the sentence given.

18. They visit their aunt anytime they want, _____?
A. isn't it
B. don't they
C. aren't they
D. do they
19. Maria rarely makes noise in class, _____?
A. doesn't she
B. is she
C. does she
D. isn't she

In questions 20 to 22, choose the sentence that means the same as the underlined one.

20. We hardly take supper after eight o'clock.
A. We rarely take supper after eight o'clock.
B. We never take supper after eight o'clock.
C. We sometimes take supper after eight o'clock.
D. We usually take supper after eight o'clock.

21. Immediately the assembly ended, we went into our classrooms.
A. We went into our classrooms just as the assembly ended.
B. Soon after the assembly ended, we went into our classrooms.
C. The assembly ended and we went into our classrooms.
D. As soon as assembly ended, we went into our classrooms.
22. The patient would have been quarantined if he tested positive.
A. The patient will be quarantined when he tests positive.
B. The patient cannot be quarantined because he has not tested positive.
C. The patient will be quarantined as soon as he tests positive.
D. The patient cannot be quarantined until he tests positive.

In questions 23 to 25, choose the alternative which best completes the sentence given.

23. I _____ work harder if I were you.
A. should
B. could
C. would
D. might
24. The headteacher goes _____ the school compound once a week.
A. around
B. within
C. into
D. round
25. Do not give him _____ sugar unless he asks for it.
A. any
B. much
C. some
D. little

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

It was late in the evening but the weather looked bad. It was clear from the low clouds that a storm was brewing and anybody travelling far would have to seek shelter. So when a tall lanky man carrying an old fashioned brown leather bag knocked at Tali's door, he was ushered in warmly. He immediately offered a long passionate prayer for blessings to be poured upon the household that had given him shelter for the evening.

Supper was prepared and Tali and his guest talked happily like old friends. They discussed several things about their communities, went to spiritual matters and even farming. When ten o'clock reached, the guest was directed to a room that had been prepared for him. He profusely thanked his host for the warm reception and offered another prayer before they retired for the night. It was after he had left to his allocated room that the children, whom he had unknowingly displaced, had their sleeping place prepared in the sitting room. This too, was an inconvenience the children were used to from time to time.

Tali was woken up by some movement in the house around three o'clock. At first, he thought it was from outside but a keener listening confirmed that it was actually inside the house. He thought it could be from the visitor's room but the noise was from a further room, the sitting room. Knowing that it was the children in there and it could be due to the discomfort, he dismissed the intervention and continued sleeping. Then, he heard a lamp that was normally placed next to the radio fall to the ground. This surprised him as he could not tell how the sleeping children reached it at the far corner of the house. Armed with his spotlight in one hand and a club in the other, he tip-toed in order not to disturb his sleeping guest.

He could only see the silhouette of a person, too tall to be any of his children. The second thought was that a burglar had broken into the house. Before he could decide what to do, he saw the shadowy figure move towards the door then the person started opening the door slowly but it gave its usual unique creak that made him stop. It was at that point that Tali shone his spotlight on the face of the person and the heavy leather bag on his shoulder dropped to the ground. The startled man was his guest!

The two men looked at each other in total silence for a minute or so but it's the visitor who broke the silence by stammering, "It was the work of the devil my brother, please forgive me." Tali bent and picked the leather bag and upon opening it, he found his transistor radio. He removed it immediately then told the visitor, "Since you are near the door and ready to leave, please continue with your journey in peace."

The man did not respond. He had hardly moved two steps when he heard the door creaking shut behind him.

26. According to the first paragraph, it was expected that
- travellers would call off their trips
 - visitors would seek shelter after the rains
 - bad weather was anticipated
 - each villager was expected to host strangers.
27. Tali's family welcomed the tall man
- since the weather had made it look inevitable
 - as each house had their own guest
 - because they expected him to come
 - so that he could shelter from the rain.
28. The reason why the guest offered another prayer around ten o'clock was to
- give him time to start sleeping early
 - enable him accomplish his mission later
 - to ensure everybody goes to bed
 - prove to them he was really saved.
29. By saying that the children were used to the inconvenience, the writer means that
- they did not have a specific sleeping place
 - they liked spending in the sitting room
 - their parents never wanted them to spend elsewhere
 - used to be moved wherever guests were accommodated.
30. When Tali first heard the noise, he
- thought the noise was not from within
 - suspected that his children had gone out
 - was sure an outsider had come in
 - knew that someone was moving within the house.
31. What intervention do you think Tali wanted to put in place?
- Transferring the children back to their room.
 - Finding out if they too had heard the noise.
 - Making the children more comfortable.
 - Making sure no noise is made again.
32. Why did the falling of the lamp surprise Tali?
- They had just used it shortly.
 - The cause of its fall was strange.
 - His lamp had never fallen.
 - The lamp had fallen in darkness.
33. By tip-toeing to the sitting room, Tali expected to
- silence the children once and for all
 - shock the visitor for misbehaving
 - confirm the actual source of the noise
 - confront whoever had caused the noise.
34. Which of the following words would best replace the word 'silhouette' as used in the passage?
- Size
 - Area
 - Outline
 - Structure.
35. The creaking of the door
- shocked the person in darkness
 - was strange to the two men
 - had never been as noisy as it was
 - caught Tali by surprise.
36. What made the two men to remain silent for some time at the door?
- The guest was disgusted with the host.
 - Each was contemplating the next move.
 - Both of them were slow thinkers.
 - Each was waiting for the other to pray.
37. As soon as Tali asked the guest to leave
- he remained silent for some time
 - the guest apologized and moved away
 - the guest moved two steps then the door was shut
 - he shut the door almost immediately.
38. Which of the following proverbs would best summarise the passage?
- Once bitten, twice shy.
 - Birds of a feather flock together.
 - Do not judge a book by its cover.
 - Charity begins at home.

Keep the kidneys healthy and their wastes out of the blood

Kidneys are two-sized organs located at the bottom of the rib-cage, on both sides of the spine. They perform several functions including filtering waste products, excess water and other impurities from the blood. These waste products are temporarily stored in the bladder and later expelled through urine. Your kidneys can be well-taken care of so that it continue healthy and performs their functions.

One of the main duties of the kidneys is filtering out impurities. It is therefore very important that you keep your kidneys hydrated by drinking a lot of water. One way to check whether or not your kidneys are getting the right amount of water they need to filter out impurities from your blood is by examining the colour of your urine. If it is pale yellow or clear, it is fine. If it is dark yellow, you might need more water.

Do not keep being inactive. You should keep exercising and eating well. Doing this keeps your blood pressure and your blood sugar at its best and that is good for your kidneys. Exercising and eating right keeps your heart and weight in good shape.

You should not always assume you are healthy. Get tested frequently. Heart disease is a risk factor for kidney disease which is a known risk factor for heart disease. In, if you know you have one, you should have yourself tested for the other.

If you drink alcohol, it is recommended to have not more than one drink a day for women or two a day for men. A drink is about 12 ounces or 250mls of beer, 125mls of wine or 40mls of distilled spirits. However, smoking causes hardening of the arteries which causes both coronary artery disease and arteriosclerosis of the kidney. Smoking is also a risk factor for high blood pressure which can cause both heart and kidney disease.

High blood pressure is one of the top causes of kidney problems. If it is too high, that can put stress on your kidneys. You could have high blood pressure and not know it, since it doesn't have any symptoms.

Do you suffer from diabetes? If so, work with your doctor to keep your blood sugar levels in check. Diabetes is one of the biggest concerns for kidney health. Likewise, be careful about your medications as some can cause kidney damage when taken for a long time, including over-the-counter painkillers. Other drugs such as cocaine can also lead to kidney complications.

39. Waste products are temporarily stored in the bladder because they are
- expelled from the body afterwards
 - transferred to the other kidney for storage
 - not the only organs that do the storage
 - permanently stored elsewhere later.
40. Which of the following words can best replace the word **'filtering'** as used in paragraph one?
- Grinding
 - Sieving
 - Sorting
 - Grouping.
41. Impurities can best be filtered from the blood if
- you take a lot of liquids
 - waste products are stored for a short time
 - you drink expected amount of water
 - know when to drink the right amount of water.
42. Difference in the colour of urine suggests that
- there's a lot of impurities in your blood
 - your body is producing a lot of impurities
 - the impurities are being expelled from your body or not
 - your kidneys are performing their functions well.
43. A person taking the right quantity of water should expel
- urine which is clear and pale yellow
 - only clear urine
 - urine which is clear or pale yellow
 - dark yellow and pale yellow urine.
44. Why should you keep exercising?
- It has positive effect on your kidneys.
 - It makes you feel hungry slowly.
 - It increases the speed of your heartbeat.
 - It enables you to keep on eating well.
45. Getting yourself tested for heart disease
- is only necessary if you fall sick
 - can make you know the state of your lung
 - makes you stop doubting your health
 - is as good as exercising.
46. A drink of 12 ounces of beer a day is the
- minimum recommended quantity for a man or woman
 - maximum quantity recommended for a man per day
 - average amount both men or women can drink
 - recommended quantity for a woman per day.
47. Smoking, according to the passage
- can also be controlled like drinking
 - is the only known cause of heart disease
 - causes other serious health complications
 - is safe if done without drinking.
48. What is the most dangerous thing about high blood pressure? It
- affects the kidneys
 - always puts pressure on the kidneys
 - is not easy to treat
 - has no symptoms.
49. Medication you take can become dangerous
- if it is bought over-the-counter
 - depending on the duration taken in use
 - if you take them while not sick
 - as long as your kidneys have a problem.
50. The best title for this passage would be
- The importance of drinking liquids.
 - The causes of high blood pressure.
 - Keeping your kidneys healthy.
 - Advantages of keeping your body active.

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