

TARGETER KCPE THIRD MERIT STANDARD EIGHT - YEAR 2020

SOCIAL STUDIES AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Time: 2 hour 15 mins

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES (please read these instructions carefully.)

- 1. You have been given this question booklet and a separate answer sheet. The question booklet contains 90 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 1-90, 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:

- 31. Which of the following countries borders Kenya to the North?
 - A. Ethiopia.
 - B. Somalia.
 - C. South Sudan.
 - D. Uganda.

The correct answer is A.

On the Answer sheet:

31. [A] [B] [C] [D]

32. [A] [B] [C] [D]

33. [A

[A] [B] [C] [D]

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[A] [B] [C] [D]

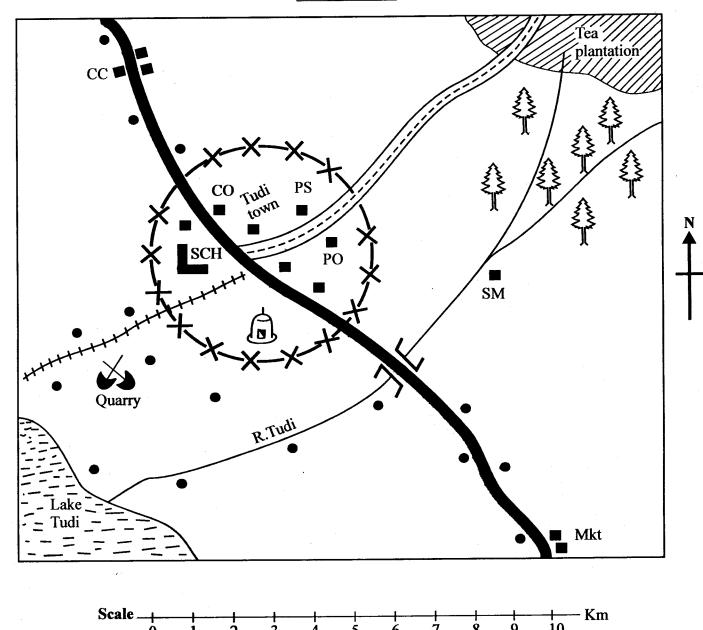
In the set of boxes number 31, the box with letter A printed in it is marked.

- 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 12 printed pages.

"PART I: SOCIAL STUDIES

TUDI AREA



KEY

	Tarmac road	Sch	School	716	A bridge and a river
	Murram road	PS	Police Station	+++++	- Railway line
	Forest	SM.	Saw mill	СО	County Offices
	Mosque	##	Build up areas	P.O	Post Office
CC	Chief's Camp	• • •	Settlements	Mkt	Market

Study the map of **Tudi Area** and answer questions 1 - 7

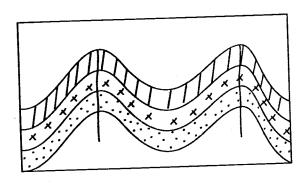
- 1. The land in Tudi area rises from
 - A. South Western.
 - B. North Western.
 - C. South Eastern.
 - D. North Eastern.
- **2.** Meda is planning to start a boutique at Tudi town. Where will she go to obtain a trading licence?
 - A. At the post office.
 - B. At the police station.
 - C. At the county offices.
 - D. At the chief's camp.
- 3. Three of the following are sources of livelihood in Tudi area. Which one is **not**?
 - A. Agricultural activities.
 - B. Fishing activities.
 - C. Trading activities.
 - D. Mining activities.
- 4. The climate of the South Western part is likely to be
 - A. hot and dry.
 - B. cool and dry.
 - C. cool and wet.
 - D. hot and wet.
- 5. The main means of transport in Tudi area is likely to be
 - A. road transport.
 - B. air transport.
 - C. railway transport.
 - D. water transport.

- **6.** The **main** factor determining human settlement in Tudi area is
 - A. agricultural activities.
 - B. security.
 - C. road network.
 - D. availability of water.
- 7. Tudi area is headed by a
 - A. county commissioner.
 - B. governor.
 - C. police officer.
 - D. chief.
- 8. Which one of the following was not a function of a clan?
 - A. Comforting one another during sad occasions.
 - B. Giving someone a sense of belonging.
 - C. Providing formal education to the children of the clan.
 - D. Assisting the needy among the clan members.
- 9. The following were functions of the king in the Old Ghana kingdom. Which one was not?
 - A. He was the final judge.
 - B. He led the army into war.
 - C. He headed the state.
 - D. He was the head of the army.
- 10. The following are duties of the county governor. Which one is **not**?
 - A. Implementing county policies.
 - B. Co-ordinating the county departments.
 - C. Appointing the speaker of the County Assembly.
 - D. Appointing the deputy governor.

- 11. The main advantage of a planted forest over a natural forest is
 - A. there is thick undergrowth.
 - B. many species of trees grow together.
 - C. there is controlled harvesting.
 - D. trees mature at the same time.
- 12. The highest subordinate court in Kenya is
 - A. Chief principal magistrate court.
 - B. Court of appeal.
 - C. Supreme court.
 - D. High court.
- 13. Which hominid is considered to be the earliest ancestor of human beings?
 - A. Homo habilis.
 - B. Kenyapithecus.
 - C. Ramapithecus.
 - D. Homo erectus.
- 14. On which day did Kenya become a republic?
 - A. 20th October 1952
 - B. 1st June 1963
 - C. 12th December 1963
 - D. 12th December 1964
- 15. Three of the following are elements of good citizenship in Kenya. Which one is **not**?
 - A. Participating in the democratic process.
 - B. Promoting the spirit of ethnicity.
 - C. Obeying the laws of the country.
 - D. Respecting other people and their property.
- 16. The headquarter of SADC are located at
 - A. Gaborone town.
 - B. Arusha town.
 - C. Lusaka town.
 - D. Abuja town.

- 17. Samouri Toure and Mukite wa Nameme are prominent traditional leaders who
 - A. collaborated with the colonialists.
 - B. gave land to the whites.
 - C. resisted colonialism.
 - D. used Islam to unite their people.
- 18. The main reason why use of drugs should be discouraged is because
 - A. it leads to addiction.
 - B. children drop from school.
 - C. it affects the health of the user negatively.
 - D. it promotes crime in the society.

Use the diagram below to answer questions 19 and 20.



- 19. The above diagram shows the formation of
 - A. a block mountain.
 - B. a volcanic mountain.
 - C. a fold mountain.
 - D. a residual mountain.
- 20. Three of the following are examples of the above feature except
 - A. table muontain.
 - B. Danakil Alps.
 - C. Cape Ranges.
 - D. Atlas mountains.

- 21. One of the most important economic developments of Gamal Abdel Nasser to the people of Egypt was
 - A. the construction of the Suez canal.
 - B. nationalisation of the Suez canal.
 - C. construction of the Aswan High Dam.
 - D. resettlement of the peasants.
- 22. Settlement schemes were established for all the following reasons except
 - A. to settle the landless.
 - B. to increase food production.
 - C. to solve the problem of squatters.
 - D. to remove the white settlers from the country.
- 23. One factor that favours horticultural farming in Kenya compared to the Netherlands is
 - A. good transport network.
 - B. favourable climate.
 - C. sufficient government support.
 - D. large ready market.
- 24. The following are functions of the IEBC except
 - A. registering eligible voters.
 - B. receiving nomination papers.
 - C. conducting and supervising elections.
 - D. appointing the chairman of the IEBC.
- 25. Three of the following are characteristics of a religious marriage except
 - A. it can be polygamous.
 - B. a marriage certificate is issued.
 - C. it is strictly monogamous.
 - D. it is conducted by a religious leader.

- **26.** The following is the description of a certain climatic region
 - (i) Rainfall is experienced when temperatures are low
 - (ii) Dry conditions are experienced when temperatures are high

The above climatic region is likely to be

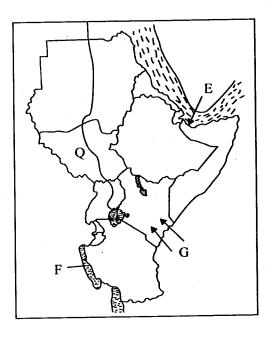
- A. equatorial.
- B. mountain.
- C. mediterranean.
- D. temperate.
- **27.** The south westerly part of Africa is sparsely populated because
 - A. the area has many wild animals.
 - B. the area is too cold.
 - C. the area receives unreliable rainfall.
 - D. the area has water borne diseases.
- 28. Which one of the following statements explains why there are few natural harbours along the Coast of Africa?
 - A. The coastline is regular.
 - B. The coastline is irregular.
 - C. Presence of mangrove forests.
 - D. Presence of sandy beaches.
- 29. The most common problem facing dams in Africa is likely to be
 - A. frequent flooding.
 - B. floating vegetation.
 - C. frequent droughts.
 - D. accumulation of silt.
- **30.** Which one of the following was a result of British colonial rule in Africa?
 - A. Promotion of African cultural practices.
 - B. Loss of fertile land by Africans.
 - C. Appointment of Africans to be in charge of colonies.
 - D. Establishment of the same schools with Europeans.

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- 31. The main foreign exchange earner of Somalia is likely to be
 - A. bananas.
 - B. tea and coffee.
 - C. horticultural products.
 - D. livestock and livestock products.
- **32.** A person becomes the speaker of the National Assembly in Kenya through
 - A. appointment by the clerk.
 - B. nomination by the President.
 - C. election by members of parliament.
 - D. election by registered voters.
- 33. Conservation of forests in Kenya is important mainly because it
 - A. makes the environment beautiful.
 - B. provides sources of herbal medicine.
 - C. protects water catchment areas.
 - D. provides raw materials for paper industry.
- 34. Which one of the following reasons best explains why the Fulani of Nigeria practise nomadic pastoralism?
 - A. Availability of large tracts of land.
 - B. Search for pasture for their animals.
 - C. Need to control animal diseases.
 - D. Search for markets for their animals.
- 35. Which one of the following European countries used the policy of assimilation to rule her colonies?
 - A. Portugal.
 - B. Germany.
 - C. Britain.
 - D. Belgium.
- **36.** Three of the following are reasons why fish farms are started. Which one is **not**?
 - A. To make harvesting of fish easy.
 - B. To provide people with jobs.
 - C. To provide people with drinking water.
 - D. To keep the type of fish one requires.

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Use the map below to answer questions 37 to 40.



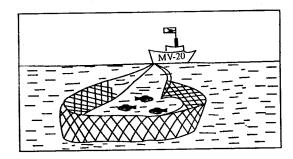
- 37. The part marked E is called
 - A. Suez canal.
 - B. Strait of Gibraltar.
 - C. Strait of Babel Mandeb.
 - D. Gulf of Eden.
- **38.** Which of the following statements about the lake marked **F** is true?
 - A. It is the deepest lake in Africa.
 - B. It is a downwarped lake.
 - C. The main fish caught there is Tilapia.
 - D. It is shared by two countries.
- 39. Which language group used the route marked
 - G during their migration into Kenya?
 - A. The Cushites.
 - B. The Semites.
 - C. The Nilotes.
 - D. The Bantu.
- 40. The floating vegetation marked Q is likely to be called
 - A. riverine vegetation.
 - B. mangrove.
 - C. alpine vegetation.
 - D. sudd.

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- 41. Which one of the following is **not** a characteristic of the government of Swaziland?
 - A. It is headed by a king.
 - B. Its parliament consists of two houses.
 - C. It has a prime minister.
 - D. The king is elected after every 5 years.
- **42.** The main factor that made Old Ghana a strong kingdom was
 - A. presence of a strong centralised government.
 - B. participating in long distance trade.
 - C. presence of a large standing army.
 - D. surrounded by weak neighbours.
- 43. The main cause of the migration of the Turkana was
 - A. attacks from hostile neighbours.
 - B. inadequate water and pastures.
 - C. need for farming lands.
 - D. need for new trading areas.
- 44. The following are pairs of pre-historic sites found in Eastern Africa. Which pair is found in Sudan?
 - A. Sango Bay, Magosi.
 - B. Naga, Meroe.
 - C. Ntusi, Nzongezi.
 - D. Omo valley, Axum.
- **45.** Who among the following advises the government on legal matters?
 - A. Attorney general.
 - B. Chief Justice.
 - C. The President.
 - D. The Speaker.

- **46.** E-mail is **not** commonly used as a way of communication because
 - A. it depends on mobile phones.
 - B. most people have no access to internet services.
 - C. internet services are very expensive.
 - D. most people are illiterate.
- 47. Most people transport their goods using roads mainly because
 - A. road transport is the most developed.
 - B. roads are very cheap to construct.
 - C. road transport is the fastest means of transport.
 - D. use of roads is the cheapest.
- 48. The instrument that is used to measure the amount of water vapour in the atmosphere is called
 - A. windsock.
 - B. hygrometer.
 - C. anemometer.
 - D. barometer.
- 49. One major problem facing Perkerra irrigation scheme is
 - A. lack of human labour.
 - B. lack of seedlings and fertilizers.
 - C. inadequate water supply.
 - D. land fragmentation in the scheme.

Use the diagram below to answer question 50.



- 50. The fishing method described above is called
 - A. net drifting.
 - B. purse seining.
 - C. long lining.
 - D. trawling.

- 51. Which one of the following is a safe practice for children when using roads in Kenya?
 - A. Walking on the right side of the road.
 - B. Walking on the left side of the road.
 - C. Getting out of a moving car.
 - D. Looking right and left before crossing the road.
- **52.** *(i)* Started mainly to help increase agricultural production
 - (ii) It has led to the formation of one of the biggest man made lakes
 - (iii) It has promoted industrial development
 The river project described above is
 - A. Kariba dam.
 - B. Akosombo dam.
 - C. Aswan high dam.
 - D. Tana river project.
- 53. The main clove growing areas in Tanzania are
 - A. Dodoma and Moshi.
 - B. Pemba and Zanzibar.
 - C. Arusha and Dar es Salaam.
 - D. Mwanza and Iringa.
- 54. Africans in Kenya were not allowed to grow cash crops because they
 - A. were taking care of their animals.
 - B. owned small pieces of land.
 - C. were required to provide labour for settlers.
 - D. lived in areas that had many crop diseases.
- 55. The **most** effective way of ensuring discipline in a school is by
 - A. making rules to govern the school.
 - B. promoting dialogue among school members.
 - C. punishing those who break school rules.
 - D. giving pupils freedom to choose what they want.

- **56.** Traditional African societies predicted the coming of rains by
 - A. observing behaviour of some animals.
 - B. observing the readings on a raingauge.
 - C. reading information from a weather chart.
 - D. listening to information from the radio.
- **57.** (i) Small portions of land are cultivated at a time
 - (ii) Simple farming tools are used
 - (iii) Loss of soil fertility leads to movement of people to new areas

The characteristics listed above describe a traditional farming method known as

- A. rotational farming.
- B. crop rotation.
- C. shifting cultivation.
- D. bush fallowing.
- **58.** The Organization of Africa Unity (OAU) had its members drawn from
 - A. English speaking states of Africa.
 - B. African states that struggled for independence.
 - C. Independent states of Africa.
 - D. States that trade together in Africa.
- **59.** In Kenya, member of county assembly represents an area called
 - A. civic ward.
 - B. county assembly.
 - C. constituency.
 - D. senate.
- **60.** Two communities have disagreed over ownership of a piece of land. The **best** way to solve the **problem** would be through
 - A. taking the matter to court.
 - B. negotiating over the matter.
 - C. teaching the community to live together.
 - D. moving one of the communities elsewhere.