

MAKUENI COUNTY

STANDARD EIGHT :2022

SECTION A: ENGLISH

1 HOUR 40 MINUTES

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY

1. You have been given this question booklet and a separate answer sheet. The question paper 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 an ordinary pencil only.
5. Make sure 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 brackets [].
8. Keep the 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 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 paper.

16. Replace the underlined word. All the people attended besides the short.

- A. despite
- B. apart from
- C. regardless
- D. including

The correct answer is B. (apart from).

On the answer sheet

8. [A] [B] [C] [D] 16. [A] [B] [C] [D] 18. [A] [B] [C] [D] 24. [A] [B] [C] [D]

In the second set, the box with the letter A printed in it is marked.

11. Your dark line **MUST** be within the brackets.
12. For each question **ONLY ONE** bracket is to be marked in each of four brackets.
This question paper consist of 8 printed pages.

Read the following passage. It contains blank spaces numbered 1 - 15. For each blank space, choose the best answer from the choices given.

Calamities are ___1___ by nature, intention ___2___ negligence. ___3___ calamities we ___4___ are caused by natural events such as floods, eruptions, lightning and earthquakes. We have ___5___ control over these natural events. The other calamities are occasioned by human beings.

___6___ many people die on our roads, but it is not ___7___ there are many ___8___ that we take notice. A number of years ago, two buses carrying forty- five passengers each ___9___ into ___10___. One of the buses ___11___ from Mombasa and the other from Nairobi. One bus burst ___12___ flames and very ___13___ people survived. Good Samaritans ___14___ not ___15___ the fire at first but after about on hour, they did.

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|--------------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| 1. A. produced | B. caused | C. set | D. supplied |
| 2. A. besides | B. or | C. for | D. also |
| 3. A. Some | B. Any | C. Almost all | D. A lot |
| 4. A. understand | B. imagine of | C. notice | D. know |
| 5. A. partial | B. no | C. utmost | D. total |
| 6. A. Everytime | B. Every time | C. Every day | D. everyday |
| 7. A. after | B. until | C. before | D. when |
| 8. A. danger | B. risk | C. suffering | D. fatalities |
| 9. A. knocked | B. crashed | C. crushed | D. hit |
| 10. A. each other | B. one another | C. others | D. the other |
| 11. A. came | B. has come | C. was coming | D. had come |
| 12. A. with | B. into | C. in | D. in to |
| 13. A. experienced | B. many | C. few | D. little |
| 14. A. could | B. would | C. can | D. should |
| 15. A. put out | B. put off | C. put up | D. put up with |

In questions 16 and 17, choose the alternative that can replace the underlined words.

16. The little boy decided he would no longer put up with the mistreatment.
A. concur
B. stand
C. bare
D. torment
17. Jael complained that most of her classmates looked down on her.
A. despised
B. abused
C. rejected
D. hated

In questions 18 and 19, correctly arrange the adjectives.

18. Bakhuya loves her _____ doll.
A. leather, black, new
B. black, new, leather
C. new, leather, black
D. new, black, leather
19. Many _____ tables were bought.
A. mahogany, glass- legged, brown
B. glass- legged, mahogany, brown
C. brown, glass- legged, mahogany
D. brown, mahogany, glass- legged

In questions 20 and 21, choose the word that least fits in the group

20. A. Tools
B. Accessories
C. Utensils
D. Necessities

21. A. Skimming
B. Browsing
C. Proofreading
D. Paraphrasing

For questions 22 and 23, give a sentence that means the same as the given sentence.

22. We can hardly think of a day we spent without eating.
A. We can barely think of a day we go on an empty stomach
B. We can think of a few days we go without food
C. Many are weeks we spent without having a meal
D. Several days are spent without food.
23. Few chairs were put in the hall.
A. No seat was put in the hall.
B. Many seats were put in the hall.
C. So many chairs were left in the hall.
D. Almost no chair was left in the hall.

For questions 24 and 25, choose the right preposition to complete the statement.

24. The children were advised not to play _____ the rain.
A. with
B. at
C. on
D. in
25. The rugby players were accused _____ theft.
A. with
B. of
C. at
D. over

Read the passage and answer questions 26 - 38

I was twelve years old at the time. One afternoon my father came rushing home earlier than usual.

"Wife," he shouted to my mother who was out at the back preparing food, "wife, have you not heard the news?" He was so excited he went rushing through the house. I followed him.

"Aren't you ashamed of yourself, a grown man like you rushing around like a little boy? What is it?" my mother asked.

"Ojukwu has announced the new state of Biafra. We are no longer Nigerians, you hear? We are now Biafrans," he said and smiled.

"And then what?" my mother asked.

"Woman, don't you know what you are saying? Don't you realise this is an important day, a historic occasion?"

My mother stood up and put her hands on her hips. Her face was streaming from the heat of the fire.

"Whether we are in Nigeria or we are in Biafra we are almost out of firewood," she said. My father raised his hands to the sky.

"Events of world importance are taking place and you are telling me to fetch firewood," he said as he walked away.

That evening, the school teacher and the man who owned the Post Office came to our house.

"Boy, come here," the teacher called.

"Come and hear what the teacher has to say," my father ordered.

"Seven nines are?....."

"Sixty- three," I answered.

"Good. Now, if twenty Nigerian soldiers march into our village and five Biafra women attack them with saucepans, who will win?" he asked, and the postman collapsed on the floor.

My mother took me by the arm and we left the room. But I crept back and stood by the door.

"What was I telling you the other day? That Ojukwu is a real man, just the sort of leader we need to get things moving. Those dirty Nigerians will taste pepper if they try to attack us, let me tell you," my father kept talking.

"That is the way to go," the school teacher said. "Just let them try. Biafra stands supreme."

"They are saying on the news that five nations have already recognised us," the postmaster said, still on the floor.

My mother called me. "Where were you? Must you always be sneaking on people to listen to what they have to say?"

"Sometimes being in the dark saves you from ignorant and foolish views. Biafra or Nigeria? What is the difference? Have we suddenly acquired two heads? Go and collect the goats, it is getting dark. It will be night soon."

(Adapted from 'Loyalties' by Pearce)

26. From the first paragraph we can tell that the writer
- came from a poor family
 - was easy to get along with
 - was a teenager
 - had lived more than a decade
27. ".....wife, have you not heard the news?"
From the phrase we can conclude that
- the wife was willing to listen
 - the wife had already heard the news
 - the writer's father was thrilled
 - the writer's father had no news.
28. Which one of the following does not explain why the writer's father was on cloud nine?
- He disrupted the serene environment in the house
 - He was eager to share the information with the wife
 - He was up and down shouting like a small boy
 - He shouted at the writer in rage
29. If the writer's mother had cherished the news she probably would
- give more attention to the husband's excitement
 - have given the writer a good present
 - have given the husband a cold shoulder.
 - have given the writer a cold shoulder.
30. "Don't you know this is an important occasion?" The occasion the husband was referring to was
- success of the son
 - independence of Nigeria
 - independence of Biafra
 - heroism of Ojukwu
31. According to the writer's mother,
- firewood was more important than politics
 - she did not want to be involved in politics
 - she only needed firewood for her cooking
 - she preferred politics to cooking
32. The writer's father raised his hands in the air **mainly** to indicate
- despair in trying to talk his wife into politics
 - surprise at how lightly the wife was treating the matter
 - surprise at how Ojukwu had won the war
 - anger at how easy his wife was taking the matter
33. One character trait of the writer is that he was
- curious
 - cunning
 - stubborn
 - ignorant
34. All the following have been mentioned in the passage but one. Which one?
- Postmaster
 - Soldiers
 - A teacher
 - President
35. The act of listening to other people's conversations without being noted is called
- gossiping
 - whispering
 - eavesdropping
 - crawling
36. What time of the day did the teacher and postmaster arrive in the writer's compound?
- In the evening
 - In the morning
 - In the night
 - In the afternoon
37. From the last paragraph we can conclude that the writer's family
- was so much involved in politics
 - was fond of farming as an economic activity
 - was part of the Biafra liberators
 - did not care much about political issues.
38. The best summary for the passage would be
- The writer's family
 - Political landscape of Biafra
 - Liberation of Biafra
 - The loyals of Biafra.

Read the passage and answer questions 39 - 50

Like most boys his age, Brian is fascinated by technology and computers. But Brian's obsession goes beyond playing games as most children do. At just 12 years, the class seven pupil at Kiui Preparatory in Athi River, Machakos County, is the brains behind a soon - to - be launched website on animals - both domestic and wild.

"I think I have a soft spot for technology. Technology fascinates me. From phones to computers, I fix them all. I keep on thinking some day I am going to be the best technology guru who ever lived," Brian says of his interest in learning and discovering new things about technology.

Although he says in the future he would like to learn more about medical technology and discover ways in which technology in form of machines and robots can be used to save lives, Brian is currently working on a website rich in information and facts on animals such as dogs, lions, squirrels which young people can use for fun, facts and research.

"First I created a page on dogs since I like dogs a lot," say Brian, adding that he hopes to complete the website by next year.

"Due to the fact that I am in school, and I can only work on the web during the school holidays, I have given myself a deadline of next year so that I will have designed an eye- catching website and one full of facts," he says. He has been getting guidance on the web design from Elphas, a web designer who also created a website for Brian's father.

Indeed, he could not hide his excitement when the winners were being taken through a session on how stories are uploaded in online publications for the 'Daily Nation' newspaper.

Brian was the most curious and inquisitive boy who wanted to know much about the Nation website and how the company makes money from their online paper.

"During my mentorship at the Nation Offices, I was excited to learn more about the e-paper. Although I asked some questions which looked silly to my friends, I am now more enlightened and I am planning to start my own blog in the near future," says Brian, who enjoys Social Studies, Science and Mathematics in class.

"I would like to **invent** cameras that can help track unwanted activities like drug trafficking, transportation of explosives on our roads and towns. I would also like to invent an effective tracking device which can be used to track stolen cars and hit and run motorists."

After the animals web, Brian says he intends to develop more apps which can be used by farmers to monitor each and every animal's production e.g every cow's milk production. The hurdle in Brian's way, however, is lack of time. Compiling the information and photographs needs ample time.

As for children interested in Information Technology, he advises they be monitored lest they end up in destructive websites

39. From the first sentence we can conclude all the following apart from
 A. only Brian has interest in technology
 B. Brian has keen interest in technology
 C. several young boys enjoy using computers
 D. it is fascinating to use computers
40. How different is Brian when it comes to Information Technology?
 A. Brian only get fascinated with new games
 B. It is impossible to fascinate Brian with games
 C. Brian is seldom fascinated with games alone
 D. Games and music help Brian to develop
41. The website developed by Brian
 A. is already operational in the county
 B. is used to monitor animals' behaviour
 C. is almost complete with all the security features
 D. can be used to check on characteristics of various animals
42. Other than developing and designing website on animals, Brian
 A. can create phones from scratch
 B. can easily make a damaged phone operational
 C. can only fix computer devices
 D. has the ability to fix damaged vehicles
43. In the near future it is the hope and desire of Brian to be one of the following. Which one?
 A. Technological expert
 B. Human medical doctor
 C. An engineer
 D. A computer engineer
44. How important is the web designer that was once employed by Brian's father to Brian?
 A. He designs the web for Brian
 B. He guides Brian in his work
 C. He guides Brian's parents in web designing
 D. He finances Brian's work
45. What is Brian's greatest hope even as he pursue medical technology?
 A. To create a robot for treating people
 B. To manage many companies
 C. To create new cameras in the world
 D. To help save lives using technology
46. As the winners were taken to the Nation Offices, it is true to say that Brian
 A. learnt hardly anything throughout the session
 B. concentrated on video games
 C. was very curious and inquisitive
 D. asked only when asked to
47. Why would Brian's invention on cameras be important?
 A. It will enhance curbing of drug trafficking
 B. It will enhance drug trafficking
 C. It will ensure all thieves are arrested
 D. It will reduce the number of robberies in banks
48. The word 'invent' has been underlined. It means
 A. improve an existing technology
 B. come up with new ways of doing something
 C. learn more about machines and their work.
 D. designing websites and robot development
49. Why was it necessary to start with a page on dogs during the designing?
 A. Dogs have easily identifiable features
 B. Dogs were the only animals Brian had seen
 C. Brian had a soft spot for dogs
 D. Dogs are harmless when provoked
50. The key proverb that Brian has applied would be
 A. Invention is the mother of necessity
 B. Necessity breeds contempt
 C. Never trouble trouble before it does so
 D. Necessity is the mother of invention