



SHARP FOCUS SERIES

STANDARD EIGHT - YEAR 2023

Time: 1hr 40mins

ENGLISH SECTION A: LANGUAGE

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 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 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, 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:

19. The poor widow was robbed _____ all her money.
- A. on
 - B. out
 - C. from
 - D. of

The correct answer is D.

On the Answer sheet:

16. [A] [B] [C] [D]

17. [A] [B] [C] [D]

18. [A] [B] [C] [D]

19. [A] [B] [C] [D]

In the set of boxes number 17, 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.

This question paper consists of 6 printed pages.

TURN OVER

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

The 1 reason why people talk to one another is to pass information to others. 2 school teacher use word, to pass information instruction to the learners. Since there are different 3 of learners, the teachers 4 which language is most appropriate 5 learners of whichever level. In the force, information is passed to juniors in form of order. When they 6 the information, they are not 7 to ask questions but to 8 the given order. In prayer house too, questions here are not encouraged. However, in business activities the customer has 9 to ask questions. They can even give suggestions. 10 in term of prices of food items because they do not have 11 price.

When talking, you should ensure that the language you use can be understood 12. If you use words tha cannot be followed, your instruction 13 not be taken. 14 your speed of speaking, if you talk while eating or laughing, it may 15 whoever is hearing you.

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| 1. A. main | B. other | C. only | D. same |
| 2. A. in | B. during | C. at | D. within |
| 3. A. levels | B. groups | C. ages | D. types |
| 4. A. decide | B. learn | C. agree | D. know |
| 5. A. to | B. for | C. in | D. of |
| 6. A. hear | B. remember | C. got | D. understand |
| 7. A. surprised | B. reminded | C. told | D. expected |
| 8. A. use | B. obey | C. reply | D. forward |
| 9. A. authority | B. doubts | C. reason | D. purpose |
| 10. A. even | B. especially | C. clearly | D. percisely |
| 11. A. real | B. known | C. fixed | D. written |
| 12. A. easily | B. slowly | C. widely | D. loudly |
| 13. A. would | B. may | C. should | D. must |
| 14. A. raise | B. improve | C. moderate | D. organise |
| 15. A. surprise | B. amaze | C. impress | D. affect |

For questions 16 to 18, choose the sentence that means the same as the underlined one.

16. Immediately we saw the lightning, we closed our eyes
A. we closed our eyes just as we saw the lightning
B. soon after we saw lightning, we closed our eyes
C. we closed our eyes just before we saw the lightning
D. as soon as we saw the lightning, we closed our eyes
17. I would not tease that dog if I were you.
A. I cannot tease that dog unless I am you
B. I cannot tease that dog, because I are not you
C. I will tease that dog only if I am you
D. I will tease that dog if I can behave like you
18. We hardly go to school on Saturday
A. we sometime go to school on Saturday
B. we never go to school on Saturday
C. we barely go to school on Saturday
D. we at times go to school on Saturday

For question 19 and 20, choose the alternative that best replace the underlined words.

19. My uncle gave me a very expensive phone.
A. dear
B. rare
C. unique
D. smart

20. His health deteriorated after he fell sick
A. stabilised
B. dropped
C. stopped
D. worsened

For question 21 - 23, choose the alternative that best fits the blank space.

21. They missed the train _____
A. and so we did
B. so we did also
C. and so did we
D. and we missed too
22. Neither the doctor _____
A. or the patient arrived on time
B. nor the patients arrived on time
C. and the patients arrived on time
D. but even the patients arrived on time
23. Diana has never eaten a cocnut, _____
A. hasn't she
B. did she
C. isn't it
D. has she

For question 24 - 25, choose the alternative which does not belong to the group.

24. A. try
B. play
C. copy
D. fly
25. A. allow
B. adventure
C. akward
D. analysis

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

We had been warned against venturing at night severally. We were told, night time is for sleeping unless if there was a very good reason like an overnight vigil when a neighbour was bereaved. We slept in our grandmother's house. She slept in her quarters while we had a large mat spread on the floor for us. It was too big for us that any of our cousins could come over for a sleepover without inconveniencing any of us.

Grandmother as far as I can remember, never woke up after going to bed till dawn it was therefore upon us to decide whether to go out at night or not, as long as we would be back before she was up.

There has been a funeral some ridges away and my older cousin had hinted that we would attend the usual post-burial night dance. By eight o'clock, we were all ready in our grandmother's hut, pretending to be gearing up to sleep. As soon as we believed she had fallen asleep, we tip-toed to the door, sneaked out and shut it from outside. Then we quietly walked out of the compound but once we hit the road, we half-walked half-ran and within a short time, we were nearing our shopping centre which looked ghostly at night. We talked excitedly and loudly; it was as if we owned the whole world.

We were still swinging along the road when we saw what looked like an approaching vehicle. However, it made completely no sound and this was very strange. We had always seen many types of vehicles during the day but none moved without making any kind of sound. The hindlights too were dim. We stopped walking but there was no time to discuss anything more as the pair of silent lights were approaching fast. Then Tani shouted, "Raiders!" and all hell broke loose. We took a quick turn and there was no time to ask whoever whatever. Since we were aware that the so-called raiders would soon catch up with us along the road, we branched off the road at different points. I was at the tail-end and when I attempted to branch off, I got trapped in a thorn fence which painfully pricked virtually every part of my body. I could neither move forward nor backward so, I remained there, staring at death directly. In spite of the pain, I squeezed myself into a small ball, hoping against hope that they don't see me. For the next few seconds, I believe I must have stopped breathing but miraculously remained conscious and every much alive.

The light reached where I was but just as was preparing to release my last frightening scream on earth, it passed as silently as it had approached. It was two harmless cyclists, riding side by side, probably as terrified as I was. As soon as I saw them pass, I tried wriggling myself out of the thorns. Inflicting as much pain as when I was getting trapped. Eventually, I freed myself and stood nursing my injuries on the road. As if that's what they were waiting for, my cousins started streaming from wherever, one by one each eager to know each of us has survived. They all found the reunion funny except me.

I was not in the mood to talk and neither was I willing to proceed to the dance. They read the mood so we all went back home and it was not until the following day that I opened up to them.

26. The first sentences of the passage suggests that the boys
- used to venture out every night
 - were not good at following instruction
 - seldom broke the rules of going out at night
 - used to be warned once in a while
27. Why did the boys spread a very big mat to sleep on?
- To accomodate others if they came
 - They could not tell how many they were
 - To confuse their grandmother if she ever woke up
 - Small mats were not easily found there
28. What does the writer mean by saying the cousin had hinted about the dance?
- The grandmother was not to know about it
 - It was a very special kind of a dance
 - They were not sure of attending the dance
 - More information would be given later on
29. The departure from the house took long because
- they had reported to the house too early
 - the dance would not start until late in the night
 - it depended on factors beyond their control
 - they had forgotten the hint due to excitement
30. By tip toeing, the boys were --
- avoiding being heard
 - sure of reaching the venue on time
 - doing what the grandmother had told them
 - to return before the grandmother woke up
31. The main reason why the boys talked excitedly and loudly is
- their grandmother had not personally warned them
 - they had been silent for some time
 - they reached the shopping centre too fast
 - they were anticipating a good time
32. Why do you think the shopping centre looked ghostly at night?
- They were simply scared when they reached there
 - They were not used to seeing it at night
 - There were different type sound from there
 - They were in a hurry to reach their destination
33. The boys realised whatever was approaching was a vehicle
- because vehicles never moved there at night
 - it moves slowly and made strange sound
 - as they had experience with vehicles
 - since the headlights were dim

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| <p>34. Tani shouted "Raiders" to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. frighten everybody to take off B. make the dance trip abort C. he knew how raiders looked like D. test the bravery of the other | <p>37. The return of the writer's cousins as stood on the road was</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. perplexing B. sudden C. a coincidence D. expected |
| <p>35. Why did the writer get trapped in a thorn fence?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. He was desperate to go off the road B. He missed the branching off point C. He was the last in the race D. He was too fast to see where others followed | <p>38. In the end, we learnt that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. the night trip to the dance was cancelled B. the writer revealed what he had seen C. grandmother never realised the boys had been away D. the boys decided never to go out at night again |
| <p>36. At the time the writer was trapped in the thorns, we can say he was</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. in a comma B. shocked beyond words C. half-dead D. in dilemma | |

Read the passage below and then answer questions 39 - 50.

Millions of people all over the world drive and as such, driving has become a necessity. It has been estimated that over 1.2 million people lose their lives in traffic accidents world wide per year. Would this not be important for us to talk about safe driving? There are practical steps that one can take to achieve this.

A report in the Australian journal noted that one of the most significant step a driver can take to reduce the risk of fatalities is to improve his behaviour at the wheel. Therefore, before setting out, a driver should ask himself; "Am I in the right state of mind and mood to drive?" Fatigue can dull one's mind and slow your response. The land transport office of the Philippines list anger, anxiety and excitement as emotions that affect driving habits and that can lead to unwise decision and even violent road rage.

Your physical conditions must also be considered as if you have been sick lately, it could affect your ability to drive safely. A driver who respects the lives of others will not go to the road when his driving ability is compromised by alcohol. Certain drugs or medication can also affect the driver's reactions. In some cases, it may be necessary to skip the trip or to get someone else to drive.

In developing countries, the number of vehicles on the road keep increasing. This means that new and inexperienced drivers too join the road. It is therefore important to consider two things that any driver can do to avoid accident. The first is to drive defensively. Stay alert as you watch out for the potential road hazards ahead and behind. Be keen that the drivers behind or in front of you could suddenly make a wrong move.

Since a large number of collisions result from one vehicle following another too closely, the wise driver will maintain a safe distance between his vehicle and others. Be aware of blind corners and spots as they could have distractions. Turn your head to see what is happening around you and do not always rely on the mirror. As much as possible, avoid distracting while driving. Multi-tasking activities such as talking on the phone or operating other gadgets could easily land you on a hospital.

You need to be keen when riding a motor cycle. Some authorities say that a cyclist is 73 times more likely to die in a crash than the occupant of a car. What protective steps should you take? Be visible so that others can see you from a distance. Keep your headlight on stay out of blind spots of other vehicles. Also, dress safely wear a helmet and bright thick protective clothing. Assume others cannot see you and ride accordingly.

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| <p>39. Driving has become necessity because</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. almost everyone has a carB. a number of cars has increased worldwideC. it has become fashionable to own a carD. it helps people to sort out their problems <p>40. Why would it be important to talk about safe driving?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. The exact number of accidents victims is knownB. Controlling road accidents is a big challengeC. A big number of people die in accidentD. Millions of people still want to own cars | <p>41. One of the best way to reduce road accidents is</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. ensuring that drivers are very keenB. to remove old vehicles from the roadC. to check if the driver can answer all questions askedD. For all drivers to have a co-driver while driving <p>42. A driver who is overworked can cause an accident</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. as he feels hungry fasterB. due to lack of adequate restC. because of speed of the vehicleD. for seeing too many vehicles along the road |
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43. Anger, anxiety and excitement are given in the passage as
- the proven emotion that affect many drivers
 - what the land transport offices says cause accidents
 - what affect moods of all drivers worldwide
 - examples of emotions that can effect drivers
44. What can be said about a driver who drive while drunk?
- He does not respect other people's lives
 - He loves his pleasure and that of others
 - He lacks time to drink while not driving
 - He could not be suffering from stress
45. When a driver falls sick at the start of a journey
- he should stop at the nearest hospital
 - the medication she uses should be given
 - the journey should be postponed
 - she should be reminded to be very careful
46. Which one of the following is not a security a rider should take to be safe?
- Stay out of blind spots of other vehicles
 - Having the headlights on while riding
 - Wear a jacket that is brightly coloured
 - Keep on the right side of the road
47. By saying a wise driver should maintain a safe distance, the writer means the driver should
- think of his safety while driving
 - create some reasonable space from others
 - stop after some distance to rest
 - let the other vehicles overtake when necessary
48. A blind corner is likely to be
- where one can't easily see beyond
 - one which could cause blindness to driver
 - where drivers tend to speed when passing
 - a place where most accidents have occurred
49. According to the passage multi-taxing is driving while
- steering the vehicle
 - listening to music
 - attending to other activities
 - looking through the side mirrors
50. The best title for this passage would be
- How drugs affect drivers
 - Keeping safe while driving
 - Increase in number of fatal accidents
 - The difference between cyclists and drivers