

ACHIEVERS FOCUS EXAMINATION SERIES



STANDARD 8 – 2020

ENGLISH

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Time: 1 hour 40 minutes

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 50 questions.
2. When you have chosen your answer, mark it on the **answer sheet**, not in this question booklet.

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 the 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 and 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

In the Question Booklet:

For questions 23 to 25, choose the alternative that best completes the sentence.

23. She passed her exams very well, _____?

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

The correct answer is C

On the Answer Sheet:

3 [A] [B] [C] [D] **13** [A] [B] [C] [D] **23** [A] [B] [C] [D] **33** [A] [B] [C] [D] **43** [A] [B] [C] [D]

10. Your **dark line** *must* be within the box.
11. For each question **only one** box is to be marked in each set of four boxes.

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Fill in the blank spaces numbered 1 to 15 with the best alternative from the choices given.

I __1__ the feeling __2__ mobile and internet providers in Kenya are __3__ to keep pace with the growing number of __4__. Could it be that the __5__ are confused __6__ to __7__ the swelling use of __8__ service __9__ just a temporary __10__ or __11__ opportunity to scale up? In the past month, users __12__ dropped calls, poor internet access __13__ delayed delivery of messages. __14__ customers rightly __15__ complaints with their respective providers, my bigger concern was: How about the regulator's voice in all these?

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|---------------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1. A. get | B. got | C. have | D. felt |
| 2. A. on | B. to | C. with | D. that |
| 3. A. falling | B. failing | C. reducing | D. not |
| 4. A. dealers | B. traders | C. subscribers | D. counsellors |
| 5. A. providers | B. customers | C. poaches | D. regulators |
| 6. A. when | B. in | C. as | D. and |
| 7. A. whether | B. weather | C. why | D. when |
| 8. A. there | B. then | C. the | D. their |
| 9. A. was | B. is | C. will | D. could |
| 10. A. distance | B. height | C. peak | D. jam |
| 11. A. a | B. the | C. in | D. an |
| 12. A. enjoyed | B. suffered | C. gained | D. achieved |
| 13. A. and | B. because | C. although | D. but |
| 14. A. nevertheless | B. consequently | C. so | D. then |
| 15. A. lowered | B. commanded | C. rejected | D. raised |

For questions 16 and 17, choose the option which **BEST** fills the blank space in the sentences below.

16. If Lucy went home, she _____ her aunt.

- A. would find
- B. will find
- C. would have found
- D. shall

17. Ray traveled _____ a plane.

- A. on
- B. in
- C. by
- D. with

For questions 18 and 19 choose the sentence that means the same as the underlined one.

18. Faith might travel to Nairobi

- A. Faith will travel to Nairobi
- B. Faith could travel to Nairobi
- C. Faith shall travel to Nairobi
- D. Faith is likely to travel to Nairobi

19. Favour hardly goes swimming

- A. Favour never goes swimming
- B. Favour seldom goes swimming
- C. Favour often goes swimming
- D. Favour always goes swimming

For questions 20 – 21, select the alternative that best completes the statement.

20. Roy has some money, _____?

- A. doesn't he
- B. hasn't he
- C. has he
- D. isn't it

21. The fire fighters extinguished the fire.

- A. put out
- B. set off
- C. switched off
- D. put off

In questions 22 and 23, choose the **BEST** arrangement of the given sentences to make a sensible paragraph.

22. (i) Everyone woke up in fear
(ii) Tabitha woke up with a start
(iii) She let out a loud scream
(iv) The tap changed into a persistent knock

(v) There was a tap on the bedroom window

- A. (ii), (v), (iii), (iv), (i)
- B. (v), (ii) (iv), (iii), (i)
- C. (ii), (i), (v), (iv), (iii)
- D. (v), (iv), (ii), (iii), (i)

23. (i) argues a lot
(ii) Nothing annoys
(iii) an adult
(iv) more than
(v) a child who

- A. (ii), (v), (i), (iv), (iii)
- B. (iii), (i), (iv), (v), (ii)
- C. (ii), (iii), (iv), (i), (v)
- D. (ii), (iii), (iv), (v), (i)

For questions 24 and 25 choose the sentence which is correctly punctuated.

24. A. "Where is Joseph?" Asked the teacher
B. Tom said, " He has gone to school,".
C. "Stop there!" shouted Tracey, "the boy has come."

D. "What is your name? he asked."

25. A. Mose's mother was afraid of a dog.
B. The boss's car had a puncture.
C. pupil's classroom's were swept.
D. The boys' book was found in his desk

Read the passage below and use it to answer questions 26 to 38.

We walked behind father's long strides. Though the afternoon Sun was hot, no one seemed to care. The joy of receiving back our mother from the US had no bounds. Life in the village had pushed us to the lowest level of poverty; **so poor that we could hardly afford a meal**. Father stood again and waited for us.

"Speed up daughters, we're almost there!" he shouted.

As I moved closer, I realized that his hair had turned grey. His face had wrinkles as he tried to hide it in a smile. His baggy T-shirt and old jeans made him to double his age. The pain of losing a job as a sacrifice for mother's education had done more harm than good to the family. I wish his company would understand that he **misappropriated** the funds to satisfy mother's curiosity of learning abroad. I was still lost in thoughts when we arrived on the highway.

I heaved a weary sigh of relief to see the words 'KISUMU INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT'. Father stopped a man on a motorbike and he sat behind us. I was dog-tired. In a jiffy, we were at the airport. The curiosity that killed a proverbial cat almost consumed me. The word 'mother' had become a vocabulary for five good years immediately she left for studies.

The airport was a beehive of activity. Planes landed and took off almost simultaneously. We sat at the passengers' launch waiting for our mother, the only ray of hope. At exactly noon, KQ 504 touched the ground. Finally, the eagerly awaited guest was about to alight. It was difficult to hide our incredulous joy.

At first, I thought my eyes were playing a trick on me. My mother, Sally, was spotted from a mammoth crowd of passengers. She looked so beautiful. Father could not stop smiling.

"She looks more beautiful and lovely," he was tempted to remark.

None of us can recall how joy turned into sorrow just in a blink of an eyelid. Mother was carrying a baby in her arm! Beside her was a tall white man who seemed to be a native of one of the Scandinavian countries. Father ran to hug her despite what he had seen. Surprisingly, he was met with a slap that almost sent him sprawling on the ground.

"Respect other people's wives!" she shouted.

The man took out a pistol and almost sent father to his ancestors. The white man shortly left to an unknown place with mother in a posh car. Since then, we have never set eyes on her. I still ask myself this question: when will wonders cease!

26. What made the writer's family to walk in the hot Sun?

- A. Mother's journey back
- B. The happiness they had
- C. Father's decision
- D. Mother's plane

27. Why do you think caused much suffering to the family?

- A. Mother's journey abroad
- B. Father's decision to stay in the village
- C. When the writer's father lost his job.
- D. Being unable to provide for the family

28. '... **so poor that we could hardly afford a meal.**' means

- A. The family survived on insufficient meal
- B. There wasn't any meal at all
- C. The meal was never found
- D. The village never provided a meal

29. The word '**misappropriated**' means

- A. Underused the company resources
- B. Corrupted the company finance
- C. Paid mother's fees
- D. Misused the company money

30. What do we learn from the writer's father when he told the girls that they were almost there?
- A. He did not want the girls to miss the mother
 - B. He wanted to surprise the girls
 - C. He was a caring and encouraging father
 - D. He knew the mother was almost landing
31. Why do you think father misappropriated the company funds?
- A. To satisfy mother's curiosity to study abroad
 - B. He was curious and happy with mother's achievement
 - C. He wanted mother to succeed
 - D. He did not consider the consequences
32. Which of the following is NOT TRUE about the writer's mother?
- A. She had the passion of studying abroad
 - B. She did not consider the family's financial status
 - C. She had a passion of improving the family
 - D. She did not appreciate her husband's efforts
33. Why was the writer's mother termed as their ray of hope?
- A. She had come to improve their life
 - B. She was the only expected reliable source of income
 - C. Father had become useless after losing the job
 - D. She could take the family to the US.
34. We can describe the writer's mother as
- A. Reliable and caring
 - B. Dishonest and incompetent
 - C. Unfaithful and inconsiderate
 - D. Brave and shameless
35. The white man almost shot the writer's father because
- A. he wanted to stay with mother
 - B. he thought father was a thief
 - C. he thought that father was a security threat
 - D. he wanted to please mother
36. The actions of the writer's mother made the family to be
- A. desperate
 - B. remorseful
 - C. curious
 - D. strict
37. The phrase "respect people's wives" means that mother
- A. did not know her husband
 - B. was less concerned about the husband
 - C. taught the husband the value of respect
 - D. loved her family
38. The best title for this passage would be
- A. Impact of mother's study
 - B. Father's suffering
 - C. The white man
 - D. The new baby

Read the passage below and answer questions 39 to 50.

Corona virus or Covid 19 as they put it, is a dangerous respiratory disease that affects the breathing system. This disease is a monster to mankind. It began as a joke but has turned out to be the fiercest malady on the surface of the earth. The rate at which this disease spreads is so alarming that none of us is safe. Besides, it causes more harm especially on people with some medical conditions.

Many people across the world have succumbed to the disease. The number goes up every now and then due to some reasons. Firstly, people have neglected the basic health parameters that can help to curb the peril. Washing of hands is as easy as ABCD... yet we find it a mountain to climb. As our cabinet secretary in charge of health puts it: Our personal hygiene is the key to end this pandemic, it's true to his word. We are encouraged to stage water points in places where we operate from.

Secondly, it's advisable to use hand sanitizers. This will limit the spread of Corona Virus thus reducing chances of the disease. Ensure that you have at least some in the house. It has become a big challenge to control people from crowding. We must keep at least one metre away from each other. This challenge has affected ways in which we conduct ourselves in crowded areas; church, funerals, ceremonies etc. Such places are so risky and we should always take precautionary measures.

Face masks are as cheap and as available as possible. Always use them whenever you are found in places where people meet. Of late, people are simply keeping them inside their pockets as they wait for someone to force them to wear. If we really care for our elderly parents, children and more so ourselves, then we ought to use them well.

Covid 19 has adversely affected the world economy. Many people have lost their jobs, learning institutions have been closed, businesses have closed down among others. This is a tragedy of **gigantic proportion**.

Finally, it's common knowledge to see that the disease does not respect any status, political class, age or race. We are all at risk and should be more **vigilant**. If we treat this disease normally, it will treat us abnormally.

39. The Covid 19 according to the passage means
- A. a disease that people put as Corona
 - B. A fairly severe disease
 - C. A disease that found in lungs
 - D. A respiratory deadly disease

40. The disease is termed as a 'monster' because
- A. It affects mankind only
 - B. It is likely to kill
 - C. It has caused a magnitude of harm
 - D. It is the first one of its kind

41. It is TRUE to say that
- A. People with a medical condition are exempted from infection
 - B. The disease affects those with a medical condition
 - C. Those with medical conditions are at more risk of infection
 - D. It only affects people with a condition

42. Which of the following is not among health parameters?
- A. General hygiene
 - B. Wearing masks
 - C. Washing of hands
 - D. Social distancing

43. From the third paragraph we learn that
- A. it has become a challenge to overcrowd
 - B. we should avoid crowded places
 - C. Covid can be found in crowded places
 - D. We need to keep while in funerals

44. The word '**vigilant**' as used in the passage means
- A. Watchful
 - B. Prompt
 - C. Grateful
 - D. Strange

45. Which of the following does not describe Covid 19?
- A. Deadly
 - B. Dreadful
 - C. Fateful
 - D. Mild
46. How has it become a problem for people to wear face masks?
- A. They are so many
 - B. They are forced to buy
 - C. They wait until someone forces them to
 - D. They're careless about themselves
47. The world economy has been affected in the following ways except
- A. businesses collapsed
 - B. losing of jobs
 - C. closing of schools
 - D. staying home
48. Why do you think it's necessary to take precautionary measures?
- A. To avoid affecting others
 - B. To avoid spreading the disease
 - C. To remain vigilant
 - D. To stop the spread of the disease
49. The phrase 'a tragedy **gigantic proportion**' means
- A. a small amount
 - B. big and dangerous
 - C. moves faster
 - D. a bit risky
50. What do you think would be a suitable title for this passage?
- A. How to avoid infections
 - B. Results of Corona
 - C. How to deal with Corona
 - D. The Corona Virus