

SCHOOL BASED ASSESSMENT TEST



STANDARD 5 - YEAR 2021

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ENGLISH: LANGUAGE

Time: 1hr 40minutes

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY.

1. You have been given this question paper and a separate answer sheet. The question paper contains 50 questions.
2. Make sure that you have written on the answer sheet.

(i) Your name

(ii) Name of your school

Read the passage below carefully and fill in the blank spaces numbered 1-15 with the correct answer.

Once upon a ___ 1 ___, in a very far-off country whose name has now been ___ 2 ___,
___ 3 ___ lived an old man ___ 4 ___ name was Jacabo. He was a ___ 5 ___ witchdoctor who
had magical powers. He had a child called Okabi, meaning ___ 6 ___ only child. He was brave and
___ 7 ___. His father ___ 8 ___ very proud ___ 9 ___ him. He ___ 10 ___ not want any harm
to befall ___ 11 ___. He ___ 12 ___ not send him far away ___ 13 ___ he feared he might
be ___ 14 ___. He always told him, "I ___ 15 ___ you to be the greatest witchdoctor."

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| 1. | A. time | B. day | C. year | D. ago |
| 2. | A. forgotten | B. forget | C. forgotten | D. forgot |
| 3. | A. their | B. they | C. there | D. them |
| 4. | A. which | B. that | C. who's | D. whose |
| 5. | A. greet | B. grate | C. graet | D. great |
| 6. | A. an | B. a | C. the | D. some |
| 7. | A. beautiful | B. handsome | C. pretty | D. taller |
| 8. | A. was | B. is | C. had | D. were |
| 9. | A. of | B. off | C. with | D. at |
| 10. | A. does | B. did | C. didn't | D. do |
| 11. | A. it | B. her | C. him | D. his |
| 12. | A. shall | B. will | C. should | D. would |
| 13. | A. because | B. and | C. however | D. then |
| 14. | A. attacking | B. attacked | C. attacks | D. attack |
| 15. | A. wanted | B. wants | C. want | D. wanting |

For questions 16 - 18, choose the best preposition.

16. Her birthday is _____ 22nd June.
A. of B. at
C. on D. in
17. The cat jumped _____ the window.
A. along B. through
C. on D. in
18. I am afraid _____ snakes.
A. off B. from
C. for D. of

For questions 19-20, choose the adjective from the sentences given.

19. We saw a yellow bird.
A. yellow B. saw
C. bird D. we
20. The choir has sung a great song.
A. choir B. sung
C. great D. song

For questions 21 to 22, choose the best alternative to fill the blank spaces.

21. Dog is to kennel as king is to _____
A. temple B. palace
C. igloo D. tent
22. Man is to house as lion is to _____
A. den B. cell
C. forest D. park

For questions 23-25, choose the correct sound.

23. A horse _____
A. grunts B. roars
C. neighs D. crows
24. A snake _____
A. hums B. quacks
C. slithers D. hisses
25. A bull _____
A. bleats B. bellows
C. trumpets D. purrs

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

Once upon a time, Malonza, a hunter, lived in the savannah. One day, while hunting by the river, he saw a beautiful woman and wanted to marry her.

The woman refused but Malonza never ceased wooing her. She accepted after he promised to get her some kangas from the coast.

They were soon married and had plump beautiful children. In the seventh year of their marriage, the rains refused to come and the savannah became more arid.

The children cried because they were hungry and this made Malonza very sad. One day, Malonza's wife disclosed to him that she had a solution that would relieve the situation. However, she would only do so if Malonza pledged to keep secret what she was about to tell him. What do you think this secret was?

The secret helped Malonza get some ivory. He went with the ivory to the Coast to trade and in exchange, he got a lot of food from the traders at the Coast. However, Malonza could not carry all the food by himself. He found porters who were willing to help him carry the food back home on condition that he would tell them the source of his ivory.

When they arrived at home, the porters asked Malonza to show them where he had got the ivory from. Unfortunately, Malonza could not share the secret because he had made a vow to his wife not to tell. The porters refused to leave Malonza's home. Malonza decided to persuade his wife to repeat the secret act that had brought forth the ivory so that they would get rid of the porters. She refused, but Malonza was adamant.

Later that night, while everyone else was asleep, Malonza's wife crept out of the house and disappeared never to be seen again as a human being.

26. According to the first paragraph Malonza was a
- farmer
 - hunter
 - wife
 - trader
27. What was Malonza doing when he saw a beautiful woman?
- Bathing in the river
 - Fishing in the river
 - Hunting by the river
 - Trading in ivory
28. Why did the woman accept Malonza's marriage proposal?
- She was a beautiful woman
 - He lived in the coast
 - She loved him
 - He promised her some kangas
29. How long was Malonza married when the rains refused to come?
- Six years
 - Seven years
 - Four years
 - Five years
30. The children cried because
- they were very thirsty
 - there was nothing to eat
 - they were very sad
 - there was no rain
31. The word '**plump**' as used in the passage means the same as
- thin
 - slim
 - fat
 - slender
32. Who had a solution to the problem that Malonza's family was facing
- Malonza
 - Malonza's children
 - The traders
 - Malonza's wife
33. What do you think was the secret to the solution of the family's problem?
- The ivory
 - The food
 - The coast
 - His wife
34. To tell a secret is to;
- keep your eggs in one bag
 - let the cat out of the bag
 - blow one's trumpet
 - show the other side of the coin
35. Why did the porters accept to help Malonza?
- In order to get paid
 - There was a lot of food
 - To be given the ivory
 - In order to know the source of the ivory
36. What happened when Malonza refused to share the secret?
- The porters left
 - The porters chased his wife away
 - The porters refused to leave
 - The wife left in broad-day light.
37. Did Malonza's wife reveal the secret?
- Yes, she did
 - Probably, she did
 - It's most likely she did
 - No, she didn't
38. What would be the best title for the above passage?
- Malonza and his wife
 - The great trader
 - Famine in the land
 - Malonza's children

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

When things are not going the way you want, do you complain too much? If the answer is yes, then you are what people call a cry-baby.

Kamene is a standard five pupil, in a boarding school. It is opening day and she has accompanied her mother to the supermarket for some back-to school shopping. Her mother can only afford to buy the essential things for Kamene. But Kamene wants to fill the trolley with many things she can do without including biscuits, margarine and cakes. Her mother asks her to eat dry bread for a week.

Kamene immediately replaces her smile with a long face, in spite of her mother's gentle words. She starts complaining and accuses her mother of not planning her back-to-school in advance. To make matters worse, she remains behind a shelf to cry and her mother has to come back for her.

"But Kamene dear, I did not know we were going to get into financial problems. It caught me by surprise. Don't worry, I will get some money next week and bring you the rest of the things you need at school."

After much persuasion, Kamene gives in, but not before taking her helpless mother to hell and back. A cry-baby can also be called a whiner, complainer or grumbler. Please, do not be one.

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39. According to paragraph one, who is a cry-baby
- A. one who cries a lot
 - B. one who complains a lot
 - C. one who is a baby
 - D. one who always annoys others
40. All the following statements are true **except**
- A. Kamene is in standard five
 - B. Kamene is in a day school
 - C. Kamene accompanied her mother to the supermarket
 - D. Kamene and her mother went shopping
41. Kamene's mother could only afford
- A. cakes
 - B. margarine
 - C. essential things
 - D. everything in the supermarket
42. The words '**Dry bread**' as used in the second paragraph means
- A. bread that has no water
 - B. bread made of flour
 - C. unhealthy bread
 - D. bread that has no margarine
43. Why did Kamene remain behind a shelf?
- A. To pick more items
 - B. To help her mother
 - C. To cry
 - D. For her mother to cry
44. The expression '**financial problems**' means the same as:
- A. money problems
 - B. domestic problems
 - C. personal problems
 - D. family problems
45. When did Kamene finally agree with her mother?
- A. immediately
 - B. after a lot of persuasion
 - C. after little persuasion
 - D. after being punished
46. '**Kamene wants to fill the trolley.**' The underlined word is
- A. a noun
 - B. a verb
 - C. an adverb
 - D. an adjective
47. According to the passage, a cry-baby can also be called the following names **except** a _____
- A. whiner
 - B. complainer
 - C. grumbler
 - D. winner
48. We can say Kamene was as greedy as a
- A. dog
 - B. sheep
 - C. hyena
 - D. monkey
49. Kamene's mother would have taught Kamene that charity begins at
- A. school
 - B. church
 - C. home
 - D. hospital
50. What would be the **best** title for the above passage?
- A. Shopping at a supermarket
 - B. Kamene, the cry-baby
 - C. Kamene and her father
 - D. A helpless mother