

JUNIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL ASSESSMENT
MONITORING LEARNER'S PROGRESS
GRADE 8 – 004
ENGLISH – PAPER 1

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Gender:

Boy

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Girl

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School Name _____

SECTION 1: COMPREHENSION.

Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow.

We were returning from the farm when we bumped into the small boy. At first, my mother and I did not notice anything strange about him but when he looked at us as if he needed some help, we developed some interest in him. We greeted him and he responded in a voice that made us realise he was in some kind of trouble.

"What is your name?" my mother asked. "Wamae," he responded.

"Where are you going to?" he looked sad before answering me.

"I don't know! I was with my sister then a dog scared us and we both ran in different directions. I don't know where she has gone to or even if she's safe."

"Where is your home?" mother asked.

"The big home up the hill. However, I can't tell how to reach there," he announced. Immediately we heard some movement in the nearby thicket and out of it came a girl.

"Jerusha!" shouted the boy as he rushed to the sister. "This is my sister, Jerusha. I am very happy," said the boy.

We greeted the girl then left the two of them to return home, which wasn't far from where we were.

Questions

1. Where had the writer and her mother come from?
A. The farm B. Up the hill C. Collecting firewood D. The river
2. What made the writer and her mother realise that something was wrong with the boy?
A. He told them so B. The tone in which he responded to their greetings
C. It would be seen in the boy's eyes D. He looked hungry and lost
3. How did Wamae get separated from his sister?
A. They were playing hide and seek
B. They were searching for a lost dog
C. They ran into different directions after being scared by a dog
D. Wamae was an adventurous boy
4. Where did Wamae and Jerusha reside?
A. In the writer's home B. In a big house in the forest
C. On a farm D. In a big house up the hill
5. What would Wamae not explain?

- A. The name of his sister
 - B. The way to his home
 - C. Where the dog had come from
 - D. Who Jerusha was
6. What do you think would have happened to Wamae if he had not met the writer and her mother?
- A. He would have cried in regret
 - B. He would easily get home anyway
 - C. He would have shouted for help
 - D. He would have wondered and get lost among the bushes
7. In the end
- A. Wamae was re-united with his sister and went home
 - B. Wamae moved with the writer
 - C. Wamae killed the dog that had scared them
 - D. Jerusha discovered the whereabouts of Wamae

Read the following story and then answer the questions that follow.

Long ago, a hunter was busy at work in the forest. He suddenly bumped into a big hole. He looked into it for it looked fresh. Then, he realised that there was an animal trapped in it. The animal, a Lion, looked tired after several attempts to get out of the hole had failed.

As he made a retreat, the Lion pleaded with him. Being a kind man, he noticed that if he won't help, the Lion would certainly starve to death. He removed his long rope and tied one end of it to a tree and dropped the other end into the hole. The Lion grabbed the rope and managed to come out safely. They were both very happy and for a while, they sat under the big baobab tree to rest.

It is then that the Lion demanded to be given the little deer that the hunter had killed. When the hunter protested, he growled so loudly that the trees shook. The hunter gave out the deer reluctantly and watched as the hungry Lion ate it up in minutes. Then, the Lion said that he was still hungry and needed more meat, so the hunter would be next.

Their argument woke up the tortoise who was still sleeping in the nearby rocks. He approached the two and after listening to them, he argued that none of them was telling the truth. He asked the hunter to go where he had stood when he saw the hole and the Lion to jump into the hole where the hunter claimed he had been. The moment the Lion jumped into the hole, the Tortoise told the hunter to take his rope and go away as the Lion kept on roaring and groaning in the big hole.

8. What were both the hunter and lion looking for in the forest?
- A. They were having an adventure
 - B. Greener pastures
 - C. Animal for food
 - D. Medicinal herbs
9. Why did the hunter go to the hole?
- A. He heard the roar of a lion
 - B. It was a coincidence
 - C. He saw it from far
 - D. He was curious what was inside
10. What does the word 'retreat' mean as used in the passage?
- A. Move backwards
 - B. Move forward
 - C. Prepare to jump
 - D. To surrender
11. What do you think happened after the tortoise and the hunter left?
- A. The lion jumped out of the hole
 - B. A deer helped the lion out of the hole
 - C. The lion died in the hole
 - D. The lion roared and groaned without any help
12. From the passage, we can tell that the man was
- A. kind
 - B. greedy
 - C. clever
 - D. generous

Read the passage below and do as instructed

We make mistakes from time to time. At times, these mistakes come accidentally or without us intending to hurt other people. How should we react when we realise that we have wronged somebody? Of course, we should say we never intended to do this, it makes the affected people feel we did not mean to hurt them and so our relationship with them remains good.

Why do some people find it difficult to apologise to others? Take, for example, when the teacher calls learners out of class. In a rush to reach the teacher first, some learners crowd at the door and momentarily block it. In this confusion one steps on your shoe lace and you fall. It should be a matter of common sense that you apologise to the affected learner since he or she has got hurt though you didn't

step on the shoe lace intentionally.

Saying you are sorry does not make you look inferior among others but it is a way of expressing your feelings to the other learner. This is the best thing to do.

13. What do we learn from the second sentence of the passage?
A. Sometimes mistakes are made intentionally B. We deliberately make mistakes at times
C. We at times make mistakes without our knowledge D. We always make mistakes accidentally
14. What should we do when we make mistakes on others?
A. Apologise to them B. Go on with our work C. Ignore them D. Reward them
15. What is the opposite of the word 'deliberately' as used in the passage?
A. Intentionally B. Voluntarily C. Accidentally D. Willingly
16. What would be the best proverb to summarise the above passage?
A. Courtesy cost nothing B. Pride comes before a fall
C. Once bitten twice shy D. Curiosity killed the cat

Use the information given below to answer the given questions

Four boys, Moses, Koki, Malu and Ngacha went to a hotel, Moses and Koki ordered for fish and ugali with greens. Malu asked for chapati and chicken with cabbage salad, while Ngacha ordered for rice and chicken with cabbage salad. All but Ngacha took fruit pudding as Ngacha enjoyed blended juice. If Moses had not seen Malu enjoying a bar of chocolate, he would not have asked for one. On their way out, Ngacha picked a soda from a vendor while the rest opted for water.

17. What combination of food did Ngacha take?
A. Chapati, fish and greens B. Chicken, rice and cabbage salad
C. Ugali, fish and greens D. Rice, fish and cabbage salad
18. Who of the four boys took pudding, chocolate and water?
A. Ngacha B. Malu C. Moses D. Koki
19. From the information given Malu consumed
A. fish, ugali, fruit pudding and chocolate B. ugali, greens, cabbage salad and water
C. chicken, greens, fruit pudding and milk D. Chicken, cabbage salad, chocolate and water
20. Which of the following statement is true according to the passage?
A. Chapati was one of the least popular among the boys B. Ngacha consumed five types of foods
C. Rice was eaten by Ngacha only D. Most of the boys preferred water to soda

Read the passage below and fill in the blank spaces with the best alternative from the given four

_____ 21 _____ the most fascinating stories _____ 22 _____ wild life in Kenya involves a
_____ 23 _____ strange friendship _____ 24 _____ a young hippo and an old tortoise. In the early 2000s there
were heavy monsoon rains _____ 25 _____ the coastal region causing Sabaki river to break its banks. The
rising water unsettled a family of hippopotamuses _____ 26 _____ near the river. One young hippo got
separated _____ 27 _____ its family after _____ 28 _____ carried away by the fast flowing water. The
_____ 29 _____ hippo was found stranded in the mud by some local fishermen. They contacted the KWS
rangers _____ 30 _____ responded promptly and rescued the helpless young hippo.

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| 21. A. One of | B. Some of | C. None of | D. Any of |
| 22. A. from | B. about | C. concerning | D. of |
| 23. A. quite | B. pretty | C. rather | D. fairly |
| 24. A. among | B. beside | C. around | D. between |
| 25. A. on | B. by | C. in | D. at |
| 26. A. leaving | B. living | C. lifing | D. live |
| 27. A. from | B. with | C. by | D. after |
| 28. A. been | B. bin | C. being | D. bean |
| 29. A. one year-old | B. one-year old | C. one year old | D. one-year-old |
| 30. A. whom | B. who | C. whose | D. that |

Use the correct word to complete the sentences

31. The hungry boy ate _____ without looking up.
A. greedily B. greedy C. greed D. greedfully
32. The girl looked at the visitors _____.
A. shy B. shyful C. shyly D. shyfully
33. We _____ come to school late.
A. seldomly B. seldom C. always D. ever
34. The scared boy _____ ran to his guardian.
A. hurrily B. hurry C. hurry up D. hurriedly

Choose the best alternative to fill in the blank spaces

35. The animals knew _____ was not right when they saw armed men walking in their direction.
A. something B. nothing C. everything D. somewhere
36. James kept _____ busy taking photos of animals during the trip.
A. herself B. himself C. hisself D. themselves
37. _____ of us has ever been to the Seychelles Island.
A. Ourselves B. Much C. No one D. One
38. The secret is between you and _____.
A. I B. he C. him D. himself
39. The man with _____ you were talking is my brother-in-law.
A. who B. whom C. whose D. who's
40. The dedicated learners did the work by _____.
A. tiemselves B. theirselves C. themselfs D. ourselves

Choose a word that is similar in meaning to the underlined

41. Mary told us that she often create time to visit her sick uncle.
A. always B. occasionally C. rarely D. frequently
42. I have warned you over and over again to keep silent.
A. sometimes B. repeatedly C. seldom D. usually
43. We seldom visit our rural homes.
A. often B. regularly C. at times D. hardly

Use the correct verb to complete the sentence

44. The lesson had _____ when we arrived.
A. begun B. began C. begannd D. begins
45. The sick child was _____ on his bed.
A. lain B. lied C. laid D. laying
46. We _____ the pictures on the wall and went home.
A. hung B. hang C. hunged D. hanged

Complete the sentences with the correct prepositions

47. She travelled to Nairobi _____ plane.
A. on B. in C. by D. through
48. The birds were perched _____ the tree.
A. in B. on C. by D. beside

Choose the correct question tag to the following statements

49. Sheila said that she does not like junk food.
A. does she? B. doesn't she C. did she? D. didn't she
50. Our teacher hardly ever comes to class late, _____.
A. doesn't he? B. isn't it? C. does he? D. is it?