



**DISCOVERY NATIONAL EXAMINATIONS
KCPE COMPLIANCE 2019**

STANDARD EIGHT



**ENGLISH SECTION A:
LANGUAGE**

Time: 1 hour 40 minutes

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 this question booklet.

HOW TO USE THE ANSWER SHEET

4. Use only an ordinary pencil.
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 three-figure Candidate's number) in the grid near the top of the answer sheet.
7. Do not make any mark outside the boxes.
8. Keep the sheet as clean as possible and **DO NOT FOLD IT**.
9. For each of the questions 1-50, 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.
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

For question 16 and 17, choose the opposite of the underlined words.

16. My brother promises to hide the secret,
A. Conceal B. Reveal C. Not tell D. Not keep
The correct answer is **B**.

14 [A] [B] [C] [D] 15 [A] [B] [C] [D] 16 [A] [B] [C] [D] 17 [A] [B] [C] [D] 18 [A] [B] [C] [D]

11. Your **dark line** **MUST** be written in the box
12. For each question **ONLY ONE** box is to be marked in each set of four boxes.

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

Have you heard __1__ thunder and __2__ ? Lightning is electricity __3__ jumps from one cloud to another, __4__ from a cloud to the other. The electricity in lightning is dangerous __5__ it can injure or kill people and burn things __6__ as trees and houses. __7__, electricity can also be useful. __8__ we use it properly, it can make life __9__ for us in many different ways.

__10__ Mr Tembo wakes up in the morning he looks at his watch to see if it is time to __11__. The watch has a battery inside it, and electricity from the battery __12__ the watch work. Mr Tembo's office is at the top of a __13__ building, so when he arrives to start his day's work, he goes up in a lift. __14__ electricity which makes the lift move up and down inside the building. __15__ the day, he often needs to telephone people in other offices, and the telephone also needs electricity to make it work.

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| 1. | A. about | B. of | C. from | D. by |
| 2. | A. lightning | B. lighting | C. lightening | D. light |
| 3. | A. of which | B. who | C. whose | D. which |
| 4. | A. and | B. but | C. or | D. even |
| 5. | A. therefore | B. so | C. because | D. although |
| 6. | A. so | B. such | C. much | D. in |
| 7. | A. However | B. Moreover | C. Nevertheless | D. Therefore |
| 8. | A. Whether | B. Incase | C. Unless | D. If |
| 9. | A. difficult | B. easier | C. harder | D. easy |
| 10. | A. Where | B. Whereas | C. When | D. While |
| 11. | A. get up | B. wake up | C. stand | D. rise |
| 12. | A. tempts | B. forces | C. makes | D. engineers |
| 13. | A. terrible | B. long | C. high | D. tall |
| 14. | A. Its | B. It's | C. Its' | D. It has |
| 15. | A. During | B. By | C. Over | D. With |

For question 16 to 18, choose the alternative that best completes the sentence given..

16. Mother made me _____ on the cold floor.
 A. to sleep
 B. slept
 C. sleeping
 D. sleep
17. The new boy _____ his bag on the desk this morning.
 A. hung
 B. hang
 C. hanged
 D. hunged
18. I am as clever as you are , _____?
 A. ain't I
 B. amn't I
 C. aren't I
 D. am I

For questions 19 and 20 , choose the alternative that means the opposite of the underlined.

19. It is common nowadays to see women with covered heads.
 A. monotonous
 B. rare
 C. unique
 D. widespread
20. The young lady intentionally broke the pot.
 A. purposely
 B. willingly
 C. deliberately
 D. accidentally

For question 21 to 23, choose the alternative that is grammatically correct.

21. A. The food was very delicious that we asked for more.
 B. We have worked together for quite sometime.
 C. She seldomly visit us.
 D. Maina was too happy to see his friend.

22. A. He did a bit better than you.
 B. Opiyo wrote on the cleanest side of the paper.
 C. Your work is far much better than mine.
 D. My mother feels well today
23. A. The police was there when the bus ran over the man
 B. Sharks doesn't live on dry land
 C. One of our teachers are absent
 D. Either the driver or the passenger are bleeding.

For questions 24 and 25, choose the correctly arranged sentences to make a sensible paragraph.

24. I. I am now downcast and anxious
 ii. makes me feel desperate and negative
 iii. This problem that has been disturbing me for the past two years.
 iv. My fate is sealed.
 A. iii, ii, I, iv
 B. iii, I, ii, iv
 C. iv, iii, ii, I
 D. iv, iii, I, ii
25. I. After birth
 ii. One should get it immediately
 iii. Documents one will ever own
 iv. A birth certificate is one of the most important
 A. iv, iii, I, iii
 B. I, ii, iv, iii
 C. ii, I, iv, iii
 D. iv, iii, ii, i

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

Curtis, though a bit more rebellious than I was, had done better in his schoolwork. Yet his grades weren't good enough to meet mother's standards either. Evening after evening mother talked with Curtis, working with him on his attitude, urging him to want to succeed, pleading with him not to give up on himself. Neither of us had a role model of success or even a respected male figure to look up to. I think Curtis being older, was more sensitive to that than I was. But no matter how hard she had to work with him, mother wouldn't give up. Somehow, through her love, determination, encouragement and laying down the rules, Curtis became a more reasonable type of person and started to believe in himself.

Mother had already decided how we would spend our free time when we weren't watching television. "You boys are going to go to the library and check out books. You are going to read at least two books every week. At the end of each week you will give me a report on what you have read. That rule sounded impossible. Two books? I had never read a whole book in my born days, except those they made us read in school. I couldn't believe I could ever finish one whole book in a short week.

But a day or two later found Curtis and me dragging our feet the seven blocks from home to the public Library. We grumbled and complained, making the journey seem endless. But mother had spoken, and it didn't occur to either of us to disobey. The reason? We respected her. We knew she meant business and knew we had better mind. But, most important we loved her.

"Ben", she said again and again, "If you can read honey, you can learn just about anything you want to know. The doors of the world are open to people who can read. And my boys are going to be successful in life, because they are going to be the best readers in the school.

As I think about it, I am as convinced today as I was back in the fifth grade, that my mother meant that. She believed in Curtis and me. She had such faith in us, we didn't dare to fail! Her unbounced confidence nudged me into starting to believe in myself.

Several of mother's friends criticized her strictness. I heard one woman ask, "What are you doing to those boys, making them study all the time? They're going to hate you."

"They can hate me," she answered, cutting off the woman's criticism, but they are going to get a good education just the same!"

Of course I never hated her. I did not like the pressure, but she managed to make me realise that this hard work was for my good. Almost daily, she would say, "Ben, you can do anything you set yourself to do."

Since I have always loved animals, nature and science, I chose library books on those topics. And while I was a horrible student in traditionally academic subjects; I excelled in fifth-grade science. The science teacher understood my interest and encouraged me by giving me special projects, such as helping other students identify rocks, animals, or fish.

26. From the first two sentences we learn that;
A. Curtis was brighter than the writer but more rebellious.
B. the writer's mother had greater expectations from the writer more than Curtis.
C. the writer and Curtis were of the same intelligence.
D. the writer's mother was pleased with Curtis performance.
27. What did the writer's mother not do? She____
A. urged Curtis to want to succeed
B. pleaded with Curtis not to give up on himself
C. worked with Curtis on his attitude
D. talked to both boys evening after evening.
28. According to the first paragraph Curtis was____
A. the younger of the two but the most pampered
B. more sensitive to family affairs
C. the most affected by the absence of the father
D. looked up to by the others as a role model
29. What do we learn about the writer's mother?
A. She punished Curtis with love and compassion
B. She laid down rules for anyone dealing with her children
C. She felt hopeless and beaten in raising her children
D. She was bent on making Curtis a reasonable person

30. How were the boys going to spend their leisure time?
A. Watching television
B. Either watching television or going to the library
C. Going to the library
D. Going to the farm
31. What rule did the writer's mother formulate that sounded impossible?
A. The boys would have to read two or more books in seven days
B. The boys would re-write the two books they would have read
C. The boys would give a report on the events of the week
D. The boys would check out books from the library.
32. "In my born days" has been used to mean:-
A. for the coming years
B. the day I was born
C. since I was born
D. out of my birthday
33. How far was the public library from the writer's home?
A. We are not told
B. It was a twenty - minute walk
C. It was a two -day walk
D. It was seven blocks away
34. Why didn't it occur to the boys to disobey?
A. She was a tough woman who meant business
B. She was their only hope of survival
C. Their mother barked orders from all corners
D. The respect and love they had for her

35. What does the writer mean when he says again and again?
- A. Always
 - B. Repeatedly
 - C. Regularly
 - D. Sometimes
36. According to the passage the writer started to believe in himself because;
- A. his mother's unbounded confidence pushed him
 - B. he was now in the fifth grade
 - C. the mother meant that
 - D. he was nudged repeatedly
37. How **best** can we described the writer's mother?
- A. Harsh, strict, loving and spendthrift
 - B. Determined, strict, lazy and loving
 - C. Prayerful, strict, loving and caring
 - D. Strict, hardworking, caring and determined
38. The **best** summary for the passage above would be:-
- A. Behind a successful family is a woman
 - B. Ben excels in scientific technology
 - C. Determination and hardwork are the key to success
 - D. Pressure sometimes yields us success

Read the passage below and answer questions 39 to 50.

It has been discovered that people who have friends are happier and healthier than those without. Therefore it is important to think of how you can keep the friends that you have and how to make new ones. They say that people with close friends have greater ability to fight illness than those who are solitary.

Friendship needs to be cultivated. Find time to be with your friends even if it means putting off something you would like to do. People are more important than things and relating well with other people brings much joy to our lives. When it is not possible to be with your friends, keep contact through letters or the telephone.

We should learn to open to our close friends. This means that we should be willing to share our inner feelings with them. Tell them about your fears and worries, your hopes and desires. Why should we do this? Because we should be free to be ourselves before our true friends. In other words, we don't fear that we shall be misunderstood. Friends should accept us just the way we are and encourage us to overcome our weakness. After all, none of us is perfect.

Similarly, listen to your friends when they have problems, but offer advice only when it is wanted. Do not impose your will on others. Encourage them to do what they think is best for them. When your friends are shaken after going through a difficult experience, be there for them.

Have different friends for different activities such as singing in a choir, participating in sports or helping in a community project. Associating with different kind of people broadens your outlook and enriches your life. Learn to show sincere interest in what other people are doing. This will draw them to you.

If your friend has a need, do not wait for him or her to ask for a favour. When a friend has too much work, offer to assist; if he or she is sick, ask what you can do to help.

By now you have probably realized that it is not easy to maintain friendship. But it is worth the effort. If you are friendly, kind and considerate, people will be attracted to you. Talk to strangers and people who seem lonely. As you meet the needs of others, your own needs will be met.

Do not take friendship for granted. Do things that will strengthen it and avoid habits that kill relationship. If you are envious and selfish, people will avoid you like the plague. If you lie and gossip about your friends, they will soon begin treating you like a leper. So, do for your friends what you would like them to do for you. Laugh with them when they are happy, celebrate their successes and weep with them when they are sorrowful. Remember without friends, life would be unbearable.

39. What do we learn about people who do **not** have friends? They
 A. are happier and healthier
 B. are equally healthier and happier
 C. have no comparison at all
 D. are not as happy and healthy as those who have.
40. From the second sentence we learn that
 A. we should have enemies no more
 B. we should keep the friends we have
 C. we should only make new friends
 D. we should not stress ourselves with friends
41. A person who is solitary _____
 A. is always alone and so likely to suffer illnesses
 B. evades friends who cause trouble
 C. can do many things without disturbance
 D. loves the company of others but no one wants to associate
42. The words friendship needs to be cultivated suggest that:-
 A. we ought not quarrel
 B. we can't have lasting friendship
 C. we should develop close ties with others
 D. we should only associate with those we love
43. How does one find time to be with one's friends?
 A. By multi asking to fulfil that obligation
 B. By failing to attend classes
 C. In the evening after class, one needs a schedule
 D. By postponing some of things one was to do
44. According to the passage, one can keep contact with friends through the following **except**?
 A. Using a mobile phone
 B. By sending a telegram
 C. By writing letters
 D. Using the telephone
45. Why do you think people fear telling their friends about their feeling?
 A. Some people have let others down by spreading rumours
 B. We are not ready to open up yet
 C. It is sometimes hard to talk to others
 D. Some people have let others down by talking about them
46. It is **not** advisable to impose your will on your friends because:-
 A. We are different in various ways
 B. It may not work for them
 C. It shows you are there for them
 D. It shows you control their lives
47. When you mix with different kinds of people you _____
 A. broaden your thinking and actions
 B. look different from who you always are
 C. become friendlier even more
 D. widen your outlook and enrich your life
48. The fact that a person waits to be asked for a favour or demands payment in return of a favour shows that:-
 A. he or she is not a true friend
 B. he or she loves money so much
 C. he or she is not nosy to get involved in other peoples affairs
 D. he or she is greedy and only interested in material things.
49. The **best** way of describing a friend is
 A. considerate, kind and social
 B. helpful, considerate and kind
 C. friendly, generous and kind
 D. considerate, spendthrift and hospitalable
50. The **best** summary for the passage above would be:-
 A. What we can do to fight illnesses
 B. What has been discovered about friends
 C. Being happy and healthy through others
 D. Having friends and making new ones.