



THE KENYA NATIONAL EXAMINATIONS COUNCIL

Monitoring Learners' Progress

ENGLISH SECTION B Grade 5 2023

Time: 1 Hour 30 Minutes

LEARNER'S NAME: _____

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INSTRUCTIONS TO LEARNERS

Answer all the questions in the spaces provided.

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| | Task 3 Reading Comprehension (Questions 1 - 16) | Task 4 Grammar (Questions 17 - 30) | Task 5 Writing (Question 31) |
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SECTION B

TASK 3: READING COMPREHENSION

Read each of these stories and then answer the questions that follow.

We all love to be treated with respect. We feel happy when other people are polite to us. People can show politeness by what they do to us. Politeness can also be shown by words people say to us. For example, "**Excuse me**" and "**Thank you**" are words showing politeness. When someone does something wrong to us, and then says, "I am sorry," we are likely to feel less **upset**. If we want to be respected, we must learn to use these words always.

1. From the story, we can learn that _____.
 - A. everybody treats us with respect.
 - B. politeness can bring happiness.
 - C. we should always use many words.
2. The words "**Excuse me**" and "**Thank you**" are examples of _____.
 - A. sweet words
 - B. important words
 - C. polite words
3. The word "**upset**" as used in the story means _____.
 - A. angry
 - B. tired
 - C. surprised
4. What is likely to happen if we do not respect other people?
 - A. They will not talk to us.
 - B. They will not treat us politely.
 - C. They will not do anything wrong.

Saumu and the Old Man

Saumu lived with her parents in Masiko village. Her parents loved her because whenever she was given a task, she would do it very well.

One day, Saumu was sent to the nearby shop to buy a packet of salt. When she reached the shop, she found many people, so she had to wait. An old man, Mzee Mulili, had also come and wanted to buy some sugar. Busaka, who was Saumu's classmate in Grade 5, also arrived and stood behind the old man.

"Please give me a kilogram of sugar," said Mzee Mulili as he put his hand in his pocket to get the money. Just then, a fifty-shilling note fell out of his pocket, but he did not see it. Busaka stepped on it very **quickly** and pretended to be looking outside but Saumu had seen him.

"Your money is not enough for a kilogram of sugar," said the shopkeeper, "It's less by fifty shillings." The old man searched for the money in all his pockets but could not find it. He said, "Now, I can't buy sugar. I must go back home."

Saumu felt sorry for the old man. She bent, lifted Busaka's leg and picked the old man's fifty shillings note from under Busaka's foot. She said, "Sir, here is your money."

The old man was very happy. He bought a kilogram of sugar, and thanked Saumu. The girl felt proud of what she had done.

5. What was Saumu sent to buy?
 - A. Sweets
 - B. Sugar
 - C. Salt
6. From the story, we can tell that Saumu is_____.
 - A. hardworking
 - B. honest
 - C. clever
7. Which one of the following is the opposite of the word "**quickly**" as used in the story?
 - A. Carefully
 - B. Silently
 - C. Slowly

8. How did Busaka feel when Saumu lifted his leg to take the money?
- A. Guilty
 - B. Jealous
 - C. Tired

Our Fingers

Our fingers are very important parts of the body. We use them to do many things such as writing, greeting, holding and most importantly, eating.

We must always keep our fingers clean to avoid passing **harmful** germs to the mouth and into the stomach. We should therefore wash our hands with soap before eating. This will ensure that the germs that are in our hands are washed away. We must also keep our fingernails short so that dirt and harmful germs are not stuck in them.

9. Why are fingers important?
- A. They are always clean.
 - B. They have many uses.
 - C. They protect our nails.
10. The word "harmful" as used in the story means _____.
- A. scaring
 - B. expensive
 - C. dangerous
11. Why should we keep our fingernails short?
- A. To prevent dirt from sticking in them.
 - B. To avoid eating too much food.
 - C. To save on water.
12. What will happen to us if germs enter our stomach?
- A. We may not remain healthy.
 - B. We may not be able to greet people.
 - C. We may not be able to hold things.

The Two Girls

One day Njeri's and Wambui's parents went to visit a neighbour who lived a few kilometers away. The two girls were left to take care of their younger brother and to clean utensils.

"We will be away for a few hours," the father said. "Please be responsible girls."

"Yes, Father," Wambui answered quickly.

As soon as the parents left, the two girls ran outside and started playing with their friends. The girls really enjoyed the game. As they continued playing, the baby woke up. Njeri rushed to the house and started feeding the baby. Wambui on the other hand, continued playing with her friends.

"Wambui, please come and wash the utensils," Njeri said, but Wambui just continued playing.

After some time, the parents came back. They were very angry to find that the utensils had not been washed. Njeri explained to them that she had been taking care of the baby as Wambui was playing. Wambui was told that she would be the one to wash all the utensils for the rest of the week. The parents encouraged them to be assisting each other with household **duties**.

13. Where had the girls' parents gone?
 - A. To the market.
 - B. To do some work.
 - C. To visit a neighbour.
14. Why did Wambui answer the father quickly?
 - A. She wanted to go and play.
 - B. She wanted to wash utensils.
 - C. She wanted to feed the baby.
15. The word "duties" as used in the story means _____.
 - A. rules
 - B. plans
 - C. tasks
16. What did the parents say to Wambui after they came back?
 - A. You did not hear us.

- B. You have disappointed us.
- C. You must obey your teachers.

TASK 4: GRAMMAR

For questions 17 to 30, select the correct choice that completes the sentence.

17. The neighbour's baby was crying _____ she was hungry.
 - A. but
 - B. or
 - C. because
18. It was raining heavily _____ we continued playing in the field.
 - A. also
 - B. but
 - C. since
19. Our teacher, Mr. Mago, was unhappy with us because we were making _____ of noise.
 - A. a lot
 - B. enough
 - C. a little
20. My grandmother does not like milk. Just give her _____ of it.
 - A. a lot
 - B. a little
 - C. a few
21. The story of the Monkey and Crocodile is the _____ interesting story I have ever heard.
 - A. most
 - B. more
 - C. much
22. A clean bed is usually _____ comfortable than a dirty one.
 - A. much
 - B. more
 - C. most
23. Kamau ran when he saw a _____ of bees attacking the cows that were grazing in the field.
 - A. pack

- B. crowd
C. swarm
24. Ombulo told us that there was a _____ of elephants in the park.
A. herd
B. group
C. flock
25. Anita stood up to talk to the visitors who had come to the school. She started by first introducing _____.
A. himself
B. herself
C. itself
26. Our teachers say we should stay in a clean environment. They advise us to be cleaning our class _____.
A. ourselves
B. themselves
C. yourselves
27. This book was bought for me by your uncle. It is _____ book.
A. your
B. my
C. his
28. When John left the classroom in a hurry, he hit a stone and hurt _____ foot.
A. his
B. her
C. him
29. The children _____ sitting a tree when the wind blew dust all over the school.
A. are
B. is
C. were
30. Every morning, the class _____ their day with a prayer.
A. beginning
B. begins
C. begin

TASK 5: WRITING

Write a composition about the day you helped someone.

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