



THE KENYA NATIONAL EXAMINATIONS COUNCIL

SCHOOL BASED ASSESSMENT

ENGLISH SECTION B Grade 5 2024

Time: 1 Hour 30 Minutes

LEARNER'S NAME: _____

ASSESSMENT NUMBER: _____

DATE: _____

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)
Learner's Score			
Performance Level			

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SECTION B

TASK 3: READING COMPREHENSION

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

Good Manners

It is **important** for us to have good manners. Good manners include using words like, “Glad to meet you”, “Good morning” and “Good afternoon”, when you meet people, you know. In addition, saying “Thank you” when someone has done something good to you is a sign of good manners.

We can also express good manners by using words like, “Excuse me” when we want to get someone’s attention and “I am sorry” when we have done something wrong to someone.

Wishing people a good day, a happy birthday, a happy mother’s day and a happy father’s day shows good manners. When talking to people we should use words that show good manners.

1. When do we say, “Excuse me”?
 - A. When someone has done something good to you.
 - B. When you want to get someone’s attention.
 - C. When someone greets you.
2. The word “important” as used in the story means _____
 - A. necessary.
 - B. interesting.
 - C. surprising.
3. Which one of the following answers would you expect when you tell someone, “Have a good day”?
 - A. Have a good day please.
 - B. Have a good day then.
 - C. Have a good day too.
4. What will happen if people lack good manners?
 - A. People will not live happily.
 - B. People will not know one another.
 - C. People will not speak to one another.

Hare and the Donkeys

Once upon a time, Hare told Donkey, “I can make your skin more beautiful than that of Leopard.”

“How?” asked Donkey.

“It’s simple. I will just paint you black and white.”

Donkey thought that it was a good idea. He told the other donkeys about it. The donkeys agreed and went to Hare’s home for painting.

As soon as the first few donkeys were painted, the others became very excited. They started pushing one another. Each donkey wanted to be the next one to be painted.

Unfortunately, the donkeys kicked the tin of paint and it fell over. The paint poured on the ground. Poor animals! Those that had already been painted became zebras. The others remained donkeys.

5. Why did the donkeys go to Hare's home?
 - A. They wanted to be made more beautiful.
 - B. They had bought some black and white paint.
 - C. They had been invited for a meeting.
6. From the story, we can tell that Hare is _____.
 - A. polite
 - B. funny
 - C. kind
7. Which one of the following is the **opposite** of the word "beautiful"?
 - A. Angry
 - B. Ugly
 - C. Great
8. What did Hare tell the donkeys after they kicked the tin of paint?
 - A. "Thank you very much."
 - B. "Have a good evening."
 - C. "See what you've done."

Money

There is a popular proverb that says, "A fool and his money are soon parted." Do you know what it means? Well, it means if we are not careful about how we use our money, we will soon have no money. This proverb advises us to use money well. We should spend our money on things that we really need. It is not wise to buy things we do not need just because we think we have a lot of money. **Wastage** of money is a sign of foolishness. Indeed, a fool and his money are soon parted.

9. The story tells us that we should spend money on _____.
 - A. things we require.
 - B. things we love.
 - C. things we want.
10. When we buy things that we don't need just because we have a lot of money, we are _____.
 - A. proud
 - B. unwise
 - C. rich
11. What will happen if we use our money carelessly?
 - A. We will be hungry.
 - B. We will feel very lonely.
 - C. We will have nothing to spend.

12. The opposite of the word “**wastage**” as used in the story is _____.
- A. saving
 - B. spending
 - C. selling

I am a Learner

I am a learner
And I love my teacher so much
And one day I will also teach
I came to school very young
I thought learning would be **difficult and long**
But my teacher had a good plan
For me to read well and learn

Now I am in Grade five
I am still very much alive
I can spell the word write
And also, the word sprite
And I get every word right
I will always love school
To avoid becoming a fool
I'm sure there will be no difficult thing
Thank you teacher.

13. Why does the learner love the teacher?
- A. The teacher taught the learner how to read and write.
 - B. The teacher made the learner come to school.
 - C. The teacher said learning is difficult and long.
14. From the poem, we can say the teacher is _____.
- A. brave
 - B. helpful
 - C. polite
15. The opposite of “difficult and long” is _____.
- A. strong and wide
 - B. hard and smooth
 - C. easy and short
16. What would happen if the learner had not gone to school?
- A. The learner would not have a good plan.
 - B. The learner would not learn anything.
 - C. The learner would not be alive.

TASK 4: GRAMMAR

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

17. Miriam is the _____ of all the girls in our class.
 - A. taller
 - B. tallest
 - C. tall
18. My friend Ali thinks that traveling by train is _____ than traveling by bus.
 - A. more comfortable
 - B. most comfortable
 - C. comfortable
19. Roba lost money on his way to the shop _____ the shopkeeper still gave him the packet of milk.
 - A. because
 - B. but
 - C. for
20. Mr. Munoko, our Science teacher, brought a radio to class yesterday _____ there was a science lesson on radio that he wanted us to listen to.
 - A. and
 - B. but
 - C. because
21. Mrs. Bulimba is still _____ her office even though everybody has gone home.
 - A. in
 - B. on
 - C. into
22. Mary found some money _____ the table and kept it safely.
 - A. in
 - B. on
 - C. for
23. The young girl marched _____ to receive her prize from the guest of honour.
 - A. loudly
 - B. widely
 - C. bravely
24. The class prefect smiled _____ when the teacher praised her for being the most responsible girl in the school.
 - A. loudly
 - B. noisily
 - C. warmly
25. The bag my sister is carrying belongs to my brother. It is _____.
 - A. mine
 - B. his
 - C. hers

