STANDARD FOUR

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Time: 1hr 40min

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

Once ___1___ a time, ___2___ was a selfish boy called Kimani. Kimani was ___3___ selfish ___4___ he could not share ___5___ with anyone. At school, he used to stay ___6___ away ___7___ other boys in their class.

One ___8___, Kimani was having lunch of chicken ___9___ chips under a tree. This is where he ___10___ had his lunch. He remembered that he had not carried his spoon. He went back ___11___ class to pick it.

Meanwhile ___12___ a kite which always waited to eat Kimani's leftover swooped ___13___ and took all the food. ___14___ Kimani came back, he was furious. He saw the kite up the tree eating his food and shouted, "You greedy bird! How could you take my food?"

The kite looked down in surprise as if to say, "I ___15___ they were the usual leftovers. I was only doing my work of cleaning the environment."

1	A. long	B. upon	C. soon	D. along
2	A. their	B. they	C. there's	D. there
3	A. too	B. and	C. so	D. to
4	A. so	B. that	C. this	D. which
5	A. something	B. things	C. anything	D. nothing
6	A. alone	B. a lone	C. loan	D. A loan
7	A. from	B. of	C. with	D. and
8	A. morning	B. evening	C. afternoon	D. night
9	A. or	B. but	C. so	D. and
10	A. usually	B. usual	C. unusual	D. ussually
11	A. too	B. that	C. to	D. but
12	A. .	B. ,	C. ?	D. "
13	A. down	B. up	C. side	D. bottom
14	A. Which	B. When	C. While	D. What
15	A. think	B. taught	C. talk	D. thought

For questions 16-18, choose the correct preposition to fill in the gaps.

16. The teacher asked the class to share the books_____ themselves.
    A. between B. among
    C. or D. and

17. Kanini is suffering _____ typhoid.
    A. of B. off
    C. and D. from

18. Their grandmother died _____ old age.
    A. of B. off
    C. from D. In

For questions 19-22, choose the correct word to fill in the gaps.

19. The patients had been waiting for the doctor _____ eight in the morning.
    A. since
    B. for
    C. until
    D. from

20. The pastoralists have been walking _____ many hours.
    A. from B. for
    C. since D. until

21. Mrs. Mwangi cleaned the chalkboard _____.
    A. himself
    B. his self
    C. herself
    D. her self

22. James is the _____ boy in their class.
    A. tallest
    B. taller
    C. tall
    D. more tall

For questions 23-25, choose the word that least fits in the group.

23. A. Cat
    B. Dog
    C. Lion
    D. Cow

24. A. Apple
    B. Mango
    C. Orange
    D. Kales

25. A. Baby
    B. Cub
    C. Chick
    D. Boar

For questions 26-27, choose the opposite of the underlined word.

26. The child has been **satisfied** today.
    A. dissatisfied
    B. unsatisfied
    C. in satisfied
    D. disatisfied

27. It is good to **forgive** people who wronged us.
    A. un forgive
    B. unforgivable
    C. unforgive
    D. not forgive

For questions 28-30, choose the correct alternative to complete the sentence.

28. Hive is to bee as _____ is to nun.
    A convent
    B. monasteries
    C. barrack
    D. palace

29. The farmers_____ to till their land because the rain had came.
    A. start
    B. starts
    C. started
    D. starting

30. Human being is to talk as hen is to_____.
    A. cackle
    B. craw
    C. trumpet
    D. sing

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Read the passage below and answer questions 31-40.

"Get ready, we are almost leaving." Mzee Katana said to his two sons. Schools had just been closed for the August holiday. Mzee Katana had promised his children to take them to the countryside for their holiday. This was only if they did well in their exam. To his surprise, Ayub had topped in class four while Jacob was second best in class six.

After breakfast, they boarded Mzee Katana's car and left for the countryside. This is what Ayub and Jacob had eagerly waited for. First, they stopped at Jambo market for a brief shop ping. Ayub bought a new pair of shoes for his grandmother. He bought her **favourite** colour - pink. Jacob could not forget his grandfather. He bought him a wrist watch and a lovely cap.

On the way, they talked happily about what they preferred to do for the two weeks at the countryside. Playing football and hide-and-seek with their cousins was what they missed a lot. Not to forget swimming at the shallow waters of River Maji during the hot afternoons. Spending most of their mornings with their grandparents at the garden was also their favourite times.

This discussion was so touching that they did not realise that after the four-hour journey, they were at their grandparents' compound.

31. Where did Mzee Katana take his sons during the holiday?
    A. Outside the country.
    B. To the market.
    C. To the village.
    D. To the city.
32. Ayub and Jacob were taken to the countryside because:-
    A. they did well in their exams
    B. they were old enough to go to the countryside
    C. their teachers had punished them at school
    D. their father had a lot of money.
33. From the passage, it is true to say that:-
    A. Ayub was position one in class six
    B. Jacob topped in class six
    C. both Ayub and Jacob were the best pupils in class four
    D. Jacob was position two in his class.
34. The journey to the countryside began:-
    A. in the morning
    B. the day schools closed
    C. at noon
    D. in the evening.
35. Ayub and Jacob passed through the market to:-
    A. pick their favourite clothing
    B. have their breakfast
    C. do shopping
    D. buy a new pair of shoes.
36. The word '**favourite**' as used in the passage means:-
    A. best liked B. pink
    C. new D. ugly.
37. What did the boys take to their grandfather?
    A A pink watch.
    B. A lovely cap and a wrist watch.
    C. A new pair of shoes.
    D. New pink clothes.
38. What did the boys like doing in after noon?
    A. Working in the garden.
    B. Playing hide-and-seek.
    C. Playing football.
    D. Swimming.
39. How long did the journey to the countryside take?
    A. Two weeks.
    B. Three hours.
    C. Four hours.
    D. One and a half hours.
40. From the passage, we can conclude that:-
    A. the boys liked the countyside
    B. the journey to the countryside was long and boring
    C. Mzee Katana did not like the boys
    D. River Maji passed through the town.

Read the passage below and use it answer questions 41-50.

Trees are important in our life. A large area covered with trees is called a forest. There are two types of forests. These are natural forests and planted forests. Natural forests grow on their own while planted forests consist of trees planted by man. Most of the natural forests are found in areas which receive heavy rainfall.

An area covered with trees looks very **beautiful**. Trees make the environment look pleasing. Trees also prevent soil from being carried away. This is called soil erosion. An area without trees has very hard ground because the top soil has been carried away by wind or water.

Trees are also homes for animals. Animals like monkeys and cheetah live on trees, Birds also make their nests on trees. Trees give us food. We get fruits from trees. We also get timber for making furniture from trees. Carpenters cut down the trees into wood. Cupboards, beds, chairs, tables and also papers are products from trees.

Some doctors also treat us using medicine which is gotten from trees. These medicines are called herbal medicines which treat many deadly diseases.

We should take care of trees. Warn those people who cut down trees and encourage them to plant as many trees as possible. Have you planted trees in your home compound?

41. What is a forest?
    A. Important trees in our lives.
    B. An area where there are no trees.
    C. An area covered with trees.
    D. Trees which grow on their own.
42. From the passage, it is true to say that:-
    A. we should cut down trees to create more forests
    C. planted forests are grown by God
    B. only natural forests are important
    D. natural and planted forest are important to us.
43. The word **'beautiful'** as used in the passage means:-
    A. well-painted B. attractive
    C. big forest D. great.
44. What carries away soil according to the passage?
    A. Trees B. Lorries
    C. wind and water D. Animals
45. The following animals live on trees except:-
    A. man B. birds
    C. monkey D. cheetah.
46. How does an area without trees look like:-
    A. beautiful
    B. green
    C. hard ground
    D. pleasing.
47. Furniture is made using:-
    A. trees
    B. soil
    C. animal products
    D. timber.
48. Medicine from trees is called:-
    A. herbal medicine
    B. tablet medicine
    C. doctor's medicine
    D. deadly medicine.
49. How should we take care of forests? By:-
    A. cutting down trees
    C. planting trees
    B. looking for herbal medicine
    D. buying furniture.
50. The best title for this passage is:-
    A. Herbal medicine
    B. Soil erosion
    C. Furniture
    D. Importance of trees.

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