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ENGLISH LANGUAGE
2026 PREDICTION EXAM

Time: 1 hour

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES (Please read these instructions carefully)

1. You have been given this question paper and a separate answer sheet. The question paper contains 30 questions. Answer ALL the questions.
2. Do any necessary rough work in this question paper.
3. When you have chosen your answer, mark it on the ANSWER SHEET, NOT in this question paper.

HOW TO USE THE ANSWER SHEET

4. Keep the answer sheet clean and do not fold it.
5. Use an ordinary (HB) pencil.
6. Confirm that the answer sheet that you have been provided with has the following: YOUR ASSESSMENT NUMBER, YOUR NAME, NAME OF YOUR SCHOOL, NAME OF SUBJECT.
7. For each of the questions 1-30, four choices are given, lettered A, B, C and D. In each case, only ONE choice is correct.
8. On the answer sheet, show the correct answer by completely shading the circle/box with the letter you have chosen.
9. Do not make any marks outside the circles/boxes. Be sure of your answer before shading.

Example

For question 22, choose the alternative that best completes the sentence.

22. The pupils _____ their classwork before the bell rang.

- A. finish B. finishes C. had finished D. finishing

The correct answer is C. Shade the circle/box with letter C completely and clearly.

This question paper consists of 8 printed pages. Candidates should check the question paper to ascertain that all the pages are printed as indicated and that no questions are missing.

Read the conversation below. It contains blank spaces numbered 1 to 5. For each blank space, select the best alternative from the choices given.

(Naomi, a Grade 6 pupil, visits the school librarian, Mr Otieno, during the lunch break.)

Naomi: Good afternoon, Mr Otieno.

Mr Otieno: Good afternoon, Naomi. ____1____

Naomi: I would like to borrow a story book, please.

Mr Otieno: ____2____

Naomi: Yes, I returned the one I had borrowed last week.

Mr Otieno: Very good. You may choose any book from that shelf.

Naomi: ____3____

Mr Otieno: You are welcome, Naomi.

(A little later, Naomi picks a book.)

Naomi: I have found an interesting book. May I take it home?

Mr Otieno: ____4____

Naomi: Thank you very much, Mr Otieno.

Mr Otieno: ____5____

1.

- A. What are you doing here? B. How can I help you?
C. Why have you come? D. Do you want something?

2.

- A. Have you returned your last book? B. Do you like reading books?
C. Which book do you want? D. Are you in a hurry?

3.

- A. That's alright, Mr Otieno. B. Thank you very much, Mr Otieno.
C. I don't mind, Mr Otieno. D. Never mind, Mr Otieno.

4.

- A. No, you cannot take it. B. Yes, you may, but return it in two weeks.
C. Ask your teacher first. D. I am not sure about that.

5.

- A. Enjoy your reading. B. Come again tomorrow.
C. Do not lose it. D. Bring it back today.

Read the passage below and then answer questions 6 to 9.

Grade 6 learners at Green Valley Primary School take turns to keep their classroom clean. On Mondays, Amina and Peter sweep the floor. On Tuesdays, Halima and Musa arrange the desks and collect litter. On Wednesdays, all the learners come together to water the flowers planted outside the classroom. The class teacher often says that a clean classroom makes it easier for everyone to learn.

6. Why do the learners keep their classroom clean?

- A. Because the teacher forces them to do so B. Because a clean classroom makes learning easier
C. Because they want to win a prize D. Because parents visit every day

7. The words "take turns" as used in the passage mean the same as
 A. work together at the same time B. do something one after another in order
 C. compete against each other D. finish work very quickly
8. On which day do all the learners work together?
 A. Monday B. Tuesday
 C. Wednesday D. Thursday
9. Which one of the following is the best title for this passage?
 A. Amina's Class B. Keeping Our Classroom Clean
 C. Musa and Peter D. Growing Flowers

Read the passage below and then answer questions 10 to 12.

Otieno found a wallet lying on the road as he walked home from school. Inside the wallet were some money and an identity card bearing a photo and a name, Mr Wanyama. Otieno's friends told him to keep the money since no one had seen him pick it up. However, Otieno remembered his mother always telling him that honesty brings blessings. He walked to the address written on the identity card and returned the wallet to Mr Wanyama. Mr Wanyama was very grateful and rewarded Otieno for his honesty.

10. Why did Otieno's friends want him to keep the money?
 A. Because it belonged to Otieno B. Because no one had seen him pick it up
 C. Because Mr Wanyama was very rich D. Because the money was very little
11. From the story, we can tell that Otieno is
 A. dishonest B. careless
 C. honest D. selfish
12. Which one of the following is the best title for the story?
 A. The Lost Wallet B. Honesty Pays
 C. Mr Wanyama's Money D. Otieno's Friends

Read the story below and then answer questions 13 to 15.

Long ago, Tortoise challenged Ostrich to a race, even though everyone laughed at him because he was so slow. Ostrich agreed, sure that he would win easily. On the day of the race, Tortoise secretly asked his tortoise relatives to hide along the racing path, since they all looked alike. Whenever Ostrich looked back to check on Tortoise, he always saw a tortoise ahead of him, and this confused him greatly. Tired and puzzled, Ostrich finally gave up before the finish line, believing Tortoise had somehow overtaken him the whole way. The animals were amazed to see Tortoise standing at the finish line. From then on, they learned never to underestimate anyone because of how they look.

13. Which one of the following is true according to the story?
 A. Tortoise ran faster than Ostrich. B. Tortoise used his relatives to trick Ostrich.
 C. Ostrich won the race easily. D. The animals did not believe Tortoise had won.
14. The word "underestimate" as used in the story means
 A. to respect greatly B. to misjudge the ability of
 C. to compete fairly with D. to laugh at openly

15. What do we learn from this story?

- A. Slow animals cannot win races. B. We should not judge others by their appearance alone.
C. Ostriches are the fastest animals. D. Tortoises always cheat in races.

Read the passage below. It contains blank spaces numbered 16 to 20. For each blank space, select the best alternative from the choices given.

Grade 6 learners at Mema Primary School were preparing for their end of year concert. Everyone ___16___ practising their items every afternoon. The choir teacher told them ___17___ singing loudly would not always mean singing well. She said what matters most is togetherness ___18___ good timing. The learners were advised ___19___ nervous, because the whole school would be watching them. On the day of the concert, everyone enjoyed themselves ___20___ the concert turned out to be a big success.

16.

- A. is B. was
C. were D. are

17.

- A. this B. what
C. that D. which

18.

- A. and B. or
C. but D. so

19.

- A. not to be B. not being
C. to not be D. don't be

20.

- A. so B. and
C. because D. but

For questions 21 to 26, fill in the blank spaces with the correct alternative from the choices given.

21. The parents were worried _____ their children's safety during the trip.

- A. about B. on
C. at D. with

22. Rehema arrived _____ the airport just before her flight.

- A. in B. at
C. on D. to

23. The learners are cleaning the compound today, _____?

- A. do they B. are they
C. aren't they D. don't they

24. This is the bicycle _____ my brother bought last week.
 A. who B. whom
 C. whose D. which
25. The teacher was looking for her pen, but _____ had seen it.
 A. somebody B. anybody
 C. nobody D. everybody
26. If Amani _____ hard, she would pass the examination.
 A. study B. studies
 C. studied D. will study

For question 27, choose the alternative that means the same as the underlined word.

27. The tired travellers were relieved to see their village at last.
 A. worried B. free from anxiety
 C. excited D. surprised

For question 28, choose the alternative that means the same as the underlined sentence.

28. The mechanic repaired the car before evening.
 A. The car repaired the mechanic before evening.
 B. The car was repaired by the mechanic before evening.
 C. The car repairs the mechanic before evening.
 D. The car will be repaired by the mechanic before evening.

For question 29, choose the alternative that means the same as the sentence given.

29. "Neither Baraka nor his cousin went to the market." This means:
 A. Only Baraka went to the market. B. Only his cousin went to the market.
 C. Both of them went to the market. D. Both of them did not go to the market.

Read the following paragraph and answer question 30.

Amos, Zawadi and Furaha are classmates. All three of them play chess. Amos also plays table tennis. Furaha also plays badminton.

30. According to the passage, who plays chess only?
 A. Amos B. Zawadi
 C. Furaha D. All of them