

KENYA PRIMARY SCHOOL EDUCATION ASSESSMENT**KPSEA 2026****ENGLISH LANGUAGE****601**

Practice Examination

Time allowed 1 hour**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

1. This question paper contains 30 questions. Answer ALL the questions.
2. Read each conversation, passage and question carefully before choosing your answer.
3. Each question has four choices lettered A, B, C and D. Only ONE choice is correct.
4. Mark your answers on the separate answer sheet, not in this question paper.
5. Use an ordinary HB pencil to shade the circle containing your chosen answer.
6. Shade only ONE circle for each question. Keep all shading inside the circle.
7. Write your assessment number, name and school on the answer sheet. Keep the sheet clean and do not fold it.

HOW TO MARK THE ANSWER SHEET

Example Choose the word that best completes the sentence.

The basket _____ beside the door yesterday.

- A. stand B. standing C. stood D. stands

The correct answer is C. Shade the circle containing C.



The question paper consists of 7 pages. Check that all 30 questions are present.

Read the conversation below. It contains blank spaces numbered 1 to 3. For each blank space, select the best alternative from the choices given.

Njeri visits a community reading room for the first time.

Njeri: Good afternoon. ____1____

Assistant: Good afternoon. Yes, you may borrow a book after joining the reading room.

Njeri: I have not joined yet. ____2____

Assistant: Fill in this form. You may then borrow two books for one week.

Njeri: ____3____ I will fill in the form now.

Assistant: Please ask me if you need any help.

1.

- A. Have you finished reading that book?
- B. Why are the books on shelves?
- C. May I borrow a book from this reading room?
- D. Who has taken away my books?

2.

- A. How do I become a member?
- B. Which day did you borrow the books?
- C. When did you build this room?
- D. Why have you brought me a book?

3.

- A. I shall keep the books for as long as I like.
- B. Thank you for explaining the rules.
- C. You should complete my form without asking.
- D. I have already returned all your books.

For questions 4 and 5, choose the most appropriate response.

4. You accidentally step on a visitor's foot. Which response is most appropriate?

- A. Why did you place your foot there?
- B. Move away before it happens again.
- C. You need to watch where I am going.
- D. I am sorry. I did not see your foot.

5. A neighbour offers to carry your light bag, but you do not need help. What should you say?

- A. Thank you for offering, but I can manage it.
- B. Do not speak to me about my bag.
- C. You should have brought a bigger bag.
- D. Carry it even though I do not need help.

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

Every Thursday, three Grade 6 learners at Upendo School prepare an announcement for the morning assembly. Zuri checks the dates of school activities and writes the first draft. Tendo reads it aloud while Asha listens for unclear sentences. Asha changes those sentences without altering the message. Zuri checks the changes, and Tendo practises reading the final version. All three learners test the microphone before assembly. Their first announcement was too long, so they agreed to include only information that the whole school needed.

6. Who writes the first draft of the announcement?
 - A. Asha.
 - B. Zuri.
 - C. Tendo.
 - D. The headteacher.
7. Which skill does Asha use when improving the draft?
 - A. Repairing electrical equipment.
 - B. Planning school events.
 - C. Editing sentences to make a message clear.
 - D. Speaking to a large audience.
8. Which task do all three learners do together?
 - A. Writing the first draft.
 - B. Checking every date.
 - C. Reading the announcement at assembly.
 - D. Testing the microphone.
9. What do the learners' actions show?
 - A. They work best without sharing ideas.
 - B. Their announcement needs no preparation.
 - C. They give every task to the same learner.
 - D. They share tasks to prepare a useful announcement.

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

At a community library, readers can help to keep books in good condition. They should open a book gently rather than bend it backwards. A bookmark keeps their place without folding the corner of a page. Clean, dry hands also protect the paper.

Even with careful use, books may become damaged over time. Library staff inspect them regularly. A small tear can often be repaired, but a book with missing pages needs further attention. Before a repaired book goes back on the shelf, a member of staff checks that its pages are complete and in the correct order.

Readers should report damage instead of hiding it. This allows the staff to act before the damage becomes worse. Repairing suitable books means that more readers can continue to use them. It also reduces the number of books that have to be replaced. Caring for books is therefore a responsibility shared by readers and library staff.

10. Why are the pages of a repaired book checked before it is put back on the shelf?

- A. To make sure no pages are missing or out of order.
- B. To make the book heavier than before.
- C. To find out whether the cover is brightly coloured.
- D. To decide who borrowed the book first.

11. What should a reader do after finding a missing page in a library book?

- A. Hide the book behind the other books.
- B. Remove another page from the book.
- C. Inform a member of the library staff.
- D. Write a new page without asking anyone.

12. Which is the best title for the passage?

- A. Choosing the longest story.
- B. Caring for library books.
- C. Building a new library.
- D. Counting books on a shelf.

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

Kito, Binti and Musa were preparing a short play for their school open day. The cloth that would form the back of the stage was ready, but the hooks needed to hang it were missing. The visitors would arrive the next morning.

"Without those hooks, we shall never be ready," Kito said, putting down his tools.

Binti did not argue. She asked the caretaker whether there was anything else they could use. He showed her a coil of cord and a box of clothes pegs. After getting permission from their teacher, the learners used the cord and pegs to hang the cloth. Musa stood at the back of the hall to check that it could be seen clearly. Kito adjusted one corner while Binti fixed the other.

The cloth was made from pieces of different colours. Kito worried that the visitors would laugh at it. "Let us spend the remaining time practising our lines," Binti suggested.

The next morning, the learners performed their play without forgetting a single line. The visitors clapped loudly. Kito felt relieved. As they took down the cloth afterwards, he thanked Binti for finding a solution. "Next time, I will look at what we have before deciding that something cannot be done," he said.

13. Why did Binti speak to the caretaker?

- A. She wanted him to perform in the play.
- B. She wanted to send the visitors away.
- C. She wanted him to find the missing teacher.
- D. She wanted to find other materials for hanging the cloth.

14. The word "relieved" as used in the story means

- A. no longer worried.
- B. ready to argue.
- C. unable to remember.
- D. unwilling to help.

15. What do we learn from the story?

- A. Only new materials are useful for a performance.
- B. Working together can help us solve a difficulty.
- C. A play should be cancelled when a tool is missing.
- D. The colours of a stage are more important than practice.

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

On Wednesday, our class visited a small weather station. An officer ____16____ us around. We saw a gauge used to measure the ____17____ of rainfall. Everyone listened ____18____ while she explained its use. Back in our classroom, we wrote a report ____19____ the visit. We thanked the officer for ____20____ her knowledge with us.

16. A. shows B. showing
C. showed D. show
17. A. weight B. speed
C. temperature D. amount
18. A. attentively B. attentive
C. attention D. attend
19. A. above B. about
C. between D. under
20. A. share B. shares
C. shared D. sharing

For questions 21 to 26, fill in each blank space with the correct alternative.

21. The kitten hid _____ the bed until the visitors left.

- A. among
B. across
C. under
D. between

22. Each of the performers _____ a name badge.

- A. wears
B. wear
C. wearing
D. have

23. Salim found the torch _____ I had left on the bench.

- A. who
B. which
C. whose
D. whom

24. We must speak _____ so that the sleeping baby does not wake.

- A. softness
B. softer
C. soft
D. softly

25. If the coach arrives early, we _____ begin practice at once.

- A. would
B. had
C. will
D. are

26. If Amani owned a camera, she _____ photograph the butterflies.

- A. will
B. would
C. has
D. did

For questions 27 and 28, fill in each blank space with the correct alternative.

27. The visitors have not arrived yet, _____?

- A. have they
- B. have we
- C. has he
- D. has she

28. While I was sweeping the veranda, my cousins _____ the chairs.

- A. arranges
- B. has arranged
- C. was arranging
- D. were arranging

29. Choose the words in the correct order to complete the sentence.

My aunt bought a _____ bowl.

- A. wooden round small
- B. round wooden small
- C. small round wooden
- D. wooden small round

30. Choose the word that means the same as "a person who repairs water pipes".

- A. porter
- B. plumber
- C. potter
- D. barber

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2026 KPSEA English Language Answer Sheet

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Shade ONE circle for each question using an HB pencil.

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| 3 | ☐ A | ☐ B | ☐ C | ☐ D | 18 | ☐ A | ☐ B | ☐ C | ☐ D |
| 4 | ☐ A | ☐ B | ☐ C | ☐ D | 19 | ☐ A | ☐ B | ☐ C | ☐ D |
| 5 | ☐ A | ☐ B | ☐ C | ☐ D | 20 | ☐ A | ☐ B | ☐ C | ☐ D |
| 6 | ☐ A | ☐ B | ☐ C | ☐ D | 21 | ☐ A | ☐ B | ☐ C | ☐ D |
| 7 | ☐ A | ☐ B | ☐ C | ☐ D | 22 | ☐ A | ☐ B | ☐ C | ☐ D |
| 8 | ☐ A | ☐ B | ☐ C | ☐ D | 23 | ☐ A | ☐ B | ☐ C | ☐ D |
| 9 | ☐ A | ☐ B | ☐ C | ☐ D | 24 | ☐ A | ☐ B | ☐ C | ☐ D |
| 10 | ☐ A | ☐ B | ☐ C | ☐ D | 25 | ☐ A | ☐ B | ☐ C | ☐ D |
| 11 | ☐ A | ☐ B | ☐ C | ☐ D | 26 | ☐ A | ☐ B | ☐ C | ☐ D |
| 12 | ☐ A | ☐ B | ☐ C | ☐ D | 27 | ☐ A | ☐ B | ☐ C | ☐ D |
| 13 | ☐ A | ☐ B | ☐ C | ☐ D | 28 | ☐ A | ☐ B | ☐ C | ☐ D |
| 14 | ☐ A | ☐ B | ☐ C | ☐ D | 29 | ☐ A | ☐ B | ☐ C | ☐ D |
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