



# SCHOOL BASED EVALUATION TEST

## STANDARD EIGHT YEAR-2020

### ENGLISH: LANGUAGE (331+303)

**READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY**

1. Use an ordinary pencil only.
2. Make sure that you have written on the answer sheet.

I. YOUR NAME

II. NAME OF YOUR SCHOOL

Time: 1 hr 40 mins

Many people join \_\_\_1\_\_\_ by accident \_\_\_2\_\_\_ than by design. As a result, many of them are in the wrong jobs and \_\_\_3\_\_\_ end up frustrated or frustrating others.

Likewise, many students join high school with no clear picture \_\_\_\_\_ what they want to do in future. To many of them \_\_\_5\_\_\_ in secondary school is \_\_\_6\_\_\_ end in itself. They \_\_\_7\_\_\_ the fact that secondary education is also meant to prepare students to join various vacations \_\_\_\_\_ to pursue further education. Hence students have to be careful in \_\_\_9\_\_\_ the subjects to very much determine what jobs \_\_\_10\_\_\_ be open to them in future.

Before making a choice on subjects \_\_\_11\_\_\_ student must understand herself and know her personal interests and abilities. For example, if a student wants to become a doctor, she must know that she \_\_\_12\_\_\_ good passes in Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics or Physicals. But more important are the personal qualities and characteristics which will determine whether she will fit in the medical \_\_\_13\_\_\_.

A doctor's job involves working for long and odd hours and attending to patients sick \_\_\_14\_\_\_ various ailments. Do these conditions agree with your nature \_\_\_1\_\_\_.

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|-------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| 1. A. careers           | B. tasks           | C. <b>careers</b> | D. projects  |
| 2. A. much              | B. less            | C. instead        | D. rather    |
| 3. A. therefore         | B. however         | C. though         | D. despite   |
| 4. A. at                | B. on              | C. <b>of</b>      | D. for       |
| 5. A. been              | B. bean            | C. being          | D. bieng     |
| 6. <b>A</b> . the       | B. an              | C. one            | D. a         |
| 7. <b>A</b> . underlook | B. overlook        | C. relook         | D. onlook    |
| 8. <b>A</b> . and       | <b>B. then</b>     | C. but            | D. or        |
| 9. A. chosing           | B. choseing        | C. choosing       | D. chooseing |
| 10. A. will             | B. must            | C. could          | D. shall     |
| 11. A. that             | B. a               | C. <b>this</b>    | D. their     |
| 12. A. require          | <b>B. required</b> | C. requires       | D. need      |
| 13. A. proffession      | B. profession      | C. proffesion     | D. profesion |
| 14. A. from             | B. by              | C. with           | D. at        |
| 15. A.                  | B. ?               | C. .              | D.           |

For questions 16 to 17 choose the best question tag.

For question 18 choose the word that means the same as the underlined word.

16. My nephew said she may come,  
A. mayn't she?            B. will she?  
C. won't she?            D. may she?
17. He will never give up  
A. isn't it?            B. will he?  
C. won't he?            D. is it?

18. The fire brigade **put out** the fire as soon as they arrived.  
**A.** lit  
B. fanned  
C. subdued  
D. extinguished

For question 19 and 20 select the word from the choices given that means the opposite of the underlined word.

19. The old man looked familiar at first.  
A. genuine                      B. sober  
C. strange                        D. indolent
20. We should avoid playing loud music at night.  
A. low                              B. silent  
C. slow                              D. soft

For questions 21 to 23 select the alternative that best completes the sentence.

21. When living at Embakasi, we were used to  
A. see planes flying low.  
B. saw planes flying low.  
C. seen planes flying low.  
D. seeing planes flying low.
22. If my mother came early,  
A. I would tell her  
**B. I will tell her**  
C. I would have told her  
D. I can tell her

23. It was not until the bell rang,  
A. than the lesson started.  
B. when the lesson started.  
C. that the lesson started.  
D. and the lesson started.
24. For question 24 choose the correct sentence.  
A. I can't be able to jump over the fence.  
B. I prefer tea to coffee.  
C. What were you discussing about the whole day?  
D. My sister is sitting under the shade.

For question 25 choose the correct arrangement of sentences from the choices given that form a sensible paragraph.

25. (i) She thought it was ghost  
(ii) She looked back immediately  
(iii) Then she heard someone call her  
(iv) There was no one  
(v) Jane had just left the house
- A. v, iii, ii, iv, i                      B. v, iii, i, iv, ii  
C. v, iii, i, ii, iv                      D. v, ii, iii, iv, i

Read the passage below and then answer questions 26 to 38.

I woke up with a start, everything was dark except for a fire that seemed to burn behind me. They were staring at me, all with anticipation. I was bewildered for a moment as they signed with relief and shouted "another survivor, that makes only three missing!"

I found out I could not move from my position. Here was scrap metal over me and a mutilated body that stared in the fire behind me with a blank expression. I slipped back to my refuge, sleep. I felt a rough hand grip my arm that shook me with such vigour that I responded with a resounding blow. There was laughter and a curse from the crews that stood out around me with flaming self-made torches.

"Time of move kid, two hours was a good night's sleep. We have a long way to go if we are to survive the desert stretch before us." T stood up and moved slowly now with cramps all over my body. The metal scraps were all removed and as I looked around and saw the fuselage of an aeroplane on fire, I was able to recollect what had happened. In a manner anyone who had not gone through what we had gone through a few hours before I could simply say, we had an aeroplane crash. We started a trek across the desert wasteland, which could only be deciphered by feeling of empty space before us in the darkness.

We had walked for what seemed to be forever without any progression as the scorching sun came above our heads. We were all puffing and panting like dogs but dropping off would not have served us any purpose because the hard baked ground was like a hot oven. One of us uttered, "Water," Everyone stood still. his ear cocked. We could have given anything for water. everyone surrounded the man for a sip of water put all he could do was repeat the word and point far into the horizon where he was supposedly seeing a mirage of water.

**We** continued walking for two more days in the desert sand stretch only resting after dusk. Everyday brought a new hope that we would see human settlement but our hopes were drawn everyday as we saw sand and sand till we got dizzy at the glare. We never finished the journey: all I remember before finding myself in a hospital bed, was a buzzing distant aeroplane sound.

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26. According to the passage, what were the crews doing when the writer was asleep?  
 A. Asleep                      B. Bewildered  
 C. Keeping watch            D. Shouting
27. From the first paragraph, it is true to say that  
 A. the writer woke up fatigued  
 B. the writer was alone  
 C. there was fire where the writer was  
 D. the survivors yelled
28. Why could the writer not move from his position?  
 A. He was sleepy and drowsy  
 B. He had suffered severe burns  
 C. There was an injured body behind him  
 D. There was a scrap metal over him
29. The word **trek** has been underlined in the passage. What does it mean?  
 A. Stagger                      B. Walk  
 C. Crawl                        D. Run
30. 'Responded with a resounding blow' means that the writer  
 A. wore a blank expression  
 B. went back to his refuge  
 C. defended himself  
 D. laughed heartily
31. When the writer saw the fuselage of an aeroplane on fire he  
 A. remembered what had happened  
 B. moved slowly with cramps all over his body  
 C. passed out  
 D. shouted for help
32. Why were they buffing and panting like dogs?  
 A. The temperatures were very high  
 B. They were imitating dogs  
 C. They had seen a mil age of water  
 D. The temperatures were moderate
33. When one of them mentioned 'water' they  
 A. felt thirsty  
 B. quenched their thirst  
 C. stood still  
 D. were very happy
34. It is true to say that  
 A. there was water  
 B. there was no water  
 C. there was adequate water  
 D. the man gave them water
35. For how long did these people journey?  
 A. Approximately three days  
 B. Two days  
 C. About a week  
 D. Many days
36. There would have been a new hope if they had  
 A. seen a mirage of water  
 B. heard bussing distant aeroplane sound  
 C. seen human settlement  
 D. continued walking
37. Which of the following words cannot replace the word journey?  
 A. Enjoyment  
 B. Expedition  
 C. Excursion  
 D. Trip
38. What would be the most appropriate title for this passage?  
 A. The plane crash  
 B. The unending journey  
 C. Trekking across the desert  
 D. A narrow escape

**Read the following passage and then answer questions 39 to 50.**

It has been discovered that people who have friends are happier and healthier than those without. Therefore, it is important to think of how you can keep the friends that you have and how to make new ones. They say that people with close friends have greater ability to fight illnesses than those who are solitary.

Friendship needs to be cultivated. Find time to be with your friends even if it means putting off something you would like to do. People are more important than things and relating well with other people brings much joy to our lives. When it is not possible to be with your friends, keep contact through letters of the telephone.

We should learn to open to our close friends. This means that we should be willing to share our inner feelings with them. Tell them about your fears and worries, your hopes and desires. Why should we do this? Because we should be free to be ourselves before our true friends. In other words, we don't fear that we will be misunderstood. Friends should accept us just the way we are and encourage us to overcome our weaknesses. After all, none of us is perfect.

Similarly, listen to your friends when they have problems, but offer advice only when it is wanted! Do not impose your will on others. Encourage them to do what they think is best for them. When your

friends are shaken going through a difficult experience, be there for them.

Have different friends for different activities such as singing in a choir, participating in sports or helping in a community project. Associating with different kinds of people broadens your outlook and enriches your life. Learn to show sincere interest in what other people are doing. This will draw them to you.

If your friend has a need, do not wait for him or her to ask for a favour. When a friend has too much work, offer to assist; if he or she is sick, ask what you can do to help.

By now you have probably realized that it is not easy to maintain a friendship. But it is worth the effort. If you are friendly, kind and considerate, people will be attracted to you. Talk to strangers and people who seem lonely. As you meet the needs of others. Your own needs will be met.

Do not take friendship for granted. Do things that will strengthen it and avoid habits that kill relationship, if you are envious and selfish, people will avoid you. If you lied and gossip about your friends, they will soon begin treating you like a leper. So, do for your friend's what you would like them to do for you. Laugh with them when they are happy, celebrate their successes and weep with them when they are sorrowful. Remember, without friends, life would be unbearable.

39. From the first paragraph it is important to
- A. fight illnesses
  - B. be happy and healthy through others
  - C. discover about friends
  - D. have friends and make new ones
40. From the passage it is true to say that people with close friends
- A. hardly fall sick
  - B. are better than solitary ones
  - C. are less likely to fall sick
  - D. realize value of friendship
41. "Friendship needs to be cultivated" this statement means
- A. friendships is similar to gardening
  - B. we need to think carefully, about friendship
  - C. we need to work hard to keep friends
  - D. friendship brings good things just like plants
42. Which of the following means the **same as** putting off?
- A. Forgetting
  - B. Postponing
  - C. Avoiding
  - D. Extinguishing
43. Why do you think the writer says people are more important than things?
- A. Things cannot meet certain human needs
  - B. Relating with people needs effort
  - C. Things cannot really help you
  - D. You cannot buy relationships
44. Which of the following is the best definition of a true friend?
- A. One who knows that he or she is not perfect
  - B. One who encourages us to overcome our weaknesses
  - C. One who knows our fears and weaknesses and still accepts us

- D. One who listens to us no matter what we say
45. We should listen to our friends sympathetically but we must not
- A. offer them any advice
  - B. let them suffer alone
  - C. ask them to do bad things
  - D. make decisions for them'
46. What does the expression '**be there for them**' mean?
- A. Do not **be far** from your **friends**
  - B. **Have** a kind heart
  - C. Give them some time
  - D. Be willing and available to help
47. Why should we have friends of different types?
- A. We can sing or play games together
  - B. They may help us to get wealth
  - C. They help us to learn many things about life
  - D. We can do many different things together
48. Which of the following statements is not true?
- A. Being considerate is important in friendship
  - B. It is quite easy to maintain a friendship
  - C. People are drawn to those who show interest in them
  - D. One who wants to make friends must be friendly and kind
49. To be treated like a leper means to be
- A. avoided by others
  - B. hated and isolated
  - C. without any friends
  - D. considered dangerous
50. Which of the following would be the best title for this passage?
- A. Sharing with friends
  - B. Cultivating friendship
  - C. Taking friends for granted
  - D. Assisting friends