

ENGLISH : LANGUAGE

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY

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

Time: 1 Hr 40 Min.

I. YOUR NAME

II. YOUR INDEX NUMBER

III. NAME OF YOUR SCHOOL

Fill each blank space in the following passage with the BEST alternative.

Publishers 1 unhappy with the government's 2 to allow US Computer Manufacturer Microsoft to 3 the introduction of computer lessons in primary schools.

Kenya Publishers Association 4 the government to procure the laptops and training for primary school teachers 5 competitive bidding.

The lobby accused the government of 6 to buy the equipment and content from the 7 locking out local suppliers - including publishers. "We had 8 along as early 2002 prepared e-learning materials for schools in East Africa and are 9 that the government wants to single-source the 10 from Microsoft." KPA chairman Lawrence Njagi said yesterday.

Microsoft Global President Jean-Phillippe Courtois last week 11 to support the government in training teachers to 12 them implement the programmes 13 January. He 14 president Kenyatta that his company would provide technical support. 15, the more than one hundred publishers fear that single-sourcing might create learning barriers.

	A.	B.	C.	D.
1.	were	are	was	be
2.	plan	suggestion	task	decision
3.	led	leads	lead	leading
4.	wants	wishes	wanted	wished
5.	through	by	via	about
6.	planning	plan	opting	planing
7.	farm	firm	factory	company
8.	so	as	for	all
9.	amused	perturbed	perversed	excited
10.	programme	scheme	project	duty
11.	pleaded	proposed	pledged	pleased
12.	enable	unable	anable	able
13.	in	on	by	within
14.	said	asked	inquired	told
15.	Moreover	However	Therefore	Furthermore

In question 16 - 17, select the alternative that BEST fills the blank space in the sentences below.

16. She never sings in the choir, _____ ?
 A. isn't she
 B. doesn't she
 C. does she
 D. is she

17. Mary bought me a _____ bag.
 A. nice big blue America
 B. blue nice big American
 C. big blue nice American
 D. nice blue big American
18. The defence lawyer _____ an interesting argument.
 A. put away
 B. put through
 C. put forward
 D. put on

In question 19 - 20, choose the sentence that is well punctuated.

19. A. You don't want that. Do you?
B. The lion ran into it's den.
C. "Come here?" She ordered.
D. What an easy exam that was!
20. A. Your's was accepted.
B. John is asking for food?
C. "Do you like travelling on a bus?" she asked.
D. James bought the following items: milk, salt, and flour.

For questions 21 - 22, choose the alternative that means the same as the underlined word.

21. The last visitor to arrive was extremely famished.
A. hungry
B. dirty
C. strong
D. weak
22. Mr. Makhokha was in a hurry to wind up the lesson.
A. leave
B. end
C. postpone
D. stop

In question 23, choose the alternative that means the same as the given sentence.

23. Miriam said, "The novel by Becky is interesting."
A. Miriam said that the novel by Becky is interesting.
B. Miriam said that the novel by Becky should be interesting.
C. Miriam said that the novel by Becky was interesting.
D. Miriam said that the novel by Becky was going to be interesting.

For questions 24 to 25, arrange the sentence to make a sensible paragraph.

24. i) Remember to thank the customers after you have served them.
ii) When customers come to your shop cheerfully smile and ask if you could help with anything.
iii) Finally, let customers know that they are always welcome.
iv) Good customer care is central to today business.

- A. ii, iv, i, iii
B. iv, iii, ii, i
C. iii, iv, i, ii
D. iv, ii, i, iii

25. i) Now the coach is confident that it will win the other two.
ii) It easily won that match.
iii) Early this year it rained for two weeks in preparation for the first of the three world cup qualifying matches.
iv) Last year, the national team won all international matches after five years of consecutive defeats.

- A. iv, ii, i, iii
B. iii, i, ii, iv
C. iv, iii, ii, i
D. i, ii, iv, iii

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 - 38.

Once upon a time, there lived a proud juggler whose unmatched antics reached far and wide. In spite of his overreaching pride, this performer was so skilled that he could even juggle sharp knives blindfolded without dropping them, or accidentally slashing his hands in the act.

After years in the profession that saw him travel around the world mesmerizing ordinary folk and royalty alike in small and great arenas, the juggler announced that he was retiring. This news was received in shock by his admirers, with most pleading with him to rescind the decision but to no avail.

In response, the juggler told them he had achieved all the goals and won all challenges thrown his way as a juggler and therefore, time had come for him to travel back to his homeland to settle down and take care of his family. When the day of his departure finally came, his fans could not help but shed tears as the retired performer boarded the ship taking him back to his home.

After the tearful farewell, the ship, the ship was soon surrounded by nothing but crashing waves. As the journey continued, a juggler in the ship went round entertaining the passengers juggling an impressive even apples. Unlike the other travellers, however, our recently retired juggler was not impressed and said as much. Not one to be easily bullied, the other juggler immediately proposed a juggling duel to determine who between them was a better juggler.

The retiree pompously upped the stakes of the challenge by over-confidently announcing he would

instead use ten of his diamond rings, the total sum of his life savings instead of apples. Awed, a part of crowd cheered even as some begged him not to use his precious rings but without warning the diamonds were soon in the air. "I am a professional, I will not drop even one." the braggart boasted, as he tossed rings even higher.

Just as fast as he had begun, the unthinkable thing happened. The ship hit an iceberg, rocking every one off balance and to the retired juggler's horror, his rings dropped and rolled into the dark waters. Without taking a moment to think, the performer jumped in after them. This proved to be a costly mistake as the performer man sadly drowned.

26. From the first sentence we can say that the juggler _____
- reached far and wide
 - felt more important than anybody else
 - had antics
 - was matchable
27. The fact that the juggler could juggle sharp knives blind folded without dropping them or accidentally slashing his hands shows he was _____
- unskilled
 - careful
 - dangerous
 - an expert
28. The word mesmerizing could also mean _____
- fascinating
 - surprising
 - shocking
 - encouraging
29. What according to the passage surprised the juggler's admirers?
- The shock he had
 - The announcement that he was tired
 - The revelation that he was retiring
 - The admirers news
30. What was the admirers wish to the juggler?
- Revoke his decision
 - Resign his decision
 - Maintain his decision
 - Uphold his decision
31. Which of the following statements is NOT true?
- The juggler had achieved all the goals.
 - The juggler had won all challenges.
 - Time had not come for him to go home.
 - The juggler wanted to look after his family.
32. We can tell that the juggler's fans were unhappy because _____
- they bade the juggler bye
 - they cried
 - they sat in a shade
 - they boarded the ship with the juggler
33. What surrounded the ship?
- Fans shedding tears
 - Water
 - Nothing
 - Crashing waves
34. What was the juggler in the ship juggling?
- Apples
 - Sharp knives
 - Blindfolded
 - We are not told
35. What do we learn about the other traveller from the passage?
- They were not impressed
 - They were sad
 - They were impressed
 - They disliked the juggler
36. What was the purpose of the competition between the jugglers?
- To establish a better juggler
 - To determine good apples
 - To determine better diamond rings
 - To end the fight
37. What happened to the retiree's diamond rings?
- The unthinkable thing happened
 - They dropped and rolled into the water
 - The ship hit an iceberg
 - The juggler jumped in after them
38. What would be the BEST summary of this passage?
- Look before you leap
 - Hurry hurry has no blessing
 - Treat others as you would want to be treated
 - Pride goes before a fall

Read the following passage and then answer questions 39 - 50.

Though feared by most humans, snakes are among the most gentle, not to mention interesting, of all creatures on earth. There are about 3,000 species of snakes, 375 of which are venomous while the rest are non-poisonous.

Classified as reptiles, snakes cannot generate heat in their bodies, instead they

environment. As such, they are referred to as cold blooded. Even though warm tropical areas are the snakes' favourite habitat, they are found all over the globe, except in extremely cold areas such as North and South pole. Also worth noting is the fact that snakes can nest almost anywhere, including on trees, in swampy areas, in rocky caves, on river banks, and, in some instances in water bodies.

Even though snakes are limbless, they have extremely flexible bodies that they wriggle to move. Unknown to many, these animals are fast on land and agile swimmers as well. A black mamba, for instance, can move at 20 kph.

Masters of camouflage, snakes have to blend well with their immediate environment in order to survive. Snakes are purely carnivorous. Some kill their prey by injecting venom into the bloodstream through a bite. Others, however, coil around their prey and crush it to death before swallowing it whole. Some, like the python, can swallow prey as big as a goat. Fur, bones and claws are excreted after digestion.

Some species, such as the anaconda, can be as long as 38 feet, but there are others that grow to only two inches. Interestingly, snakes have no ears. Their sense of hearing is centred in the belly, where they interpret the vibration of sounds. Also, snakes have very poor eyesight despite the fact that their eyes remain permanently open, with only a light transparent membrane to protect them from dust particles. They however, possess a strong sense of taste that acts as their eyes.

Unfortunately, these interesting creatures are fast disappearing, thanks to indiscriminate killing by human beings.

39. Which of the following is TRUE about snakes?
- A. Few are poisonous
 - B. A few are poisonous
 - C. All snakes are gentle and interesting
 - D. They are the most gentle and venomous of all creatures on earth
40. Snakes are referred to as cold blooded in that they _____
- A. stay in water
 - B. cannot generate heat to warm their bodies
 - C. can nest almost anywhere
 - D. are found all over the globe
41. Snakes are able to move as a result of _____
- A. wriggling on the ground
 - B. being limbless
 - C. being extremely flexible bodies
 - D. being agile
42. Why do snakes blend well with their immediate environment?
- A. To get their food easily
 - B. To kill their prey
 - C. To prey and crush
 - D. To hide from their predators
43. What do we learn about movement from the third paragraph?
- A. Snakes are agile swimmers
 - B. They can move at 20 kph
 - C. Snakes are flexible and fast on land
 - D. Snakes are limbless
44. Which of the following statements is NOT true on how snakes kill their prey?
- A. They inject venom into the blood stream through a bite
 - B. They coil around the prey
 - C. They crush the prey before swallowing it
 - D. They swallow it whole
45. The word camouflage as used in the passage could also mean _____
- A. persuade
 - B. blend
 - C. prey
 - D. hide
46. Snakes are purely carnivorous means that _____
- A. snakes eat both meat and plants
 - B. snakes feed on meat alone
 - C. snakes feed on plants alone
 - D. snakes feed on prey alone
47. The snakes sense of hearing is centred in the _____
- A. thorax
 - B. head
 - C. abdomen
 - D. tail
48. Some species, such as the anaconda could be as long as _____
- A. over thirty feet
 - B. below thirty feet
 - C. above thirty feet
 - D. about forty feet
49. According to the last paragraph the writer _____
- A. is happy with the killing of snakes
 - B. sympathizes with the creatures
 - C. likes the idea of indiscriminate killing.
 - D. values human beings more than snakes
50. The BEST summary of the passage could be _____
- A. Encounter with snakes
 - B. Anaconda the snake
 - C. The life of snakes
 - D. Snakes the interesting creatures