

K.C.P.E SHARPENER

STD. 8 TERM 3 - 2014

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

Read the passage below and fill the blank spaces 1 - 15 using the choices given.

A school 1 Nairobi was 2 yesterday after four students 3 killed in a dormitory fire.

The 4 which 5 at about eleven on Sunday in the 6 dormitory cut short the 7 of the four. 8 students who were slightly 9 were treated and 10 from the nearby hospital.

Observations 11 showed that the fire was likely to 12 started by some students.

It was 13 that an electric fault could have been the 14 cause. 15

	A.	B.	C.	D.
1.	at	of	in	for
2.	closed up	closed down	down closed	turned off
3.	was	are	were	have been
4.	inferno	infano	infernno	inverno
5.	broke in	turned on	broke off	broke out
6.	boy's	boys'	boys's	boys
7.	lives	lifes	live	life
8.	Two other	Other two	Another two	All the two
9.	wounded	scalded	ignited	injured
10.	admitted	charged	acquitted	discharged
11.	done	drawn	made	raised
12.	be	have been	had been	has been
13.	ruled in	ruled up	ruled out	ruled off
14.	possible	posibble	possibble	possiple
15.	couldn't	wasn't it?	could it	was it?

Choose the sentence which is CORRECTLY punctuated.

16. A. How best can the Environment be conserved.
B. How best can the environment be conserved?
C. How best can the environment be conserved!
D. How best can the Environment be conserved?

17. _____ the meeting started late, enough money was collected.
A. As B. Since C. Although D. Despite

For questions 18 - 19, complete the sentences CORRECTLY.

18. If wishes were horses, _____
A. beggars will ride B. beggars would ride
C. beggars shall ride D. beggars can ride
19. She wrote the report _____ ink.
A. in B. of C. with D. by

For each of the following sentences choose the word or words which can fill in the blank CORRECTLY.

20. Either Wanjiru or Wanja _____ to blame.
A. are B. is C. have D. has
21. Julian and Faith _____ for swimming every Thursday.
A. goes B. go
C. does not go D. practise
22. Is there _____ water in the tank? Yes, there _____
A. any, is some B. a little, is some
C. some, is any D. plenty, is a few

For each of the following questions choose the sentences which are CORRECTLY punctuated.

23. A. The worshippers asked the Lord Father to give them His blessings.
B. The worshippers asked the lord Father to give them his blessings.

- C. The worshippers, asked the Lord, "Father to give them his blessings."
 D. The worshippers asked the Lord, Father, to give them "his blessings".
24. A. The visitors asked "is Mrs. Ngumi in her office?"
 B. The visitors asked is Mrs. Ngumi in her office?
 C. The visitors asked, "is Mrs. Ngumi in her office?"
 D. The visitors asked, "Is Mrs. Ngumi in her office?"
25. Arrange this statement into sensible sentences.

- i) I thought everybody hated me.
 ii) I was so frustrated that I went and jumped into my cold bed and started crying.
 iii) On my way to the bedroom I met my father, who also quarrelled me.
 iv) I had my supper and sadly went to bed.
- A. iv, iii, ii, i B. i, iii, iv, ii
 C. ii, iv, i, iii D. iii, iv, i, ii

Read the passage carefully then answer the questions 26 - 38.

We all love gifts but how they are presented matters a lot. A gift fits its meaning if it is well packaged before being delivered to the owner.

After you have successfully got the gift, always think how you want the person to receive it. Before you give a present, always wrap it.

An unwrapped gift displays carelessness and uncaring attitude. It also undermines the impact of the gift.

Remember to enclose a signed card.

Unless it is inevitable, always give the gift in person. This adds immensely to the occasion.

It is also important to ensure the gift is timely - its impact diminishes with every passing day. How thrilled would you be if you received a birthday present three or four months after the day has passed?

Unless it is a function where everyone else is presenting their gift, give yours in privacy. It can be embarrassing singling out the person with a gift in front of others. Never insist on the recipient opening the gift immediately; they may prefer to open in privacy

While presenting your gift, avoid statements such as "Oh it's nothing much," because the recipient might just believe you.

Regardless of how you feel about the gift or the giver, always receive a gift gracefully. Even when a gift appears to be a hostile message, like a gym membership for an overweight person, the intention may have been good, albeit misguidedly.

A simple "thank you" is always an appropriate expression of appreciation. Avoid statements such as "You shouldn't have done this," even when you wish the giver had not.

A telephone call is easier and more convenient, but a "thank you" note is a must. Write the note immediately.

It is perfectly acceptable to refuse a gift. Feel free to return a gift that is extravagant, too personal, has sexual implications or can be misconstrued as bribery.

However, even if the gift infuriates you, do not vent your anger as this may work against you. Simply enclose a note saying that because of the nature of the gift or your job, you are unable to accept.

If you work in a company where you are not allowed to receive gifts, politely, let others know either beforehand or at the time the gift is offered that you appreciate the gesture, but are prohibited by company policy from accepting.

26. When does a gift fit its meaning?
 A. If it's delivered in person
 B. How it's delivered to the recipient
 C. If it's well packaged before delivery
 D. If it's delivered to the owner on time
27. An unwrapped gift displays all the following **EXCEPT**
 A. carelessness B. caring
 C. uncaring D. undermines its impact
28. Why is it important to give a gift in person?
 A. Because it is inevitable

- B. Because it undermines the impact of the gift
 C. This displays carelessness and uncaring attitude
 D. This adds enormously to the occasion
29. Why is it important to present a gift at the proper time?
 A. Because its effect disappears with every passing day
 B. The recipient is thrilled if he receives the present three or four months after the occasion
 C. This adds immensely to the occasion
 D. Because it is inevitable

30. When is it appropriate for the recipient to open the gift presented to him according to the passage?
- Immediately after presentation
 - In public
 - In privacy
 - At the proper time
31. How should the recipient of the gift receive it according to the passage?
- Thank the giver of the gift immediately
 - Always receive it with courtesy
 - Thank the giver of the gift gracefully
 - Inform the giver that you are not interested in the gift
32. Which one of the following is an appropriate expression of appreciation?
- "No, thank you."
 - "Thank you."
 - A telephone call
 - "You shouldn't have done this."
33. Why do you think that the gym membership message is offensive?
- It is pointing out one's shortcoming
 - It is albeit misguided
 - The receiver was not graceful
 - The intention may be good after all
34. A gift may be refused because of the following reasons EXCEPT _____
- if it is too personal
 - if it has sexual implications
 - costing a lot of money than is necessary
 - if it is understood as bribery
35. Infuriates as used in the passage means _____
- enrages
 - frustrates
 - depresses
 - stresses
36. According to the passage how can one refuse a gift politely?
- By wrapping and returning it to the owner
 - By venting your anger
 - Let others know about it beforehand
 - Enclosing a note giving reasons why
37. "Prohibited" as used in the passage can be replaced by all EXCEPT _____
- forbade
 - prevented
 - banned
 - forfeited
38. Which one of the following can be the BEST title for the passage?
- How to wrap and present a gift
 - How to present and receive a gift
 - How to present a gift and refuse a gift
 - Unwrapped gift

Read the passage and then answer questions 39 to 50.

There are many causes of low self-esteem in children. To have a proper prospective, we need to appreciate that when a child comes into the world, he or she is full of confidence and appears to have no fear.

However, the people helping a child navigate the world are usually a terrified lot, worrying about things such as what harm could befall the child. Over time, the fear and self-doubt of the caregivers is transferred to the child, resulting in a similar attitude and behaviour.

As simple example: The child tries to lift a glass from the table and the caregiver shrieks in horror, "Stop before you break it!" If the child breaks the glass, then the shrieking is even louder, creating a huge dent in the child's confidence.

For most career parents, the key mentor of their child is the house-help. You might not like to hear this, but your house-help might mean more to your child and probably have more influence on your child's earliest and most critical development, than you. Unfortunately, many house-help are victims of low self-esteem and have very limited, if any, formal training in early childhood development.

Your house-help handles most of the feeding, washing and protecting of your child all day long. To your child, your house-help is 'God' and confidant until a certain age. In some cases, the child would rather be with your house-help than the parents. Your child's level of self-esteem can be at its very best, equal to that of their greatest role model - your house-help.

You too parents have a major impact on your child's self-esteem. You need to evaluate and see where you rank on this issue. Remember over 80 per cent of the worlds population suffer low self-esteem and chances are that they are unknowingly and unintentionally downloading the same on their children. It spares nobody, mighty or lowly.

Parents who judge others engage in blame games and complain a lot about everything are showing signs of low self-esteem, and tend to have a major negative impact on their children's perception. Also parents do contribute to a child's low self-esteem by criticizing your child's harshly about his/her behaviour.

looks and ability, failing to appreciate the child's emotional needs and expecting your child to be perfect in all areas school, co-curricular and home.

Teachers have a major influence on your child and to those who have low self-esteem if they project it will rub off on the children they teach and mentor. This is usually done through criticism and comparison.

The media normally projects a glamorous world which seems ideal to the young minds. As a result the children feel like they do not look good enough, or are not good enough, or do not have enough. This can lower their self-worth.

Children tend to model themselves a lot on their friends and peers, especially the older ones. If other children appear better a child may develop a sense of inadequacy, and thus a low self-esteem.

39. Which of the following is TRUE about the first paragraph?
- A. All children are born full of confidence and devoid of fear
 - B. Some are born full of confidence and do not have fear
 - C. There are limited causes of low self-esteem
 - D. Children are born without confidence nor fear
40. What according to the passage makes a caregiver transfer fear and self-doubt to the child?
- A. Fear of breaking the glass
 - B. Fear of not breaking the glass
 - C. Fear of harm befalling the child
 - D. Fear of the child being kidnapped
41. Shrieking at a child who breaks or touches a glass _____
- A. annoys the child
 - B. makes the caregiver be a role model
 - C. makes a child be responsible when handling glasses
 - D. makes a child lack confidence in whatever he/she does
42. Career parents according to the passage are _____
- A. working parents
 - B. parents that carry their children
 - C. caregivers
 - D. house-helpers
43. Why do house-helpers influence the child negatively?
- A. They spend the better part of the day with the child
 - B. They have low self-esteem and lack formal training in early childhood development
 - C. They handle most of feeding, washing and protecting children
 - D. They have unlimited formal training and low self-esteem
44. Confidant as used means _____
- A. close and trusted
 - B. close relative
 - C. feeds and takes care
 - D. always available
45. The following population do not suffer low self-esteem.
- A. 80 percent
 - B. 100 percent
 - C. about 20 percent
 - D. Over 80 percent
46. Which of the following is TRUE according to the passage?
- A. People unknowingly and unintentionally transfer their low self-esteem to their children
 - B. Majority of population do not suffer from low-self esteem
 - C. Low self-esteem caregiver will influence the child morals positively
 - D. Low self-esteem affects both the poor and the rich only
47. All the following contribute to the child's low self-esteem EXCEPT _____
- A. criticism
 - B. appreciative
 - C. comparison
 - D. mentors with low self-esteem
48. All the following contribute to the child's low self-esteem EXCEPT _____
- A. house helps and parents
 - B. friends and siblings
 - C. media and caregivers
 - D. parents and grandparents
49. Media as used in the passage can be replaced by _____
- A. journalists
 - B. press
 - C. newspapers
 - D. radio and television
50. The BEST summary of the passage is _____
- A. Low self-esteem remedy
 - B. Contributions to low self-esteem
 - C. Caregivers and children
 - D. Development of children