



PSL SCHOOL BASED ASSESSMENT

GRADE 6 END TERM 1 2026

English

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LEARNER'S NAME: _____

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INSTRUCTIONS TO THE LEARNER:

Answer all questions in the spaces provided.

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Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow.

Maina grew up to be a strong man. He was brave and afraid of no one. He looked after Karim's cows. He took them to the river to drink water every day. The chief's herdsman also brought their cows to the place to drink. Maina rushed his cows to the water whenever he saw the chief's cows. His cows made the water too muddy for the others to drink. The chief's herdsman were annoyed and took the report to the cow's owner, Munyiri. "I cannot allow a simple potters' son to disturb me," said Munyiri. He and the herdsman took the cows to the water the next day.

"Let the chief's cow drink," shouted the herdsman. The younger man only laughed. Munyiri threw a spear to Maina but the strong man was too quick for it. He threw the spear and killed Munyiri with it. The villagers were very happy to hear of the cruel leader's death.

Munyiri used to have young able men doing work in his farm for no pay. He used to make the women work in his home without any salary. He always enjoyed seeing the poor become poorer while he enlarged his stores. He could not help people who went to him to have their disputes solved. He had no respect for the old people in the village and treated them like young children. So, with his death Maina was declared a hero

- Maina was a _____
A. Wise young man B. Son of a rich man
C. Brave boy D. Strong man
- The feminine of hero is _____
A. Heroes B. Heroine
C. Heroin D. Heroic
- Why couldn't the spear kill Maina _____?
A. He was bullet proof
B. He was too quick for it
C. He ran away
D. He bent
- What in the passage shows Munyiri was selfish?
A. He could not solve disputes

- B. He ignored the poor and enlarged his stores
- C. He had not respect for the old

- D. He helped the needy

A cat is one of the many pets commonly found in many homes. It appears quite gentle with its fur soft and smooth. One cannot help to imagine that its tongue is smooth too. But until the animal licks you then you will know this is false. The tongue of a cat is rougher than yours because its taste buds are longer than yours. When you taste something, it is either sweet, salty, sour or bitter.

We know this because of the taste buds in our tongues. Taste buds are tiny projections which make us enjoy our meals. Food is hard to find in the jungle. Wild animals like lions and leopards have to make most of their food by licking every bit of meat from the bones of their prey. With the years of this activity their tongue becomes rough and taste buds longer.

Watch a cat as it licks itself clean and you will see that its tongue serves as a good comb and towel. The tongue really combs and cleans the cat's fur. In a matter of moments, the fur is smooth and the cat looks grateful, perhaps this is the reason many people like to keep cats at home as pets.

- 5. The opposite of the word gentle is?
A. Quite B. Fierce
C. Mild D. Humble
- 6. Soft and smooth are underlined. They are ____
A. Adverbs B. Nouns
C. Adjectives D. Pronouns
- 7. Why is a cat's tongue rough?
A. Licking fur B. Long taste buds
C. The food D. Lack of buds
- 8. What happens to the wild animals' tongues over the years?
A. Hardens B. Softens
C. Becomes smaller D. Becomes rough
- 9. Why do people like to keep cats at home?
A. They eat rats
B. To play with
C. To clean and comb its fur
D. It looks smooth and graceful.

There was a time when there were very many butterflies. Unfortunately, in many parts of the country these days butterflies are very few indeed.

Butterflies have beautifully coloured wings. They usually dance merrily, flying from one place to another. Sometimes they just fly, without going anywhere until they come to a place where they can settle. There are many children who have a lot of fun chasing butterflies as they fly over grass and small bushes.

When butterflies used to be very many, whole colonies of them could be seen moving happily in the direction of the wind. Then came a time when there were fewer flowers and fewer butterflies. Butterflies feed on nectar and breed on leaves of plants. The butterflies are not like other insects that we see like moths which usually fly at night and are attracted to the light.

Let us join hands and save our forests and flowers so that the beautiful butterflies will not disappear completely.

- 10. This passage is about _____
A. Moths B. Flowers
C. Butterflies D. Forests
- 11. The word merrily is highlighted. Pick a word below with the same meaning.
A. Cheerfully B. Nicely
C. Beautifully D. Swiftly
- 12. Butterflies just fly around
A. To look for a good place to eat
B. To look for a good place to stop
C. To please children
D. To look very beautiful
- 13. It is TRUE to say that _____
A. Moths are young butterflies
B. Moths are seen during the day
C. Butterflies are seen during the night
D. Butterflies depend on plants
- 14. Butterflies can be saved by
A. Destroying moths
B. Allowing trees, bushes and flowers to grow
C. Stopping children from chasing them
D. Admiring them

In question 15-18, choose the best determiner to fill the blank.

15. The food left was _____, mother has to buy some
A. few
B. little
C. enough
D. Much
16. Wanja wants _____ water to wash her hands.
A. Some
B. Many
C. Any
D. A lot
17. I was happy because _____ people attended my birthday.
A. little
B. a little
C. few
D. a few
18. The tea has _____ sugar .I was advised by the doctor not to take.

Complete with the correct similes.

19. As innocent as a _____
A. man B. Slot
C. lamb D. A few
20. As proud as a _____.
A. pea cock B. kitten
C. bird D. Puppy

Complete the following sentences with the correct word.

21. During my neighbour's funeral, I was called to read his _____ to the congregation
A. speech B. Sermon
C. remarks D. Eulogy
22. It was our _____ to take children to the naming ceremony.
A. believe B. tradition
C. belief D. celebration
23. Which of the following is an abstract noun?
A. children B. Church
C. belief D. school
24. She has _____ all her money.
A. loss B. losed
C. lose D. lost

25. Identify the concrete noun in the following sentence:

The children were all seated at their desks

- A. children B. their
C. desks D. were

26. Which one of the following words is NOT correctly spelt?

- A. Receive B. Receive
C. Belief D. Etiquette

27. _____ Jackson nor Larveda is present today.

- A. Neither B. Either
C. Both D. Each

28. Do you prefer ugali _____ rice?

- A. to B. or
C. than D. and

29. It was a _____ competition that all failed to pass.

- A. big
B. a lot
C. such
D. so

30. The suspect will _____ be jailed or fined if found guilty.

- A. neither B. both
C. but D. either.