



# SKY FLYER EXAMINATIONS SERIES

## STANDARD SEVEN

### YEAR 2021

ENGLISH: LANGUAGE

Time: 1hr 40min

SKF21G

**READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY**

1. You have been given this question paper and a separate answer sheet. The question paper contains 50 questions.
2. Make sure that you have written on the answer sheet

(i) Your name

(ii) Name of your school

**Read the passage below and fill in the blank spaces numbered 1- 15 with the best alternative.**

The United Nations 1 not a nation 2 is it a world government. It has no citizens and it collects no taxes. 3, the United Nations is an 4 that tries to keep peace in the world and to create understanding 5 the countries of the world. It was formed immediately 6 World war II because people were tired of war and wanted to stop any future conflict. Today, the organization is 7 active in those parts of the world that have no 8, trying to stop different groups from fighting each other.

The United Nations, 9 seeks to raise the standard of living and to better the way of life for people in all parts of the world. Under the United Nations, we 10 departments that deal with specific matters such as health, education and justice.

Each member, 11 some money for running the organization 12 the share of each country is fixed to its 13 to pay. In other words, rich countries like Britain or Denmark pay much more than Togo 14 Zambia.

If you were to visit the General Assembly of the United Nations, you 15 see hundreds of delegates seated in curving rows in a huge, dome-shaped room.

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|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| 1. A. are         | B. were         | C. it's         | D. is          |
| 2. A. and         | B. nor          | C. neither      | D. either      |
| 3. A. rather      | B. now          | C. then         | D. but         |
| 4. A. department  | B. organization | C. government   | D. institution |
| 5. A. with        | B. between      | C. among        | D. ground      |
| 6. A. during      | B. after        | C. before       | D. towards     |
| 7. A. better      | B. so           | C. too          | D. most        |
| 8. A. peace       | B. war          | C. fighting     | D. trouble     |
| 9. A. then        | B. again        | C. also         | D. surely      |
| 10. A. are having | B. can have     | C. has          | D. have        |
| 11. A. gives      | B. contributes  | C. donates      | D. volunteers  |
| 12. A. however    | B. moreover     | C. consequently | D. therefore   |
| 13. A. effort     | B. ability      | C. willingness  | D. preference  |
| 14. A. and        | B. not          | C. for          | D. even        |
| 15. A. should     | B. must         | C. can          | D. would       |

**For questions 16 – 17, choose the correct alternative to fill in the blank spaces.**

16. Jayden is so helpful \_\_\_\_\_  
A. to be avoided by his friends  
B. and is liked by his friends  
C. but very generous to his friends  
D. that his friends are proud of him

17. The policeman \_\_\_\_\_ saved the child from the pit was rewarded.  
A. which                      B. who  
C. that                         D. who

**For question 18 and 19, choose the opposite of the underlined word**

18. He was blessed by his grandfather  
A. blamed                      B. praised  
C. cursed                      D. victimised
19. It was easy to tell that the drunk man staggered away  
A. sober                      B. fresh  
C. concious                      D. blind

**For questions 20 and 21, choose the alternative that means the same as the sentence given**

20. Mumbi arrived later than we expected  
A. Mumbi came late  
B. Mumbi was delayed  
C. Mumbi arrived in time  
D. Mumbi arrived on time
21. He is neither industrious nor clever  
A. He is not only industrious but also clever  
B. He is either industrious or clever  
C. He is not industrious or clever  
D. He is both industrious and clever

**For question 22, fill in the blank space with the correct order of adjective**

22. They have moved into a \_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_ house.  
A. new, beautiful, spacious  
B. spacious, new, beautiful  
C. new, spacious, beautiful  
D. beautiful, spacious, new

**For question 23 and 24, choose the correct question tag for these sentences**

23. They seldom go for a picnic nowadays, \_\_\_\_\_?  
A. don't they                      B. do they  
C. aren't they                      D. should they
24. Get me a jug of water, \_\_\_\_\_?  
A. won't you                      B. can't you  
C. will you                      D. shall you

**For question 25, write the plural of the given word**

25. Stadium  
A. stadias                      B. stadia  
C. stadiumes                      D. stadiums

**Read the passage below and answer questions 26-38**

As the clouds were gathering and darkening, people along the streets quickened their steps. Everyone kept throwing a glance at the sky you would have thought that they were either afraid that the clouds would fall on them or they were communicating with someone up there.

With the first few drops hitting the ground a good number of people on the streets broke into a run. The surprising thing was that they did not care to check if the roads were clear. They were either running to a sheltered place or to wherever they were going.

It was at 3p.m, and traffic that time is usually light. The bus stop had few people but within then minutes vehicles were not moving. The noise had risen to a crescendo, with the drivers hooting, the touts hitting the sides of the buses as they called for the passengers joyfully announcing the increased fare. The splashing of water increased as people rushed and as the rain water poured from the roofs.

At one corner a hawker was selling umbrellas. I wondered where he could have gotten them from within such a short time or had he prayed for the rains so that he would make some money? Even after buying an umbrella no one seemed to slow down.

I watched the spectacle from my office window, I couldn't help but wonder why the rain always seemed to make people rush. Rain should be considered a blessing because we get so much from "it" water, crops grow and it becomes less dusty. One question that I have not found an answer to yet is why grown ups run away when it rains.

26. From your understanding of the first paragraph, why do you think those people quickened their steps?  
 A. because they were getting late  
 B. because it was getting late  
 C. because they were afraid of rain  
 D. because they were waiting for the rain
27. The idiomatic expression 'to throw a glance' means  
 A. to look quickly    B. to look sideways  
 C. to look slowly    D. to avoid to look
28. What is the risk of crossing a road without checking if it is clear  
 A. you are able to cross fast  
 B. you do not see the vehicles on the road  
 C. you can be knocked down  
 D. you can hit a car
29. 3p.m can be described as off peak because  
 A. people avoid the roads at that time  
 B. roads are usually less busy  
 C. fare is usually more expensive at that time  
 D. roads are usually congested
30. What do you think made the vehicles stop moving  
 A. the drivers had switched off the cars  
 B. the drivers were avoiding to cause accidents  
 C. there was congestion on the road  
 D. the traffic lights were red
31. Which of the following **BEST** describes 'a hawker' as used in the passage?  
 A. a person who hawks on the streets  
 B. a person who sells umbrellas in town  
 C. a person who sells goods informally on the streets  
 D. a person who sells goods formally on the streets
32. The hawker was able to get the umbrellas within a short time because he was  
 A. prayerful    B. innovative  
 C. clever    D. fast
33. Why do you think the writer has described what is happening in the streets as a spectacle  
 A. because it was an unexpected situation which attracted his or her attention  
 B. because it was very exciting  
 C. because he or she was watching it  
 D. because of the way the people were behaving
34. From the list given below, which word best describes the noise from the streets  
 A. chaos    B. racket  
 C. banter    D. loud
35. Touts usually charge more when it rains because  
 A. the fuel price goes up  
 B. the passengers are in a rush  
 C. the vehicles use less fuel  
 D. the passengers have a lot of money
36. What advantage would one have if they travelled during off peak hours  
 A. they will pay less  
 B. they will enjoy their journey  
 C. it will be more expensive  
 D. there will be less noise
37. From the choices given below, which one is **NOT** a benefit of rain  
 A. water    B. availability of food  
 C. floods    D. reduced dust
38. What is the **MOST** appropriate title for this passage  
 A. lucky hawkers  
 B. spectacle in town  
 C. advantages of rain  
 D. traffic

**Read the passage below and answer questions 39-50**

The water scarcity had started itching again. Unfortunately it had become an annual event. It was a time full of suffering. The young and the old alike. One day I picked my bicycle, checked whether the pressure was enough or not. When I was satisfied that I could carry three jericans full of water, I started my journey to the nearest borehole.

On arrival, I was welcomed by a very long queue of empty jericans. The noise produced by the people sounded like bees trapped in a bottle. I stayed there for almost three hours before I filled my containers.

My return journey was very difficult because I was supposed to ascend a hill. The path was narrow as a result falling and rising up became the order of the day. The people at home were anxiously waiting

for the water for various domestic uses.

Another day, I went to the borehole with the intention of buying some water. After some few minutes, it dawned on me that the generator had broken down. The taps were dry. That was when I decided to go to the nearest dam to fetch water. What I saw shocked me. The water had turned greenish because of animal urine. On top of that, I saw dry dung of a cow floating on the water like an octopus. I hit the water with the empty jerrican. The thrust created a wave which pushed the dung a side. I fetched the water peacefully and took it home.

During this time, people took a bath in arrears. The dirty water made people suffer from stomach upsets and others become very weak because of typhoid.

One evening after supper, the Southern part of our evening turned black it was covered by dark clouds pregnant with rain. A cool breeze blew against our bodies which left us shivering like an aspen leaf. All of a sudden, it started raining. Large drops of rain hit the roof, a heavy down pour. The rain pounded for at least four hours during the night. Our house leaked and we became drivers of our beds looking for safer places. It was a mixed blessing. At least everyone was happy because water scarcity was a thing of the past

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| <p>39. What does the phrase water scarcity had started itching mean<br/>A. there was inadequacy of water<br/>B. water scarcity was slowly itching peoples' bodies<br/>C. it was time to face water scarcity<br/>D. bodies were filthy because of water scarcity</p> <p>40. What does the writer mean when he says, "On arrival I was welcomed by a long queue of jerricans<br/>A. jerricans came singing welcome songs<br/>B. there were very many jerricans on the line<br/>C. all the jerricans on the line welcomed him<br/>D. after the arrival, the jerricans welcomed him</p> <p>41. What is referred to as unfortunate<br/>A. it was itching<br/>B. people were suffering due to scarcity of water<br/>C. it became an event that happened every year<br/>D. people were fighting over water</p> <p>42. How long did the writer take at the borehole before getting water<br/>A. at almost three hours<br/>B. at least three hours<br/>C. about three hours<br/>D. over two hours</p> <p>43. "Falling and rising became the order of the day" as used in the passage means<br/>A. he fell and rose all through the day<br/>B. he fell and rose everyday<br/>C. he fell and rose several times<br/>D. he fell and rose severally</p> <p>44. The word 'broken down' as used in the passage means<br/>A. towed away<br/>B. disintergrated<br/>C. fallen down</p> | <p>D. developed mechanical problems</p> <p>45. What shocked the writer according to the passage<br/>A. the absence of water<br/>B. the presence of cow dung on water<br/>C. the greenish colour of the water<br/>D. people bathing in turns at the river</p> <p>46. "People took baths in arrears" as used in the passage it means<br/>A. People never took a bath<br/>B. People bathed always<br/>C. Taking bath was hated<br/>D. People took a bath after some days</p> <p>47. The word intention has been underlined in the passage. Which one of the following is it's meaning<br/>A. purpose<br/>B. deliberately<br/>C. knowingly<br/>D. intended</p> <p>48. How does one ease tension according to the passage<br/>A. engage in war<br/>B. participate in physical exercises<br/>C. to help the body relax<br/>D. to have an attractive body</p> <p>49. What according to the passage shows that the problem of water scarcity was solved<br/>A. it was a thing of the past<br/>B. there was water everywhere<br/>C. it was a mixed blessing<br/>D. all rivers were flooded</p> <p>50. The BEST summary of the passage would be<br/>A. an annual water event<br/>B. the boy and water problem<br/>C. water scarcity<br/>D. itching water</p> |
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