

**Literacy**

**Cohort** Secondary

**Country** Kenya

**Language** English



**Note:** This is an assessment used in classrooms for the Schools2030 programme. It is being shared to demonstrate the approaches to assessment that Schools2030 is developing.

For those interested in using or adapting this tool, further information including teacher guides, psychometric analysis, and other supplementary materials are available on request.



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| ***ITEM 1 – 4 NARRATIVE***  **Helping Mother**  After school, we go home and help Mother.  Tom feeds the cows.  Mary washes the clothes.  I sweep the floor.  ‘Thank you, Ella,’ Mother says to me. | |
| 1 | Who feeds the cows?  Answer: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
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| 2 | How many people are mentioned in the story?  Answer: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
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| 3 | Who is telling the story?  Answer: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
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| 4 | Who washes the clothes?  Answer: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
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| ***ITEM 5 – 9 PERSUASIVE TEXT***  **Some students discussing sports**   |  | | --- | | I can’t wait to watch football on Saturday. Watching football makes me happy. I wish my friends could come and join me.  **Musa** |  |  | | --- | | I like to play volleyball. I hope to be a captain someday, but I don’t like watching it. Watching sport is very boring and time wasting too. **Sara** | |
| |  | | --- | | I find sports very tiring and dangerous. I wonder why people play any sport! I have some of my friends who get injured. I would rather sing!  **David** |  |  | | --- | | Oh, I love sports. Sports helps me to interact with my friends and exercise as well. After participating in sports, I usually feel very good and relaxed.  **Halima** | |

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| 5 | Who finds playing sport relaxing? |
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| 6 | Who does not like sports? |
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| 7 | Who prefers playing sport to watching it? |
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| 8a | Who do you think is very good at sport? |
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| 8b | Why do you think that?  Answer: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
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| 9 | Is playing sport dangerous? Yes/no/not sure. Why do you think that?  Answer: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
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| ***ITEM 10 – 18 INFORMATIONAL TEXT***  **LIONS**  Nearly all wild lions live in Africa, below the Sahara Desert, but one small population exists around Gir Forest National Park in western India.  Lions in west and central Africa are more closely related to these Asiatic lions in India, than to those found in southern and east Africa. On average, males weigh 190kg (almost 30 stone) and females weigh 126kg (almost 20 stone). They need this weight and power behind them to hunt large prey and defend their pride.  A pride of lions is usually made up of related females and their cubs, plus a male or small group of males who defend their pride. The lionesses rear their cubs together and cubs can suckle from any female with milk. Lions are highly adaptable. They can live in very dry areas like the Kalahari Desert. Here they get most of their water from their prey and will even drink from plants such as the Tsamma melon. Lions can eat up to 40kg of meat in a single meal - around a quarter of their body weight. Their tongues have sharp-pointed rasps, called papillae, which are used to scrape meat off the bones.  Lions do most of their hunting at night as their eyes have adapted to the dark and this gives them a huge advantage over their prey. They hunt more during storms as the noise and wind make it harder for prey to see and hear them.  There are thought to be as few as 23,000 lions left in the wild. When you think there are around 415,000 wild African elephants, you realize lion numbers are incredibly low.  In fact, lions have disappeared from over 90% of their historical range. | |
| 10 | Where do the minority of lions live?  Answer: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
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| 11 | Why do lions need a lot of weight?  Answer: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
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| 12 | How do lions cope with the environment?  Answer: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
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| 13 | How much can a lion eat?  Answer: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
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| 14 | How do lions hydrate their bodies?  Answer: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
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| 15 | When do lions do most of their hunting?  Answer: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
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| 16 | How do lions scrape meat off the bones?  Answer: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
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| 17 | How many lions are left in the wild?  Answer: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
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| ***ITEM 18 – 23 PERSUASIVE TEXT***  **Clever or Hardworking**  **Is it better to be clever or hardworking?**  Two people give their responses to this question.    It is obviously better to be hardworking than it is to be clever and only ‘smart people’ think otherwise.    We all know gifted students who believe that their cleverness is enough to ensure their success, but if you’re clever and lazy, you are unlikely to succeed. It takes effort to turn any brilliant idea into something real. It is more rewarding to struggle, perhaps to fail, to keep struggling and finally to succeed, than always to succeed without effort. You learn more that way, and you value your work.  I would rather be hardworking than clever because clever people are under constant pressure to perform. I prefer to impress my parents and others with persistence than disappoint them despite my supposed brilliance.  Maria  I prefer to be clever rather than hardworking. Clever people can think of great ideas which contribute more to our society than hard work alone. This makes clever people much more exciting.  Many people feel they are entitled to a reward if they devote long hours to doing something. However, clever people can be economical in their efforts, so they get more for less: a little bit of efficient thinking can save a lot of wasted hours.  I pity diligent people. They always need their efforts to be noticed and confuse appearing busy with achievement.  Clever people know when their ideas are worthy and by virtue of being clever, ideas come to them easily. Clever people are also often able to identify problems caused by others, which is the first step towards solving them.  My parents tell me that being clever is my greatest strength. Sometimes that involves hard work and sometimes it doesn’t. That’s the clever way to do things.  Opio |

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| 18 | What is Maria’s main argument? |
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| 19 | According to Aria, clever people are…? |
|  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | A. | Lazy |  | | B. | Very hard working |  | | C. | Rewarded for their struggles |  | | D. | Under constant pressure to perform |  | |

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| 20 | Look at the second paragraph of Opio’s opinion: ‘…a little bit of efficient thinking can save a lot of wasted hours.’ Which claim supports this idea? |
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| 21 | ‘That’s a clever way to do things. ’ (final sentence of Opio’s opinion). What is Opio referring to? |
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| 22 | Give one reason as stated by Maria why a clever person may be unlikely do well?  Answer: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
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| 23 | Opio feels sorry for hard working people because…? |
|  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | A. | Hardworking people impress their parents a lot |  | | B. | Hardworking people are under pressure to perform |  | | C. | Hardworking people confuse appearing busy with achievement |  | | D. | Hardworking people take an effort to turn a brilliant idea to reality |  | |