

SAMPLE EXAMINATION QUESTIONS

TEST 1:

CONJUNCTIONS

Rewrite according to the instructions after each

1. Maize plants grow close to each other. For this reason, it is better to weed them early. (Join into one sentence without using 'and'.....)
2. The Passion of Christ will be showing at Cineplex Cinema. It is being screened there for the second time. It was directed by Mal Gibson. (Join into one sentence without using 'which'.....)
3. My brother gave us detailed instructions. His purpose was to help us avoid contracting the Ebola disease. Ebola could kill us. (Join into one sentence without using 'and' 'but' 'so' or 'therefore').)
4. We have ten packets of butter. My sister wants me to go to the shop and buy more. I do not understand why. (Rewrite as one sentence without using 'why', but ending it with.....ten already)
5. The woman is old. She is kind. Her nose is freckled. She has four daughters and five sons. (Join into one sentence ending five sons.)
6. A schoolboy was knocked down by a speeding car. My father picked him. He rushed him to hospital. My father did not know him. Join into one sentence endinghim to hospital.)
7. The headmaster was on the stage and so were the teachers and a few parents (Rewrite using 'besides')
8. Athieno is a Ugandan. She is hard working. She is a schoolgirl. She is beautiful. (Rewrite as one sentence beginning, 'Athieno.....')
9. The year's coffee harvest is poor. The price for coffee is high. The coffee farmers are getting a lot of money. (Rewrite as one sentence without using 'and')

TEST 2

CO-RELATIVE CONJUNCTIONS

Rewrite according to the instructions after each

- 3- 1. Alice is quite fit now. She can begin training with the netball team. (Rewrite as one sentence using.....enough.....)
2. He is too big. He cannot run that fast. (Make one sentence from the two given sentences.....)
- 1 3. Akello is too young to enter the competitions. (Rewrite using..... enough.....).
4. To make this cake, you need nuts and eggs as well as flour and oil. (Rewrite using '....not only.....')

5. The school was too small to host the annual athletics competitions. (Use the negative, 'wasn't'.....)
6. As soon as they entered the train, it steamed away. (Use: No sooner)
7. That pool is too dirty for swimming. (Use 'not')
8. The Nairobi bound bus was very crowded. It couldn't go up the steep hill. (Join using too)
9. She not only qualified for the 1992 Summer Olympics but also won a silver medal in the All Africa games. (Rewrite using.....on top of.....)
10. As soon as the referee blew the whistle, the game started. (Rewrite beginning: Hardly had....)

TEST 3

CLAUSES OF CONCESSION AND CONTRAST

Rewrite the following according to the instructions after each.

1. Oculi's parents could not give him all he needed for his studies but he passed his examination all the same. (Rewrite using: 'Much as')
2. The police can torture the prisoner as much as it likes but he will never confess his crime. (Rewrite using: 'However')
3. I was lonely but I was never unhappy. (Begin: Lonely)
4. Who will the head master choose to represent the school? We must respect his decision. Rewrite in one sentence beginning: No matter)
5. Whatever the consequences may be, I am determined to win. (Begin: Regardless.....)
6. The problem may be difficult but one should not lose heart. (Begin: No matter)
7. Although the lion is a very strong animal, it fears the elephant. (Rewrite using... as it is.....)
8. Mary was not present at the dance. George was very cheerful. (Combine into one sentence using: despite Mary'.....)
9. Although he was sick, he went to the meeting to protest against the chairman's cruelty. (Begin: Sick)
10. You may be a good footballer, but you still need to do a lot of practice. (Rewrite beginning: No matter how.....)
11. Sarah is very stubborn but she is still popular with her teachers. (Rewrite beginning: For all her.....)
12. Although the situation was serious, we did not give up. (Begin: Serious...)
13. Although he is illiterate and poor, he has sent all his children to school. (Begin: Illiterate.....)

14. Although he worked hard to get the job, acute cholera attacked him soon after he had got it. Rewrite using: 'taken ill'.....)
15. You can plead with him as much as you like but he will never change his mind. (Begin: However.....)

TEST 4

CLAUSES OF REASON AND PUPOSE

Rewrite according to the instructions after each.

1. The girl desisted from being unruly because she did not want to be branded a stubborn student. (Use 'for fear of' in place of 'because'.....)
2. The young boy ran to the stranger because he thought he was his father. (Rewrite omitting 'because')
3. As there was no lift, I had to climb six flights of stairs. (Rewrite beginning: 'There' without using 'so' or 'and'.....)
4. Mukasa's attention being divided between the teacher and the window, he did not really understand the lesson. (Begin: With.....)
5. Our ancestors were not primitive; they were not without wisdom and culture. (Rewrite as one sentence using:so...as.....)
6. Uganda's climate has changed adversely, not least because of the country's environment. Rewrite as two separate sentences.)
7. I bought an extra ticket. I suspected my friend would arrive in time to catch the bus. (Join the two sentence using: 'in case'.....)
8. The colours did not suit her. My wife decided not to buy the dress. (Rewrite as one sentence using: 'owing to'.)
9. He sent me the full details because I was their guest of honour. (Rewrite as two sentence using: 'After all')
10. Petero left for Moroto. Petero put his clothes in a safe square box. He wanted to protect them from robbers. (Combine into one sentence beginning: To protect.....)
11. Last year's results were encouragingly good because of the thorough coverage of the syllabus. (Rewrite and use: consequent upon-.....)
12. The result of the big quarrel was the death of Mambo. (Rewrite ending: in consequence.)

TEST 5

CONDITIONAL CLAUSE

Rewrite according to the instructions after each.

1. If his aunt had not tutored him, Peter would have failed his examination. (Begin: But for-----)
2. If the police had not arrived in time, the thieves would have escaped. (Begin: But-----)
3. It's time for us to stop talking and start doing something about the problem. (Begin: I t's time we-----)
- 7-4. In case of emergency, ring 999. (Begin: If-----)
5. If you go to town, do check on her please. (Begin: Should -----)
6. I have to get some money. I want to travel to Jinja tomorrow. (Combine into one sentence using 'if')
- 8-7. You will miss the train if you don't hurry. (Begin: Unless-----)
8. I shall go even if he doesn't come. (use whether)
9. You shouldn't have bought the red socks. (Rewrite beginning: I'd rather--)
10. If you chew your food properly, it will not choke you. (Begin: Properly--)
11. The only reason my sister failed to win the competition was because she didn't train hard. (Begin: If -----)
12. If the kitchen staff went on strike, the students would be asked to prepare their own meals. (Begin: Should the -----)
13. All you needed to do was to keep quiet. He would not have found you out. (Rewrite as one sentence using: 'if only' -----)
14. Unless you sharpen your knife, you will never cut that piece of wood. (Rewrite the sentence using :If-----)
15. Nothing exciting is happening. (Begin: I wish -----)

TEST 6

COMPARISON:

Rewrite the items below according to the instructions after each.

- 9-1. She cannot do any better than that. (Rewrite using 'best')
2. I am confident that I will pass English. I am not very confident that I will pass math. (Combine into one sentence using -----more ---than-----)
3. History lessons about war are not usually as interesting to girls as to boys. (Rewrite using: more interesting)
4. When he finally landed it, the second fish was smaller than the first. (Rewrite the sentence finishing with -----as the first.)
5. I'd rather stay at home than go out in this weather. (Rewrite beginning I'd prefer-----)

6. Simon is handsome. John is not so handsome. (Rewrite as one sentence beginning: John -----)
7. Math is a very important subject. Literature is another very important subject. Biology is of equal importance. (Combine into one sentence using -----no less-----either -----or))
8. The Nile is the longest River in Africa. (Use: 'longer'-----)
9. He gave me some money. It was not quite as much as I deserved for the work I did. (Combine into one sentence using -----a little less-----)
10. Wars are horrible. Mere words cannot describe them. (Join into one sentence using: more-----)
11. Mary is unlikely to arrive this week. She will probably arrive next week. (Join into one sentence beginning: Mary is more likely -----)
12. I like coffee better than tea. (Begin: I prefer-----)
13. Mukasa is less wealthier than Okot (Rewrite ending: ----as Okot)
14. John is a very good basketball player. His brother is equally good at basketball. (Rewrite as one sentence using -as -----as)
15. To plant all the cotton at the right time demands a lot of labour and patience. Picking it is equally demanding. (Join into one sentence beginning: It -----)

TEST 7

INVERSION OF SUBJECT AND VERB:

Rewrite according to instructions after each.

1. Catherine went for a dance that night. She hardly expected to find her father in the dancing hall. (Rewrite as one sentence using 'little'----)
2. Japan had never experienced such a powerful earth quake. (Begin: Never-)
3. Women have never had better opportunities for following careers at any time in history. (Begin: At -----)
4. Such foolishness would not be tolerated anywhere. (Rewrite to finish-----
---tolerated.)
5. Joss enjoyed himself a lot. He didn't know tragedy was to befall him soon. (Rewrite beginning: Little -----)
6. I had never before seen such a beautiful picture. (Begin: Never -----)
7. As soon as the referee blew the whistle, the game started. (Rewrite beginning: Hardly had-----)
8. I had never before seen such a beautiful picture. (Begin: Never -----)
9. There has seldom been such a long drought. (Begin: Seldom-----)
10. The head prefect spoke so hurriedly that most of the students did not understand his instructions. (Begin: So-----)

TEST 8**ACTIVE AND PASSIVE VOICE**

Rewrite according to the instructions after each.

1. Students should be encouraged to read as much as they can outside school.
(Begin: Every encouragement)
2. Mrs. Mbabazi's hens lay a hundred eggs daily. (Begin: A hundred eggs)
3. Don't go against the group's resolutions. (Begin: You are warned)
4. Someone told us a very interesting story yesterday. (Rewrite using
interesting story was told)
5. I can repair this radio within two days provided I find the right spare parts.
(Begin: This radio)
6. The clock stopped because Bob didn't wind it (change to the passive
voice)
7. As he was walking along the road, a bus ran him over. (Begin: Walk-
ing)

TEST 9:**DIRECT AND INDIRECT SPEECH:**

Rewrite the following according to the instructions after each.

1. "Mary, can you lend me your pen?" Asked John. (Begin: John)
2. "You have the whole of this week to prepare for the wedding of our
daughter." John told
3. The policeman said to the driver, "you have twenty four hours within
which to produce your driving license, otherwise you will be
fired." (Begin: The policeman told the driver that unless)
4. "Did I close the gate?" he wondered. (Begin: He wondered)
5. "I hope I shall win the first prize in the competition," Simon Okello said.
(Begin: Simon Okello)
6. "Have you been able to find out where they go every evening after
dinner?" (Begin: He asked me)
7. "You must finish your compositions before the end of the lesson as I am
going to mark them this evening (Begin: The teacher)
8. "Gentlemen, I am sorry but the party must come to end," announced Mrs.
Mubakye. (Rewrite using regretted to)
9. "Have you ever been told that scorpions are poisonous?" Asked the
teacher. (Rewrite using indirect speech.)
10. "How many trees did you plant last year?" She asked. (Rewrite in indirect
speech.)
11. He wondered what would become of Michael's future if he didn't heed his
mother's advice. (Rewrite ending: he wondered.)

12. The headmaster allowed the sixth form to use the library whenever they like. (Rewrite using the headmaster's actual words to the sixth formers)
13. I wondered how old Anne was. (Use direct speech.)
14. The teacher asked Kagoya whether she would care to explain to the class what had been said that morning (Rewrite using the actual words the teacher many have used...)
15. The District Administrator told the crowd that no stone would be left unturned in implementing government policy. (Rewrite beginning: "No stone-----")

TEST 10

THAT, WHAT, IT, WH-CLAUSES, TO INFINITIVE:

Rewrite the following according to the instructions after each.

1. It was rather shameful that Mugisha cheated his friend. (Rewrite to end with -----shameful)
2. I am fascinated by the way she speaks. (Rewrite using: what-----)
3. It is surprising that the man bit his dog and it died. (Rewrite ending ----- surprising)
4. It is very sad that the thief killed our L.C Secretary for Defence. (Begin: That-----)
5. It is very sad he cannot listen to advice. (Rewrite ending -----very sad.)
6. Everybody was surprised that he was appointed minister. (Rewrite ending -----surprised everybody.)
7. We must all keep our heads cool so as to arrive at a proper agreement. (Begin: To bring ----)
8. He was surprised to find his name was left off the official list. (Begin: To his -----)
9. They were relieved to hear that their daughter Sylvia had secured a job. (Begin : To their----)
10. The thief will be eventually arrested. That is certain. (Rewrite beginning: That the thief-----)
11. I do not feel well but that does not mean that I will not eat today. (Begin: The fact-----)
12. What a nuisance it is to have to wait three hours for the next bus! (Start with: Having to ----)
13. It was clever of him to build a house in the village. (Rewrite beginning: How-----)
14. It is a wonderful day for us all. Begin: What

TEST 11

VERB+ PREPOSITION + ING:

Rewrite the following according to the instructions after each.

1. My father stressed that I had to go to a T.T.C. instead of a Nurse's training School. (Rewrite using: 'insisted on')
3. The prefects expect to have a good time at their party. (Rewrite using: 'look forward')
4. The city workers continued to sweep the streets when the president arrived. (Begin: The workers went-----)
- * 5. The advocate managed to persuade the judge to spare the boy's life. (Begin: The advocate succeeded -----)
- ✱ 6. It's no use for you to pretend that you are above 18. (Begin: it's no use you -----)
7. Our teacher said he was pleased we had corrected our compositions so carefully. (use: 'congratulated' -----)
8. The chief boasted that he had taught in several good schools. (Rewrite using: 'having' instead of 'had' ----)
9. I will be very happy to receive the guests tomorrow. (Rewrite using: 'looking forward' ----)
10. The man later accepted the fact that he had murdered Kato's uncle. (Rewrite using: 'admitted')
11. The weather was unfavorable. Susan didn't hate the idea of helping her mother with the washing. (Rewrite as one sentence using: 'mind' -----)

TEST 12

INTER CHANGE OF PARTS OF SPEECH:

1. To his astonishment, he saw his friend behind prison bars. (Rewrite using: 'astonished' instead of 'astonishment'.)
2. To his happiness, he learnt that his friend's marriage had been a happy one. (Rewrite using: 'to learn' instead of 'learnt')
3. It is possible for me to catch an earlier train. (Use: 'possibility' -----)
4. Do you think him a good teacher? (Rewrite using: 'he' instead of 'him' ----)
5. We did not need to hurry. (Begin: It ----)
6. Is it likely that it will rain? (Begin: Is there ----)
7. The speaker made us laugh. (Rewrite using -----reduced-----instead of --made)
- ✱ 8. Jane shuddered to think of it. (Begin: Jane shuddered at -----)

OBJECTIVE QUESTIONS

TEST 1

Put a ring around the best alternative

1. He leaves home in the morning and ----- school after break.
A. arrives at B. reaches at C. reaches to D. arrives to
2. When the minister visited our church, he was ----- a blue suit.
A. dressing B. wearing C. putting on D. dressed in
3. ----- a mother, I know how easy it is to spoil one's own child.
A. To be B. I am being C. On being D. Being
4. He was ----- fellow that he could lift the huge stone with ease.
A. such a strong B. a very strong C. so strong D. strong enough
5. If I ----- the lion, I might have fainted.
A. could have seen were to see C. could see D. had seen.
6. ----- had he crossed the road when a lorry knocked him down.
A. As soon as B. Almost C. No sooner D. Hardly
7. The Kyambogo football team was ----- in yesterday's match.
A. won B. conquered C. beaten. D. overcome
8. Pe went into the hotel and ----- a good meal.
A. asked B. placed C. ordered for D. ordered himself
9. The Biology teacher tried to dissuade John ----- offering Biology at 'A' level.
A. into B. about C. in D. from
10. We never go there at all -----
A. neither she does. B. She neither does. C. neither does she. D. She can't either.
11. I ----- the play if only I had known about it at that time.
A. like to have seen B. should like to have seen C. should like to see D. would have liked to see
12. The sign post was ----- small to be noticed.
A. so B. very C. too D. as
13. His knowledge of several languages ----- remarkable.
A. is B. are C. were D. is being
14. The young sister was the ----- of the two.
A. most likeable B. fully likeable C. unlikeable D. more likeable
15. That sounds like a train.
A. Isn't it? B. doesn't it? C. is it? D. didn't?
16. Little ----- know the consequences of our action.
A. did we B. we did C. we didn't D. didn't

17. Unless you-----hard, I shall not support you.
A. will work. B. could work C. work D. worked
18. She asked him-----
A. how she could improve her English. B. how could she improve her English?
C. how she is improved her English. D. how she is improving her English.
19. The headmaster was too angry-----
A. for what he had done. B. that he beat the boy who lied to him.
C. to listen to excuses. D. than I had ever seen him before.
20. We thought we had heard a voice-----
A. wasn't it? B. thoughtn't we? C. didn't we? D. isn't it?

TEST 2

Choose the best alternatives from the ones given

1. I wish you ----- "Julius Caesar" at the National Theatre; it is a marvelous production.
A. will see B. would see C. see D. have seen
2. If the back benchers----- so loudly, we would have heard what the speaker was saying.
A. will not shout B. would not shout C. had not to shout
D. hadn't shouted
3. The rat had been surrounded by driver ants and-----
A. had bitten it B. had bitten C. bitten D. bitten
4. You will have to carry out the agreed programme-----your own feelings.
A. no matter B. whatever C. whatever are D. bitten
5. The students agreed that they----- wear a white polyester shirt than a yellow one.
A. might B. had to C. could D. would rather
6. It is high time we----- the kitchen floor.
A. should scrub B. scrub C. scrubbed D. must scrub
7. They wrote their answers----- that they had finished well before the end of the examination.
A. quite B. so quickly C. more quickly D. very quickly
8. The body was found in the grave where it had-----for centuries.
A. lain B. laid C. lied D. lay
9. I wish I----- more interesting books to read.

- A. have found B. would found C. can find D. could find.
10. He will not earn very much-----he works harder.
A. if B. when C. unless D. before
11.of the two passed the exams.
A. All B. Neither C. Nor D. Both
12. Barely----- started off when Mr. Kamba arrived at the stage.
A. the bus had B. had the bus C. have the bus D. hadn't the bus
13. Our team----- more goals than theirs.
A. won B. put C. played D. scored
14. -----teachers take interest in their pupils' work, they will not pass.
A. If B. since C. Unless D. Had
15. If I ----- known it would rain, I would have carried an umbrella
A. have B. heard C. had D. hard
16. She was sitting under the tree when the snake bit her. This means.....
A. Sitting under the tree, the snake bit her.
B. Sitting under the tree, she was bitten by the snake.
C. Sitting under the tree, she bit the snake.
D. Sitting under the tree, the snake beat her.
17. The boy denied----- to do with theft.
A. having had anything B. having had nothing
C. to have anything D. to have something
18. Of the two beverages, tea and coffee, the----- is my favorite.
A. latest B. later C. latter D. last
19. It was----- a long journey that every passenger felt tired.
A. so B. quite C. rather D. such
20. Margaret asked the teacher whether she could leave the classroom, and the teacher said----A. You can B. she could C. too bad D. no

TEST 3

Choose the best alternative from the ones given

1. They do speak French, and----- their sister.
A. even does B. neither do C. so does D. so do
2. Either Ruth or Rebecca----- the glass.
A. break B. have broken C. broke
3. We have the house painted every year. (This means):
A. We paint the house ourselves. B. We build a house and paint it.

C. Someone pays us to paint the house. D. We pay someone to paint the house.

4. The sun had hardly _____ when the flag was _____.

- A. rose; rising B. rose; risen C. raised; rising D. risen; raised

5. This paper _____ of summary, comprehension and grammar.

- A. consists B. comprises C. composes D. contains

6. They _____ the village thief by the neck, and _____ his dirty clothes on a tree branch.

- A. hang; hang B. hang; hung C. hang; hang D. hanged; hung

7. Hardly had the match begun _____ the centre forward scored the first goal.

- A. than B. before C. when D. as

8. Not _____ International news comes from Radio Uganda these days.

- A. many B. few C. much D. more

9. John isn't paying for the tea, _____?

- A. isn't it? Yes it is. B. is he? Yes he is. C. is it? Yes he isn't. D. not so? No, he is.

10. Feeling sick, the headmaster advised the student not to come back until the next day. This means _____.

- A. The head master was sick and he advised the student not to come back until the next day.
B. Both the headmaster and the student were sick, so the student was advised not to come back until the next day.
C. The student was sick and the headmaster advised him not to come back until the next day.
D. The headmaster advised the student not to come back until the next day as he would be feeling sick.

11. He had to be carried into the Assembly because he was _____.

- A. older. B. old enough. C. too old. D. so old.

12. He was guilty of using abusive language but instead of being rejected, by his supporters, he was all _____ highly regarded.

- A. A. so B. as C. the most D. the more

13. I had no idea how long _____.

- A. have I been asleep. B. had I been asleep.
C. I have been asleep. D. I had been asleep.

14. No sooner _____ the crowd began to gather again.

- A. the policeman had left, than B. than the policeman had left
C. had the policeman left than D. when the policeman left

15. You will never succeed _____ the examination if you don't work hard.

- A. to pass B. passing C. in passing with passing
16. Mary complained that it was a long time
 A. When she saw me. C. when she has seen me.
 B. Since she saw me. D. since she had seen me.
17. Salima went to a new school but found it hard to to the new conditions
 A. cope B. adapt C. adopt D. match
18. The villagers struggled to catch a of the captured gangsters
 A. scan B. glance C. look D. glimpse
19. The candidates thought the exam than they had expected.
 A. More easy B. much easier C. too easy D. more easier
20. The hotel receptionist the airport bus was leaving
 A. told to us B. told us C. will tell us D. is to tell us

TEST 4

Choose the best alternative from the ones given

1. The driver asked our luggage in the boot of the bus
 A. to bring them B. them to put C. them bring
 D. that to bring
2. The stewardess requested us our tickets
 A. that we should produce C. please to produce
 B. to produce D. that we should produce
3. We had to show our identity cards at the door but Julie forgot hers and the invigilator prevented the exam room
 A. to enter B. her that she should not enter C. from entering D. her from entering
4. She suggested the duty - free shop if we wanted to make some last minute purchase.
 A. that we should visit B. us to visit C. to visit D. us visiting
5. The airport announcer told the passengers on our flight to the gate 2.
 A. proceed B. to proceed C. that to proceed D. that proceed
6. He looked carefully at the boy but couldn't make who he was
 A. out B. up C. off D. in
7. I wish Patricia wouldn't show so much; She is so full of herself.
 A. up B. off C. down. D. over
8. Tired of being on the run, the wanted man turned himself to the police.

- A. Out B. up C. down D. in
9. The soldier picked his attackers one by one until they at last took to their heels
A. Out B. off C. up D. away
10. During the investigations the police turned a lot of information about the wounded man.
A. In b. out C. up D. around
11. He is married so he.....
A. he can't come no more. C. can't come any more.
B. can't come no longer. D. can come no longer.
12. Mr. Majani wrote twice but they did not answer of his letters
A. both B. either C. neither d. none
13. Later they went to the hospital where Mr. Masembe had been
A. operated. B. operated over. C. operated on. D. operated at.
14. If I had a daughter, I to marry too young
A. I would not like her B. won't like her c. will not like her d. would not have liked her
15. There was a desperate need for
A. a new equipment. C. some new equipment.
B. Some new equipments. D. new equipments.
16. The reporter was an imposter
A. whom we interviewed C. of whom we interviewed
B. who we interviewed D. for whom we interviewed
17. How many people turned for the meeting?
A. up B. in C. along D. on
18. The teachers complained that they could no longer all the marking.
A. cope up with B. cope up C. cope with D. cope about
19. Samantha lost her ring.
A. very beautiful diamond engagement C. diamond very beautiful engagement
B. very beautiful engagement diamond D. diamond engagement very beautiful
20. I think we have team for the match on Saturday.
A. rather good a C. rather a good
B. a rather much good D. a much rather good.