

**UNIVERSITY OF BENIN, BENIN CITY, NIGERIA**  
**POST UNIVERSITIES MATRICULATION EXAMINATION SCREENING**  
**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26<sup>TH</sup> 2009. 9AM**

**Time allowed: 1 hour**

**INSTRUCTIONS**

Read the following instructions carefully:

- Use **HB pencil** to shade your answers. Ensure that any shading in error is thoroughly erased.
- Candidates should write *the Question Paper Option* given to them in the appropriate space in the *Answer Sheet*.
- Write your **JAMB Registration numbers on the Questions Paper** in the space provided at the top of Page 1
- **Attempt all questions**
- The use of calculators and/or similar electronic devices is **NOT** allowed

From the options A – D choose the word that has the same sound as the one underlined.

1. Poor.  
A. More B. Tore C. Dour D. Door
2. Great  
A. Cake B. Break C. Team D. Beam
3. Clothe  
A. Cloth B. Tooth C. Wordy D. Forth
4. Sing  
A. Goose B. Game C. Banged D. Jungle
5. Machine  
A. Chancellor B. Bishop C. Character D. Measure.

From the options A –D provided, choose the one nearest in meaning to the underlined word(s)

6. Many tourists say this country has a bracing climate.  
A. harsh B. invigorating C. benevolent D. sane
7. After the race, some of the athletes felt completely done in.  
A. strained B. satisfied C. disappointed D. exhausted

8. My sister's husband is very fastidious about his food  
A. careful B. hygienic C. ravenous D. particular
9. Because the student failed to obey the regulation restricting movement in the school compound, he was expelled.  
A. answer B. observe C. notice D. understand.
10. Peter's breathing soon became difficult in the thin air of the hills, and there had to be regular pauses for recreation  
A. rewarded B. rest C. recovery D. restoration.

From the words lettered A-D choose the interpretation that gives the correct meaning of the idiom in the sentence or phrase.

11. The teacher said it was bad to cook the books. This means to....  
A. Write good books for the public to read and enjoy B. falsify figures dishonestly  
C. wilfully destroy a document which contains vital information D. publish books as a means of living.
12. He is in the first flight of footballers this means he is

- A. in the first team B. always the first footballer to score a goal C. among the best footballers D. the first footballer to run away from camp.
13. To say that 'a rolling stone gather no moss' means.  
A. an unsteady person is bound to encounter failure B. A young person cannot succeed easily in life C. A person who runs every time cannot live long. D. It is not good to make a stone roll.
14. Osazee scored a brilliant hat trick in the final march of the world cup fiesta. This means that he.....  
A. Won the price for the best player B. Failed to score the winning goal C. Had a hat on during the game D. Scored three successive goals in the match.
15. The judge 'had his hands' tied in the case in which his son was arraigned for a charge of murder. This means that the judge.  
A. was withdrawn from the case B. Was handcuffed while the trial lasted. C. Could not help convicting his son D. Was conspicuously partial.
- In the following sentences, choose from the options A – D that best completes the sentences.**
16. Among the books in the library, he found ..... Bible.  
A. an old family brown leather B. an old brown leather family C. a brown leather old family D. an old leather brown family.
17. The poor man lived in ..... house  
A. an old mud-brick large broken-down B. a large old mud-brick broken-down C. a large old broken-down mud-brick D. a broken-down old large mud-brick.
18. The man donated a ..... machine to our school.  
A. Modern duplicating large red B. Modern large red duplicating C. Large modern red duplicating D. Red duplicating large modern.
19. The beauty pageant was won by a ..... girl.  
A. beautiful dark and tall B. tall dark and beautiful C. dark tall and beautiful D. beautiful tall and dark.
20. The house ..... the kidnappers were kept is being watched by the police  
A. which B. where C. in where D. of which
21. A respectable person should not ..... on an agreement  
A. renege B. disagree C. honour D. Dispute
22. The little boy ..... to the occasion when he was asked to make a speech at his mother's funeral.  
A. rose B. lifted C. stood D. fell
23. Do you know the story about the .....  
A. the president's of Nigeria plane B. the president's plane of Nigeria C. the president of Nigeria's plane D. The plane of the president's Nigeria.

**Read this passage careful and then answer the questions that follow.**

There is always a hustle and bustle of people in a typical city, especially at closing period when shops and offices were closing and workers were hurrying home, some in their private cars, others trying to catch a commercial vehicle, while those who couldn't stand the rush to enter a bus or a cab jump on motorcycles popularly called Okada. It was at the peak of that rush hour that Oshoke arrived in Lagos.

Oshoke had never seen so many people on the streets or so many vehicles on the road, and so when he dropped at the popular Yaba bus-stop, he felt suddenly lost like a man lifted from the ground without any warning or explanation. In his stupor, somebody tapped his shoulder and all of a sudden, he felt empty, the way a young woman feels when her skirt unexpectedly falls in the middle of a busy street. But he managed to turn to meet the hard cold eye of a man glaring at him. What is the problem? The voice reminded him of a lion's roar. As Oshoke later admitted it was the perfect voice with which to wake a dead man.

Oshoke was later to learn from the stranger that the taxis had the worst drivers even though drivers generally in cities, see every other driver on the road as a rival on the road – an enemy to be conquered. One minute they would be overtaking the cars, the next stopping in the middle of the road to pick up fares without any signal to other drivers or road users of their intentions.



Pedestrians seemed always in danger of their lives as they need to run across the road whenever there was a lull in the traffic.

24. How did Oshoke feel as he arrived in Lagos?

A. he was so elated that he felt he was walking on air B. he became so nervous at once C. he was simply dazed D. he was brimful of composure.

25. Why was Oshoke bewildered?

A. he thought the stranger would attack him B. he suddenly felt cold C. the rowdiness of Lagos D. he was frightened because of the car and people in Lagos.

26. According to the passage, the commuters

A. were confused B. were very wicked C. were irrational D. lack discipline

27. According to the passage.

A. passengers are always in danger of crossing the road B. fares are always in danger of being

knocked down C. People are always in danger crossing the road

D. people are always crossing the road.

28. From the passage, we can infer that all road users.

A. need education B. must be directed

C. need the right orientation D. need to be monitored by the police.

**From the word lettered A-D choose the word or group of words that is opposite in meaning to the underlined word or group of words.**

29. Girls these days dress provocatively but the culture requires \_\_\_\_\_ dressing

A. Prodigious B. Preventive C. Modest D. Productive

30. He did the work perfunctorily instead of

A. perfectly B. carefully C. permanently D. especially