PAPER TYPE A

## UNIVERSITY OF BENIN, BENIN CITY, NIGERIA POST UNIFIED TERTIARY MATRICULATION SCREEING FRIDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2012 9.00AM

Time allowed: 1Hr

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#### INSTRUCTIONS

Read the following instructions carefully

1. Use HB pencil to shade your answers. Ensure that any shading in error is thoroughly erased.

- Candidates should indicate the Question Paper Type given to them in the appropriate spaces in the Answer Sheet.
- 3. Write you JAMB Registration number on the Question Paper in the space provided at the top of page 1.
- 5. The use of calculators and/or similar electronic devices is NOT allowed

#### SECTION I - ENGLISH

### Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions on it

In order to approach the problem of anxiety in play. Let us consider the activity of building and destroying a tower. Many a mother thinks that her little son is in a 'destructive stage or even has a destructive personality' because after building a big tower, the boy cannot follow her advice to leave the tower for Daddy to see but instead, must kick it and make it collapse. The almost manic pleasure with which children watch the collapse in a second of the product of long play-labour has puzzled many especially since the child does not appreciate it at all if his tower falls by accident or by a helpful uncle's hand. He, the builder, must destroy it himself. This game, I should think arises from the not so distant experience of sudden falls at the very time when standing upright on wobbly legs afforded a new and fascinating perspective on existence. The child who consequently learns to make a tower 'stand up', enjoys causing the same tower to waver and collapse. In addition to the active mastering over a previously passive event, it make one feel stronger to know that there is somebody weaker and towers, unlike sisters, can't cry and call 'mummy'.

- In the passage 'manic pleasure means \_\_\_\_\_\_
   (a) human pleasure (b) wicked pleasure (c) unlimited pleasure (d) childish pleasure
- According to the passage, it gives the child great pleasure
   (a) for daddy to see the tower has built (b) to be helped to destroy the tower (c) to destroy his tower himself (d) to see his tower accidentally destroyed.
- The expression 'must kick it and make it collapse' in this context means
   (a) Cannot resist the urge to demolish (b) Ought to kick it make it collapse (c) is forced to kick it and demolish it (d) is obliged to kick it and make it collapse
- 4. How does the author try to explain this destructive stage?(a) It is the last stage in child development (b) the child is just going through a destructive stage (c) The child wants to displease his parents (d) It grows out of the child's recent experience of sudden falls.
- 5. What other feelings does the child from the fall of his tower apart from pleasure?
  (a) pity (b) depression (c) Strength (d) anxiety

# Choose the word(s) or phrase that best fills the gaps

- 6. A good government should try not to ...... the press (a) bind (b) gag (c) fetter (d) tie
- 7. Those who ...... policy must have facts at their disposal (a) instigate (b) fabricate (c) organize (d) formulate

| 8.  | (a) examined (b) expelled (c) exhumed (d) extracted  |
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| 9.  | We reported the rubbery, and a policeman was asked to  |
| 10.   | The Vice-Chancellor has-set up to study the complaints of the students  (a) a tribunal (b) a brains trust (c) a panel (d) an inquest   |
| 11  | The president has refused to give his to the bill (a) ascent (b) assent (c) accent (d) asset   |
| 12.   | The of armed robbery has been on the increase (a) incident (b) accident (c) incidence (d) accidence  |
| 13.   | The of our troops was high (a) morale (b) moral (c) morals (d) morel   |
| 14.   | Age is the cause of (a) infirmary (b) infirmity (c) infinity (d) infertility   |
| 15.   | We heard of laughter from inside the hail (a) pills (b) peels (c) piles (d) peals  |
| From the words lettered A to D, choose the one that best completes each of the following sentences. |  |
| 16.   | I want to tell you frankly that measles no longer impossible to cure (a) are (b) were (c) is (d) was   |
| 17.   | I don't want to your morale at this early stage of the competition (a) damping (b) dampen (c) damp (d) doubt   |
| 18.   | The military contributed quota to the development of this state  (a) have/ their (b) are/ their (c) has/it (d) has/there   |
| 19.   | The girl who beautifully in the school hall every morning as if she a professional singer is my cousin  (a) sings/ is (b) sings/will become (c) sing/has become (d) sings/were |
| 20.   | The class into two before the teacher was transferred to another school  (a) had been split (b) has been splitted (c) was split (d) had been splitted                          |
| 21.   | I cannot the noise of the children any longer (a) put up with (b) put of with (c) put out with (d) put on by   |
| 22.   | Many workers were recently by the federal government  (a) laid down (b) laid of (c) laid off (d) lay out   |
| 23.   | Let's go to the market to buy some food items?  (a) don't we (b) shall we (c) shouldn't we (d) can't we  |
| 24.   | It is useless over a loss (a) broading (b) brooded (c) bruding (d) brooding  |
| 25.   | Rice and beans a kind of food I like in the morning nowadays (a) are (b) was (c) is (d) were   |
| In  | each of questions below, choose the most appropriate option opposite in meaning to the words or phrase   |
| 26.   | Good students can easily identify <i>spurious</i> arguments (a) genuine (b) interesting (c) false (d) illegal  |
| 27.   | ti and tooks flabby as a result of his changed circumstances (a) neat (b) firm (c) weak (s)  |
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- 28. He and his lieutenants have been accused of remaining *intransigent* (a) rigid (b) stubborn (c) compromising (d) popular
- 29. In the opinion of most observers, it was a disinterested decision (a) neutral (b) impartial (c) biased (d) candid
- 30. We watch in wonder as she rattled away in that *esoteric* language (a) inscrutable (b) familiar (c) secret (d) obscure

# ANSWERS TO ENGLISH, 2012