

POST UNIVERSITIES MATRICULATION EXAMINATION SCREENING TEST
27th OCTOBER, 2005

Subject: USE OF ENGLISH

Time allowed: 30 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS

Read the following instructions carefully

1. Use an **HB pencil** and shade in your answers. Ensure that any shading in error is thoroughly erased.
2. Candidates should write their full **Names** (Surname first), **JAMB Registration number**, **Paper code**, **Sex**, **JAMB score**, **Faculty of first choice** and **second choice** and the **Question Paper Option** given to them, in the appropriate spaces on the **Answer sheets**.
3. Attempt all questions. Each candidate must submit the answer sheet with the question paper.
4. The use of calculators and/or similar electronic devices is **NOT allowed**.

Read the passage I below carefully and answer the questions that follow. Each question carries 2 marks.

Farming is the most important aspect of agriculture that has attracted attention within the last few years. Agriculture has several other aspects like fishery, livestock and poultry. All these are also very important in that they have to do with the production of items which humans consume for survival.

In many parts of the world today, farming has been regarded as the mainstay of the economy. Crops such as cocoa, rubber and cotton have been produced in such commercial quantity that they are sold to other countries. Some countries have better comparative advantage in producing certain crops than other countries. In these other countries, there is the need to spend a lot of money on agriculture, particularly farming. Most farmers use outmoded tools. A lot of them have no place to store their crops, most of which are always destroyed by insects and pests before harvest time. All these have adverse effects on their productivity.

The government can do a lot to help farmers. Farmers' co-operative societies can be encouraged and loans can be made available to farmers through Government institutions like banks and finance corporations. Farmers can be taught how to build good storage structures for their produce. All these can help to improve the conditions of farming in these countries.

1. The most important aspect of agriculture mentioned in the passage is
A. Poultry B. Fishery C. Livestock D. Farming
2. Farming in many countries today is
A. an alternative to poultry job B. of great assistance to the economy C. for those who are out of
D. for the illiterates
3. Some countries produce more and better crops than others because the farmers in the former
A. are more educated B. have greater manpower C. have more modern equipment
D. have more fertile land
4. In order to help improve the state of farming, the Government should
A. give all farmers enough money to work with B. Sell enough fertilizers to all farmers
C. find ways of financing and modernizing the farming system D. help farmers with the storage of
their crops
5. A lot of crops harvested are wasted because farmers
A. allow insects and pests to destroy their crops B. do not have enough money to invest in harvesters
C. do not have storage facilities D. harvest too much at a time

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PASSAGE II

Developments in electronic science has transformed the art of record keeping in the modern age. Traditionally, records of events were kept only in people's minds. It depended very much on the retentive power of the human memory. This was extremely dangerous as people either forget events wholly or in part, or deliberately falsified details to suit their various interests. Interminable arguments were thus the order of the day. Even writing, which replaced mental reading was not entirely free from these shortcomings as untruths could be written as true records either willingly or inadvertently. With the advent of the electronic memory, however, these dangers have been largely overcome. Recordings on audio or video cassettes now show not only what happened, but also who did or said what including how and when.

6. The author believes that electronic recording is
A. superior only to mental recording B. inferior to both mental recording and writing
C. superior to both mental recording and writing D. inferior to only writing
7. The writer believes that the art of record keeping has
A. improved over the years B. endangered the art of writing
C. changed human memory D. overcome all the problems facing
8. How many stages of development did the writer mention while discussing the art of record recording keeping?
A. Two B. Three C. Four D. Five
9. According to the author, human memory is unreliable because people
A. die and we forget what they said B. forget events or tell lies C. do not always know when events happen D. do not always know who did what and when
10. From the passage, we gather that writing is almost
A. as unreliable as human memory B. as reliable as electronic memory C. more reliable than electronic memory D. not to be compared to any other recording system

In each of questions 11 to 13, identify the option that has a **STRESS PATTERN** different from the rest

11. A. Factory B. Distinctive C. Regular D. National
12. A. Interpret B. Period C. Destructive D. Forever
13. A. Unless B. Enact C. Useless D. Combine

In each of questions 14 to 26, choose the option **NEAREST IN MEANING** to the word(s) or phrase(s) **underlined**

14. The singer's popularity is beginning to decline.
A. slope B. disappear C. wane D. darken
15. Ade is at the verge of nervous breakdown, so he must be very careful.
A. brink B. margin C. avenue D. fringe
16. An open car gives no protection against the elements.
A. weather B. atoms C. dust D. atmosphere
17. He has never been a good mediator even in minor family disputes because, in most cases his views are jaundiced.
A. coloured B. prejudiced C. suspicious D. unscrupulous

18. In some parts of our society, people are ostracized purely on the basis of their parentage.
A. hated B. disrespected C. locked up D. shut off from others
19. My friend will hate his uncle forever because he left him in the lurch at his hour of need.
A. abandoned him B. punished C. disrespected him D. despised him
20. All the efforts made to settle the quarrel were futile.
A. successful B. fruitless C. wicked D. reasonable
21. Kelechi hardly ever falls sick.
A. most often B. very seldom C. frequently D. sometimes
22. It is sheer fantasy to believe that there could never be a miscalculation by any nation that has atomic weapon.
A. dream B. hope C. nonsense D. joke
23. The ingenious scheme of the robber broke down because of the efficiency of the police officer.
A. suspicious B. ambitious C. deceitful D. clever
24. Our town is so small that we are always meeting our school master accidentally.
A. falling into B. finding C. running into D. stepping on
25. One has to score not less than 200 marks in the UME together with meeting other conditions to be qualified to write the Uniben post UME screening test.
A. to be exempted B. to become a candidate for C. to be considered D. to seek permission for
26. He went through fire before he qualified as a doctor.
A. a fire accident B. a hilarious experience C. some purification D. some "tough" time

In questions 27 to 40, shoes the option opposite in meaning to the word underlined

27. The chairman's verdict redressed the injustice meted out by the secretary.
A. corrected B. restored C. aggravated D. addressed
28. Uche could not travel last December because of the severity of the harmattan.
A. cold B. mildness C. warmth D. moderation
29. Traveling in the night can be an ordeal.
A. a great exercise B. a great fear C. a great endurance D. a great pleasure
30. Bola is very provocative in her style of dressing.
A. modest B. happy C. angry D. beautiful
31. Joke thought that her father was very callous.
A. indifferent B. compassionate C. wicked D. careless
32. "The Lions" of Cameroun is really an indomitable team.
A. a powerful B. a compassionate C. a weak D. an unyielding team
33. To almost everyone in the little village, Ada's behavior was almost odious.
A. repulsive B. difficult C. interesting D. charming
34. Aduma was vociferous during the meeting of the congregation that he succeeded in incurring the wrath of the chairman.

A. anger B. admiration C. displeasure D. sympathy

35. It was an inopportune for you to make that suggestion.

A. ideal B. a wrong C. a exact D. a sad

36. He deviated too much to the peripheral aspects.

A. unimportant B. superficial C. minor D. main

37. The climate of Nigeria is an enervating one.

A. a weakening B. an energy sapping C. an invigorating D. a sluggish

38. The girl's idiosyncrasy was a passion for bread and butter

A. stupid outburst B. general tendency C. singular characteristics D. occupational calling

39. Once he has decided that something needs doing, my brother is very unswerving of purpose

A. erratic B. tenacious C. stubborn D. simple

40. Those were the days of the fallacy that some languages are primitive while others are not.

A. argument B. exercise C. misconception D. truth