

ANSWERS TO ENGLISH, 2014

1. C: "She was indeed an African queen and she had the teeth and smile of a goddess; I was absolutely satisfied with my mother's choice".
2. B: No place in the passage said Ngozi had a child.
3. C: "She was a completely efficient lover...I brought her home with swelling pride".
4. D: He was obviously revolting against European tradition which believes in one man, one wife.
5. D
6. A
7. B
8. C
9. A
10. B
11. C: *August* (adj): Impressive, respected, popular, imposing, majestic, dignified, stately, noble, eminent.
12. A: *Vicissitude* (noun): A continuous effect that affects someone's life.
Cosy: comfortable, friendly, warm etc.
Longevity: Amount of time that someone, something or a situation lasts; permanence, permanency, durability, endurance, long life, prolonged existence.
13. C: *Hallucination* (noun): Illusory perception; something or a situation you believe you can see or hear, but which is not really there.
Delusion: A false belief arising in one's mind; a mistaken or unfounded opinion or idea.
14. C: *Counterfeit* (Adj): fake, phony, forged, phoney, bogus, imitation, sham etc
15. B: *Delinquent* (noun): someone, especially a young person who breaks the law or behaves in ways the society does not approve of.
Culprit (noun): A person who is guilty of a crime or wrongdoing.
16. C
17. A
NB: In case you come across these words, take note of their spellings: tarpaulin, foolscap, questionnaire, lieutenant, occasion, accommodation etc.
18. B
19. C: This question is from structural collocation. To be "worth one's salt" is to know one's job very well, and consequently not be afraid or ashamed of criticism.
20. B
21. B: *Conceal* - to hide carefully. *Reveal* - to expose.
22. D: *Amateur*: a novice, someone who does an activity for pleasure, not as his job, unprofessional, sloppy, incompetent, unskilful, shoddy, clumsy, inept, crude etc.
Professional: skilled, expert, specialised, qualified, proficient, trained, practiced, certified, licensed, career etc.
23. D: *Frugal*: to be careful to only buy what need; thrifty, prudent, stingy, meagre, economical, sparing, careful, pennywise, parsimonious, penny-pinching, tight etc. Antonyms: spendthrift, profligate, extravagant, wasteful, prodigal etc
24. B: *Depressed* (in this context): not having enough business activity in it.
25. C: Spectators (collocates to 'players').
26. B

27. **C: Nostalgic** (adv): Feeling of sadness mixed with pleasure and affection when he or she thinks of happy times in the past. Synonyms are: homesick, wistful, yearning, longing, desirous, wishful, regretful etc.

28. **A: Clue** - In question tags, when a statement is negative, then the tag that follows is positive.

29. **B: For Quasi Concord**, the rule states that when "as well as", "no less than", "with", "together with", "accompanied by" etc, is used to join two nouns, the first noun controls the verb. "Teacher" in this sentence is singular.

30. **B: Lass** - a girl or a young woman, (also called wench). **Lad** - young man.

31. **B**

32. **B**

33. **C: Down at heel**: worn out from long use or neglect; dilapidated, shabbily dressed, showing signs of wear and tear, mean, unworthy, despicable.

34. **C: To know/learn the ropes**: to acquire the knowledge about how to do a job properly, or how things work and how to get things done.

35. **A: Shot in the dark** (noun): wild guess or try. Synonyms are - bet, chance, fall of the cards, flip of the coin, gamble, guess, leap in the dark, long shot, luck of the draw, risk, speculation, throw of the dice, turn of the wheel etc.

36. **C**

37. **C**

38. **A**

39. **D**

40. **B: Clue** – subordinating conjunction.