

UMMUL-QURA HIGH SCHOOL

AROWONA BUS-STOP, AKANRAN ROAD, IBADAN

2020/2021 FIRST TERM EXAMINATION

CLASS: S.S 1

SUBJECT: ENGLISH LANG.

TIME:

PART A: OBJECTIVES

Answer all questions

Choose from the options lettered A-E, the one that is most nearly opposite in meaning to the word or expression

1. It is quiet customary to introduce the guest speaker but ____ to insult him
 - A. Illegal
 - B. Impolite
 - C. Unusual
 - D. Useless
 - E. Pointless
2. The people who are normally ____ often turn to be dauntless heroes in the face of real dangers
 - A. Unsteady
 - B. Colorless
 - C. Cowardly
 - D. Bashful
 - E. Unfriendly
3. Most people thought the accused would be convicted but surprisingly he was ____
 - A. Acquitted
 - B. Released
 - C. Sentenced
 - D. Jailed
 - E. Pardoned
4. The old car is durable while the new one looks ____
 - A. Haggard
 - B. Fragile
 - C. Strong
 - D. Delicate
 - E. Unreliable
5. People enjoy stories with ____ feelings rather than those with far-fetched background
 - A. Practical
 - B. Realistic
 - C. Artificial
 - D. Undefined\
 - E. Falsehood
6. Although they have declared the student a suspect, he may turn out to be ____
 - A. Culpable
 - B. Innocent
 - C. Safe
 - D. Ignorant
7. The workers expected management to be _____ rather than indifferent to their welfare.
 - A. Different from
 - B. Interested in
 - C. Opposed to
 - D. Careful
8. While the manager was prudent in his expenditure, his deputy was ____
 - A. Miserly
 - B. Careful
 - C. Thoughtful
 - D. Extravagant
9. The cultured and they _____ are known by their conduct

- A. Barbaric
- B. Ignorant
- C. Clean
- D. Lazy

10. The post war generation were born in a era of scarcity but grew up in a period of _____
- A. Abundance
 - B. Accumulation
 - C. Poverty
 - D. Affluence

Choose the nearest in meaning to the word underlined

11. Ade is very worrisome yet his neighbor finds it difficult to put up with him
- A. Stay with
 - B. Tolerate
 - C. Depend on
 - D. Rely on
12. The girl has just come out of the fattening room and her waist is adorned
- A. Surrounded
 - B. Decorated
 - C. Besieged
 - D. Defaced
13. The decision taken by the panel is irrevocable
- A. Irreversible
 - B. U expectable
 - C. Irresponsible
 - D. Unacceptable
14. The principal's orders are imperative
- A. Lenient
 - B. Authoritative
 - C. Genuine
 - D. Necessary
 - E. Optional
15. Okon attempted to entire entice Emo with the promise of a handsome some of money
- A. Deceive

- B. Enchant
- C. Force
- D. Trick
- E. Tempt

16. The execution of the projects has been hampered by lack of funds.
- A. Revoked
 - B. Accelerated
 - C. Accentuated
 - D. Forbidden
 - E. Hindered

17. Corruption is inimical to the progress of any nation
- A. Harmful
 - B. Predominant
 - C. Unavoidable
 - D. Necessary

18. Ade was sceptical about the story Ifeoma told her
- A. Ignorant
 - B. Doubtful
 - C. Confused
 - D. Happy
 - E. Convinced

19. My uncle made the right choice of career as a detective because he is very a observant man
- A. Sensitive
 - B. Watchful
 - C. Cautious
 - D. Intelligent

20. The judge was incorruptible
- A. Frank
 - B. Unreliable
 - C. Incorrigible
 - D. Honest

Complete each of the following sentences with the most appropriate of the options lettered A-E

21. Most of he _____ used in indigenous movies are imported
- A. Apparel
 - B. Clothes
 - C. Costumes

- D. Regalia
E. Uniforms
22. Malaria is ____ by mosquitoes
A. Contacted
B. Transferred
C. Transfused
D. Transmitted
E. Contracted
23. The driver would have survived the accident if he had fastened the _____
A. Accelerator
B. Brake pedal
C. Fan belt
D. Seat belt
E. Timing belt
24. Farmers apply fertilizer on _____ land to improve crop yield
A. Barren
B. Fertile
C. Marshy
D. Poor
E. Vast
25. My mother said she consulted a _____ only in her first pregnancy
A. Cardiologist
B. Dermatologist
C. Gynecologist
D. Pediatrician
E. Psychiatrist
26. The _____, a symbol of authority in the National Assembly was nearly broken during a fight.
A. Coat of arms
B. Gavel
C. Mace
D. Shield
E. Staff
27. My uncle is ____ with the "Daily Post" so he goes out everyday to source for news
A. A broadcaster
B. A producer
C. A reporter
D. An editor
E. A proofreader

28. The bank customer who was overpaid by the _____ returned the balance.
A. Accountant
B. Cashier
C. Manager
D. Payer
E. Teller
29. The judge insisted that the accused must provide _____ to justify his claim of not being in town when the robbery took place
A. A counsel
B. A defense
C. A plea
D. An alibi
E. An evidence
30. He moved for the postponement of the meeting since the members present did not form
A. Consensus
B. A majority
C. A quorain
D. An agenda
E. An agreement

Complete the following sentences with appropriate words to complete each sentence

31. You and _____ will trek to the park
A. Us
B. Them
C. Me
D. I
E. Him
32. The couple first met _____ at the cinema.
A. Themselves
B. Ourselves
C. Oneself
D. One another
E. Each other
33. We must be early to school tomorrow, _____ we?
A. Shouldn't

- B. Shan't
C. Mustn't
D. Don't
E. Can't
34. She preferred the oranges to the grapes because the _____ were not juicy
A. Least
B. Latter
C. Latest
D. Later
E. Last
35. She wore a bracelet _____ her waist
A. On
B. In
C. At
D. Around
E. About
36. Which of the following words can be used to together with the prefix "sub" to form a new word
A. Standard
B. Stain
C. Exit
D. Draw
E. Drain
37. The accountant was sacked for _____ of funds
A. Misappropriation
B. Missappropriation
C. Misapropriasion
D. Misapropriasion
E. Missaprupriation
38. My sister said that _____ shoes are more expensive than men's
A. Ladys
B. Lady's
C. Ladies's
D. Ladies'
E. Ladies
39. My father enjoys _____ a lot
A. Travels
B. Travelling
C. Travel
D. To travelling

- E. To travel
40. Dinner will have been ready by the time you _____ back
A. Will come
B. Have come
C. Had come
D. Come
E. Came

Choose from the one that contains the sound segment in the following sentences

41. / S/
A. Circle
B. Does
C. Educate
D. Insure
E. Shipper
42. /U/
A. Amused
B. Approve
C. Flush
D. Found
E. Hook
43. / ʊ : /
A. Flame
B. Mass
C. Master
D. Quantity
E. Raw
44. /au/
A. Flaunt
B. Flout
C. Glow
D. Pour
E. Train
45. /g/
A. Align
B. Along
C. Gender
D. Knaw
E. Organ
46. /θ/
A. Breathe
B. Enter
C. Health

- D. Right
E. Weather
47. / ŋ /
A. Drawn
B. Fang
C. Inch
D. Nauseous
E. Reaction

48. / ɔɪ /
A. Farce
B. Freak
C. Groin
D. Jolly

- E. Violent
49. / I /
A. Read
B. Heath
C. Leave
D. Pint
E. Print

50. / tʃ /
A. Loosen
B. North
C. Short
D. Such
E. There

Section 6

In the following passage, the numbered gaps indicate the missing words. Against each number in the list below the passage four options are given in column lettered A-D. Choose the word that is most suitable to fill the numbered gaps in the passage.

Hardly a day passes without news of terrible accidents on our roads. Most of the times, these are caused by ignorance and _51_ of drivers. Besides the ignorance of drivers, most of the vehicles that ply our roads are not _52_. Vehicles are supposed to be tested annually before certificates are issued. However, vehicle owners are issued with these certificates even when their vehicles are have not been properly _53_.

Most of the drivers do not have valid driver's _54_. There are driving schools with qualified _55_ to prepare prospective drivers. After a period of training, the prospective drivers are made to go through a road test. It is only when they pass this test they are _56_ to drive. Some drivers never even had a learner's _57_ when they were learning to drive. They have no knowledge of _58_ rules. They are ignorant of what speed _59_ means. To them 100 kilometers per hour may mean minimum speed allowed. Little wonder they _60_ on the roads.

	A	B	C	D
1	Forgetfulness	Carelessness	Wickedness	Doubtfulness
2	Road friendly	Roadworthy	Streetwise	Road-tested
3	Scrutinized	Appraised	Considered	Inspected
4	Document	Papers	License	Particulars
5	Trainers	Instructors	Experts	Teachers
6	Certified	Confirmed	Graded	Accredited
7	Permit	Clearance	Authority	Order
8	Expressway	Traffic	Highway	Road
9	Distance	Control	Mileage	Limit
10	Murder	scenes	incidence	Carnage

SECTION B: COMPREHENSION

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions on it

Among the giraffes, zebra and gazelles that roam the vast African savanna, perhaps the most remarkable creature is the ostrich. Standing about 2.5 metres tall and weighing up to 155 kilograms, the ostrich is the largest bird in existence. No one can fail to be awed and fascinated by the bird's great height, powerful legs and beautiful fluffy feathers.

Like the camel. The ostrich tolerant of high temperatures and thrives in desert country. It also has strong luxuriant eyelashes which protect its large eyes from the dust of the bushel. Its legs are long and sinewy in its feet are strong and flashy. Seeing the ostrich strutting about in the open plains, observers are amazed, feeding on almost anything that creeps or crawls. It also dines on insects, snakes, rodents, roots and most vegetation. Because of its great size and weight it cannot fly. However, its muscular legs are powerful enough to make it one of the fastest creatures on earth. Running across desert country, it can attain speed of up to 65 kilometers an hour! This extraordinary swiftness and its long distance stamina enable it to outrun many of the fastest four-legged predators with ease.

The eggs of the ostrich are the largest in the world and can weigh up to 1.5 kilograms each. Prized for its size and delicious taste, each egg is the equivalent of 25 hen eggs. The shell is hard and glossy and has glazed porcelain like finish. The empty shell is sometimes used as a container by Bushmen for storing water.

In the 14th century, ostrich feather became highly valued by fashion conscious Europeans. Yet, hunting the ostrich was not easy, since the bird has very keen eye sight and swiftly flees from danger. Consequently, the ostrich was not in danger of extinction at that time

But in the 19th century, armed with modern weapons, hunters slaughtered ostrich by the millions. And today, the noble ostrich has become an endangered species.

Questions

- (a) Give three reason why the ostrich egg is considered valuable
- (b) How does the ostrich survive attack by predators
- (c) Common characteristics of birds does the ostrich lack?
- (d) Why did the European value ostrich feathers?
- (e) "... the eggs of the ostrich..."
 - i. What is the grammatical name given to this expression?
 - ii. What is its function as it is used in the sentence?
- (f) What is the writer's attitude to the ostrich?
- (g) For each of the following words, find another word or phrase that means the same and can replace it as it is used in the passage.
 - i. Vast
 - ii. Remarkable
 - iii. Fascinated

- iv. Thrives
- v. Outrun
- vi. Extinction

SECTION C: SUMMARY

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions on it

The dramatic increase in life expectancy globally towards the end of the twentieth century has renewed interest among scientists and layman alike in the subject of longevity and ageing process. This lengthening of life expectancy has been one of the greatest achievements of humanity. It was in recognition of this fact that the United Nation formally designated 1999 as the “international year of older persons”. Demographers tell a surprising story: octogenarians and older people, instead of the young, now form the fastest growing population on earth.

What then are the factors that determine man’s health and length of life? Recent studies have identified some of these. It is known that the sounder your habit, the longer your life may last. Nutritionists have told us that we are what we eat, that is to say that what we eat influences the state of our health. Instead of over eating, one should eat a balanced diet including fruit and plenty of vegetables. Moderate physical exercise on a regular basis is of immense benefit. The family doctor should be consulted on how much exercise and what type are most appropriate for each individual. Studies have shown that simple exercises in and around the home help the elderly to regain strength and vitality.

The adage ‘use it or lose it’ applies not only to the muscle but also to the mind. Mental exercise keeps the brain’s “telephone lines” alive whereas mental decline or serenity starts the moment person retires and decides to take things easy in the erroneous belief that doesn’t have to keep up with the world anymore. Many retired civil servants fall into this bad habit. They can change this unhealthy attitude by being actively engaged in reading, travel, education, clubs, professional associations etc. it is believed that such activities not only lift the spirit but also ‘rewire’ the brain.

In addition to these is the environment. In many developing countries, the environment poses grave dangers to health often resulting in preventable deaths. Access to clean safe water is severely limited. There are huge mountains of refuse breeding vermin, cockroaches and disease causing germs in both rural and urban areas. All this contributes to the low life expectancy in these countries. Better sanitation, safer water for all and a reduction of vermin in the home will improve man’s environment, bolster his health and extend his life-span

Finally, man has made a breakthrough in controlling the genetic makeup. A decade or so ago, he had no control whatsoever over his genetic engineering. Now, he re-design his genetic constitution to ensure better health and longer life.

Questions

1. In ix sentences, one for each, state the factors that improve man’s health and life-span.

SECTION D: ESSAY WRITING

1. Your brother is about to enter secondary school. Write a letter to him, stating at least three problems he is likely to face in school and suggesting ways of solving them
2. Write an article for publication in your school magazine on: the evil effects of examination malpractice in our society
3. Write a letter to your local government authority on three health hazards in your area. Make suggestions as to how the situation can be improved
4. You are the main speaker in an inter-school debate. Write your speech for or against the motion ‘Corrupt Public officers, too, Deserve Capital Punishment
5. Write a story ending with: “He reaped what he sowed”. The story should be suitable for publication in your school magazine