

UMMUL-QURA HIGH SCHOOL
AROWONA BUS-STOP, AKANRAN ROAD, IBADAN

2020/2021 FIRST TERM EXAMINATION

CLASS: S.S 3

SUBJECT: ENGLISH LANG.

TIME:

OBJECTIVES TEST

Section 1

*In each of the following sentences, there is one underlined word and one gap. From the list of word lettered A-D, choose the one that is **most nearly opposite** in meaning to the underline word that will, at the same time, correctly fill the gap in the sentence.*

1. Unsuccessful people must work hard if they want to be _____
A. Prosperous
B. Famous
C. Proficient
D. Comfortable
2. Africans were enslaved for a long time before they were _____
A. Corrected
B. Emancipated
C. Convicted
D. Tolerated
3. The convict was thought to be guilty although he proved that he was _____
A. Careful
B. Reasonable
C. Innocent
D. Competent
4. The sanatorium housed the insane not the _____ people
A. Stupid
B. Invalid
C. Convalescent
D. Normal
5. Last year there were scarcity of rice but this year there is an _____ of it
A. Adequate
B. Abundance
C. Increase
D. Upsurge
6. Idealist conceive idea but _____ put them into practice
A. Realists
B. Philosopher
C. Debtors
D. Philanthropists
7. When the gods were offended, sacrifices were offered to _____ them
A. Beg
B. Pacify
C. Control
D. Bribe
8. Some people spurn visitors instead of _____ them
A. Meeting
B. Greeting
C. Welcoming

- D. Recognizing
9. National awards were given to the brave soldiers but the _____ ones were dismissed
- A. Arrogant
B. Untrained
C. Notorious
D. Cowardly
10. The performance was dull, the audience would have stayed if it had been _____
- A. Entertaining
B. Tantalizing
C. Encouraging
D. Wonderful

Section 2

*From the words lettered A-D, choose the word that **best completes** the following sentences*

11. The doctor visits his _____ every day
- A. Patients
B. Patrons
C. Customers
D. Clients
12. In the _____ of the war. A commission was set up to cater for orphans
- A. Afterglow
B. Break
C. Aftermath
D. Resumption
13. The research institute is working on a project to _____ Achebe's novel into Nigerian Languages.
- A. Transmit
B. Translate
C. Transfer
D. Transform
14. Classes _____ immediately after the Christmas break
- A. Returned
B. Resumed
C. Operated
D. Begins
15. Everyone makes mistakes occasionally; nobody is _____
- A. Unmistakable
B. Infallible
C. Inevitable
D. Impossible
16. The duty of the police is to _____ the law
- A. Ensure
B. Inflict
C. Enforce
D. Promote
17. Walidan Football Club emerged _____ in the last football tournament
- A. Champions
B. Warriors
C. Conquerors
D. Defenders
18. Researchers are working frantically to find answers for the _____ cancer disease
- A. Incurable
B. Evasive
C. Contagious
D. Infectious
19. _____ water should be treated thoroughly before drinking
- A. Deep
B. Contaminated
C. Cold
D. pipe
20. Miles can be _____ into kilometers by using mathematical calculations

- A. Reduced
- B. Changed
- C. Converted
- D. Turned

Section 3

*After each of the following sentences, a list of possible interpretations is given. Choose the interpretation that is **most appropriate** for each sentence*

21. There was a serious problem in the family when the breadwinner died. This means that _____ died
 - A. The person who provided for the family
 - B. The most educated person in the family
 - C. The most energetic person
 - D. The family spokesman
22. This new year, we have to turn over a new leaf
 - A. Plant new trees
 - B. Review our lives
 - C. Change for better
 - D. Change our clothes
23. The teacher keeps the students on their toes so that they may make good grades. This means that he
 - A. Frightens them
 - B. Makes them stand on their toes
 - C. Does not allow them to wear shoes
 - D. Makes them work very hard continuously
24. To become a good leader, learn to put your foot down. This means that you
 - A. Have to make the best effort
 - B. Should work with your right foot first
 - C. Should stay away from problem
 - D. Should be persuasive
 - E. Have to be firm
25. The ball is in your court. This means
 - A. You have to practice playing tennis
 - B. It is your turn to take action
 - C. You should stay away from problems
 - D. You should develop interest in tennis
26. Rehabilitated youth are given a new lease of life. This means that they
 - A. Get another opportunity for living
 - B. Always get out for fresh air
 - C. Insure their lives
 - D. Stay indoors most of the time
27. What is sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander. This means that
 - A. What is good for me is relevant to another
 - B. People should be treated in the same way
 - C. The goose and the gander are friends
 - D. What is good for one is bad for another
28. Paul is a rolling stone that gathers no moss. This means that he
 - A. Is an expert in Gymnastics
 - B. Spends too much time doing one thing
 - C. Does not stick to one job and so does not succeed
 - D. Does not have any moss to harvest
29. My father advised us not to go with the crowd. This means that he advised us not to

- A. Stay in the crowd
 - B. Be unduly influenced by others
 - C. Travel with many people
 - D. Have many friends
30. In spite of the nurse's efforts, the old lady gave up the ghost. This means that the old lady
- A. Died
 - B. Fainted
 - C. Collapsed
 - D. Relapsed

Section 4

*From the words lettered A-D below each of the following sentences, choose the word or group of words that is **nearest in meaning** to the underlined word as it is used in the sentence*

31. He gave a plausible excuse for his absence at the meeting
- A. Appropriate
 - B. Lengthy
 - C. Correct
 - D. Reasonable
32. The youth should engage themselves in lucrative business
- A. Serious
 - B. Profitable
 - C. Big
 - D. Attractive
33. During the Independence day celebration, civil servants were decorated with medals
- A. Dressed
 - B. Credited
 - C. Identified
 - D. Honoured
34. The notorious criminal was kept in solitude
- A. Seclusion

- B. Quiet
 - C. Hiding
 - D. Secret
35. All that is happening today was predicted by Nostradamus
- A. Seen
 - B. Told
 - C. Foretold
 - D. Written
36. He lost his argument because the points he gave were absurd
- A. Fake
 - B. Ridiculous
 - C. Unconvincing
 - D. Negative
37. The general did everything to boost the morale of his troops
- A. Change
 - B. Review
 - C. Raise
 - D. Multiply
38. Martha did not want to trouble her father with her problem
- A. Implicate
 - B. Confuse
 - C. Annoy
 - D. Bother
39. The boy refuse to divulge the plans of the group
- A. Inform
 - B. Open
 - C. Unlock
 - D. Disclose
40. I can conjecture from his appearance that he did not sleep at all last night
- A. Obtain
 - B. Decide
 - C. Guess
 - D. imply

Section 5

From the words or group of words lettered A-D, choose the word or group of words that best completes each of the following sentences

41. I _____ visit museum but I have no time now
A. Use to
B. Am use to
C. Used to
D. Am used to
42. What he did was deplorable and he should be ashamed _____ himself
A. at
B. with
C. of
D. in
43. the vice principal attended the ceremony _____ the principal
A. in behalf of
B. on behalf to
C. on behalf of
D. in behalf for
44. The children _____ brought to the zoo by their father yesterday
A. Have been
B. Were
C. Are
D. Are being
45. The old woman's illness was so serious that she was not expected to _____
A. Pull off
B. Pull through
C. Pull out
D. Pull over
46. Learning a trade is not difficult if one _____ it in the right way
A. Goes about

- B. Sets on
C. Gets over
D. Goes through
47. He was interviewed _____ to make him speak freely
A. With camera
B. In camera
C. By camera
D. On camera
48. You don't mind lending me your car. Do you?
A. No, I can't
B. Yes, don't
C. No, I don't
D. Yes, I can
49. I was surprised when I met the Director for the first time. I did not expect him to be _____ young
A. Far
B. Almost
C. Quiet
D. that
50. on _____ I went with my family to the beach
A. New Year Day
B. New Years Day
C. New Year's Day
D. New Years' Day
51. Where is the man _____ did that?
A. Who
B. Whom
C. Which
D. Whose
52. He has been afflicted _____ an incurable disease for some time
A. on
B. at
C. with
D. to

53. I saw neither the book ____ the pencil I left in my bag
A. or
B. with
C. nor
D. and
54. if the policeman hadn't shown me the way, I ____ have gone astray
A. will
B. shall
C. should
D. would
55. the house should be finished ____ next month
A. at
B. by
C. on
D. during
56. she fainted and it took ten minutes before she came ____
A. round
B. about
C. up
D. out
57. These days money is hard to come ____
A. Up
B. Upon
C. Across
D. By
58. ____ had he left than it began to rain
A. However
B. Soon
C. No sooner
D. Hardly
59. One should always be abreast ____ time
A. By
B. About
C. On
D. Of
60. The old woman frowned ____ the impatient of the youth
A. On
B. By
C. Against
D. About
61. John usually hangs ____ with friends in the park.
A. In
B. Out
C. Over
D. Up
62. Michael put ____ airs whenever he meets strangers
A. Up
B. Out
C. On
D. In
63. All students must comply ____ school regulations
A. on
B. to
C. by
D. with
64. the footballers ____ better if they had been given incentives
A. will have played
B. would play
C. would have played
D. would be playing
65. the ____ Minister called on the President
A. going
B. outgoing
C. gone away
D. gone out
66. You should try ____ petrol if you can't wash it off with water

- A. Use
B. By using
C. In using
D. Using
67. Did you hear about ____ quarrel?
A. Janet's and Tony's
B. Janet and Tony's
C. Janet and Tonys'
D. Janet's and Tony
68. The cat kept its kittens ____ the
fireside
A. by
B. on
C. along
D. upon
69. during the dry season, we endured
the heat ____
A. as best we could
B. as we could
C. as best as we could
D. as we could best
70. it is high time the government ____
prices of petrol products
A. reduced
B. reduce
C. are reducing
D. shall reduce

Section 6

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

When they first appeared, antibiotics seemed like wonder drugs which could successfully treat _71_ caused by bacteria, fungi and other _72_. However, over time, it has become clear that antibiotics have some _73_. First, they are ineffective against _74_ caused by viruses such as human immunodeficiency virus (HIV). Furthermore, some people have some _75_ reactions to some of them. But perhaps, the greatest problem comes from their underuse or overuse

Underuse occurs when _76_ do not complete the _77_ antibiotic treatment either because they feel better or because the treatment is lengthy. As a result, the antibiotic may kill off the _78_ bacteria, allowing _79_ strains to survive or multiply. Both doctors and patients have been guilty of abuse of these _80_ the doctors have often over prescribed them and the patients often underuse them.

	A	B	C	D
71	Infections	injuries	Sores	disorders
72	Vectors	microorganisms	Parasites	bugs
73	Weakness	faults	Effects	drawbacks
74	Diseases	attacks	Problems	situations
75	Aversion	toxic	Distasteful	allergic
76	People	attendants	Patients	nurses
77	Required	prescribed	Proposed	suggested
78	Intrusive	infesting	Invading	disturbing

79	Resistant	obstinate	Deviants	tough
80	Pills	remedies	Therapies	drugs

Parts 2

Answer three questions in all: one question from section A and all the questions in section B and C

Section A: Essay

Answer one question only from this section. Your answer should not be less than 450 words.

1. You recently won some prize money at a keenly contested competition. Write a letter to your father telling him about your victory and how you intend to spend the money
2. Write an article suitable for publication in a national newspaper on the need to embrace negotiation rather than confrontation
3. Write a letter to the chairman of your local government area, pointing out three areas of life that need to be developed in order to dissuade young people from migrating to the cities
4. You are the chief speaker in a debate on the topic: A prison without education has no future in today's world. Write your argument for or against the motion
5. Write a story to illustrate the saying: No condition is permanent.

Section B Comprehension

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions on it

When the professor finished for the day, late in the evening, he got up for the first time in hours and tidied up his table and bookshelves. He shut down his laptop computer and packed it in its bag. He took his key, ready to step out and lock the door. But then, he remembered his pair of glasses. Of course, that would be on the table. He thought. However, all efforts to locate it proved futile. He then searched the drawers, all to no avail. A thorough search of the shelves did not yield any positive result either. The more he searched, the more agitated he became. For about half an hour, there was no luck. Finally, he gave up and decided to drive home without the much-needed pair of glasses. Throughout the drive home, he was extremely careful. Before making a turn, he would pause for a sufficiently long time; he would not take anything for granted. Thus, when he saw three young boys riding their mini bicycles, approaching from afar, he stopped and watched them ride happily past him. At the T-junction, although there was no vehicle approaching from any direction, he waited long enough to assure himself that everything was all right. Finally, he heaved a sigh of relief when he made it home and drove carefully into the garage.

As soon as he entered the sitting room, he searched everywhere, just in case he had left the pair of glasses behind earlier that morning. His wife welcomed him and informed him that his supper was ready, but he responded casually. He hurried into the bedroom and continued the search. Again, there was no positive result. So he decided to try on an old pair of glasses he had abandoned some two years earlier. Perhaps, that could be managed until he was able to obtain a new one from the ophthalmologist. He took out the old pair of glasses from a box in which he kept old materials and tried to put it on. It wasn't possible. The face would not welcome a second pair. He could hardly forgive himself. Alas! All this while he was wearing the lost pair of glasses!

- (a) What information is there in the passage that the professor had been working for a long time?
- (b) Why was the professor extremely careful on his way home?
- (c) Why do you think the professor responded casually to his wife?
- (d) What was the professor's state of mind as he searched for the glasses?
- (e) What action enabled him to discover the pair of glasses?
- (f) "... although there was no vehicle approaching from any direction..."
 - (i) What is the grammatical name given to this expression as it is used in the passage?
 - (ii) What is its function?
- (g) Why is the word "lost" in quotation marks?
- (h) For each of the following words, find another word or phrase which means the same and which can replace it as it is used in the passage
 - (i) locate
 - (j) agitated
 - (k) careful
 - (l) afar
 - (m) hurried
 - (n) abandoned

Section C: Summary

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions on it

There are difficulties in introducing into schools many extra-curricular activities. In the first place, there are too few teachers to handle too many students in most schools. This makes many teachers already overworked with their normal duties, reluctant to help with additional activities outside the official school hours. If, however, teachers can be persuaded, to give the initial impetus then the students will gradually take over the running of the societies and clubs themselves.

Another obstacle we may find if we introduce numerous extra-curricular activities into school is the attitude of the students themselves. Many of them come from homes where leisure time is not devoted the pursuit of hobbies and where the parents send their

children to school “to read their books and not to play”. Consequently, even when the activities encouraged by the school are fairly closely related to their studies, many students take no interest in them. And if attendance is made compulsory, they complain that the school day is becoming unnecessarily long: participating in activities makes them tired and cuts short their time for studying the prescribed textbooks. It will be necessary for us to persuade such student to the fact that learning and passing examination is not all there is to being educated.

In schools where syllabus tends to be tied closely to the examination requirement it is all the more necessary to encourage extra-curricular activities. To all students, joining in sport competitions and arts festivals and having the opportunity to pursue other interests such as singing or painting is of inestimable value. Only in this way will they acquire a broader outlook and have the chance to understand and enjoy intelligently many other things outside their schoolwork.

Moreover, it is only through such activities that most of them will learn that leisure can be purposeful and fruitful and have the opportunity to employ talent and enthusiasm for which there is no scope in their normal schoolwork. For instance, Scouts, Guides, and other voluntary organizations involved in social service provide an outlet for the idealism and ready generosity natural to teenagers. Through these societies, students learn valuable lessons in self-discipline and service to others while enjoying themselves. Once they can be persuaded, not compelled, to participate in extra-curricular activities, many students learn for the first time to persevere in doing things for the sake of doing them. For example, being a conscientious member of a debating society committee or the editorial board of a social magazine requires the kind of dedication which, later in life is an asset.

- (a) In two sentences, one for each state the factors that militate against extra-curricular activities in school
- (b) In four sentences, one for each, give reason why students should participate in extra-curricular activities.

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Section 1

From the words lettered A-D, choose the word that has the same vowel sound as the one represented by the letter(s) underlined.

1. Mitten

- A. Firm
- B. Knowledge
- C. Vice
- D. Marine

2. Mood

- A. Took
- B. Look
- C. Moon
- D. Mode

3. Says

- A. End
- B. Bay
- C. Rain
- D. Fern

4. Caprice

- A. Bed
- B. Matrix
- C. Concern
- D. Cape

5. Man

- A. Part
- B. Hand
- C. Market
- D. Charade

6. Purse

- A. Currant

B. Leisure

C. First

D. Sure

7. Month

- A. Mug
- B. Font
- C. Cost
- D. Moth

8. Bull

- A. Hoof
- B. Crude
- C. Soup
- D. Crude

9. Feel

- A. Best
- B. Buffet
- C. Head
- D. Seer

10. Oopen

- A. Chaos
- B. Coin
- C. Boar
- D. Phone

11. Drought

- A. Drown
- B. Draft
- C. Should
- D. Though

12. Fear

- A. Bear
- B. Swear
- C. Spare
- D. Beer

13. Part

- A. Cat
 - B. Shout
 - C. Cane
 - D. Aunt
14. Buy
- A. Supper
 - B. Bang
 - C. Coy
 - D. Tie
15. Pawn
- A. Word
 - B. Call
 - C. Won
 - D. Down

Section 2

From the words lettered A-D, choose the word that has the same consonant sound(s) as the one represented by the letters underlined.

16. banked
- A. Led
 - B. Filed
 - C. Taken
 - D. Ludo
17. Zoology
- A. Give
 - B. Sag
 - C. Beg
 - D. Vigil
18. Thump
- A. Think
 - B. There
 - C. Breathe
 - D. Them
19. Casualty
- A. Lace
 - B. Steal
 - C. Vision
 - D. Lesson
20. Calyx
- A. Blinks

- B. Eclipse
 - C. Example
 - D. Desk
21. Sing
- A. Bog
 - B. Nagged
 - C. Zonked
 - D. Game
22. Paper
- A. Physical
 - B. Psychic
 - C. Lap
 - D. Psalm
23. Was
- A. Rowdy
 - B. Bow
 - C. Quiet
 - D. Bow
24. Choose
- A. Chimera
 - B. Chic
 - C. Soldier
 - D. Batch
25. Best
- A. Comb
 - B. Lamp
 - C. Labour
 - D. Plumber
26. Disease
- A. Decease
 - B. Case
 - C. Seats
 - D. Zeal
27. Hheavy
- A. Honour
 - B. Heir
 - C. Beehive
 - D. When
28. Did
- A. Handsome
 - B. Marked
 - C. Banked
 - D. Land

29. River

- A. Bar
- B. Dairy
- C. Car
- D. Bare

30. Man

- A. Sing
- B. Bring
- C. Manager
- D. Finger

Section 3

From the words lettered A-D, choose the word that rhymes with the given word.

31. Battle

- A. Bitter
- B. Latter
- C. Kettle
- D. Raffle

32. Great

- A. Heat
- B. Freight
- C. Blast
- D. Greet

33. Leech

- A. Fetch
- B. Witch
- C. Bleach
- D. Lease

34. Written

- A. Bitten
- B. Brighter
- C. Rotting
- D. Writing

35. Coffee

- A. Curfew
- B. Muffle
- C. Feeder
- D. Toffee

Section 4

In each of the following questions, the main/primary stress is indicated by writing the syllable on which it occurs in capital letters. From the words lettered A-D, choose the one that has the correct stress.

36. Conglomerate

- A. CON-glo-me-rate
- B. con-GLO-me-rate
- C. con-glo-ME-rate
- D. con-glo-me-RATE

37. defensible

- A. DE-fen-si-ble
- B. de-FEN-si-ble
- C. de-fen-SI-ble
- D. de-fen-si-BLE

38. superstitious

- A. SU-per-sti-tious
- B. su-PER-sti-tious
- C. su-per-STI-tious
- D. su-per-sti-TIOUS

39. bilateral

- A. BI-la-te-ral
- B. bi-LA-te-ral
- C. bi-la-TE-ral
- D. bi-la-te-RAL

40. generally

- A. GE-ne-ra-lly
- B. ge-NE-ra-lly
- C. ge-ne-RA-lly
- D. ge-ne-ra-LLY

Section 5

In the following options lettered A-D, all the words except one have the same stress pattern. Identify the one with different stress pattern and shade your answer in the usual way

41.

- A. Gobble
- B. Failure
- C. Goodness

42. D. Elope
A. Ceiling
B. Yoghurt
C. Vanquish
D. Career
43. A. Lexical
B. Interview
C. Cardigan
D. Catharsis
44. A. Colonel
B. Routine
C. Connive
D. Balloon
45. A. Voracious
B. Congenial
C. Interstate
D. Elevate

Section 6

In each of the following sentences, the word that receives the emphatic stress is written in capital letters. From the questions lettered A-D, choose the word to which the given sentence is the appropriate answer

46. The Nigerian FOOTBALL team has many foreign players
A. Does the South African football team have many foreign players?
B. Does the Nigerian volleyball team have many foreign players?
C. Does the Nigerian football team have few foreign players?
D. Does the Nigerian football team have many foreign coaches?

47. John must PAY for the broken glass immediately.
A. Must Jane pay for the broken glass immediately?
B. Must John repair the broken glass immediately?
C. Must John pay for the broken plank immediately?
D. Must John pay for the broken glass tomorrow?
48. The worked agreed to forgo their DECEMBER salary
A. Did the workers agree to forgo their December bonus?
B. Did the workers refuse to forgo their December salaries?
C. Did the workers agree to claim their December salaries?
D. Did the workers agree to forgo their Match salaries?
49. The landlord refuse to eject the TENANT
A. Did the caretaker refuse to eject the tenant?
B. Did the landlord agree to eject the tenant?
C. Did the landlord refuse to accept the tenant?
D. Did the landlord refuse to eject the guess?
50. The principal REBUKED the teachers for lateness
A. Did the governor rebuke the teachers for lateness?
B. Did the principal commend the teachers for lateness?
C. Did the principal rebuke the students for lateness?
D. Did the principal rebuke the teachers for negligence
E.

Section 7.

From the words lettered A-D, choose the word that contains the sound represented by the given symbol

51. / a/

- A. Yacht
- B. Yowl
- C. Claw
- D. Band

52. / /

- A. Bush
- B. Tough
- C. Cop
- D. Loot

53. / /

- A. Caught
- B. Jump
- C. Dwarf
- D. Problem

54. / U: /

- A. Plumber
- B. Pull
- C. Suit
- D. Hunger

55. /I:/

- A. Fit
- B. Seal

C. Sailing

D. Career

56. / /

- A. Low
- B. Sugar
- C. Casual
- D. Fire

57. / k/

- A. Axe
- B. Cease
- C. Knew
- D. Knob

58. /s/

- A. Cash
- B. Church
- C. Slash
- D. Bees

59. /z/

- A. Lice
- B. Exist
- C. Leave
- D. Measure

60. / /

- A. Leaf
- B. Peach
- C. Chic
- D. Cede