

ONE WAY SCHOOL
GRADE 7 AUGUST ASSESSMENT
ENGLISH

Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow.

The Invitation

Father and mother were going out to dinner with Father's boss. It was the first time they had been invited to his house.

"I want to make a good permission," said Father, looking at himself in the mirror. He had on a grey suit and a blue tie. He checked his shoes to be sure they were shiny, then he smiled into the mirror to be sure his teeth were shiny, too.

"You look fine," said Mother. "Is this dress all right?" Mother's dress was cream coloured with brown and purple turtles on it. Father's boss was Mr Kamba. Mother thought he would be flattered is she wore a dress with his totem on it.

"The dress is perfect," said Father. Tapiwa thought so, too. She had helped Mother make it. They went to a small factory near Harare. There they watched women boil plants to make dye. Several people worked at looms, and others carved wooden blocks to print pictures on the cloth. The saleswoman told them, "You must soak this kind of cloth in salt water before you use it. That will keep the dye from washing out." Tapiwa soaked, dried, and ironed the cloth, but Mother out the pattern. Tapiwa didn't know enough about sewing to do that.

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Comprehension Questions

1. Who were going out for dinner?
 - A. Father's boss
 - B. Father and mother
 - C. Father, Mother, Father's boss and Tapiwa
 - D. Father, Mother and Mr Kamba
2. Father wanted to **make a good impression**. This means Father wanted to

- A. look richly dressed .
- B. show ability to dress well .
- C. show he was a good worker .
- D. influence good opinion of himself.

3. Why did Father smile into the mirror?

- A. He wanted to see if his teeth were clean
- B. He wanted to check if his clothes fitted him
- C. He wanted to see if his shoes were shining
- D. He just looked to see his image

4. Mother made a cream coloured dress with brown and purple turtles because

- A. Mr Kamba would enjoy seeing the turtles.
- B. father had chosen it for her .
- C. that is what Mr Kamba liked .
- D. she had no other dress to wear .

5. Why did the saleswoman tell them to soak the cloth in salt water before using it?

- A. People ate the plants well- coked with salt.
- B. Soaking removed the dirt of people who made the cloth.
- C. That would keep the dye from washing out.
- D. It would make it easier to iron the cloth.

6. “Tapiwa didn’t know enough about sewing.” This means

- A. Tapiwa knew a little about sewing.
- B. Tapiwa knew nothing about sewing.
- C. Tapiwa knew enough about sewing.
- D. Tapiwa knew a lot about sewing.

LANGUAGE QUESTIONS

Choose the answer that best completes each sentence.

7. Mother.....all her food.

- A. eat
- B. ate
- C. eaten
- D. eating

8. Mr Kamba had.....her a lot to eat.

- A. give
- B. gave
- C. giving
- D. given

9. She had said that.....big potatoes were enough.

- A. to
- B. too
- C. two
- D. twin

10. Mr Kamba was aof a big company.

- A. carpenter
- B. manager
- C. farmer
- D. miner

11. The young one of an eagle is

- A. a kid.
- B. a chick.
- C. an eaglet.
- D. a fawn.

12. Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

- A. Is this dress you made.
- B. "Is this the dress you made?"
- C. "Is this the dress you made."
- D. "Is this the dress you made!"

13. Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

- A. "Its mother"s favourite?"
- B. "It's mother favourite."
- C. "Its' mothers" favourite."
- D. "It's mother's favourite."

14. Which sentence has the correct word order?

- A. Father so thought too.
- B. Thought father so too.
- C. Father thought so too.
- D. So father too thought.

Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow.

Jacaranda Beauty

Behind the house, a trail wound under Jacaranda trees that were covered with flowers in the spring. The flowers fell to the ground until it was covered. Tapiwa loved the path then. It was like a purple rug with a purple sky overhead. It went down past dustberry bushes and into a thicket of reeds. The reeds had spiky leaves that pricked her skin if she wasn't careful. She didn't like them, but Uncle Zaka did.

He didn't notice the flowers. Tapiwa pointed them out, and he asked what kind of fruit a Jacaranda tree had. When he found out it didn't have any, he lost interest.

The path went to a stream with steeping stones. Then it wound up until it came to a small store. Tapiwa and Uncle Zaka often walked there. Uncle Zaka always bought cigarettes one at a time. Father gave him enough money to buy a whole pack, but he wasn't used to having so many at once. He got one in the morning and walked back to get another in the afternoon.

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Comprehension Questions.

15. **Trail** in the passage refers to

- A. An old and disused train
- B. A rough path under trees
- C. A circular flower bed
- D. Covered ground

16. Tapiwa loved the path then. What does **then** refers to?

- A. When he walked behind the house
- B. When Jacaranda trees were flowing
- C. When flowers fell and covered the path
- D. When there was a purple sky overhead

17. What could prick Tapiwa's skin if she was not careful?

- A. Dust berry bushes
- B. Jacaranda trees
- C. A thicket of the flowers
- D. Spiky leaves of reeds

18. Who liked the reeds?

- A. Tapiwa
- B. Uncle Zaka
- C. Father
- D. The writer

19. Why did Uncle Zaka not like the Jacaranda flowers?

- A. They brought dirt to the garden.
- B. They made the path difficult to walk on.
- C. They did not produce edible fruit.
- D. They covered other bushes around them.

20. Give the reason why uncle Zaka always bought one cigarette at a time.

- A. He did not want to use up all his money.
- B. Father gave him money to buy just one cigarette.
- C. The shop did not sell more than one at a time.
- D. He was not used to having a whole packet to himself .

21. How many cigarettes did uncle Zaka smoke in a day?

- A. Two
- B. One
- C. Three
- D. Many

Language Questions

Choose the answer that best completes each sentence.

22. Tapiwa's father.....her to go to the shops.

- A. allow
- B. allows
- C. allowing
- D. allowance

23. The.....of the path was exciting.

- A. discover
- B. discovering
- C. discovered
- D. discovery

24. The father expected.....from all his children.

- A. obey
- B. obeys
- C. obedience
- D. obedient

25. The uncle.....like a child.

- A. behave
- B. behaves
- C. behaving
- D. behavior

26. Getting into trouble is the same as getting into.....soup.

- A. cold
- B. hot
- C. cool
- D. dirty

27. To lead a new life is the same as turning over a new

- A. cap
- B. season
- C. leaf
- D. life

28. The girl.....dress was torn felt embarrassed.

- A. whose
- B. what
- C. they
- D. which

Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow.

Basket Making

Uncle Zaka sat down by the stream most of the day. "This is my office," explained. "Those are my workers," he pointed at the reeds, "and I am the boss." He cut down reeds, spilt them into long strips and soaked them in a nearby pond. When they were soft, he wove them into baskets.

The path ran through the centre of the office, so he could talk to people when they passed by on their way to the store. He sat on a rock and his fingers moved so fast that it made Tapiwa dizzy. They seemed to know how to make baskets all by themselves. Uncle Zaka told stories, laughed and sang, but his fingers worked at the same speed no matter what he did. He boiled tree bark to make a black dye. He used black reeds to make a pattern in the baskets.

Tapiwa and Tongai tried to copy him. The air was hot and stuffy. Mopani flies hovered in front of their faces and crept up to the corners of their eyes to drink. Tongai quickly lost interest, but Tapiwa worked doggedly on. At the end of the day, she had only one basket. It was lopsided and one handle was larger than the other.

“That’s very good!” said Uncle Zaka. “I hope you’ll give it to me. I need something to carry bark in.” Then Tapiwa no longer minded the heat and flies.

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Comprehension Questions

29. Where was Uncle Zaka’s office?

- A. By the pond
- B. By the stream
- C. Near the path
- D. Near the house

30. How was he a boss?

- A. Many people cut reeds for his baskets.
- B. A group of people made baskets under him.
- C. He had people soaking reeds after splitting them.
- D. He was self- employed and worked with reeds.

31. “The path ran through the centre of the office.” How was that possible?

- A. The office was an open space.
- B. The river flowed through the office.
- C. The path cut through office walls.
- D. People walked in and out of the office.

32. Uncle Zaka enjoyed his work. How was that possible?

- A. He was the boss

- B. He had a nice office
- C. He laughed and sang
- D. He talked to people

33. Where did he get the dye?

- A. He bought it from the store.
- B. People who passed by sold it to him.
- C. Soaked reeds produced the black dye.
- D. He boiled tree bark to make black dye.

34. The story must have happened during summer. Why?

- A. The children's faces were covered with flies.
- B. Soaked reeds dried very slowly.
- C. Uncle Zaka's fingers made Tapiwa dizzy
- D. The air was hot and stuffy

Language Questions

Choose the answer that best completes each sentence.

35. Tapiwa had a basket. This means it was

- A. his
- B. her
- C. theirs
- D. him

36. Many people passed.....the office on their way to the store.

- A. from
- B. over
- C. by
- D. above

37. Tapiwa and Tongai.....how to make baskets a year ago.

- A. learn
- B. leant
- C. learning
- D. learns

38. If you lose interest in something like Tongai, it means

- A. you do it very well and finish.
- B. you finish it very quickly and stop.
- C. you no longer find it exciting to do and you stop.
- D. you continue doing it very badly.

39. Uncle Zaka carried the bark.....the basket.

- A. on
- B. in
- C. with
- D. of

40. Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

- A. "Its' clear they're happy."
- B. "It's clear that they're happy."
- C. "Its clear they're happy."
- D. "Its clear they're happy."

Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow.

Aunt Rudo

"Don't take the food out of the refrigerator," said Aunt Rudo.

"The maid will give you lunch."

"All right," said Tapiwa.

"I don't want you digging in the garden. Oh, and stay away from the mangoes. I am saving for a party."

"Ok," said Tapiwa.

"I won't be back till dark, so you're on your own. Remember, your mother is coming home from the hospital tomorrow. You want me to give her a good report, don't you?"

"Of course," said Tapiwa.

"Good. Now where's my purse?"

The purse was easy to find. It was huge and made out of crocodile skin. Aunt Rudo said it was stylish, but Tapiwa thought it was creepy. The purse was

loaded with perfumes and make up and chocolate bars in case Aunt Rudo felt faint.

Her aunt fussed a while longer in front of the mirror. She was going to a meeting of the War on Hunger Women's Club. The most important women belonged to it. Aunt Rudo was proud to be a member. They always met in the best restaurant. There were delicious buffets, and people could fill their plates up as often as they liked. Aunt Rudo looked forward to the meetings.

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Comprehension Questions

41. How many things did Aunt Rudo tell Tapiwa not to do before going to the meeting?

- A. One
- B. Two
- C. Three
- D. Four

42. Why was Tapiwa staying with Aunt Rudo?

- A. Tapiwa had come to help around the house.
- B. Aunt Rudo looked after Tapiwa while her mother was in hospital.
- C. Tapiwa had come to play with the maid, her friend.
- D. Tapiwa was a good friend of Aunt Rudo.

43. What made it easy for them to find Aunt Rudo's purse?

- A. It was big and outstanding.
- B. Its crocodile skin was frightening.
- C. It was near where they were.
- D. They could smell the perfumes and chocolates.

44. "Loaded with" means

- A. made of
- B. full of
- C. studded with
- D. deprived of

45. Why was Aunt Rudo proud to be a member of the War on Hunger Women's Club?

- A. She was keen to feed her relatives.
- B. The group did a lot of work in the community.
- C. She needed chocolate bars in case she felt faint.

D. Important women fed themselves in best restaurants.

46. What is the buffet?

- A. A dinner party with a lot of food.
- B. A meal where people serve themselves from a variety of cold dishes.
- C. A lunch prepared for important people.
- D. A restaurant where people eat as much as they like.

Language questions

Choose the answer that best completes each questions.

47. Which word comes first when the words below are arranged in alphabetical order?

- A. Ball
- B. Band
- C. Bale
- D. Bald

48. Which word comes last when the following words are arranged in alphabetical order?

- A. Laugh
- B. Large
- C. Lap
- D. Last

49. Your father.....tomorrow.

- A. have gone
- B. had gone
- C. will go
- D. was going

50. Choose the sentence with the correct word order.

- A. Tapiwa Aunt Rudo's chocolates liked
- B. Aunt Rudo's chocolates liked Tapiwa.
- C. Aunt Rudo's chocolate Tapiwa liked.
- D. Tapiwa liked aunt Rudo's chocolate.