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JS3 2ND CLASS ASSESSMENT (ENGLISH LANGUAGE)

SECTION A: Comprehension (25 Marks)

INSTRUCTIONS: Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions beneath it.

When I got to the college the first day, I discovered there was something fundamentally awry in the scheme of advancing in age. My having been admitted to Heritage Global Academy testified to the fact that I was no longer a little child. I have come of age, no longer babyish at heart, no longer a one considered to be under the tutelage of brothers and sisters at home. I have come of age.

This first day in the college brought me in contact with a myriad of new acquaintances, some of who were younger and some of who were older. Yet, some of them were on the same wavelength as I, considering the age brackets. It gave me some apoplexy that I was being detached from my pedigree where my parents and siblings flourished, only to be dumped in a rendezvous which was alien to me in all ramifications. I seemed to hate the first day mainly because of this. How would my parents have come up with the idea of keeping me in isolation, away from my family? This gave me apoplexy and umbrage. Yet, I summoned courage, after all it was all for my own good. If not for the sake of seeking an avenue through which I could be great in life, my parents would not bring me to the college.

Most of the new entrants were happy that they were in the college... the great ascent in the life of youngsters. They were all radiating gladness, overwhelmed with rhapsody; they frolicked and gamboled all over the school premises, chanting, yelling and laughing with all their hearts. But I sat, wondering what was sweetening their hearts. I wondered if I would ever be in their shoes.

My instincts warned me not feel any more dejected but to be of cheers. Yet it seemed not feasible to frolic and gambol alongside these jubilant new entrants to the college. It was at this juncture that a boy came to jeer me up, saying: "*Sunmonu, you had better be of cheers that you are here!*" Haa, he called me by my surname! Who told him by the way, that I was Sunmonu? This new collegians are rather so funny indeed. Well, in a nutshell, that brief chat was the panacea that cured me of the pang and throe resulting from my having left my beautiful home of joy. And, believe you me, the brief chat was the antidote to my heart sickness. I shove off the ill feelings, and joined my peers in their jubilation, sensation and celebration on new life at college.

The remaining session of that first day in Heritage Global was a joyful frenzy. Since then, I have been my true self mingling and mixing and waxing strong. Now the college has been more of my fascination, jubilation and celebration than my home, for which I had the nostalgia on my first day in Heritage Global Academy.

QUESTIONS:

1. Why does the writer say he has come of age?
2. What does he say is fundamentally awry in the scheme of advancing in age?
3. What gave him apoplexy and umbrage at first?
4. Give two reasons why his parents took him to the college?
5. Why were other new entrants frolicking and gamboling all over the school premises?
6. What does the writer refer to as 'the panacea'?
7. What is the consequence of 'the panacea' to the writer?
8. Give the meaning of the following words to mean the same as used in the passage:

a. apoplexy	c. rhapsody
b. rendezvous	d. panacea

SECTION B: Objective Questions (15 Marks)

INSTRUCTIONS: Choose from the alternatives lettered A – D the word or group of words that **BEST COMPLETES** each of the following sentences.

1. The committee _____ not decided on what they desire in the financial year.
 - a. has
 - b. had
 - c. have
 - d. having
2. It is good that the committee _____ given its nod to the change in the school time table.
 - a. has
 - b. have
 - c. had
 - d. having
3. The staff of the Nigeria Airways _____ always agitating for salary increase.
 - a. was
 - b. is
 - c. has
 - d. are
4. Measles _____ affecting babies too badly in the rural areas more than the city babies.
 - a. are
 - b. were
 - c. is
 - d. it's
5. My uncle says he does not know that measles _____ troubling people of West Africa.
 - a. was a deadly disease
 - b. were deadly diseases
 - c. are deadly diseases
 - d. is a deadly disease
6. The man told us that the most important item on the list _____ books.
 - a. are
 - b. were
 - c. was
 - d. are

7. Is it not quite obvious still that Physics _____ much related to Mathematics?
a. is
b. was
c. are
d. were
8. We now realize that everybody in this house _____ ready to participate more fully.
a. are
b. is
c. were
d. was
9. The president and his vice _____ travelled to the United Nations Headquarters.
a. has
b. have
c. are
d. were
10. The president with his vice _____ travelled to New York last week.
a. has
b. have
c. are
d. were
11. The whole of ten hours _____ too much to cook fried rice and chicken for the family breakfast.
a. are
b. were
c. is
d. we're
12. Arsenal _____ playing Manchester United in the quarter final match this evening.
a. is
b. were
c. are
d. we're
13. Nigeria _____ playing either Argentina or Germany in the second semi-final match tomorrow evening.
a. is
b. was

- c. were
d. are
14. My parents _____ not criticize us their children blindly; they tell it like it is.
a. do
b. does
c. did
d. never
15. Is it not true that the rich also _____. Or you never believe this?
a. cries
b. cried
c. cry
d. is crying

SECTION C: Test of Orals (10 Marks)

INSTRUCTIONS: Choose from the alternatives lettered A – D the option that has the phonetic symbol provided.

	A	B	C	D
1. /æ/	basket	partner	gardener	hardship
2. /e/	disease	guests	feeling	greed
3. /ɔ:/	torch	sunlight	bucket	sons
4. /aɪ/	fail	daily	sky	limited
5. /ʌ/	noun	verse	judges	another
6. /eɪ/	height	weight	sieve	tied
7. /aʊ/	cow	fault	causes	show
8. /əʊ/	feud	shrew	goat	new
9. /ɔɪ/	cinema	coil	cede	cats
10. /aʊə/	fire	trial	louder	flower