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Practice Paper 6

English

Read the following carefully:

1. **Do not open or turn over the page in this booklet until you are told to do so.**
 2. You have to read a passage and then answer some questions about it. You can look back at the passage to check your answers as many times as you want. There are also some grammar, spelling and punctuation exercises to do.
 3. This is a multiple-choice test in which you have to mark your answer to each question on the answer sheet. You should mark only one answer for each question.
 4. Draw a firm line clearly through the rectangle next to your answer like this . If you make a mistake, rub it out as completely as you can and put in your new answer.
 5. Be sure to keep your place on the answer sheet. Mark your answer in the box that has the same number as the question.
 6. You may not be able to finish all the questions, but try to do as many as you can. If you cannot do a question, do not waste time on it but go on to the next. If you are not sure of an answer, choose the one you think is best.
 7. You may do any rough working on a separate sheet of paper.
 8. **Work as quickly and as carefully as you can.**
 9. You will have 45 minutes to do the test.
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Read this passage carefully, then answer the questions that follow.

The Man Who Followed His Dream

1. A man was sitting in the garden of his small house in Riyadh, wondering how on earth he was going to pay off his debts. He had no work, and he owed money to everyone. He was dozing fretfully in the shade of a date palm when suddenly he heard a voice say, 'If you wish to find your fortune you must go to Cairo.' Now Cairo was in Egypt, many miles away, but the voice was so compelling he decided to set off immediately.
- 5.

By the time the man arrived in Cairo he had spent the little money he had and was reduced to begging in the streets. He was arrested and the next morning appeared before a magistrate.

10. Asked what he, a total stranger from another country, was doing begging and sleeping rough in Cairo, he told the magistrate about the voice he had heard, and about the advice it had given him.

'You are a very foolish man,' said the magistrate, but not unkindly. 'That dream's a common dream. It is the kind all men have. Why, even I, a sane and practical man, once had the same dream.'

15. The man was astounded. 'You mean a voice told you that you would find your fortune here in Cairo?' he asked.

'Certainly not,' laughed the magistrate. 'In my dream it was your home city of Riyadh that was mentioned. Why, my dream was even more vivid than your own. I distinctly remember how in the dream a voice told me to dig beneath a date palm that grew in the garden of 20. a small pink house beside a drinking well. But I wasn't stupid enough to leave everything behind to do so.'

25. The man realised immediately that the house the magistrate had described was in fact his own little house, and when the magistrate freed him he returned home as fast as he could. He dug up his garden and, sure enough, beneath the date palm the magistrate had mentioned, he found a heap of gold.

From that moment on, whenever he was asked which he thought the most important, money or knowledge, without a moment's hesitation he would say 'knowledge'.

Can you guess why?

Please answer these questions. (Look at the passage again if you need to.)
You should choose the **best** answer and mark its letter on your answer sheet.

1

Which detail best shows that the man was very worried?

- A He owed money to everyone.
- B He was dozing fretfully.
- C He set off to Cairo immediately.
- D He was reduced to begging in the streets.
- E He was arrested.

2

What was the man doing when he heard the voice?

- A sleeping
- B worrying
- C thinking
- D talking
- E begging

3

Why did the man go to Cairo?

- A to find a job
- B to beg for money
- C to see the magistrate
- D to find out where the gold was buried
- E to find his fortune

4

Why did the man start begging in Cairo?

- A He had very little money.
- B He was in a strange country.
- C He wanted to find his fortune.
- D He had no money left.
- E He was far from home.

5

Why was the man arrested?

- A He had no money.
- B He was in Cairo.
- C He was begging.
- D He had nowhere to live.
- E He was foolish.

6

Why did the man tell the magistrate about the voice?

- A** He wanted the magistrate to explain the voice.
- B** He was asked about the voice.
- C** He was asked why he was begging in a foreign country.
- D** He wanted the magistrate to help find his fortune.
- E** He was asked about his fortune.

7

Which statement about the magistrate is not true?

- A** He lives in Egypt.
- B** He is a sensible man.
- C** He enforces the law.
- D** He is unkind.
- E** He had a dream.

8

Which of these best describes the magistrate's feelings towards the man?

- A** He felt anger, because the man has been arrested.
- B** He felt sympathy, because the man has been foolish.
- C** He felt surprise, because the man had a dream.
- D** He felt amusement, because the man lives in a pink house.
- E** He felt jealousy, because the man is now rich.

9

How does the magistrate view himself?

- A** He believes he is more sensible than the man.
- B** He believes he is very similar to the man.
- C** He believes he is luckier than the man.
- D** He believes he is less lucky than the man.
- E** He believes he is less sensible than the man.

10

Why do you think the magistrate ignored the voice?

- A** He didn't believe it.
- B** He was too busy.
- C** He thought the voice was talking to someone else.
- D** He didn't know where the date palm was.
- E** He thought the digging sounded like hard work.

11

What did the man do first when the magistrate freed him?

- A He asked about the voice.
- B He thanked him.
- C He went back home.
- D He dug up the gold.
- E He asked for some food.

12

Which of the following is NOT mentioned in the story?

- A The man lived in Riyadh.
- B The man was in debt.
- C The magistrate had a dream about finding his fortune.
- D Lots of people dream about finding their fortune.
- E The man was never poor again.

13

The man believes that knowledge is more important than money.

Why do you think he believes this?

- A If you are clever, you can get a good job.
- B It is better to be wise than rich.
- C Knowledge led him to the gold.
- D You cannot buy knowledge.
- E Money doesn't make you happy.

14

This passage is best described as:

- A a proverb
- B a fable
- C a legend
- D a myth
- E a poem

15

Which of these is definitely NOT the moral of the story?

- A Listen to your dreams.
- B Knowledge is more important than money.
- C Knowledge can lead to money.
- D You can only become rich if you travel.
- E Sometimes, riches are close to home.

16

Which of these best explains why the passage ends with a question?

- A** The writer wants to know the answer to the question.
- B** A question is an interesting way to end the story.
- C** The writer wants the reader to wonder what will happen next.
- D** Some readers like solving puzzles.
- E** The writer wants the reader to think about the meaning of the story.

Now answer the following questions about the meanings of words as they are used in the passage.

17

Which of these is closest in meaning to ‘astounded’? (line 15)

- A** flabbergasted
- B** ecstatic
- C** jovial
- D** enraged
- E** dismayed

18

The word ‘vivid’ is used to describe the magistrate’s dream. (line 18)

Which of these is closest to its meaning?

- A** vague
- B** loud
- C** accurate
- D** frightening
- E** life-like

Now answer these questions about words and phrases as they are used in the passage.

19

'He was dozing fretfully in the shade of a date palm...' (lines 2–3)

Which of these words is a pronoun?

- A He
- B was
- C fretfully
- D shade
- E of

20

'... a voice told me to dig beneath a date palm...' (line 19)

Which of these words is a preposition?

- A voice
- B told
- C dig
- D beneath
- E palm

In this exercise, you have to choose the **best** word, or **group of words**, to complete each numbered line so that it makes sense and is written in correct English. Choose the **best** answer and mark its letter on your answer sheet.

Grammar Exercise

21 Sometimes you have to go to the doctor,

- if whether although despite even or not you want to.
- A B C D E

22 The rain must have must mustn't must of must of have fallen

A B C D E

continuously, as the grass was soaked.

23 The little robin was the happy happily happier happiest most happiest

A B C D E

bird in the garden when it found the new bird feeder.

24 I was glad I played so good better best goodly well in my last match.

A B C D E

25 She's not the best singer in the world, is it? isn't she? is she? in it? isn't it?

A B C D E

26 We spotted a those an it these unusual frog sitting by the pond.

A B C D E

27 Anna, that whom which whose who is my best friend, gave me a book for my birthday.

A B C D E

28 You should not wear wet shoes on the carpet.
A **B** **C** **D** **E**

29 'You should been listening when I explained last time,' the teacher said.

30 tiny white mice played at the edge of the garden.

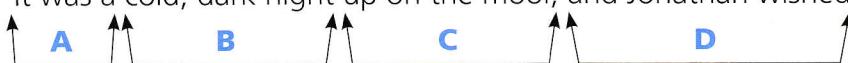
31 My cousins taller than me but now I am the tallest!

32 We begrudgingly skipped lunch because we had

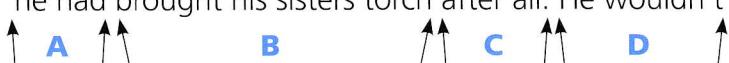
These sentences contain some mistakes in the use of capital letters and **punctuation**. On each numbered line, there is either **one** mistake or **no** mistake. Find the group of words with the mistake in it and mark its letter on your answer sheet. **If there is no mistake, mark N.**

After Dark

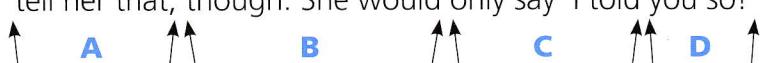
33 It was a cold, dark night up on the moor, and Jonathan wished



34 he had brought his sisters torch after all. He wouldn't



35 tell her that, though. She would only say 'I told you so!'



36 That was the thing about amy. She always had to be right.



37 Well, there was no way hed give her the satisfaction this time.



38 No way, anyway, torch or no torch he was here now and



39 he wasn't going to ruin everything by running home in a panic.



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There was just a glimmer of light from the moon and, the air was eerily still. All of a



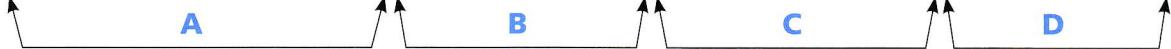
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sudden a sound shattered the stillness, as a cascade of small stones showered down onto



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the rocks beneath Jonathan stood stock still for a moment, paralysed with fear. 'Who's



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there?' he called out. 'What do you think you're playing at'



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The only sound was the quick rhythmic pounding of his own heart.



This exercise contains some **spelling** mistakes. On each numbered line, there is either **one** mistake or **no** mistake. Find the group of words with the mistake in it and mark its letter on your answer sheet. **If there is no mistake, mark N.**

Eating Out

45 The most delicious meal I have ever enjoyed was hastaly cooked on a camping stove

A B C D

46 in the middle of a storm. I was on holaday with my cousin and a friend.

A B C D

47 We had managed to put up our ancient tent, with thunder and lightning rageing around us.

A B C D

48 I didn't know wether the others were scared, but I was!

A B C D

49 Sleeping in the great outdors is all very well, but getting struck by lightning?

A B C D

50 I could imagine the headline: Campers fryed with their dinner! Not for me.

A B C D

51 I'd been on the verge of sugesting we call for help, but it was good I didn't.

A B C D

52 Now the weather was quiter and the storm had subsided but for a faint drizzle.

A B C D

53 Darkness was already beginning to engulf the valley, as it had taken us far longer than expected



54 to reach level ground and find a suitable site to pitch our tent for the night. Sossages, eggs,



55 mushrooms and tomatoes are certinly not the most expensive or exotic foods in the world,



56 but that evning I could not imagine that anything would have tasted better.

