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SUBJECT: English Language

TIME: 2 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer all questions in the ANSWER BOOKLET

PART ONE: READING COMPREHENSION (20 MARKS)

Read the passage and answer the questions that follow.

THE GALOOL TREE

The Galool tree is the most adaptive and lasting tree in the Somali Ecology. The tree is the one of the most important trees in Somali culture, yet many Somalis have never seen one. This is because they grow in the mountainous regions of the northern part of our country. The Galool tree grows best at altitudes between 900 and 1300 meters where the rainfall is more than 30cm, a year.

The Galool is a slow growing tree, but it lives a long time. Under the most favorable conditions, it may reach a height of 10m or more. The trunk is the straight and branches spread out to provide plenty of shade. The Galool doesn't bear any edible fruits, although it does have thorns which can be eaten. These are called, "canbuul".

The Galool tree is very useful. Some of the benefits of this tree are: - providing shelter and protecting animals from the heat of the sun. It also helps to feed livestock. Its seeds are one of the camel's favorite food and in the dry season, when the grass is scarce, sheep and goats feed on its pods and fruits which have fallen on the ground.

The roots of the Galool tree are used to make strong frames of nomad's hut, "The Aqal" although the roots are thick, they are very light. It is said that these frames can remain in use for as long as 30 years. During the rainy season, it makes a good fire with a very little smoke and the hard bark, there is a soft brown bark which is called, "asal" in Somali. This is used when animal skins are being tanned into leather. ASAL is also used as traditional medicine. It is also used for the treatment of stomachaches. This herbal medicine is used to protect for "Aqal" frames for ants and other insects. Somalis use the shade of Galool tree is the most convent place for holding clan meetings to solve conflicts and decide on matters of war or peace.

The smaller branches are used to make the famous Somali forked stick "hangool" handles for axes, pestles for pounding grain. The thinner, branches contain soft fiber which is made of into ropes of all sizes.

Comprehension questions

A. Answer the following questions from the passage (10marks)

1. What do we call edible thorns?
2. How does the Galool help the livestock?
3. What is the Galool tree roots used for?
4. State some of the benefits of Galool tree to Somali communities?
5. What are the smaller branches used for?

B. Circle the correct word and phrase as used in the passage (10 marks)

6. The thinner branches of the Galool tree are used for _____.
- a). Ropes b) Medicine c) shading d) forked sticks
7. The Galool tree grows best at altitudes between _____ and _____ meters.
- a) 5000. b) 900 and 1300 c) 1000 d) 1300 and 8500
8. The roots of the Galool tree are used to make strong frames of nomads' hut which is called _____.
- a) Asal b) hangool c) canbuul d) Aqal
9. ASAL is also used as traditional medicine to treat _____.
- a) Headache b) stomach ache c) back ache d) tooth ache
10. Somali communities use the shade of Galool tree for the most convenient place for _____.
- a) Reading Qur'an
b) Living shelters
c) Learning centers
d) Clan meetings for Peace building

PART TWO: GRAMMAR IN USE (30MARKS)

A. Choose the correct word to complete the sentences (10marks)

11. Ahmed usually _____ at the apartment but this time he is staying at the city center.
- A. staying B. stays C. stayed D. stay
12. Put the clothes _____ the house as it is raining.
- A. in B. at C. with D. off
13. Amina was walking _____ the shops when she was hit by a car.
- A. to B. at C. in D. for
14. Students are going _____ the museum this afternoon.
- A. on B. to C. into D. away
15. The work will be finished _____ tomorrow.
- A. on B. of C. by D. at



B. Fill in the blanks spaces below with the noun form of the verbs in bracket (5marks)

16. The _____ refused to tell his capture how he escaped from the prison. (Escape)
 17. The _____ of the election pamphlets was interrupted by the late delivery of the printing paper.
 (Publish)
 18. Owing to the delayed _____ of funds, the completion of our dining hall cannot now be
 guaranteed. (Disburse)
 19. Due to the cancellation of the _____ all the interviewers were returned to prospective
 application. (Advertise)?
 20. The driver got in the car aNd requested the _____ to take her to the construction site.
 (Survey)

C. Complete with the correct gerund or infinitive from the brackets. (5marks)

21. She likes _____ up early in the morning. (to get / getting)
 22. I can't stand _____ on trains. (Riding / to ride).
 23. Mr. Mohamed enjoys _____ people out to dinner. (inviting / to invite)
 24. He allowed me _____ his face book page. (joining / to join)
 25. Don't forget _____ milk on your way home. (picking up / to pick)

D. Change the following sentences into question forms (10marks)

26. She is very late. _____
 27. He knows you well. _____
 28. They have won the final match. _____
 29. You can swim to the other end of the pool. _____
 30. I should write it again. _____

PART THREE: VOCABULARY IN USE (35MARKS)

A. Circle the correct meaning of these vocabularies (10marks)

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|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|
| 31. Collision means - | A. crash | B. clean | C. cane | D. climb |
| 32. Flavor means - | A. Test | B. taste | C. Tease | D. Toast |
| 33. Protect means - | A. defend | B. detect | C. disease | D. deserve |
| 34. Feeble means | A. weak | B. wait | C. week | D. wave |
| 35. Cure means - | A. hall. | B. Heel | C. Hell | D. Heal |



B. Match the words in the box with their correct definition

Unified	Disposable
Cleansing	Toxic
Trash	

36. To get rid of impurities by or as if by washing. _____
37. Brought together as one. _____
38. _____ things that you throw away, because you no longer need them.
39. _____ containing poison.
40. _____ made to be thrown off after use.

C. Give the opposites of these words (10marks)

41. Conserve _____
42. Danger _____
43. Peace _____
44. Naturally _____
45. Consciousness _____

D. Construct sentences which are grammatically correct using the following words (5marks)

46. Comb _____
47. Bridge _____
48. Honest _____
49. Acquire _____
50. Mandatory _____

PART 4: COMPOSITION WRITING (15MARKS)

51. Select one of the following topics and write down at least three paragraphs which are not lesser than 200 words.

Suggest the effective way that teachers can use technology to teach their students. (Minimum 200 words)

- Your composition should be in paragraphs and you should consider the points
 - How technology is effective in your school.
 - The experiences of the teachers.
 - The important use of technology in today's education.

ii. Write a friendly letter to your brother or sister who studies in another country.

You should consider the layout and styles of informal letters as you have learnt in your syllabus.