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Paper 01

1 hour and 10 minutes

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READ THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY

1. This test has 40 questions. You have 1 hour and 10 minutes to answer them.
2. Each question has **four** possible answers: (A), (B), (C), (D). Read each question carefully then choose the correct answer.
3. On your answer sheet, find the number that matches the question you intend to answer.
4. Shade the circle which has the same letter: A, B, C or D, next to the answer you have chosen.

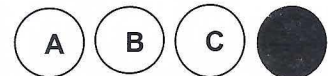
Sample Question

Choose the correct spelling for the word which completes the following sentence.

Red is Tim's _____ colour.

- (A) favrite
- (B) favarite
- (C) faverite
- (D) favourite

Sample Answer



The correct answer to this question is "favourite", so (D) has been shaded.

5. If you want to change your answer, erase it completely before you fill in your new choice.
6. When the supervisor tells you to begin, turn the page and work as quickly and as carefully as you can.
7. If you try a question and find that you cannot answer it, go on to the next one. You may return to that question later.
8. The answer sheet has more spaces than there are questions on this test. Do NOT shade any of the extra spaces.

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Questions 1–3

Choose the word that is correctly spelt to complete each sentence.

1. The _____ puts a lot of time and thought in arranging the subject for his pictures.

(A) photographer
(B) photographor
(C) photagrapher
(D) photagraphor

2. The manager asked his _____ to reply to the letter.

(A) secratry
(B) secatary
(C) secratery
(D) secretary

3. This year, Guyana _____ fifty years of independence.

(A) celibrates
(B) celebrates
(C) celabrates
(D) cellebrates

Questions 4–6

Choose the word that means the same as the underlined word in each sentence.

4. Mr King's infantile behaviour surprised everyone.
- (A) proud
 - (B) violent
 - (C) friendly
 - (D) childish
5. Mrs Jones did not need to verify Shari's story as she knows her well.
- (A) deny
 - (B) hide
 - (C) confirm
 - (D) disprove
6. The timid boy refused to speak to the stranger.
- (A) shy
 - (B) quiet
 - (C) brave
 - (D) playful

Questions 7–10

Choose the MOST appropriate word to complete each sentence.

7. When asked to run an errand, Raj's response is always kind and _____.
- (A) angry
 - (B) agreeable
 - (C) unhappy
 - (D) reluctant
8. The boxer was unmoved by the teasing and _____ remarks from his opponent.
- (A) happy
 - (B) mocking
 - (C) pleasant
 - (D) complaining
9. The _____ businessman invested his money wisely and so made a huge profit.
- (A) ruthless
 - (B) reckless
 - (C) carefree
 - (D) sensible
10. Because of age, style and other factors _____ furniture is sometimes more expensive than modern types.
- (A) new
 - (B) model
 - (C) antique
 - (D) mahogany

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Questions 11 and 12

Choose the MOST suitable word to replace the underlined phrase in each sentence.

11. Ken bought a book in which to record each day's events.

- (A) a diary
- (B) an album
- (C) a directory
- (D) an encyclopaedia

12. The vase Ms Persaud bought can be easily broken.

- (A) is light
- (B) is solid
- (C) is fragile
- (D) is transparent

Questions 13 and 14

Choose the MOST suitable meaning of each proverb.

13. Let sleeping dogs lie.

- (A) Do not engage in gossip.
- (B) Do not touch a dog that is sleeping.
- (C) Allow quiet persons to remain silent.
- (D) Avoid talking about past misfortunes.

14. One man's meat is another man's poison.

- (A) Meat could become poisonous.
- (B) Food that is good can be unhealthy.
- (C) A person's success can lead to his failure.
- (D) People do not necessarily appreciate the same things.

Questions 15 and 16

The guide words in bold print for each question are found at the top of a dictionary page.

Choose the word which will NOT be found on the page with the given guide words.

15. indicate – indulge

- (A) induce
- (B) indolent
- (C) industry
- (D) individual

16. honest – horse

- (A) hose
- (B) horn
- (C) hoop
- (D) honour

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Questions 17–20

Choose the part of speech of the underlined word in each sentence.

17. The house was badly damaged.
- (A) Adverb
 - (B) Adjective
 - (C) Conjunction
 - (D) Preposition
18. We divided the sweets among our three friends.
- (A) Verb
 - (B) Adjective
 - (C) Preposition
 - (D) Conjunction
19. The teacher was known for the kindness she showed to her students.
- (A) Noun
 - (B) Pronoun
 - (C) Preposition
 - (D) Conjunction
20. The headmaster praised them for their good behaviour.
- (A) Noun
 - (B) Adverb
 - (C) Pronoun
 - (D) Adjective

Questions 21–23

Choose the tense of the underlined verb in each sentence.

21. The housewife goes to the bakery to buy fresh bread.

- (A) Past
- (B) Future
- (C) Perfect
- (D) Present

22. The tired labourer slept soundly under the tree.

- (A) Past
- (B) Future
- (C) Present
- (D) Past perfect

23. We will go to the back-dam when the weather is better.

- (A) Past
- (B) Future
- (C) Perfect
- (D) Present

Questions 24 and 25

Choose the underlined word in each sentence that has a suffix.

24. Mr Singh should show appreciation for the valiant effort.
(A) (B) (C) (D)
25. My daughter likes to admire the group's complex dance movements.
(A) (B) (C) (D)

Questions 26–29

Choose the sentence in which punctuation marks are correctly used.

26. (A) How much does that lovely dress cost!
(B) How much does that lovely dress cost?
(C) How much does that lovely dress cost.
(D) How much, does that lovely dress cost?
27. (A) "Someone stole my new iPad! Sita cried."
(B) "Someone stole my new iPad!" Sita cried.
(C) "Someone stole my new iPad. Sita cried."
(D) "Someone stole my new iPad! Sita," cried.
28. (A) Johnny? will you please close the door.
(B) Johnny will you please close the door!
(C) Johnny, will you please close the door.
(D) Johnny will you please close the door.
29. (A) The children's clothes were left outside on the line.
(B) The childrens' clothes were left outside on the line.
(C) The childrens clothes' were left outside on the line.
(D) The childrens clothes were left outside on the line.

30. The sentences below, numbered 1, 2, 3 and 4, make up a paragraph. Choose the arrangement which makes the **BEST** paragraph.

1. Just then a car came by.
2. When I was out walking with my dog, Pepper, an unusual thing happened.
3. The driver saw him and slammed on his brakes.
4. He saw a cat and darted across the road.

- (A) 2, 4, 1, 3
- (B) 3, 4, 1, 2
- (C) 3, 1, 2, 4
- (D) 4, 3, 1, 2

Questions 31–35

Read the poem below carefully, then answer Questions 31 to 35.

Fire

- Fire! Fire! A house is on fire!
Don't go near the electrical wire!
Black smoke pollutes the air
4 It's the old lady's house I do fear.
- Yellow and red flames eat hungrily
As they dance on rapidly.
Crack! Crack! As beams crash
8 The bucket brigade in panic dash.
- Onlookers their heads upraised
Wait anxiously while fires rage.
Fire engines come with blaring sirens
12 Too late! Too late! Debris and ruins.
- Never cook and take a nap
This will surely cause mishap
Always be on the alert
16 So a fire you can avert.

Claudith Thompson

31. Where did the fire start?

- (A) In the yard
- (B) In the kitchen
- (C) On the beams
- (D) On the electric wire

32. The line, "Fire! Fire! A house is on fire!" gives a feeling of _____.
- (A) anger
 - (B) anxiety
 - (C) sadness
 - (D) disappointment
33. Which line of the poem tells us that the house was completely burnt?
- (A) "Black smoke pollutes the air" (line 3)
 - (B) "The bucket brigade in panic dash" (line 8)
 - (C) "Fire engines come with blaring sirens" (line 11)
 - (D) "Too late! Too late! Debris and ruins" (line 12)
34. Which lines of the poem show the fire behaving like a human being?
- (A) 1 and 2
 - (B) 5 and 6
 - (C) 9 and 10
 - (D) 11 and 12
35. What message does the poet convey?
- (A) Old ladies should not live alone.
 - (B) A bucket brigade is never helpful.
 - (C) Fire engines always arrive too late.
 - (D) One should never sleep while cooking.

Questions 36–40

Read the passage below carefully, then answer Questions 36 to 40.

Hummingbirds

The most beautiful hummingbirds are found in the West Indies and South America. The crest on the tiny heads of these birds shine like a sparkling crown of coloured light. The shades of colour that adorn their breasts are equally brilliant. As the birds flit from one object to another, they look more like a bright flash of sunlight than living beings.

- 5 But, you ask, why are they called hummingbirds? It is because of the soft, humming noise made as they rapidly flap their wings — a motion so swift, that as the birds fly, you can hardly see that they have wings.

- 10 Hummingbirds place their nests so that they are very hard to find. These birds' nests are usually about half the size of a very small hen's egg, and are attached to a twig no thicker than a steel knitting needle. They seem to be made of cotton fibres and are covered with the softest bits of leaf and bark. Hummingbirds usually lay two eggs in their nests, and each is about the size of a small plum.

- 15 One needs to be careful when approaching the spot where a hummingbird has built its nest as the female is very protective of her home. She is known to dart at unwelcomed guests and try to peck at their eyes. The female's sharp beak may hurt the eyes most severely, and could even destroy the sight. The poor little thing knows no other way of defending its young, and instinct teaches it that unwelcomed guests might carry off its nest.

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36. Which of the following words from the first paragraph tells us that the hummingbird moves very quickly?
- (A) flit (line 3)
 - (B) adorn (line 3)
 - (C) coloured (line 2)
 - (D) sparkling (line 2)
37. In line 4, hummingbirds are compared to _____.
- (A) objects
 - (B) lightning
 - (C) living beings
 - (D) a flash of sunlight
38. Which of the following is NOT a reason why it is hard to find the nests of hummingbirds?
- (A) The nests are very small.
 - (B) The nests are covered by bits of leaf and bark.
 - (C) Unwelcomed guests peck at the birds' nests.
 - (D) Humming birds are careful in hiding their nests.
39. What might happen if someone tries to take the nest of a hummingbird?
- (A) The bird will fly away.
 - (B) The eggs will fall and break.
 - (C) The bird cannot defend its young.
 - (D) The bird will attack with its sharp beak.

40. From the passage we can tell that the author _____.

- (A) admires the hummingbird
- (B) considers the hummingbird to be cruel
- (C) feels that the hummingbird is a nuisance
- (D) thinks of the hummingbird as an unwelcomed guest

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MAKE SURE THAT YOU HAVE NOT MISSED ANY PAGE.

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