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Paper 01

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1 hour and 10 minutes

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** suggested answers: (A), (B), (C) and (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 with the letter, (A), (B), (C) or (D), that matches your answer for each question.

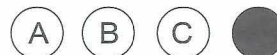
Sample Question

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

Red is Tim's \_\_\_\_\_ colour.

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

Sample Answer



The correct answer 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, leave it and go on to the next one. You may return to that question later.

**DO NOT TURN THIS PAGE UNTIL YOU ARE TOLD TO DO SO.**

Questions 1–4

**Choose the correct spelling of the word that completes each sentence.**

1. Land, air and water are means of  
  
(A)      transportion.  
(B)      transportation.  
(C)      transportasion.  
(D)      transportashon.
  
2. James is the \_\_\_\_\_ boy at the camp.  
  
(A)      funiest  
(B)      funiess  
(C)      funniest  
(D)      funnyest
  
3. I like to \_\_\_\_\_ stories of the silly games she played as a child.  
  
(A)      hair  
(B)      heir  
(C)      hear  
(D)      here
  
4. The angle at which the sun's \_\_\_\_\_ hit the earth helps to determine the temperature at different places.  
  
(A)      rise  
(B)      rays  
(C)      raze  
(D)      raise

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5. Choose the underlined word that contains a silent letter.

Please tell your friend that she'll become sick if she doesn't stay calm.

(A) (B) (C) (D)

**Questions 6–10**

**Choose the most appropriate word to complete each sentence.**

6. Unnecessary is to necessary as disobedient is to

(A) rude.  
(B) calm.  
(C) polite.  
(D) obedient.

7. Mosquito bites can cause serious skin

(A) infected.  
(B) infectious.  
(C) infections.  
(D) infectiously.

8. After hearing loud noises and screams coming from the classroom, the teacher walked \_\_\_\_\_ to see what was happening.

(A) lazily  
(B) briskly  
(C) slowly  
(D) wearily

9. Many persons regard Saudi as the \_\_\_\_\_ favourite to win the Spelling Bee competition.
- (A) fiery
  - (B) warm
  - (C) ardent
  - (D) overwhelming
10. The president made \_\_\_\_\_ to our fund-raising efforts.
- (A) an investment
  - (B) an enrichment
  - (C) a contribution
  - (D) a participation

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Questions 11–13

One of the underlined words in each sentence may be misspelt. Choose (A), (B) or (C) to indicate the word which is misspelt. If there is no word that is misspelt, choose (D).

11. The committee members decided to raise funds to perchase computers for  
(A) (B)  
the science laboratory.  
(C) (D) No Error
12. According to research, thosands of people suffer serious head injuries from  
(A) (B)  
bicycle accidents each year.  
(C) (D) No error
13. We were only prepaired to leave our valuables behind if it was necessary.  
(A) (B) (C)  
(D) No error

Questions 14–18

**Choose the most appropriate word to complete each sentence.**

14. He is the most intelligent among
- (A) we.
  - (B) us.
  - (C) their.
  - (D) they.
15. Those books belong to
- (A) my.
  - (B) she.
  - (C) they.
  - (D) them.
16. I do not want \_\_\_\_\_ food for dinner since I ate a lot today at school.
- (A) no
  - (B) any
  - (C) none
  - (D) some
17. Peter weighs \_\_\_\_\_ than Dawn.
- (A) less
  - (B) most
  - (C) least
  - (D) lesser

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18. Jenny likes to play cricket \_\_\_\_\_ her friend, Carla, prefers to play basketball.

- (A) so
- (B) but
- (C) until
- (D) unless

19. Choose the sentence that should end with an exclamation mark.

- (A) It is a pleasant day
- (B) Close the door now
- (C) How do you get to school
- (D) Mary is wearing a red dress

Questions 20 and 21

**Choose the sentence that shows the correct use of punctuation marks.**

20. (A) I took Pat, the girl with the scar, to the movies last night.  
(B) I took Pat, the girl with the scar to the movies last night.  
(C) I took Pat, the girl with the scar, to the movies, last night.  
(D) I took Pat the girl with the scar to the movies last night.

21. (A) "Let us eat now, Granny!" shouted Jane with excitement.  
(B) "Let us eat now Granny! shouted Jane with excitement.  
(C) "Let us eat now, Granny! shouted Jane with excitement."  
(D) "Let us eat now Granny," shouted Jane with excitement.



Questions 22–24

Choose the underlined word that should begin with a capital letter.

22. Juan went to visit his grandfather last Good friday.  
(A) (B) (C) (D)

23. My teacher, Mrs gray, wrote a letter outlining the reason for the missing book.  
(A) (B) (C) (D)

24. Rajiv, the coach of the cricket team, warriors, requested gear for his players.  
(A) (B) (C) (D)

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25. Choose the prefix that correctly completes the underlined word in the sentence below.

Roy was getting \_\_\_\_\_ patient because the doctor was taking too long to see him below.

- (A) il
- (B) un
- (C) in
- (D) im

26. Choose the most suitable meaning for the expression that is underlined in the sentence.

After trudging tirelessly to the market, store and ice-cream parlour, Jenny was tired of bending over backwards to please her sister.

- (A) trying so hard
- (B) not trying at all
- (C) doing very little
- (D) making some effort

Questions 27 and 28

Study the dictionary page below carefully and then answer the questions that follow.

**ground rule** *n*      1: a sports rule adopted to modify play on a particular field, court, or course 2: a procedural rule or principle

**ground swell** *n*      1: a broad deep ocean swell caused by an often distant gale or earthquake 2: *usu* **ground-swell**: a rapid spontaneous growth (as of political opinion)

**ground-wa-ter** \ˈgraʊnd-wô.tər, -, wā-\ *n* : water within the earth that supplies wells and springs

**ground zero** *n*      1: the point above, below, or at which a nuclear explosion occurs 2: the centre of origin or rapid intense or violent activity

27. Which of the following words has only **one** meaning listed in the dictionary?

- (A) Ground rule
- (B) Ground zero
- (C) Ground-water
- (D) Ground swell

28. The expression “ground swell” usually functions as a

- (A) verb
- (B) noun
- (C) pronoun
- (D) adjective

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29. Which group of words is arranged in alphabetical order?

- |     |           |           |         |            |            |
|-----|-----------|-----------|---------|------------|------------|
| (A) | ascertain | assent    | ascend  | assistance | asphalt    |
| (B) | ascend    | ascertain | assent  | assistance | asphalt    |
| (C) | ascertain | ascend    | assent  | asphalt    | assistance |
| (D) | ascend    | ascertain | asphalt | assent     | assistance |

30. Which of the following names would **normally** be written **first** in a class register?

- (A) Suzan Smith
- (B) Susan Smith
- (C) Suean Smith
- (D) Susanne Smith

Questions 31– 35

Read the passage below carefully and then answer the questions that follow.

**Kaieteur Falls**

The Kaieteur Falls, was discovered on April 29, 1870 by the famous explorer, Charles Barrington Brown. It is situated on the Potaro River, a tributary of the Essequibo River in Guyana.

5 The waters of Kaieteur, one of the natural wonders of the world, flow over a sandstone table and land into a deep valley — a drop of 741 feet or five times the height of Niagara Falls. Kaieteur takes the form of a huge column of water that flows into a rainbowed gully only to be transformed into a mountain of foam with a ‘billion eyes that fascinate’.

10 There is no other waterfall in the world with the magnitude of the drop existing at Kaieteur. The width of the waterfall varies from 250 feet in the dry season to 400 feet at the peak of the wet season: Amerindian legend of the Patamona tribe has it that Kaie, one of the tribe’s great old chieftains, after whom Kaieteur is named, committed self-sacrifice by canoeing himself over the falls. He did this so that Makonaima, the great spirit, would save the tribe from being destroyed by the  
15 savage Caribisi.

*Adapted from <https://wilderness-explorers.com/guyana/daytrips/kaieteur-orinduik-falls>. Retrieved 1 March 2017*

31. Who discovered the Kaieteur Falls?

- (A) Kaie
- (B) The Caribisi
- (C) The Patamona Tribe
- (D) Charles Barrington Brown

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32. Kaieteur Falls is situated on the
- (A) Potaro River.
  - (B) Kaieteur River.
  - (C) Essequibo River.
  - (D) Makonaima River.
33. Another word for “tributary” as used in line 2 is
- (A) falls.
  - (B) gutter.
  - (C) valley.
  - (D) branch.
34. The word “transformed” as used in line 7 means the same as
- (A) jumped.
  - (B) changed.
  - (C) preserved.
  - (D) transmitted.
35. Which statement about Kaieteur Falls is true?
- (A) It is as high as Niagara Falls.
  - (B) It is transformed into rainbows.
  - (C) It got its name from a great spirit.
  - (D) It is a natural wonder of the world.

**Questions 36–40**

**Read the story below carefully and then answer the questions that follow.**

One night, a farmer was returning home from a cattle fair with the bull that he had bought. As he passed through a dense forest, a robber who was hiding in the thick undergrowth jumped in front of him. The robber had a large stick in his hand. He said, “Hand over all that you have.”

- 5 The farmer got scared and grudgingly handed what he had to the robber. As he turned to go, the robber said, “Give me the bull, too. Why are you taking it away?”

The farmer handed over the bull’s rope to the robber and then begged, “Since you have taken everything from me, can you give me your stick?” “Why do you need it?” the robber enquired of the farmer.

- 10 “Well, my wife will be pleased that at least I got a stick from the fair,” replied the farmer.

The robber happily gave the stick to the farmer. Within a flash, the robber, leaving the bull and the farmer’s money behind, was running away for dear life.

*Anonymous*

- 36.** The word “dense” in line 2 tells us that the plants in the forest were

- (A) green in colour.
- (B) tall with large trunks.
- (C) growing close together.
- (D) scattered over a large area.

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37. Which of the following items did the farmer have with him?
- I. A bull
  - II. Money
  - III. A stick
- (A) I and II
  - (B) I and III
  - (C) II and III
  - (D) I, II and III
38. What does the use of the word “grudgingly” in line 5 tell us about how the farmer gave over what he had?
- (A) Happily
  - (B) Willingly
  - (C) Peacefully
  - (D) Reluctantly
39. Which of the following words may be used to describe the farmer’s behaviour in paragraphs 3 to 5?
- (A) Clever
  - (B) Afraid
  - (C) Insecure
  - (D) Frightened
40. In paragraph 5, we learn that the robber runs away. What was the reason for this?
- (A) He saw a group of robbers.
  - (B) The bull began to chase him.
  - (C) The farmer used the stick to beat him.
  - (D) The farmer’s wife started to chase him.

**END OF TEST**

**IF YOU FINISH BEFORE TIME IS UP, CHECK YOUR WORK ON THIS TEST.**



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