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NATIONAL GRADE SIX ASSESSMENT

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

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 and 2

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

1. We went to the National Park to watch the military

- (A) paraid.
- (B) peraid.
- (C) perade.
- (D) parade.

2. The _____ of the twins was sitting among the older pupils.

- (A) yunger
- (B) yonger
- (C) youngur
- (D) younger

3. Choose the letter for the underlined word that is incorrectly spelt.

The doctor's patients ran thin, as the visiting relatives were quite rowdy.

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

4. Choose the underlined word which has a different vowel sound.

In light of the impending fight, the boxer trained every night, yet, round eight

- (A) (B)
 - (C) (D)
- was quite a fright.

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Questions 5–7

Choose the most suitable word to replace the underlined word(s) in each sentence.

5. They walked into the classroom without permission.

- (A) entered
- (B) enquired
- (C) attacked
- (D) attached

6. The Guyana Amazon Warriors experienced a victory in their match against the Saint Lucia Stars.

- (A) win
- (B) thrill
- (C) defeat
- (D) surprise

7. Hannah looked totally disturbed by the news report.

- (A) calmly
- (B) angrily
- (C) heatedly
- (D) completely

Questions 8–11

Choose the most suitable word to complete each sentence.

8. I always take extra pencils to an examination as a _____, in case I need them.

- (A) caution
- (B) cautious
- (C) precaution
- (D) precautionary

9. Mr Smith, my next door neighbour, is the most _____ man I know. Every year, he invites everyone to his birthday party.

- (A) early
- (B) hostile
- (C) friendly
- (D) reserved

10. The student was featured in the Kaieteur News for his _____ performance in the National Grade Two Assessment.

- (A) clever
- (B) terrible
- (C) unusual
- (D) outstanding

11. Peter drove his car _____ into the bridge and damaged it.

- (A) merrily
- (B) carefully
- (C) recklessly
- (D) cautiously

Questions 12–15

Choose the most suitable form of the verb to complete each sentence.

12. That shoemaker _____ the perfect pair of shoes for my first graduation.

- (A) make
- (B) made
- (C) makes
- (D) making

13. The wallet _____ by the girl in the cream dress.

- (A) is find
- (B) is finding
- (C) was found
- (D) were found

14. The teacher _____ a bright pink dress to school yesterday.

- (A) wear
- (B) wore
- (C) worn
- (D) wears

15. Every morning, my brother _____ his favourite television programme.

- (A) watch
- (B) watches
- (C) watched
- (D) watching

Questions 16 and 17

Choose the most suitable pronoun to complete each sentence.

16. The ball belongs to the children. The ball is

- (A) they.
- (B) them.
- (C) yours.
- (D) theirs.

17. Mark and _____ sister are studying.

- (A) he
- (B) his
- (C) we
- (D) him

Questions 18–20

Choose the most suitable conjunction(s) to complete each sentence.

18. Zack should water the plants _____ he has nothing to do.

- (A) or
- (B) but
- (C) and
- (D) since

19. Neither Mr Joseph _____ his children are going to attend the party.

- (A) or
- (B) nor
- (C) and
- (D) because

20. The man _____ his wife were expected in Barbados for the conference
_____ they missed their flight.

- (A) and, so
- (B) and, but
- (C) and, with
- (D) with, so

21. Choose the letter for the underlined word which functions as a preposition in the sentence below.

Rufus, my dog, chased the cat up the tree.

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

22. Choose the function of the underlined word in the sentence below.

Spectators screamed in excitement as the muscular batsman struck the ball and it flew to the boundary.

- (A) Noun
(B) Adverb
(C) Adjective
(D) Conjunction

23. Choose the sentence in which negative words are correctly used.

- (A) She did not return the book to the library on time.
(B) Rajendra did not give none of the mangoes to me.
(C) Nobody did not witness the accident that happened yesterday.
(D) None of them did not go to the city today because it is a holiday.

Questions 24 and 25

Choose the sentence in which the comma is correctly used.

24. (A) If you join the reading club, you can win stickers pencils and books.
(B) If you join the reading club you can win stickers, pencils and books.
(C) If you join the reading club, you can win stickers, pencils and books.
(D) If you join the reading club, you can win, stickers, pencils and books.
25. (A) "We should watch the parade from Regent Street", Ralph suggested.
(B) "We should watch the parade from Regent Street," Ralph suggested.
(C) "We should watch the parade, from Regent Street" Ralph suggested.
(D) "We should, watch the parade from Regent Street" Ralph suggested.
26. Select the group of words that is arranged in alphabetical order.
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|-----|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| (A) | dampen | darkness | dashing | dainty |
| (B) | dainty | dampen | darkness | dashing |
| (C) | darkness | dainty | dashing | dampen |
| (D) | dainty | dashing | dampen | darkness |

Questions 27 and 28

Study the scenario below and then answer Questions 27 and 28.

The following five children were told to stand in alphabetical order by their surnames.

John Singh, Susan Gomes, Kenneth Moore, Mary Bovell, Kevin Maniram

27. Select the child who would be fifth in the line.

- (A) John Singh
- (B) Susan Gomes
- (C) Kevin Maniram
- (D) Kenneth Moore

28. Shania James has just joined the line. Shania should stand behind

- (A) John Singh.
- (B) Mary Bovell.
- (C) Susan Gomes.
- (D) Kenneth Moore.

Questions 29 and 30

The words below are guide words on a dictionary page. Study them and then answer the questions that follow.

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29. Which of the following entry words would be found on this dictionary page?

- (A) petal
- (B) phonics
- (C) penguin
- (D) pharmacy

30. Choose the entry word that would **most** likely be found on the next dictionary page.

- (A) picnic
- (B) pencil
- (C) please
- (D) pheasant

Questions 31– 35

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

Omari searched both of his pockets. He was looking for the five thousand dollars that his mother gave him to take to the shop. It was nowhere to be found. He searched around the floor of the shop but it was not there. He retraced his steps to the head of the street but there was no sign of the note. He wondered if it was down the street where he lived but he dared not check there.

He started to wring his hands as his mother's words echoed in his ears. "This is all that we have; hold it carefully." He scratched his head. What would he tell his mother? He thought of the thrashing that he would get. He was about to cry when he saw his mother coming down the road. She looked angry. He wiped his face and thought of a fib that he would tell her.

He could hear himself breathing heavily as she approached him. He ran to her and started to tell her of the man that had just snatched the money. Just then he saw the five thousand dollars in his mother's hands. His face turned a bright red and he lowered his head. After scolding him for his lie, his mother told him that in his haste to return to his favourite cartoon he had dropped the money on the floor of the kitchen.

Omari was relieved but ashamed. He walked all the way home with his head bent.

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31. When Omari discovered that the money was missing, he was
- (A) at the shop.
 - (B) in the kitchen.
 - (C) sitting on the corner.
 - (D) at the head of the street.

32. The phrase "retraced his steps" in line 4 means that Omari

- (A) drew his footsteps on the road.
- (B) walked the route that he took before.
- (C) walked a different route from the first one.
- (D) looked for his footsteps and walked in them.

33. Omari was reluctant to go and search for the money in the street where he lived because he

- (A) thought the money was not there.
- (B) could see clearly through the street.
- (C) was afraid his mother would see him.
- (D) was scared of the children who lived there.

34. Which **two** words in the passage have the same meaning?

- (A) fib, lie
- (B) money, check
- (C) retraced, dared
- (D) searched, scratched

35. In which of the following sentences does the reader learn that Omari was scared?

- (A) She looked angry.
- (B) It was nowhere to be found.
- (C) He retraced his steps to the head of his street.
- (D) He could hear himself breathing heavily as she approached him.

Questions 36–40

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

Snakes are some of the most dangerous animals in a tropical rainforest. Many snakes are poisonous. They catch frogs, beetles and other small animals on the rainforest floor and kill them with their poisonous fangs. Other snakes slide between the branches or wrap themselves around a tree, waiting for their prey.

- 5 Some snakes squeeze their prey to death which means that the squeeze is sometimes as deadly as the bite. An anaconda can squeeze a caiman to death and then swallow it whole. It may take several days to digest the animal. While it is doing this, the snake can hardly move. The female anaconda is one of the world's longest snakes and weighs as much as a horse. This snake is not
10 poisonous. The yellow anaconda, like all snakes, can swim. Its eyes and nose are on top of its head so it can see when it hides just under the water.

Snakes are often hard to see. The bright green skin of some snakes blends in with the plants and trees. Normally snakes wrap around a branch and reach down to catch a chick from the bird's nest.

- 15 It would be wise to choose a different pathway if you are to ever clash with a snake.

*Adapted from James Harrison, The Rainforest,
Macmillan Publishers, 2012, p. 30.*

36. Which of the following words could **best** replace the word “dangerous” as used in line 1 of the passage?
- (A) Risky
(B) Unsafe
(C) Harmful
(D) Insecure

37. Which of the following is the poisonous part of snakes?

- (A) Skin
- (B) Tongue
- (C) The pair of eyes
- (D) The pair of fangs

38. The bright green skin of some snakes blends in with the colour of its environment. This serves as a

- (A) veil.
- (B) cloak.
- (C) disguise.
- (D) distraction.

39. The expression "the squeeze is sometimes as deadly as the bite" (lines 5–6) is an example of

- (A) a simile.
- (B) a metaphor.
- (C) an adjective.
- (D) an interjection.

40. Which of the following best captures the main topic of the passage?

- (A) Life of an anaconda
- (B) Snakes coming awake
- (C) Snakes and their methods of hunting
- (D) Snakes and the caimans at work in the wet

END OF TEST

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

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