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MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
NATIONAL GRADE SIX ASSESSMENT
2010
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PAPER 1

TIME: 1 hour 10 minutes

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY BEFORE YOU ATTEMPT TO ANSWER THE QUESTIONS.

1. **WRITE YOUR CANDIDATE NUMBER ON THE ANSWER SHEET AND UNDERLINE THE SUBJECT.**
2. This test contains 40 questions. You are required to answer **ALL** questions. Four responses are given for each question. The responses are **A, B, C** and **D**. Only **ONE** response is correct.
3. If you are not sure of the answer to a question, then choose the one which you think is **BEST**. On your answer sheet, draw a heavy black line through the letter you have chosen.
4. **BE SURE THAT THE QUESTION NUMBER IN THE BOOKLET IS THE SAME AS THE ONE YOU HAVE USED ON YOUR ANSWER SHEET.**

Here is an example done for you.

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| 1. Red is Tim's _____ colour. | ANSWER SHEET | |
| (A) favrite | (B) favarite | 1. A B <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> D |
| (C) favourite | (D) faverite | |

A heavy black line has been drawn through the letter **C** on the answer sheet because **favourite**, the correct answer, is next to **C**.

5. If you make a mistake, erase the line cleanly, then draw a heavy black line through the letter next to the answer you have now chosen.
6. **REMEMBER**, each answer **MUST** only be shown by a heavy black line on your **Answer Sheet**.
7. Remember only **ONE** answer must be provided for each question.
8. **DO NOT TURN OVER THIS PAGE UNTIL YOU ARE TOLD TO DO SO**

In questions 1 to 3, choose the **correct spelling** of the word to complete each sentence.

1. I am not allowed to watch _____ during the week.

- (A) telivision (B) television
(C) tellevision (D) tellivision

2. Mr Joseph is a very _____ man.

- (A) religious (B) religous
(C) relegous (D) relegious

3. It can be dangerous walking through the _____ at nights.

- (A) cemetary (B) cemetary
(C) cemetry (D) cemetry

In questions 4 to 6, choose the word that has the **same meaning** as the word underlined in each sentence.

4. John was surprised when he won the lottery.

- (A) amused (B) amazed
(C) happy (D) sorry

5. The guest speaker advised the members of the team to strive for unity.

- (A) harmony (B) happiness
(C) discord (D) friendship

6. We put the weak baby to lie near to its mother.

- (A) strong (B) little
(C) feeble (D) tiny

In questions 7 to 9, choose the **best** word to complete each sentence.

7. The Golden Arrowhead must be _____ at 06:00 h everyday.

- (A) flown (B) raised
(C) folded (D) dropped

8. The dormitory was constructed to _____ two hundred children.
(A) entertain (B) harbour
(C) accommodate (D) train
9. The salesgirl was unable to _____ the lady to buy the pink curtains.
(A) persuade (B) assist
(C) trick (D) command

In questions 10 and 11, choose the **best word** to complete **each statement**.

10. Someone who uses his power to oppress others is called a
(A) traitor. (B) martyr.
(C) pilgrim. (D) tyrant.
11. A person who goes to work while his workmates are on strike is called a
(A) hypocrite. (B) stalwart.
(C) blackleg. (D) patriot.

In questions 12 and 13, choose the answer in which the **word underlined** has the same meaning as the word underlined in the sentence

12. Judging by her accent, I believe that she is a Guyanese.
(A) She wants to accent the room by painting it.
(B) On which syllable does the accent belong in the word wonderful?
(C) When you play that piece, you have to accent the first beat
(D) Don't you want to hear her accent?
13. My sweater is made of soft material.
(A) I am not interested in having lots of material goods.
(B) The material fact is that Donald was not at home.
(C) She looked for extra material to finish the bed sheet.
(D) The material needed to complete the building is expensive.

In questions 14 to 16, choose the **correct verb** for each subject.

14. The children

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| (A) was | (B) are |
| (C) has | (D) is |

15. John and his two cousins

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| (A) practise | (B) goes |
| (C) is | (D) plays |

16. The onion

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| (A) have | (B) tastes |
| (C) were | (D) smell |

In questions 17 and 18, choose the **correct function** of the words underlined in the sentence.

Mother cooked the dinner so that we could be well fed.

17. **We**

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| (A) noun | (B) pronoun |
| (C) adjective | (D) adverb |

18. **Well**

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| (A) pronoun | (B) adverb |
| (C) adjective | (D) preposition |

In questions 19 to 21, choose the sentence that is correctly written

19. (A) Between you and I, he is lying.
(B) The two of them is twins.
(C) Did you ever go there?
(D) She tell her not to go outside.

20. (A) My sisters job does not pay much
(B) Do you want me to carry you with me?
(C) Neither him nor her will come.
(D) "Where did he go when he left?" asked Mother.

21. (A) Last night I go to bed early.
(B) Both of my friends likes to read.
(C) Too much children come to school late.
(D) Either of the girls will come.

In questions 22 to 24, there is an **error in capitalization**. Choose the underlined word that has the error.

22. Events for carifesta were held at different venues throughout Guyana.
A B C D

23. Different Artistes performed at the National Stadium during the opening
A B C
ceremony.
D

24. Every four years a different country is chosen to host the olympics.
A B C D

In questions 25 and 26, choose the name of the book.

25. This is a kind of dictionary that has mostly synonyms.
(A) Thesaurus (B) Magazine
(C) Catalogue (D) Encyclopedia
26. It is a book which encourages us to use or buy a product.
(A) Directory (B) Syllabus
(C) Encyclopedia (D) Catalogue

In questions 27 and 28, choose the **name given to the parts of a book**.

27. A list at the front of the book that tells what the book contains.
(A) forward (B) glossary
(C) appendix (D) contents
28. An alphabetical list of words and meanings at the end of a book.
(A) glossary (B) appendix
(C) preface (D) acknowledgement

In questions 29 and 30, choose the **most suitable meaning** of the **underlined proverbs**.

29. **A rolling stone gathers no moss.**
(A) A rolling stone is a slippery stone.
(B) It is hard to catch a moving stone.
(C) Someone who is always busy gets much work done.
(D) Someone who frequently changes jobs will never be rich.
30. **Make hay while the sun shines.**
(A) Things are not always as good as they appear.
(B) Grasp every opportunity when it presents itself.
(C) Hay cannot be harvested during the rainy season.
(D) It is easy to cut grass when the sun is shining.

Read the poem below, then answer questions 31 to 35.

He comes with mother up the stair,
And by my bed he takes a chair,
And says in such a twinkly way,
"And how's the invalid today?"

He sees my tongue, he sees my throat;
He has a thing inside his coat
With which he listens at my chest;
And that is what I like the best.

He often makes me stay in bed,
When I would rather play instead,
And gives me horrid things to take,
In bottles that you have to shake.

And yet I really never mind
Because he is so very kind.

What a Fright – by Angus Maciver

31. The invalid is a child who
 - (A) likes to sleep late.
 - (B) does not go to school
 - (C) is lazy.
 - (D) is ill.

32. Who visits the invalid?
 - (A) His teacher
 - (B) His friend
 - (C) The dentist
 - (D) The doctor

33. What is horrid to take?
 - (A) Medicine
 - (B) Bath
 - (C) Brushing his teeth
 - (D) Combing his hair

34. Which word is used to describe the visitor?
 - (A) Twinkly
 - (B) Horrid
 - (C) Kind
 - (D) Best

35. The **best** name for the poem is
 - (A) Sleepyhead.
 - (B) The Doctor.
 - (C) Busybody.
 - (D) The Visitor.

Read the passage below, then answer questions 36 to 40.

Rainwater is carried from the hills down to the sea by rivers. If this did not happen the land would be flooded.

Rivers often help persons to travel and transport things from one place to another. That is why towns were sometimes built on the banks of large rivers. Riverboats and barges are used in some countries to transport passengers and cargo.

Rivers are also important to persons who live nearby and do not have access to tap water in their homes. Water for drinking, cooking and washing is then accessed from the river. Many families depend on this ready source of water, even if they have to boil it for drinking purposes.

Rivers supply many persons with food such as fish and shrimp. Freshwater fish can also be caught from the river. They make a delicious meal.

Some persons just like to look at the beauty of a river, with its waterfalls, its rapids and its wide, calm stretches where the water is barely moving.

Adapted from: *Communication Tasks
An Integrated Approach*
by Sheila Callow & P.L. Maxwell

36. The land does not flood when it rains because the water
 - (A) is dried up by the sun.
 - (B) goes into the soil.
 - (C) runs off into the sea.
 - (D) is stored in trenches.
37. Some towns were built on the banks of rivers to
 - (A) allow easy movement of people and goods.
 - (B) ensure that persons had enough water to use.
 - (C) provide jobs for persons who wanted to fish.
 - (D) provide persons with a beautiful, peaceful scenery.
38. 'Tap water' in line 8 means
 - (A) clean water.
 - (B) water that has been purified.
 - (C) water that comes through a pipe.
 - (D) rain water.

39. Which of the following is **not true** about rivers?
- (A) The water from rivers can be used for domestic purposes.
 - (B) The water in rivers is not always calm.
 - (C) River can be used to transport things as well as provide food.
 - (D) Every large river has a town on its bank.
40. Which is an appropriate title for the passage?
- (A) Life by the River
 - (B) How the river gets its water.
 - (C) Uses of the River
 - (D) The beauty of the River.

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