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MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
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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. The opposite of interior is | ANSWER SHEET |
| (A) inside. | (B) below. |
| (C) outside. | (D) above |
1. A B **C** D

A heavy black line has been drawn through the letter **C** on the answer sheet because **outside**, 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 and 2, choose the **correct spelling** of the word to complete each sentence.

1. The teacher showed us the roots that were
 - (A) edible.
 - (B) edeble.
 - (C) edable.
 - (D) edieble.

2. Next Sunday, Michael will _____ his birthday.
 - (A) cellebrate
 - (B) celibrate
 - (C) celabrate
 - (D) celebrate

In questions 3 to 5, choose the **best** word to complete each sentence.

3. At the doctor's office, I paid the consultation fee to the
 - (A) operator.
 - (B) receptionist.
 - (C) salesman.
 - (D) clerk.

4. The cricketer violated a rule so the _____ sent him off the field.
 - (A) referee
 - (B) coach
 - (C) umpire
 - (D) judge

5. Do you know that our principal is the _____ of this book?
 - (A) creator
 - (B) author
 - (C) composer
 - (D) founder

Choose the word that is **similar** in meaning to the underlined word in each sentence.

6. In my village, pineapples are abundant.
 - (A) scarce
 - (B) plentiful
 - (C) juicy
 - (D) rare

In questions 9 to 12, what is the **function** of the word underlined in each sentence?

In questions 13 and 14, choose the word that is **opposite** in meaning to the word underlined.

In questions 15 and 16, identify the sentence in which a punctuation mark or a capital letter is left out.

15. (A) Have you seen Mr. Lam?
(B) The title of the story is shipwrecked.
(C) Sally wore a dazzling evening gown.
(D) "I have given the book to Joy," said the teacher.

16. (A) Many children play games in the National Park.
(B) "Stop" shouted the policeman.
(C) I bought story books, toys and stationery from the store.
(D) Do you have the key for the door?

In questions 17 to 20, identify the sentence that is correctly written.

17. (A) Today we are learn a new song in class.
(B) Today we learning a new song in class.
(C) Today we learnt a new song in class.
(D) Today we will learning a new song in class.

18. (A) Neither the teacher nor the parent attended the Prize Giving Ceremony.
(B) Either the teacher and the parent attended the Prize Giving Ceremony.
(C) Neither the teacher and the parent attended the Prize Giving Ceremony.
(D) Either the teacher nor the parent attended the Prize Giving Ceremony.
19. (A) Between you and me, we will share the cookies.
(B) Between you and she, we will share the cookies.
(C) Between you and he, we will share the cookies.
(D) Between you and I, we will share the cookies.
20. (A) I did not enjoy my holidays because I did not gone nowhere of interest.
(B) I did not enjoy my holiday because I did not go anywhere of interest.
(C) I did not enjoy my holiday because I did not go somewhere of interest.
(D) I did not enjoy my holiday because I did not going anywhere of interest.

In questions 21 and 22, choose the underlined word which should have an apostrophe.

21. The childrens departments had a wide variety of socks and dresses.
A childrens B departments C socks D dresses
22. Flowers and fruits were on display at the Mens Guild Exhibition.
A Flowers B fruits C Mens D Guild

In questions 23 to 25, choose the meaning of the underlined phrase.

23. The old woman tried to make both ends meet.
(A) live within her means (B) spend all her money
(C) measure the cloth (D) stitch both ends together

In questions 26 and 27 select the **correct order** in which the names should appear in the telephone directory.

26. (A) Andy Smith, John Dey, Kumar Persaud, Carl Wong
(B) Kumar Persaud, Carl Wong, Andy Smith, John Dey
(C) John Dey, Kumar Persaud, Andy Smith, Carl Wong
(D) Carl Wong, John Dey, Andy Smith, Kumar Persaud

27. (A) Michael Dass, John Dover, Ann Duncan, Pam Dyer
(B) Ann Duncan, Michael Dass, Pam Dyer, John Dover
(C) John Dover, Pam Dyer, Michael Dass, Ann Duncan
(D) Ann Duncan, John Dover, Michael Dass, Pam Dyer

Choose the correct word to complete each sentence in questions 28 to 30.

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

Crab Town is a land of contrast. It is a beautiful country with wealthy people. However, while some people live in fancy houses and drive luxurious cars, many children are not so fortunate. There are those who suffer from malnutrition since the only food they have to eat is what they get out of garbage bins. Some of them do not even own a pair of shoes. These are the children who have never been to school since they have been abandoned by their parents. They are the ones who use the pavement for their pillows and the sky for a roof over their heads. They have no real home life and are crying out for help. Who will help them?

*Adapted from
Multiple Choice Test for
Common Entrance*

31. The passage suggests that Crab Town has

(A) only rich people. (B) both poverty and wealth.
(C) many wayward children. (D) an uncaring government.

32. The writer is concerned mainly with

(A) the plight of homeless children. (B) the beauty of the country.
(C) providing shoes for children. (D) making the rich richer.

33. Many disadvantaged children are sleeping in
(A) their beds. (B) schools.
(C) apartments. (D) the open.
34. The children in the story need
(A) friends. (B) parents.
(C) houses. (D) help.
35. Malnutrition means
(A) starvation. (B) poverty.
(C) poor diet. (D) not eating.

Study the **Table of Contents** below, then answer questions 36 to 40.

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36. In which chapter can we find information on **Mosques and Mandirs**?
(A) 1 (B) 2
(C) 3 (D) 4.
37. A story about the Caribs will **most likely** be found in the chapter entitled
(A) Famous Guyanese. (B) Population Census.
(C) Worship. (D) An Amerindian Folk Tale.

END OF TEST

