

FORM TP 2018334**GUYANA****MINISTRY OF EDUCATION****NATIONAL GRADE SIX ASSESSMENT****ENGLISH LANGUAGE****Paper 01****28 MARCH 2018 (a.m.)*****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 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 attempt a question and find that you cannot answer it, go on to the next one. You may return to that question later.

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Questions 1–6

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

1. Increased taxation _____ uncontrolled spending.

(A) discourages
(B) discourages
(C) descourages
(D) disscourages

2. The word that means “the earliest stage of something” is

(A) beginin.
(B) beginen.
(C) begining.
(D) beginning.

3. Given the circumstances, she is _____ for the best.

(A) hoping
(B) hopeing
(C) hopping
(D) hoppeing

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4. Brian's team is a member of the football

- (A) leege.
- (B) leage.
- (C) leegue.
- (D) league.

5. The student _____ the difficult questions.

- (A) omitted
- (B) omitted
- (C) ommitted
- (D) ommitted

6. I like to _____ stories about the silly things she did with her brothers.

- (A) hear
- (B) hair
- (C) heir
- (D) here

Questions 7–9

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

7. The nurse was very cautious when attending to the elderly patients.
- (A) wary
 - (B) polite
 - (C) careful
 - (D) helpful
8. The frightened child stood still in the middle of the street as the car approached.
- (A) end
 - (B) side
 - (C) centre
 - (D) above
9. Pepperpot is a dish that is usually served at Christmas but can also be served all year round.
- (A) never
 - (B) rarely
 - (C) always
 - (D) normally

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Questions 10 and 11

Choose the most appropriate adjective to complete each sentence.

10. My grandmother is very _____ so she walks slowly up the stairs.

- (A) old
- (B) funny
- (C) young
- (D) happy

11. Cheap is to expensive as _____ is to narrow.

- (A) hide
- (B) wide
- (C) long
- (D) short

Questions 12–14

Choose the correct form of the verb to complete each sentence.

12. Dairy _____ the name of the village where my school can be found.

- (A) is
- (B) are
- (C) has
- (D) have

13. The fire _____ out in the place where goods were stored.

- (A) break
- (B) broke
- (C) breaks
- (D) breaking

14. Calvin usually _____ every year for our school's sports.

- (A) run
- (B) ran
- (C) runs
- (D) running

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Questions 15–19

Choose the most appropriate word to complete each sentence.

15. It was raining heavily _____ the game had to be cancelled.
- (A) so
 - (B) but
 - (C) yet
 - (D) and
16. Neither Fatima _____ Lucy is invited to my birthday party.
- (A) or
 - (B) and
 - (C) nor
 - (D) also
17. From the grassy path, the huge monkey climbed _____ the tree to get to the ripe mangoes.
- (A) in
 - (B) up
 - (C) with
 - (D) after

18. Neil did not allow _____ to borrow his pen today in class.

- (A) no one
- (B) nobody
- (C) anyone
- (D) someone

19. Samantha was walking _____ me when we were asked to go outside.

- (A) by
- (B) over
- (C) among
- (D) alongside

Questions 20–22

Choose the correct pronoun to complete each sentence.

20. Please give _____ the message when he comes.

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

21. Those books are _____ and I want them now.

- (A) my
- (B) her
- (C) mine
- (D) them

22. Between the two of _____, I don't agree with what the boss is doing.

- (A) I
- (B) us
- (C) we
- (D) you

Questions 23 and 24

Choose the most appropriate punctuation mark to complete each sentence.

23. Are you coming to my sleepover this weekend_

- (A) ?
- (B) .
- (C) !
- (D) ,

24. “Help_” shouted the little girl as the stranger entered the yard.

- (A) ‘
- (B) .
- (C) !
- (D) ?

25. Choose the sentence in which the apostrophe is correctly used.

- (A) He heard his mother's voice and stopped crying.
- (B) He heard his mothers' voice and stopped crying.
- (C) He heard his mother voice's and stopped crying.
- (D) He heard his mothers voices' and stopped crying.

26. Choose the sentence in which capital letters are correctly used.

- (A) My teacher wrote a Letter to my Father.
- (B) Linden is a town that is found in Guyana.
- (C) Paula and amy are my very close Friends.
- (D) My sister visited a chinese Restaurant yesterday.

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

Aaron was warned by his brother not to spill the beans, since that would get him into trouble.

- (A) fight
- (B) eat clumsily
- (C) get exhausted
- (D) reveal the secret

28. Choose the idiom that is most suitable for the situation described below.

A way of asking what someone is thinking

- (A) Cut corners
- (B) An arm and a leg
- (C) The ball is in your court
- (D) A penny for your thoughts

Questions 29 and 30

Study the arrangement of volumes of an encyclopaedia below, then answer the questions that follow.

L	M	N–O	P	Q–R	S– SN	SO– SZ	T	U–V	W–X	Y–Z
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22

29. Which volume will have information on the topic Solar System?

- (A) 16
- (B) 17
- (C) 18
- (D) 19

30. Which of the following topics is likely to be covered in volume 21?

- (A) Zoo
- (B) Youth
- (C) Telescope
- (D) West Indies

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

It was a fine and breezy afternoon. Jessie and her brother were far out at sea fishing. It was a good trip so far. By noon they had already caught five fish. They were now resting and joking in the boat as they enjoyed their snack.

Suddenly and without warning, Jessie's face turned shockingly pale. Her brother Owen,
5 looked at her thinking she had fallen ill. His eyes followed her gaze as she pointed to the starboard side. To his horror, he saw a triangular fin above the water. Hurriedly he dashed to the back of the boat and tried desperately to start the motor. However, it was stuck.

The siblings panicked. They did not know what to do. Jessie armed herself with the oar, preparing to strike the monstrous beast when it attacked. Owen continued to fiddle with the
10 control in an effort to get the motor to start. The triangular fin continued to circle the boat, getting closer with the completion of each circle.

As the fin got closer to the boat, the siblings began to think that they were about to meet their doom. Just as the creature was about to touch the boat, to their huge relief, the motor revved into action. The boat sped off quickly towards the shore. Once they were at a safe distance,
15 Jessie and Owen slumped onto their seats and wiped perspiration from their foreheads. Thank goodness, they were not harmed!

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Casco Publications PTE Ltd,

Singapore, 2000, p. 290.

31. "Jessie's face turned shockingly pale" (line 4) suggests that she was

- (A) sick.
- (B) afraid.
- (C) falling asleep.
- (D) seeing a ghost.

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32. The creature in the story was **most** likely a
- (A) shark.
 - (B) snake.
 - (C) whale.
 - (D) dolphin.
33. “Jessie armed herself with the oar” (line 8) suggests that the oar is now a/an
- (A) sail.
 - (B) arm.
 - (C) motor.
 - (D) weapon.
34. The siblings slumped onto their seats when they
- (A) were trying to start the motor.
 - (B) saw the creature circling the boat.
 - (C) thought that they were going to die.
 - (D) thought that they were out of danger.
35. Which of the following is a suitable title for the passage?
- (A) A Tragic Outing
 - (B) Attacked at Sea
 - (C) A Fearful Experience
 - (D) Sibling Rivalry at Sea

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

Have you heard of the electric fish? It captures its prey and defends itself by discharging electricity. To this day, scientists are still trying to understand how this fish produces electricity. Also puzzling is how it does not shock itself.

The most dangerous electric fish is the South American electric eel. It is sometimes called
5 the 'Brazilian electric eel'. It lives in the Amazon River and can stun large animals like horses. A human being may even feel the effects of its shock for several hours.

Another type of electric fish is the electric ray, or torpedo ray. It is found in warm waters. An Atlantic species is said to grow to 1.5 metres and can weigh up to 90 kilograms. The electric ray uses camouflage. The electricity generating organs are situated between the head and
10 gills. An interesting fact to note: When the ray discharges electricity, it has to eat and rest in order to 'recharge itself'.

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Singapore, 2000, p. 288.*

36. What is the text **mainly** about?

- (A) The electric fish
- (B) Using electricity
- (C) The Amazon River
- (D) Living in South America

37. The electric fish captures its prey and defends itself by
- (A) biting them.
 - (B) charging them.
 - (C) hiding in the Amazon.
 - (D) discharging electricity.
38. What puzzles scientists **most** about the electric fish?
- (A) Who the fish shocks
 - (B) Where the electricity comes from
 - (C) How the fish discharges electricity
 - (D) The number of unknown species of the fish
39. Another word for “camouflage” as used in line 9 is
- (A) water.
 - (B) show.
 - (C) disguise.
 - (D) expression.
40. How does the electric fish recharge itself after it uses electricity?
- (A) It sleeps.
 - (B) It eats and rests.
 - (C) It hunts for food.
 - (D) It goes out to play.

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