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ENGLISH LANGUAGE 1

Instructions for the conduct of Section A
(Listening Comprehension Test - 5 marks)

These instructions are for the use of the Teacher ONLY and must not be shown to the candidates.

The question paper for the Listening Comprehension test should be distributed to the candidates. Candidates should be instructed to enter the details required on the front cover of the question booklet. They should then be told to fill in the information required on the answer sheet. Ensure that candidates do NOT open the question paper until they are told to do so after the first reading of the Listening Comprehension passage (see below).

The complete test should take 25 minutes. The timing commences at the beginning of the first reading of the passage. The short time allowed to candidates for reading the questions should be two minutes.

If the teacher considers it desirable to give an extra reading of any group of words because of some noise from outside or for any other good cause, this can be done. If this is found necessary, the cause must be reported to the Board on the Special Report Form.

The procedure for giving the Listening Comprehension test is explained in the following announcement which the teacher should read to the candidates immediately before the test:

I shall read a passage to you once. You are not allowed to write anything during this first reading. Do not look at your question paper. (First reading)

The timing of the test (25 minutes) commences at this point. The teacher should read the passage through at normal reading speed, avoiding any distortion of features of spoken language. The teacher then announces:

Now open your question paper. I shall give you two minutes to look at the questions on the paper. They are grouped into three sections. Do not write anything.

The teacher allows an interval of two minutes and then announces:

I shall now read the passage through again but this time in three sections. When I have finished reading the first section you will be given two minutes in which to provide answers to the first section of the questions. Your answers must be given as instructed in the booklet. This procedure will then be repeated for the other sections. You may still look at the questions and you may make notes on the blank spaces in the booklet, if you wish, as I read. First section.

The teacher should read each section aloud, pausing at each slant line. A two-minute interval should be respected after each section. Two minutes after reading the third section the teacher should make the following announcement:
Now do your final revision and go to the next section.

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LISTENING COMPREHENSION PASSAGE
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SECTION ONE

The cock and the hare were once friends. Sooner, they became great rivals /given that they were both rich/ and boastful. They both lived in the same neighbourhood/ and possessed much livestock. As was the fashion of the time/ they both had many wives. Each kept their wives in separate huts/. The entire community accepted this kind of family life/ and the job of each wife was to look after their husband/ and make their families and farms prosper./

The cock and the hare suddenly became very jealous of each other /and feared greatly/ that each could lure the other's wives away. Like birds of a feather, /each person wanted an opportunity to snatch the other's wife./ This attitude developed more because /the cock wanted to show that /he had more money than the hare./ The hare in turn/ wanted to prove stronger than the cock. Above all/ he wanted to show that he was smarter. One day, the proud hare visited the cock /to steal one of his wives.

SECTION TWO

When the hare entered the cock's compound/ he saw that the cock was asleep/ in the shade, with his head tucked under his wings. In amazement at this sight/ he cried out in alarm. "Cock/ where is your head?" "Oh, I instructed one of my wives to cut it off and place on a high pole/ in the middle of my compound/ so that even if I should go on a trip/ or fall asleep, I can still watch all my wives at once/ and be satisfied that they do not run off with a lover/ or with anyone."/

He listened to this with rapt attention /and decided to move back to his compound and implement what the cock had said/ because he saw that as a wonderful strategy to protect his wives. He went home and met his eldest wife. The others had gone to the fields for work and to visit friends.

SECTION THREE

"Dear wife/ take a sharp knife and cut off my head /and place it on a pole /in the middle of the compound." / She was embarrassed /and shocked beyond reason. "What is wrong with you /and why do you ask me to kill you?" the wife fired back. "Do as I instruct you man! The cock has tried it /and it is working perfectly. Why can't it work with me?" She rightly suspected that /the cock could have tricked her husband into committing suicide. "Do as I command, you faithless wretch!" the hare came in again. The wife was caught between respect for husband /and fear of murder. She went for a very sharp knife and was ready to perform the act. At that moment/ a crow came from the back of his house. To the hare's amazement, he saw the cock complete with his head and seemed to smile. "Stop! Don't cut off his head! I wanted to prove to him that birds are wiser animals. I would have allowed him to be killed/ so that I have access to his wives". In shame, the hare walked into the hut/ and thought about his foolishness.



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SECTION A

LISTENING COMPREHENSION (5 marks)

QUESTIONS

Using only the material read to you from the listening comprehension passage, answer each of the following questions as directed.

Choose the best answer from the alternatives (A, B, C, D) for each question below.

SECTION ONE

1. The cock and the hare became rivals because they _____.
 A all had livestock
 B both lived in the same neighborhood
 C were wealthy and proud
 D were friends
2. The major cause of suspicion between the two friends was the _____.
 A amount of money they had
 B fear of losing a wife to the other
 C fear of being deceived by a wife
 D fear of one person deceiving the other
3. You have heard the word 'accepted' read to you from the passage. Choose the word below which has the same vowel sound as the one underlined in accepted.
 A ate
 B life
 C test
 D sit

SECTION TWO

4. When the hare saw the cock with his head tucked under his wings, he was _____.
 A surprised
 B excited
 C frightened
 D happy
5. The hare went back to his wife after meeting the cock because _____.
 A he wanted to challenge the cock
 B he wanted to implement what the cock had said
 C he wanted to put his wives to test
 D he trusted the cock so well

6. The expression "... with rapt attention..." means _____.
 A with reflection
 B so much interest
 C divided attention
 D convincing anxiety

7. The hare met only one wife at home because _____.
 A the others had gone to the farm
 B the others had gone to visit friends in the farm
 C the others had gone to the farms and to visit friends
 D they had run away in order not to kill the hare

SECTION THREE

8. From the instructions given the wife, one can say the hare is _____.
 A dictatorial
 B shameless
 C boastful
 D arrogant

9. The wife finally went for a knife to cut off the husband's neck _____.
 A because she wanted to commit murder
 B for the love she had for her husband
 C to satisfy her husband's order
 D to help her husband protect the other wives

10. The major difference between the hare and the cock is that _____.
 A the cock is intelligent while the hare is naïve
 B the cock is jealous while the hare is dishonest
 C the cock is loving while the hare is jealous
 D the cock is protective of his wives while the hare is liberal

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SECTION B

READING COMPREHENSION (7½ MARKS)

Read each passage and answer the questions that follow.

PASSAGE A

Mind Your Dressing

‘The way a man dresses is the same way he is addressed’, says William Shakespeare.

The human being needs some items to cover the body either for warmth or to avoid being naked. Clothes are basically meant to cover someone’s nakedness. With this, one is supposed to dress in such a way that certain strategic parts of the body will not be exposed. Pants, for instance, are meant to cover one’s buttocks. Nowadays, this is very far from being the case as buttocks instead cover pants. This is so ironical, isn’t it? Today’s dressing habits have taken many twists and turns as they have deviated from how they were done in the yesteryears. This is common amongst the youths as they either dress in tattered jeans or miniskirts, thinking that this kind of dressing is “a la mode”. It is very common to find boys dressed in tight trousers and T-shirts that expose the shapes of their bodies. Some girls wear blouses that reveal their stomachs and short skirts that expose part of their buttocks. This is **immoral** and can lead to sexual harassment. Some boys wear earrings and plait their hair while girls wear bracelets on their ankles. The plaiting of hair and wearing of earrings are meant for women, not men. Boys who wear earrings think they make them look more elegant or “a la mode”, but this is not true. When you are ugly, you are ugly. You just have to accept it.

Talking about being ugly, I don’t think there is anyone who is ugly. **Each person is unique** in one way or the other. There are some people who are short, others are tall; some are thin and others are fat. Some are fair, others dark and yet others are brown. All of these are nature’s creation and so we do not have to question it. We should learn to dress in a way that matches our various body shapes and sizes.

Bracelets are not meant to be worn on ankles. Necklaces and bracelets are good for adults because they enhance their dressing. What is more embarrassing about these indecent ways of dressing which youths have adopted is that they use them for all occasions and places: churches, schools, parties and even staying at home.

Many youths dress in the manner described above because they feel it is fashionable. They copy these from stars and celebrities like musicians, actors, actresses and even sportsmen. They equally copy from the way people in the Western world dress. Fashion in itself is good but it must be used wisely. There are different clothes for different purposes and occasions. There is a particular style of dressing for work, school, church, parties and so on. A farmer who wears a suit, to the farm for instance would be a laughing stock in his community because a suit is formal attire and it is not meant for the farm. In the same way, someone dressed like a star or comedian in normal life looks ridiculous.

Dressing tells a lot about an individual. One’s culture can be identified from what one wears. One’s style of dressing can also reveal one’s **personality**. It can tell if a person is respectable, responsible, humble or proud. While it is important that youths dress in attire that makes them feel happy, it is also necessary to choose the type of dressing that suits the specific occasion. Youths are therefore called upon to dress in accordance with the norms of the societies in which they live.

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| <p>11. The writer condemns “a la mode” dressing because _____</p> <p>A he is jealous of youths</p> <p>B it can lead to sexual harassment</p> <p>C it is a western style of dressing</p> <p>D he does not like stars</p> | <p>12. According to the passage, poor dressing is <u>im</u>moral. The underline portion of the word can be described as a/an _____</p> <p>A prefix</p> <p>B suffix</p> <p>C root</p> <p>D participle</p> |
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13. Boys wear earrings because they _____.
 A think they are beautiful
 B want to compete with women
 C feel it will make them look attractive
 D are not expensive

14. In the expression "each person is unique" (line 14) means _____.
 A common
 B special
 C normal
 D equal

15. Poor dressing habits are common among _____.
 A stars
 B farmers
 C youths
 D artists

16. Dressing in a suit to the farm makes some one _____.
 A sarcastic
 B humorous
 C pathetic
 D tragic

17. The word "personality" (line 29) as used in the passage refers to one's _____.
 A parentage
 B culture
 C group
 D character

18. According to the passage, to dress well is to look _____.
 A presentable
 B fashionable
 C flashy
 D expensive

19. The writer of the passage can best be described as _____.
 A researcher
 B satirist
 C pastor
 D parent

PASSAGE B

'Buying the mouth'

Late in the night of the third or fourth day, the groom's friends escort him to his bride. It is expected that he should show some kind of modest reluctance. When they get to the room they will find the bride sitting all alone with her head well covered. She does not say a word to them and does not even acknowledge their presence. The custom requires that her speech has to be bought or what the Hausas call 'buying the mouth'. The groom himself does not say a word in the proceedings that follow.

The friends try to make her speak or laugh by making jokes or telling funny stories, but **this is always futile**. Then negotiations for her speech begin. They name a sum as a price for her speech, beginning from a fairly low figure. She shakes her head from side to side to signify 'nothing doing'. Then they name a higher figure and again she shakes her head from side to side to show non-acceptance.

The bargaining continues until **she nods her head up and down to signify assent**. The sum is then paid by the friends and the bride can now talk to them. After further conversation for about half an hour, the friends withdraw leaving the bride and groom together. The bridegroom makes a modest attempt to follow them, but the door is closed before he can get out. He is then expected to stay with his bride for a few minutes, but to join his friends again. They talk for a while and then bid each other good night. The groom comes back and sleeps in his room with his bride.



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20. The bride remains silent when the groom's friends enter her room because
A they have visited her late in the night
B it is expected that they have to buy her speech
C she is sitting all alone
D the groom himself does not say a word
21. In the expression "this is always futile" (line 7), the word 'futile' is a/an
A noun
B adverb
C verb
D adjective
22. According to the passage the bride begins to speak when
A the groom names a high enough price
B the groom pays a price acceptable to her
C the friends pay a price acceptable to her
D his friends name a high enough price
23. The bride indicates that the price for her speech is too low by
A shaking her head from side to side.
B saying "nothing doing"
C nodding her head up and down
D simply waiting motionless till a higher price is named
24. In the expression "she nods her head up and down to signify assent" (line 10) 'assent' means
A refusal
B objection
C acceptance
D dislike
25. According the passage the groom pretends to show reluctance to receive his bride by
A letting his friends offer low payment
B accepting to follow his friends
C refusing to look at the bride
D permitting his friends to accompany him
27. The principal couldn't have said a thing like that.
A can he
B could he
C would he
D did he
28. _____ and _____ are living in the same street.
A Rose/me
B I/Rose
C Rose/I
D Me/Rose
29. In the sentence "Okie's brother has a tamed lion in Kumba", tamed is a/an
A noun
B verb
C adjective
D adverb
30. Had it rained heavily this morning, I _____
A wouldn't have travelled
B wouldn't had travel
C wouldn't have travel
D wouldn't travelled
31. Newspapers today carry _____ about the president's visit.
A informations
B lots of information
C much information
D a lot of informations
32. "Show me the way to church", the new pastor requested. In reported speech, it is correct to say The new pastor _____
A said show me the way to church
B asked for the way to church
C wanted the way to church
D asked, "show me the way to church"
33. Even though Jonas was unemployed, he turned _____ the post of a mortuary attendant.
A down
B up
C in
D back
34. If she _____ my sister I _____ talk to her about it this evening.
A be/will
B was/would
C is/will
D were/would

SECTION C

GRAMMAR (7½ marks)

Read the instructions for each question before answering.

For numbers 26 – 40, choose the answer that best completes each sentence.

26. Since Namondo takes _____ her mother, you can be sure of her strictness.
A up
B on
C from
D after

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35. Kimberly lives in a _____ house

- A beautiful green new
- B green new beautiful
- C beautiful new green
- D green beautiful new

36. The correct form of the passive voice "Kate had built the house before her husband married her" is: That house _____

- A had been built by Kate before she was married to her husband
- B has been built by Kate before she was married to her husband
- C was built by Kate before she was married to her husband
- D had to be built by Kate before she had to be married to her husband

37. He usually came late to school, _____ he succeeded in his end of course examination.

- A consequently
- B although
- C still yet
- D therefore

38. Students who take their studies _____ always succeed.

- A seriously
- B serious
- C very serious
- D more serious

39. I _____ smoking only last week and I _____ to feel better already.

- A had quit/have begun
- B have quit/begin
- C quit/ am beginning
- D quit/was beginning

40. Each of the boys _____ four books.

- A is having
- B has
- C have
- D are having

SECTION D

VOCABULARY (5 marks)

Read the instructions for each question or set of questions carefully before answering.

For numbers 41 – 46, choose the answer that best completes each sentence.

41. A mother's love for her child is _____

- A compulsory
- B infinite
- C complete
- D demanding

42. Many think that politics is a game of interest because politicians have no _____

- A conscience
- B confidence

- C consideration
- D consciousness

43. He scored low marks in the exam because of his _____ knowledge of the subject.

- A outward
- B deep
- C superficial
- D thorough

44. Bees are always _____ in flower gardens.

- A growing
- B roaring
- C buzzing
- D hissing

45. Most earth roads are often _____ passable in the raining season.

- A im-
- B un-
- C dis-
- D in-

46. The _____ of his life is so complicated; one can't really follow it.

- A cause
- B coarse
- C cost
- D course

For numbers 47 – 48, choose the answer that best explains the meaning of the underlined word.

47. Many people admire Mr and Mrs Nubed for being a welcoming couple.

- A hospitable
- B sociable
- C admirable
- D adorable

48. Even advocates of war lamented the loss of lives in the crisis.

- A opposed
- B pretested
- C rejected
- D grieved

49. Choose the word that is correctly spelt.

- A embaras
- B embarrass
- C embarras
- D embarass

Choose the answer that is opposite in meaning to the underlined word.

50. Someone sent an anonymous letter to me.

- A nameless
- B sourceless
- C identified
- D illegal

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