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PAPER 1

OBJECTIVE TEST

[40 marks]

1½ hours

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PAPER 1
OBJECTIVE TEST
(40 Marks)

1 ½ hours

Answer all the questions

*Paper 1 consists of **one hundred** questions divided into **five** sections. Read the instructions for each section carefully and then answer the questions that follow. For each question you are given **four** options lettered **A to D**. Choose the one that is **most** suitable and shade **in pencil** on your answer sheet the space bearing the same letter as the option you have chosen. An example is given below.*

This book was ----- by an unknown author.

- A. writing B. written C. write D. wrote

The correct answer is written which is lettered B therefore B is shaded.

=A=



=C=

=D=

Now answer the following questions .

SECTION A

*For each of the following sentences, choose from the options lettered **A to D** that which is **nearest in meaning** to the underlined word in the sentence.*

1. Marlu did atone for the lost of his brother's trousers by giving him a new watch.
A. show annoyance
B. make amend
C. rejoice
D. reproduce
2. As he listened to my story his face remained inscrutable.
A. hard and cruel
B. still cheerful
C. impossible to understand
D. possible to describe

3. The director gave a very emotional speech at the graduation.
A. passionate
B. courageous
C. dreadful
D. discouraging
4. My father lives a humdrum life in the village.
A. rigorous
B. careless
C. monotonous
D. happy

5. There has always been considerable rift between the two parties.
- A. discord.
 - B. silence.
 - C. friendship.
 - D. cooperation.
6. Famatta believed that the murder of her brother was premeditated.
- A. necessary
 - B. planned
 - C. disastrous
 - D. accidental
7. The little rabbit in the grass looks timid.
- A. shy
 - B. hostile
 - C. friendly
 - D. dangerous
8. Karmo's father jailed him for petty larceny.
- A. disrespect.
 - B. arm robbery
 - C. fighting small children
 - D. stealing small items

9. There were several allegations made in the report against your client.
- A. assertions
 - B. suspicions
 - C. rulings
 - D. deliberations
10. When the criminal saw the police arrive, a feeling of apprehension possessed him.
- A. disbelief
 - B. fear
 - C. anger
 - D. resentment
11. The food at Martha's restaurant is very palatable.
- A. rare
 - B. tasty
 - C. nutritional
 - D. expensive
12. The report on the accident was said to be subjective.
- A. poorly written.
 - B. full of important details
 - C. limited in details
 - D. full of the writer's personal feeling

SECTION B

For each of the following sentences, choose from the options lettered **A to D** that which is **most nearly opposite in meaning** to the underlined word which will complete the blank.

13. The businessman says that most of his customers are creditworthy but few are -----.
- A. incredible
 - B. insoluble
 - C. insolvent
 - D. incredulous

14. Her song was much more melancholy in tone while Miatta's was -----.
- A. boring
 - B. sorrowful
 - C. remote
 - D. happier

15. There are more deceitful people in our club than ----- ones.
 A. famous
 B. honest
 C. dubious
 D. contended
16. Four of the member countries accepted the report while one ----- it.
 A. rejected
 B. destroyed
 C. favored
 D. explained
17. He does not know the difference between compliments and -----.
 A. respect
 B. favor
 C. flattery
 D. insult
18. Private issues should not be discussed in the -----.
 A. day
 B. public
 C. office
 D. home
19. Bertha is indifferent about her school work but Korto is -----
 A. pleased
 B. diligent
 C. confident
 D. concerned.
20. The crowd assembled for the meeting but the police ----- them.
 A. apprehended
 B. dispersed
 C. freed
 D. cancelled
21. Our discussion yesterday was much more inspiring unlike the past ones which were -----.
 A. bland
 B. absurd
 C. unethical
 D. grievous
22. We inhale oxygen and ----- carbon dioxide.
 A. breath
 B. exhale
 C. expel
 D. destroy
23. English Language is compulsory but Literature is -----.
 A. acceptable
 B. difficult
 C. confusing
 D. optional.
24. In the absence of orderliness there is -----.
 A. contentment
 B. displeasure
 C. agreement
 D. confusion

SECTION C

*For each question in this section, you are given a sentence followed by a list of possible interpretations of all or part of the sentence. Choose which interpretation is **most appropriate** for each sentence and record the answer on your answer sheet.*

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| <p>25. Kortuma and his family are always at logger -heads. This means, Kartuma and his family always</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. have discussions. B. have disagreements. C. have fun together. D. cover their heads. <p>26. The judge admonished the witness not to beat about the bush. This means,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. not to stammer. B. not to enter the bush. C. to give all details. D. to go straight to the point. <p>27. The boy, reluctant to go on the errand, walked at a snail's pace. This means he walked</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. slowly. B. carefully. C. carelessly. D. warily . <p>28. Academically, our science class is second to none in the whole community. This means, our class</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. takes the second position. B. does not do well. C. is the best. D. is second best. | <p>29. The coordinator needs to throw more light on his recent statement. This means the coordinator should</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. write his statement out. B. explain his statement better. C. provide light for everyone. D. retract his statement . <p>30. My friend Amelia is a snake in the grass. This means Amelia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. turns to snake. B. is a snake. C. is deceitful. D. is dependable. <p>31. Our union should not encourage yellow journalism. The expression means,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. too much yellow colors. B. freedom of speech. C. foreign news. D. sensational news. <p>32. If you give Alfred an inch he takes a mile. This means, Alfred</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. can travel a mile alone. B. lives a mile away. C. takes only what is given him. D. takes advantages of situations. |
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33. We had doubts about Etta's leadership but she rose up to the occasion. This means that Etta
- A. proved her ability.
 - B. stood up and spoke.
 - C. had limited knowledge.
 - D. made everyone ashamed of her.

34. My grandmother's house ----- so we have to stay at a hotel until the painting is completed.

- A. is being painted
- B. is being painting
- C. had been painted
- D. was painting

35. "I hope that you ----- all that I have told you," the old man told the boy.

- A. remembered
- B. will remember
- C. remembers
- D. are remembering

SECTION D

*In each of the questions in this section, you are given a sentence which contains a blank space. Under each sentence there are four words or expressions lettered A to D. Choose the one which **best** completes the sentence, and record your answer in the usual way.*

36. Students with good behavior usually ----- well in their lessons.

- A. doing
- B. done
- C. does
- D. do

37. Of all the languages in the world, English is -----.

- A. the most popular.
- B. popular more.
- C. rather the popular.
- D. or more popular

38. After all the criticisms Henry dare not ----- any more mistakes.

- A. makes
- B. made
- C. make
- D. to make

39. You are going with your friend to the party, -----?

- A. you are not?
- B. aren't you?
- C. is it not?
- D. not you?

40. I ----- my parents last Sunday but I went out of town.
 A. shall have visit
 B. was visiting
 C. should have visited
 D. visiting
41. Amelia left the party early , so she ----- the fight.
 A. not witnessed
 B. never witness
 C. did not witnessed
 D. did not witness
42. The striking workers refused ----- work today.
 A. beginning
 B. began
 C. to begin
 D. begin to
43. The culprits ----- to jail after the trial.
 A. was send
 B. were sent
 C. being send
 D. are
44. Most of the spectators ----- see the game.
 A. hardly could not
 B. hardly not
 C. could hardly
 D. not hardly
45. Albertha was ----- that she was soon promoted.
 A. too fast a typist
 B. so faster typist
 C. as fast a typist
 D. such a fast typist
46. When we entered the hall, the concert -----,
 A. has begin
 B. having begin
 C. have began
 D. had begun
47. Having ----- a deal with the construction company, the manager was pleased.
 A. striking
 B. strike
 C. struck
 D. to strike
48. Mr. Massaquoi's car did not start, ----- he was late for work today.
 A. nevertheless
 B. however.
 C. consequently
 D. moreover
49. He accused the janitor ----- his book.
 A. of stealing
 B. having stolen
 C. with stealing
 D. for having stole.
50. The number of malaria cases in the county ----- increasing.
 A. have been
 B. has been
 C. has being
 D. has

51. Uncle Samakai will go for a short training course before ----- his new job.
 A. taking to
 B. taking up
 C. up taking
 D. takes up
52. Solomon completed the exercise, ----- he was sick.
 A. even though
 B. and
 C. moreover
 D. consequently
53. We worked hard during our final year, -----?
 A. do we
 B. did we
 C. it is so
 D. didn't we
54. The patient is gradually recovering ----- his illness.
 A. with
 B. by
 C. from
 D. off
55. If he ----- the election, he would have become a member of the legislature.
 A. had won
 B. has won
 C. wins
 D. should win
56. "I ----- be able to go to the concert," she said uncertainly.
 A. must
 B. will
 C. could
 D. might
57. ----- the long distance I ran, I never got tired.
 A. As of
 B. Because of
 C. Although
 D. In spite of
58. Which of the two cars is the -----?
 A. very beautiful
 B. more beautiful
 C. most beautiful
 D. beautiful
59. I am not ----- in learning Chinese.
 A. interested
 B. interesting
 C. interest
 D. of interest
60. Did anyone ----- to the principal about our project?
 A. speaks
 B. spoke
 C. speak
 D. spoken
61. Many children in Liberia take care of -----.
 A. weselves.
 B. theirsself.
 C. theirselves.
 D. themselves.

62. The audience described the president's message as-----
 A. of interesting.
 B. interested.
 C. very interesting.
 D. more interest.
63. There are several courses offered and you may select----- course you desire.
 A. however
 B. whichever
 C. whoever
 D. whomever
64. The hotel at the stadium is about -----
 A. three stories height.
 B. three story high.
 C. three high storey.
 D. three stories high.
65. Because of some misunderstanding, the workers -----strike action.
 A. result in
 B. resulted to
 C. resulting in
 D. results at
66. Miatta spends most of her time reading, writing letters and ----- to her friends on the phone.
 A. she talks
 B. to talk
 C. talked
 D. talking.
67. All of my friends love to eat , dance and -----funny jokes.
 A. they tell
 B. tell
 C. telling
 D. tells
68. The game was -----enjoyable that they did not want to leave.
 A. too
 B. very
 C. so
 D. as
69. If she had not been smart, the thief ----- away with her money.
 A. might have get
 B. may have getting
 C. might get
 D. would have gotten
70. We saw the young man suddenly ----- from the truck.
 A. falls
 B. fall
 C. fallen
 D. fell
71. We need to write a letter and ----- the manager for his contribution.
 A. thank
 B. thanks
 C. thanked
 D. thanking

72. Liberian children should strive ----- their parents.
 A. by emulating
 B. emulating
 C. at emulate
 D. to emulate
73. Mr. Jalebah led a ----- delegation to the Council meeting.
 A. three men
 B. three man's
 C. a three-man
 D. a three-men's
74. Musa is intelligent; he is quick-----.
 A. of understanding
 B. understanding
 C. to understanding
 D. to understand
75. Your suit is ----- mine.
 A. very expensive than
 B. too expensive as
 C. more expensive pass
 D. more expensive than
76. We should learn ----- kindly to one another.
 A. spoken
 B. to speak
 C. spoke
 D. speak
77. Unauthorized persons ----- the gate during working hours.
 A. don't dare enter
 B. do not dare entering
 C. dare not enter
 D. can't dare to enter.
78. The supervisor of schools has ----- our school before.
 A. never visits
 B. never visiting
 C. never visited
 D. visits
79. I ----- in the track team next week.
 A. will be running
 B. will be run
 C. be running
 D. running
80. He had fever so he ----- in bed all day yesterday.
 A. lie
 B. laid
 C. lay
 D. lying
81. The two parties in the dispute agreed -----.
 A. for compromising
 B. compromise
 C. at compromised
 D. to compromise

82. We have not seen the box-----

- A. which we kept in the golden key.
- B. which kept the golden key in.
- C. in which we kept the golden key.
- D. where the golden key keeping.

83. Which of the following sentences is grammatically correct?

- A. This is the most happiest day of my life.
- B. This is the more happier day of my life.
- C. This is the happiest day of my life.
- D. This is the happier day of my life.

SECTION E

*In the following passage, the numbered gaps indicate missing words. Against each number in the list below the passage, four options are offered in columns lettered A to D. From the options, choose the one that is **most suitable** to fill the numbered gaps in the passage. An example is given below.*

In order to score good grades in school, a -1- must be very -2- at all time.

	A	B	C	D
1.	teacher	student	man	women
2.	active	playful	studious	quiet

Of the four words written against number 1, the word which best completes the gap is **student** which falls under column B, therefore space B would be shaded.

=A=

B

=C=

=D=

Similarly, the best word for gap -2- is **studious** which falls under column C, therefore, C is shaded.

=A=

B

C

=D=

Now read the passage that follows and answer the questions in the same way.

When Momolu received an invitation from his uncle in the United States of America, he decided to obtain a -84- from the -85- office to enable him travel for the summer holidays. Fortunately, his friend working at the American -86- helped him to obtain a -87- for his trip.

He later -88- his ticket from a -89- and -90- his -91- for July 2011. I accompanied him to the airport and reported at the -92- for the -93- formalities. I took the opportunity to watch the planes -94- and -95-. After the inspection of his passport and luggage he was issued a -96-. He then bid me goodbye. I didn't see him again until I saw the plane -97- into space. Later he wrote back informing me that he had a smooth -98- to the USA. His -99- took him to Accra where he -100- for three hours.

	A	B	C	D
84.	certificate	license	pass	passport
85.	Foreign Affairs	Embassy	Custom House	Diplomatic Mission
86.	guest house	immigration	Embassy	White House
87.	certificate	diploma	pass	visa
88.	applied	asked	purchased	issued
89.	shop	clearing agent	travel agency	bank
90.	insured	confirmed	assigned	assured
91.	departure	travel	flight	journey
92.	arrival hall	pilot office	departure desk	tarmac
93.	arrival	departure	formal	handling
94.	riseup	overtake	uplift	take off
95.	glide	land	drop	ground
96.	boarding pass	certificate	chart	visa
97.	booming	trotting	strolling	zooming
98.	ride	flight	drive	journey
99.	road	root	route	airway
100.	rest-over	stay-over	stop-over	lay-off

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PAPER 2
ESSAY
(60 Marks)

1 ½ hours

*Paper 2 consists of **four** sections, **A, B, C and D**. You are required to answer **one** question from section **A**, **one** question from section **B** and **all** the questions in section **C and D**. Use ink (**blue or black**.) Credit will be given for clarity and orderly presentation of materials*

SECTION A
LETTER WRITING

Answer **one** question **only** from this section. Your letter should be about **150** words.

1. Your pen pal in another country has written to you inquiring about recreation facilities in your country. Write a letter to him/her describing any recreational facility you think would be of interest
2. As youth leader of your district, write a letter to the representative of that district informing him/her of major development needs and what he/she could do to assist.

SECTION B
ESSAY WRITING

Answer **one** question **only** from this section. Your essay should be about **250** words.

3. Write an article to be published in your school magazine on the topic, "The Importance of Good Appearance".
4. You were an eye witness to a street demonstration in which several persons were injured and properties damaged. Give a vivid description of the scene.
5. Write an imaginary story which justifies the saying, "Hope is the last thing we lose."

SECTION C
COMPREHENSION

6. *Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions which follow. Give brief but precise answers to the questions.*

There is no doubt that adults, and even highly educated adults, vary greatly in the speed and efficiency of their reading. Some proceed very slowly throughout; others dash along too quickly and then have to regress. Poor readers in particular may lack the ability to vary their manner of reading according to the type of reading matter and their intentions in reading it.

A good reader can move at great speed through the text of a novel or similar light reading matter. He may be able to skim a page, pick up a word or two here and there, and gain a general idea of what the text is about without really reading it. In reading more difficult material, with the intention of taking in the whole of it, he will proceed more slowly; but then he will vary his pace, concentrating on key words and passages, perhaps re-reading the

several times, and pass more quickly over the reminder. A less efficient reader tends to maintain the same speed whatever the material he reads. Consequently, even light reading matter, gives him little pleasure because he reads so slowly. But this pace may be too fast for really difficult materials which require special concentration at difficult points. A type of reading which necessitates careful attention to detail is proof-reading, in which the reader, in order to detect misprint in a sample print, has to notice not so much the meaning of what he reads as the exact shape and order of letters and words in the text. This is extremely difficult for most people since they are accustomed to overlooking such details. In fact, considerable practice is required to practice this task efficiently and it can be done only by reading very slowly and by paying comparatively little attention to the general meaning of the text.

- (1) According to the passage, what difference in reading speed does the author show between poor readers and highly educated readers?
- (2) Why does the author think that proof-reading is very difficult for most people?
- (3) What does the phrase, "take in the whole of it" mean in the passage?
- (4) Give the meanings of the following words as used in the passage:
 - (a) regress
 - (b) skim
 - (c) Proof-reading
 - (d) misprint

SECTION D SUMMARY

7. Read the following passage carefully and answer **all** the questions which follow.

We are all influenced far more than we realize by professional persuaders, the men and women of advertising. Advertisers have something to sell and they use a number of ways to persuade us to buy their products. They spend millions of dollars every year studying human behavior so that they can control our choice effectively.

Certain feelings and fears are common to nearly all of us and advertisers take advantage of these emotions. For instance, most of us need security and want to be popular with others. We also want to be healthy, successful and attractive. By playing on feelings like these, advertisers make us believe that we need and want certain products because they will improve our lives in some way. For example, toothpaste makers double their sale in a few years by making people feel uncomfortable about their teeth and breath. Unless you had fresh breath and white teeth you would be a social misfit.

- (1) According to the passage, what is the purpose of advertising?
- (2) What aspect of human nature do advertisers use to persuade people to buy products?
- (3) Give an appropriate title for the passage.

END OF PAPER