

35. What I enjoy most is \_\_\_\_\_ music.  
 A to be playing  
 B play  
 C to play  
 D playing
36. My father saw \_\_\_\_\_ in the film hall.  
 A my brother and I  
 B my brother and me  
 C me and my brother  
 D I and my brother

Choose the best answer from the alternatives (A, B, C, and D) to show the sentence that is correctly punctuated.

37.  
 A "Is the President reelected?" She asked  
 B Is the President re-elected, she asked?  
 C "Is the President re-elected?" she asked.  
 D "Is the President reelected"? She asked.
38.  
 A All form Five B Students were punished.  
 B All Form Five B students were punished.  
 C All Form Five B Students were punished.  
 D All Form five B students were punished.
39. We have an extra room in our house.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ you stay with us?  
 A Couldn't  
 B Won't  
 C Why can't  
 D Why don't
40. Waah \_\_\_\_\_ That is a wonderful idea.  
 A !.  
 B !  
 C !,  
 D !;

## SECTION D

### VOCABULARY (5 marks)

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

For numbers 41-43 choose the answer from the alternatives (A, B, C and D) that best explains the meaning of the underlined word(s) or phrase(s).

41. His wife died because she bled profusely after giving birth.  
 A exceptionally  
 B occasionally  
 C continuously  
 D excessively

42. Destiny brought the happy couple together.  
 A prayer  
 B prudence  
 C providence  
 D faith

43. If he is not careful, he would spend most of his life behind bars.  
 A in jail  
 B behind the bar  
 C in the cell  
 D awaiting trial

Choose the alternative (A, B, C and D) that best gives the opposite of the underlined word.

44. It would be imprudent to invest all your money in one company.  
 A polite  
 B wise  
 C arrogant  
 D selfish

For questions 45 – 50, choose the alternative that best completes each sentence.

45. That book \_\_\_\_\_ little attention when it was first published.  
 A attracted  
 B acquired  
 C derived  
 D procured
46. He went to the village to perform some traditional \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A rights  
 B rites  
 C rite  
 D wrights.
47. The \_\_\_\_\_ is completely wrong.  
 A pronunciation  
 B pronountiation  
 C pronuntiation  
 D pronunciation
48. It requires \_\_\_\_\_ human effort to climb Mount Cameroon in two hours.  
 A super  
 B extra  
 C in  
 D hyper
49. Bole Butake got a/an \_\_\_\_\_ for his writings.  
 A award  
 B reward  
 C remuneration  
 D compensation
50. The sentence "That boy is a pig" is an example of a/an \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A irony  
 B metaphor  
 C personification  
 D hyperbole

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**MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTION PAPER**

**One and a half Hours**

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

*Read the following instructions carefully before you start answering the questions in this paper. Make sure you have a soft HB pencil and an eraser for this examination.*

1. USE A SOFT HB PENCIL THROUGHOUT THE EXAMINATION.
2. DO NOT OPEN THIS BOOKLET UNTIL YOU ARE TOLD TO DO SO.

*Before the examination begins:*

3. Check that this question booklet is headed "Ordinary Level – 530 English Language 1"
4. Fill in the information required in the spaces above.
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**Candidate Number and Name, Centre Number and Name.**  
Take care that you do not crease or fold the answer sheet or make any marks on it other than those asked for in these instructions.

*How to answer the questions in this examination*

6. Answer **ALL** the 50 questions in this Examination. All questions carry equal marks.
7. Each question has **FOUR** suggested answers: **A, B, C** and **D**. Decide on which answer is correct. Find the number of the question on the Answer Sheet and draw a horizontal line across the letter to join the square brackets for the answer you have chosen.  
For example, if **C** is your correct answer, mark **C** as shown below:  
[A] [B] **C** [D]
8. Mark only one answer for each question. If you mark more than one answer, you will score a zero for that question. If you change your mind about an answer, erase the first mark carefully, and then mark your new answer.
9. Avoid spending too much time on any one question. If you find a question difficult, move on to the next question. You can come back to this question later.
10. Do all rough work in this booklet, using, where necessary, the blank spaces in the question booklet.
11. **At the end of the examination, the invigilator shall collect the answer sheet first and then the question booklet after. DO NOT ATTEMPT TO LEAVE THE EXAMINATION HALL WITH IT.**

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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 and D) for each of the questions below.

## SECTION ONE

1. Which of the following was not Samuel's job?  
 A vagabondage  
 B carrier  
 C manservant  
 D maid

2. Samuel's master took him to live with him because he was \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A hard working  
 B strong and helpful  
 C a carton carrier  
 D sincere and earnest

3. How old was Samuel when Maria's mother died?  
 A nine  
 B seven  
 C five  
 D two

4. You have heard the word "mother" read to you from the passage. Which of the words below has the same vowel sound as in the underlined syllable in "mother"?  
 A murder  
 B more  
 C mum  
 D mortar

## SECTION TWO

5. When Samuel was offered to choose anything from his master's kingdom, he requested to give an answer the next day because he \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A was confused  
 B wanted to consult Maria  
 C wanted to think  
 D expected a revelation from his dream

6. Why did the master choose to unbutton his heart at night to Samuel?  
 A It was a matter of life and death.  
 B He was afraid to die.  
 C He wanted his daughter to be witness.  
 D It was a matter of great importance.

7. Which of the following words has the same stress pattern as in "precious"?  
 A precise  
 B précis  
 C predict  
 D precede

## SECTION THREE

8. Samuel sweated after making his request because \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A his master stared at him  
 B his master might be angry with him  
 C his request might not be granted  
 D Maria may reject him

9. The master gave his daughter's hand in marriage to Samuel \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A as compensation  
 B in order to preserve his estate  
 C because Samuel made the right choice  
 D because he considered him as a son

10. From the story as a whole the master can be described as one who is \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A extravagant  
 B selfless  
 C Straight forward  
 D understanding



**SECTION B**  
**READING COMPREHENSION (7 ½ marks)**

Read the following passage and answer the questions which follow.

**Behold the Mighty Hippo**

The large pool within the sprawling Masai Mara Game Reserve in Kenya is bathed in the quiet radiance of the evening sun. As the sun descends on the horizon, the waters reflect a golden brown splendence. A few metres away, herds of zebras and wildebeests (gnu) approach the pool at a leisurely pace. Suddenly and *with much apprehension*, the animals stand still, their eyes firmly fixed on a *huge boulder-like object* floating near the edge of the pool. After boisterously agitating the waters, the "boulder" sinks out of sight. The grazers *have just beheld a vicious aquatic animal* – the hippopotamus.

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Found in pools, rivers and lakes in some parts of Africa, the hippo is surpassed in size only by the elephant. When full grown, the hippo may reach a length of 4½ metres and a shoulder height of 1 ½ metres. Its weight may be about four tons.

Thick skinned, hairless, and seemingly clumsy, the *barrel shaped* hippo would certainly fare badly in any beauty contest. The legs of the hippo are short, causing one to wonder how they manage to support such a *colossal* frame. But do not underestimate the power of those stubby legs. On land the hippo can run faster than man. In water it has been known to outdo a small man-powered boat or even a motorboat. Not surprisingly, some have described this massive beast as having bones that are as *tubes of copper*, and compared them to wrought iron rods.

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Hippos are sociable animals, typically living in groups of 10 to 15 led by a dominant bull, though larger groups numbering about 150 have been seen. They are amphibious and emerge from the water mainly at night – to feed on the lush vegetation found on the shores. Generally, they avoid straying far from the water in the dry season. However, some hippos have been known to walk up to six miles in search of food.

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It is unclear how hippos mark their territories. A startling habit of spreading their dung around with the tail is thought by some to be a way of impressing female hippos or of intimidating a rival. Under attack, they neigh like a horse, and they bellow or roar when fighting. Loud snorts are audible even when the animals are submerged. The lead bull gives himself away with a muh-muh-muh call.

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The hippo spends the whole day partially or totally submerged in water, and its large body is well suited for this. Although it may not be an accomplished swimmer like its amphibious neighbours, the hippo can stay submerged for up to 15 minutes. Its nostrils, eyes, and ears are located on one level, making it possible for the animal to hide the rest of its body underwater. It is here, underwater, that several of the hippo's activities (including courtship and mating) take place.

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After a gestation period of about eight months, a single offspring is born in shallow waters. Suckling occurs either on land or in ankle-deep water. As strong as it is, the hippo takes parenting seriously, treating the baby with surprising tenderness. Indeed, a floating mother with a young hippo riding on her back is a remarkable phenomenon to behold. Of course, *the seemingly benign animal* will put up a fierce fight against any attempt to get the baby off her back!

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The hippo's skin is well suited for aquatic life. Significant changes become evident once the animal emerges onto land. Glands situated under the skin secrete thin mucus with a reddish brown colour and a high salt content. Seen from a distance, the pigment makes the animal appear to be sweating blood. The slime however protects the skin both in water and on dry land. In ancient African communities, the skin of the hippo was cut into strips and soaked in oil. Then the strips were twisted and dried to make a *dreaded whip* that was used in territorial fights. After tanning a process that takes at least six years the hippo skin "is as hard as rock" and about four and a half centimetres thick.

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The mouth is certainly the most striking feature of the hippo. On land the animal uses its forty-five centimetres wide lips to graze near the water. Yet, the mouth is not just a feeding instrument. When the hippo opens its jaws 150 degrees, it is not merely a yawn but a threatening display of aggressiveness. Defending the ever-diminishing territory leads to serious fights between opponents. The open mouth reveals huge lower canines. These weapons of defence may reach a length of 30cm above the gum line.

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The hippo's mouth is dangerous not only to other hippos but also to humans. Any human efforts to coexist with the hippo have proved futile. The animal will make an unprovoked attack on those who venture too close to its domain. Furthermore, if a hippo is wounded, it is even more irritable and hence capable of inflicting greater damage on any intruder. Even boats have been capsized by the huge jaws of an angry hippo.

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On land the hippo is as brutish as it is in water, for example, it is extremely dangerous to be between a grazing hippo and the water. Indeed, in some parts of Africa, unsuspecting villagers have been attacked by hippos that found their path to the water blocked. The animal inspires fear in both man and beast and must be treated with utmost caution and respect.

Grazing on land, a lone hippo is vulnerable to attack by lions. Nevertheless, the hippo's most threatening enemy seems to be man. People have greatly reduced both the number of hippopotamuses and the size of the area in which they live. Hunters have killed large numbers of them, and farmers have made cropland out of many areas where hippopotamuses once made their home.

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Yes, human encroachment on the hippo's habitat has forced the animal into a small area, thus inhibiting its free movement and breeding patterns.

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#### QUESTIONS

11. The animals described in the first paragraph are found in a \_\_\_\_\_.  
A large pool  
B forest reserve  
C grazing land  
D game reserve
12. The phrase "with much apprehension" (lines 4-5) means great \_\_\_\_\_.  
A fear  
B understanding  
C suspicion  
D curiosity
13. The "huge boulder-like object" mentioned in the passage (line 4) refers to \_\_\_\_\_.  
A a giant rock  
B the hippotamus  
C a dune  
D zebras and wildebeests
14. In the statement "The grazers have just beheld ..." (line 6) "grazers" refer to \_\_\_\_\_.  
A wildebeests  
B zebras  
C hippopotamuses  
D Zebras and wildebeests
15. The words "barrel-shaped" and "colossal" (lines 10 and 12) used in describing the hippo make the animal appear \_\_\_\_\_.  
A powerful  
B terrifying  
C unattractive  
D Misshapen
16. The hippo's dual habitat makes it \_\_\_\_\_.  
A ambidextrous  
B aquatic  
C amphibious  
D ambiguous
17. When the writer describes the hippo as "the seemingly benign animal" (line 32), he means that the hippo is \_\_\_\_\_.  
A kind  
B friendly  
C appears kind and friendly  
D not dangerous
18. The function of the thin mucus with a high salt content is to \_\_\_\_\_.  
A protect its skin on dry land  
B make the hippo sweat blood  
C protect the skin in water  
D protect its skin on dry land and in water
19. The yawn of the hippo is a signal that the animal is \_\_\_\_\_.  
A hungry and ready to attack  
B hungry and aggressive  
C aggressive and ready to attack  
D hungry, thirsty and sleepy



20. The hippo is considered an endangered species because \_\_\_\_\_.
- they die of hunger as they need a lot of food
  - the hunters have killed a large number and farmers have cultivated large areas where hippos once made their homes
  - they keep drowning as the rivers dry up due to climate change
  - lions, elephants and other wild beasts are now able to fight and kill many hippos
21. The atmosphere in which the animals in the passage lived can be described as \_\_\_\_\_.
- convivial
  - vicious
  - avaricious
  - tense
22. The writer of this passage is most likely a/an \_\_\_\_\_.
- zoologist
  - tourist
  - environmentalist
  - Forest guard
23. The hippo is described as a "vicious aquatic animal" (line 6) because \_\_\_\_\_.
- it floats near the edge of the pool
  - it is extremely violent
  - it is seven and a half meters long and one and a half metres tall
  - it is very harmful
24. The statement "having bones that are as tubes of copper" (line 14) is a \_\_\_\_\_.
- simile
  - metaphor
  - paradox
  - hyperbole
25. The writer describes the whips made from dried strips of hippo skin as "dreaded whip" (line 38) because \_\_\_\_\_.
- they were frightful
  - they were hated
  - they were as hard as stone
  - their lashes could be very painful and deadly

**SECTION C**  
**GRAMMAR (7 ½ marks)**

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

For numbers 26-40 choose the best answer from the alternatives (A, B, C and D) that completes the sentences.

26. That is a mistake he \_\_\_\_\_.
- almost always makes
  - makes almost always
  - always almost makes
  - almost makes always
27. My sister came back from London with so much \_\_\_\_\_.
- luggages
  - luggage
  - pieces of luggage
  - quantity of luggage
28. The suspect \_\_\_\_\_ when I entered the office.
- had being questioned
  - have been questioned
  - was being questioned
  - is being questioned
29. If I \_\_\_\_\_ what actually happened, I would have punished him.
- have heard
  - had heard
  - was hearing
  - heard
30. You \_\_\_\_\_ mad if you think I'm going to lend you any more money.
- should be
  - can be
  - must be
  - ought to be
31. John is \_\_\_\_\_ than me.
- cleverly
  - more cleverer
  - cleverer
  - most clever
32. If the doctor had not been called in, she \_\_\_\_\_.
- will have died
  - may have died
  - would have died
  - could die
33. Peter is suffering \_\_\_\_\_ indecision.
- from
  - for
  - against
  - under
34. My dog wags \_\_\_\_\_ tail whenever it is hungry.
- its'
  - it's
  - Against
  - under

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