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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 "0530 English Language 1 - Ordinary Level"**
- 4. Fill in the information required in the spaces above.**
- 5. Fill in the information required in the spaces provided on the answer sheet using your HB pencil:**
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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 appropriate. 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 the blank spaces in the question booklet.**
- 11. At the end of the examination, the invigilator shall collect the answer sheet and then the question booklet. DO NOT ATTEMPT TO LEAVE THE EXAMINATION HALL WITH ANY.**

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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 statements is true of Haria?
- A Haria's earnings were sufficient for his needs.
 - B Haria's earnings could hardly make ends meet.
 - C Haria's earnings could barely suffice for his daily needs.
 - D Haria's earnings were abundant for his needs.

2. Haria thought the hen would make a great feast for him because
- A the hen would serve as a good meal
 - B the hen tastes good
 - C the hen and her eggs would satisfy him
 - D it looked big and fleshy

3. Haria was able to catch the hen because
- A she gave herself up
 - B he was very near her
 - C she was used to him
 - D she was heavy with eggs

4. The word "squeaked" as used in the passage is best explained by one of the expressions below.
- A cried and flapped her wings
 - B flapped her wings widely
 - C made a short loud sound
 - D crew and jumped wildly

SECTION TWO

5. The hen sat beside the egg to
- A protect it
 - B prove her faithfulness
 - C surprise Haria
 - D see Haria's reaction

6. When did the hen promise to start laying the golden eggs?
- A Immediately.
 - B The next day.
 - C The day before.
 - D After the dialogue with Hairia.
7. In the statement, "The next morning Haria found a golden egg lying outside his hut..." the underlined word is a/an
- A verb
 - B noun
 - C adjective
 - D preposition

SECTION THREE

8. You heard the word "lay" read to you in the passage. Which word below does not have the same vowel sound on the first syllable as that in "lay"?
- A layette
 - B labour
 - C latex
 - D latter
9. Why does Haria kill the hen in the interior of his house instead of outside?
- A He needed light since there was darkness outside.
 - B He did not want the hen to escape.
 - C He wanted to secure all the golden eggs for himself.
 - D He did not want his neighbours to see him.
10. Haria's countenance at the end of the story can best be described as one of _____.
- A regret and sadness.
 - B disappointment and sympathy.
 - C anger and disappointment.
 - D scorn and disappointment.

SECTION B

READING COMPREHENSION (7 1/2marks)

Read the following passage and answer the questions which follow.

The door closed behind her. She heard the great key turn. She was locked in the prison with a horde of raving criminals who by their *din* sounded as if they had gone completely insane. A dark tunnel, twenty yards long, stretched before her. At the far end it appeared to open out into a courtyard. She could see figures racing across the entrance. With faltering footsteps, she walked through it and came to an abrupt standstill, *rooted* in horror. 5

The courtyard was about sixty feet square, with cage-like structures round all four sides. Within its confines a writhing, *fiendish battle* was going on. Several bodies were stretched out on the flagstones.

Inside the cage-like structures small private battles were being fought. The main group of men, however, was watching one convict who brandished a large, blood-stained chopper. As she stared, he suddenly rushed at them and they scattered wildly to every part of the square. He singled one man out and chased **10** him. The man ran towards Gladys and then ducked away. The madman with the axe halted only a few feet from her. Without any instinctive plan, hardly realizing what she was doing, she took two angry steps towards him.

“Give me that chopper”, she said furiously. “Give it to me at once.”

The man turned to look at her. For *three long seconds*, the wild dark pupils staring from blood-shot eyes, glared at her. He took two paces forward. Suddenly, meekly, he held out the axe. Gladys snatched the weapon from his hand and held it rigidly down by her side; The other convicts— there must have been fifty or sixty men cowering there—stared from every corner of the courtyard. All action was *frozen* in that one moment of intense drama. Gladys knew she must clinch her psychological advantage. :

“All of you”, she shouted, “come on, form into a line.” She knew vaguely that the voice belonged to her, **20** but she had never heard it so shrill. “Get into line at once!”

Obediently the convicts shambled across, forming into a ragged group before her. She regarded them stormily. There was silence. Then suddenly her fear had gone.

“You should be ashamed of yourselves,” she said, berating them like an irate mother scolding a crowd of naughty children. “The Governor sent me in here to find out what it was all about. Now, if you clean up **25** this courtyard and promise to behave in future, I’ll ask him to deal leniently with you this time.” She tried to keep her eyes away from the still figures of the dead.

“Now what is your grievance?” she snapped.

“Why did you start fighting like this?”

There was no answer. Several hung their heads in shame.

“I want you to appoint a spokesman,” she went on. “He can tell me what the trouble is. And then you can **30** start cleaning up this courtyard at once. Now go over in that corner and appoint your spokesman. I’ll wait here.”

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The convicts trooped over to the corner she indicated and talked among themselves. A few moments later, one of the taller men of slightly better physique approached. Like the others, he was in rags.

“My name is Feng,” he said. “I am their spokesman.”

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He explained that no one really knew why, or how, the riot had started. They were allowed the chopper—he indicated the axe which Gladys still carried — for an hour every day to cut up their food. Someone had quarrelled over his portion, someone else had joined in, and suddenly, without anyone knowing exactly why, the volcano of passion had erupted and a lava of blood flowed everywhere. He could not explain this strange occurrence. Perhaps it was that many of the men had been there for many years, he said. As she knew, unless their friends or relatives sent in food, they starved. It was hard to sit up against a wall and starve to death while other men ate. Sometimes they took one of their numbers out into the square and executed him. That terror hung over many heads. He could not explain the outbreak, but the walls were high and the doors were strong; they never saw the outside world, women or mountains, a tree in blossom or a friendly face; sometimes the spirit grew so oppressed that it burst out of a man in a wild tumult of violence.

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“What do you do all day in here?” asked Gladys seriously.

“Do? There is nothing to do.”

“No occupation of any sort ?”

“None”

“But a man must have work, something to do. I shall see the Governor about it.”

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It was at that moment she became conscious that the Governor and his retinue were behind her. She did not find until later that there was a small opening, towards the end of the tunnel through which they had heard everything. The noise of the riot had died, and they now thought it safe to enter and take an official part in the peace treaty.

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The Governor bowed to Gladys.

“You have done well,” he said gratefully. “We must thank you.”

‘It’s disgraceful,’ she said bitterly. ‘These men are locked up here week after week, year after year, with nothing to do. Nothing to do at all.’

“I do not understand.” His bewilderment was rather ludicrous.

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Gladys could, however, sense his gratitude and decided to press her point. “Of course you have riots if they have nothing to occupy their time year after year. You must find them occupations.”

QUESTIONS

- 11 The word “din” as used in the passage (line 2) means _____
A beating of the gate striking of the door loud
B unpleasant noise noise made by a mad man
C loud unpleasant noise
D noise made by a mad man
12. The phrase “rooted in horror” as used in the passage (line 5) is a/an.....
A aphorism
B idiom
C slang
D metaphor
13. According to the passage life in prison can be _____
A vexing
B horrific
C disturbing
D hazardous
14. The expression “fiendish battle” (line 7) means _____
A a cruel fight
B a wicked fight
C fighting viciously
D dangerous struggle
15. Gladys’ confrontation with the mad man can be termed _____
A bold
B risky
C foolhardy
D genial
16. Gladys’ reaction as she entered the courtyard was one of.....
A revulsion
B dismay
C fright
D shock
17. In the passage, the time taken by the mad man to obey Gladys’ command is regarded as “three long seconds” (line 15) because _____
A she had been standing there for long
B she had been seeing what had been going on for long
C it was not certain what the madman would do
D the writer wants to exaggerate
18. The action in the courtyard is said to be “frozen” (line 18) because.....
A it was cold and quite
B all action ceased
C she came to a standstill
D the prisoners could talk no more
19. Two things that finally help in overcoming Gladys’ fear are _____
A the seizure of the chopper and the appointment of a spokesman
B the obedience of the prisoners and the appointment of a spokesman
C the presence of the governor and his retinue
D the prisoners obedience to her and their formation of a queue
20. Two nouns used figuratively in paragraph 12 are _____
A riot and chopper
B axe and chopper
C passion and blood
D volcano and lava
21. In the passage all the prisoners have no _____ at all.
A clothes
B work
C food
D feeling
- 22 The Governor’s bewilderment is as a result of seeing _____
A Gladys seize the axe
B Gladys order the convicts
C the mad man calm
D that the convicts had nothing to occupy them
23. We can deduce that the Governor is grateful to Gladys because she _____
A is brave
B is able to order the prisoners
C quelled the riot.
D received a bow from him

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24. The point that Gladys "had to press" (line 61) is _____ .
A that the prisoners had no work.
B that the prisoners hadn't adequate food.
C that prisoners should not be locked up for tooling.
D that the prisoners be found some work to occupy them.
25. From the passage one can conclude that Gladys has a _____ personality.
A forceful
B manly
C pathetic
D charming.

SECTION C
GRAMMAR (7¹/2 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. The tortoise moved _____ ; but it still beat the hare in the race.
A slowly
B slower
C slowest
D slow
27. I don't think there.....
enough _____ for the party,
A is/ cutlery
B are/cutleries
C were/cutleries
D are/cutlery
28. The bee farmer died because he was _____ by bees.
A sting
B stinged
C stung
D stunk
30. It is high time we _____ food.
A eat
B ate
C had eaten
D have eaten

30. You _____ bother yourself about the problem. I'll work it out myself.
A can't
B needn't
C may not
D might not
31. Boys generally perform _____ in English language than girls.
A worse
B worsen
C more worse
D worst.
32. If it had rained heavily on Sunday, I _____ stayed away from church.
A may have
B should have
C could have
D Would have
33. Sandy prefers whisky _____ and wine.
A from
B instead of
C than
D to
34. There are shoes in his bag
A not so
B aren't there
C aren't they
D are they
35. Sheena anxiously looked forward to _____ her Principal at her Birthday Party.
A see
B welcome
C receiving
D receive
36. Children at seven should be encouraged to wash their clothes _____
A of themselves
B their selves
C by themselves
D themselves
- Choose the best answer from the alternatives (A, B, C, and D) to show the sentence that is correctly reported.
37. "Who will be coming for the party today?" my mother asked. My mother asked _____
A who will be coming for the party today
B who will come for the party today
C who was coming for the party that day
D who will be coming to the party that day

For numbers 38-40, choose the best answer from the alternative (A, B, C and D) to show - the sentence that is correctly punctuated

38. A We learn History every monday.
B We learn history every Monday.
C We learn History every Monday.
D We learn History, every Monday.
38. The award is called _____
A Pastor's Children Scholarship
B Pastors' Children's Scholarship
C Pastors Children's Scholarship
D Pastors Childrens' Scholarship
40. A Oh my God! I am finished.
B Oh! my God! I am finished!!
C Oh my God. I am finished!
D Oh! my God. I am finished.

SECTION D VOCABULARY (5 marks)

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

For numbers 47-49 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. Tamoh, the great hunter, had no rival in the village.
A opponent
B enemy
C competitor
D counterpart
42. We were lucky to have a trouble shooter in our group.
A trouble maker
B peace maker
C trouble monger
D trouble giver

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

43. There was ample evidence against him.
A enough
B excess
C sufficient
D insufficient

For question 44 - 50, choose the alternative that best fills the gap in the sentence.

44. The grass was singing when the farmer burned the farm is an example of a _____
A metaphor
B personification
C simile
D hyperbole
45. The _____ lady looked very attractive.
A tiny
B small
C thin
D slim
46. The Prime Minister's Lodge is among the _____ of the colonial rule in Cameroon.
A remnant B evidence C legacies D inheritance
47. The government seized all the _____ band in the local market.
A dis
B counter
C contra
D anti
48. The coward _____ soldiers ran away.
A ed
B ish
C ie
D ly
49. Most students think that farming is a job.
A strenous
B strenuous
C strainous
B straineous
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50. A person who finds difficulties in sleeping suffers from _____ .
A nigtmares
B overthinking
C insomnia
D amnesia

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