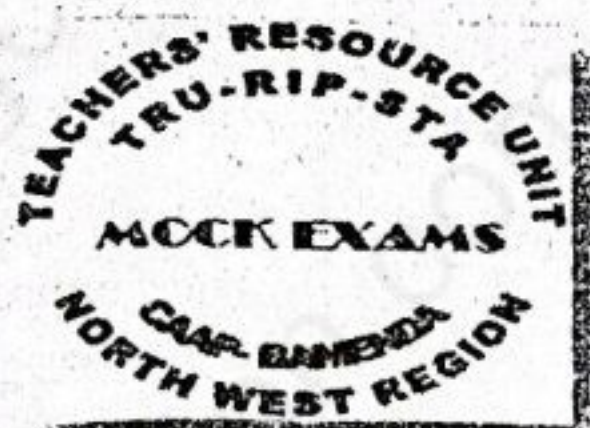




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CANDIDATE NAME: .
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Time Allowed: One and a half hours
INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

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1. USE A SOFT HB PENCIL THROUGHOUT THIS 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 -0530 code and subject title—ENGLISH LANGUAGE -Paper 1".
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How to answer questions in this examination:

7. Answer ALL the 50 questions in this examination. All questions carry equal marks.
8. Non-programmable calculators are allowed.
9. For each question there are four suggested answers, A, B, C and D. Decide 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]
10. Mark only one answer for each question. If you mark more than one answer, you will score zero for that question. If you change your mind about an answer, erase the first mark carefully, and then mark your new answer.
11. Avoid spending much time on any question. If you find a question difficult, move to the next. You can come back to the question later.
12. Do all rough work in this booklet using, where necessary, the blank spaces in the question booklet.
13. You must not take this booklet and answer sheet out of the examination room. All question booklets and answer sheets will be collected at the end of the examination.

SECTION A: LISTENING COMPREHENSION (5 marks)

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

SECTION ONE

1. The writer states _____ activities that characterise death celebrations in African societies.
A) three
B) four
C) five
D) six
2. You have heard the word "inexhaustible" read to you from the passage. Which word from the list below has the same stress pattern as in "inexhaustible"?
A) Inexorable
B) Inexplicable
C) Infanticide
D) Infallible
3. The expression "to settle scores with enemies" is _____
A) an idiom
B) a proverb
C) a phrasal verb
D) a metaphor
4. Which one of the following is not a magical activity during death celebrations?
A) Casting out spirits from people simply by sipping wine
B) Predicting the future by looking at one's palm and face
C) Glancing at one's cup and telling what would befall another
D) Quarrelling from excessive consumption of alcohol.

SECTION TWO

5. According to the writer of this passage, the gizzard is always eaten by the _____ during death celebrations
A) most physically powerful
B) most elderly

C) youngest

D) most mystically powerful

6. The expression "washing your dirty linen in public" means _____

A) to positively paint your image in public

B) to quarrel with pride in public

C) to discuss embarrassing personal affairs in public

D) to wash your dirty clothes in public

7. Pick an adjective from the list below which does not represent the women described by the writer of this passage.

A) Bold

B) Disrespectful

C) Conservative

D) Challenging

SECTION THREE

8. Ambe is presented by the writer of this passage as _____

A) prayerful and peace loving.

B) prayerful and antagonistic.

C) a counsellor and traditionalist.

D) traditional and conservative.

9. The title of the passage read to you, "Clean Hands" is a good example of _____

A) personification

B) metaphor

C) allusion

D) symbolism

10. The passage read to you can be classified under _____ writing.

A) descriptive narrative

B) narrative descriptive

C) narrative

D) descriptive

SECTION B READING COMPREHENSION (7 ½ marks) Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions on it

Ngwa stirred awake to the shuffle of feet outside his door. He heard a few timid taps, and then the door opened. His mother, a silhouette, filled the doorframe, obscuring the wicker lamp that dangled from Sirri's hand.

"Ngwa. Is my son awake?" she whispered. Behind her, Sirri swayed the lamp from side to side, and his mother's long shadow moved in the darkness.

5 He stretched, letting off sleepy grunts.

"Ngwa, are you awake?"

She rushed toward him, her shadow lengthening and contracting. They met in an embrace. He clasped her tightly, then loosened his grip, startled by how frail she felt to the touch. In the darkness he felt a twinge of gratitude that he could neither see her visage nor be seen by her. Yet, his sight unavailing, his other senses were acute. He smelled her sweat, her frowzy hair.

10 He saw her through the unfaltering language of the hands. She was bonier, skinnier, feebler, than he could have ever imagined. Her flesh seemed sheared.

"Mama, how are you?" he asked.

"The way you left me" she said in a voice drained of emotion.

He felt the wash of her against his shoulder, the pound of her heart against his body. "Is your health fine?"

15 She sighed. "Are you talking about health? Your mother has only one breath left to her and you're talking about health." Each jut of her bones stood out, like an accusation. It had been four years since he sent her any money. In his mind, he tried to farm the blame to Stella Amanda. But he couldn't convince himself that his ex-wife was altogether to blame.

For all the harm Stella Amanda had done, gambling, undeniably, had done more. It was partly because of his mother that he'd chanced gambling. Through his sister, she had sent one of those occasional heartrending letters, filled with entreaties and

20 recriminations, chiding him for abandoning his own mother. He remembered the question that inflicted the deepest cut: *Do you have another mother I don't know about, a different mother you love and care for?*

He'd had some cash on hand then, a little more than three thousand dollars. But there were bills waiting to be paid. And Stella Amanda had demanded a thousand dollars to shop for clothes.

"Welcome home, his mother said, unsettling his thoughts.

25 "When your sister told me you were finally coming, I wondered if I would be alive to see you."

"Mama, you will be alive for a long time," he said.

"You forgot me, Ngwa. Her voice quavered. He squeezed her a little tighter, almost imperceptibly. "You forgot your mother. If anybody had told me the one son of my womb would ever toss me aside like a rag, I would have said it was a lie. But you did."

"Mama, please don't speak like that. I never forgot you."

30 "Words, words, words, that's all I hear from you. That's all I've heard for years now. Does a hungry woman live on words? When at night the stomach rumbles with hunger, do words calm it? You have left me a thing to be laughed at. Yes, Ngwa, I've tried to pretend to have no ear, but the ear hears things. People laugh at me. *Her son is in America, they say, yet she's left to chew sand for food.*" Her body shook, her voice hardly more audible than a whisper.

Ngwa felt the sharp slice of her words and clenched his jaws. He wanted to console her, to make pledges of redemption, but each word that scratched the inside of his throat died there. He unclasped her. She retreated from his embrace and silently, blindly, regarded him. Sirri had withdrawn with the lamp. A patch of darkness stood between them. A mosquito sang close to his ear, but he dared not slap the air. He could hear her quiet sobs, the faint chatter of teeth. What look was etched on her face, masked by darkness? A scowl? He felt scoured by her unseen, grief-stricken eyes. It was better when they were clasped in an embrace, no dark gulf between them. In the darkness, Ngwa slowly clenched and unclenched his fist.

"But for God, I would have been long dead," she moaned.

"Only God knows why I've been left here, to be neglected by my own son. You've let my enemies laugh at me, Ngwa. You should have married a good Christian wife, Ngwa. She would not have let me suffer. A Christian woman would have set your eyes in the direction of home. She would have reminded you of me, even if you had wanted to forget."

Source: Foreign Gods, Inc by Okey Ndibe

- Questions**
11. The tap on the door is described as "a few timid taps..." (line 1). It means ____
- A) strong
B) heavy
C) hard
D) weak
12. The phrase "Is my son awake?" (line 3) as used in the passage is a ____
- A) simple question
B) rhetorical question
C) witty question
D) yes/no question
13. According to the passage, Ngwa embraced his mother and was ____
- A) surprised
B) frightened
C) nervous
D) shocked
14. The expression "the unfaltering language of the hands" (lines 10) means ____
- A) the hands faltered
B) the hands could not lie
C) the hands were shaky to touch
D) the hands were deceptive
15. The words "bonier, skinnier, feebler" (line 11) are examples of ____
- A) adjectives
B) descriptive Adjectives
C) superlative adjectives
D) comparative adjectives
16. The attitude of the mother when she responded "The way you left me" (line 13) shows that she is ____
- A) grateful
B) exasperated
C) indifferent
D) timid
17. Ngwa was unable to support his mother financially more because of ____
- A) poverty
B) his extravagant wife
C) gambling
D) pressure from his mother
18. From the passage, the letters written to Ngwa contained all except one of the following. Which one is it?
- A) Angry statements

- B) Accusation of Ngwa for abandoning his mother
C) Serious lamentation
D) Feedback from family
19. His wife could be said to be a ____
- A) spendthrift
B) miser
C) hoarder
D) money lender
20. In the passage the mother says "I wondered if I would be alive to see you" (line 27). This shows ____
- A) disappointment
B) doubt
C) distress
D) uncertainty
21. The expression "toss me aside like a rag" (line 30) is a/an ____
- A) irony
B) simile
C) metaphor
D) personification
22. Ngwa's abandonment of his mother caused the society to ____ her
- A) help
B) gossip about
C) mock
D) pity
23. It is said that "Ngwa felt the sharp slice of her words." (line 38). This means that his mother's words were ____
- A) heart searching
B) heart rending
C) heart stopping
D) heart warming
24. We deduce that Ngwa is unable to utter a word because ____
- A) he has no excuse
B) he is afraid
C) he can't speak
D) he wanted to console her.
25. The theme of the passage could be ____
- A) Travelling Abroad
B) Homecoming
C) Filial Ingratitude
D) Pain and Lamentation

SECTION C GRAMMAR (7 ½ marks) Choose the best answer A, B, C or D to complete each sentence.

26. Covid 19 is ____ deadly ____ malaria.
- A) as / like
B) like/as
C) as/as
D) like / like
27. I love sugar. ____, it is not good for my health.
- A) Still
B) Nevertheless
C) Conversely
D) Instead
28. The teacher scored the three students (____) the same.

- A) Susan, him, and me
B) Susan, him, and I
C) Susan, he, and I
D) Susan, he, and me
29. Most of the meat ____ rotten.
- A) is
B) are
C) were
D) aren't
30. Don't sit ____ the sun when it is very hot.
- A) under
B) on

- C) beneath
D) in
31. A _____ of birds is flying across the sky.
A) group
B) swarm
C) herd
D) flock
32. Will he mind if I don't attend the party? (He wants me to)
A) Yes, he won't
B) No, he won't
C) Yes, he will
D) No, he will
33. Neither the students nor the teacher _____ right.
A) Is
B) are
C) were
D) weren't
34. If I _____ the principal, I _____ dismissed the boy.
A) am/would have
B) was/would have
C) were/would have
D) am /will have
35. The cat ate the meat, _____?
A) did it
B) didn't it
C) isn't it
D) not so

36. _____ is an example of a declarative sentence
A) Is English your best subject?
B) English is your best subject.
C) Listen, English must be your best subject.
D) Wow! English, your best subject!
37. Which one of the sentences (A B C & D) best corrects the ambiguity in the sentence, "The teacher smiled at the student when he was awarded the prize"?

SECTION D VOCABULARY (5 marks) Read the instructions for each question or set of questions before answering

From numbers 41 – 45 choose the answer that best completes each sentence

41. Students are not _____ to bring their mobile phones to school.
A) Allow
B) allowed
C) aloud
D) aloud
E)
42. With the goods damaged, the trader is going to _____ a lot of money.
A) lose
B) loose
C) lost
D) loss
43. In order to carry out the necessary examination of my friend's corpse, it was _____ from the grave.
A) extracted
B) extradicted
C) expelled
D) exhumed
44. _____ marked an important step in the history of the industrial revolution.
A) The invention of the locomotive engine
B) The discovery of the engine
C) Inquiry into locomotion
D) The discovery of locomotion
45. He refused to pay _____ fee for his three children..
A) maintenance
B) maintainance
C) maintanance
D) maintenannce

For numbers 46 – 48, choose the word opposite in meaning to the one underlined from the alternatives (A,B,C, and D)

- A) When the prize was awarded, the teacher smiled at the student.
B) The teacher and the student smiled when the prize was awarded
C) Both the teacher and the student smiled when the prize was awarded.
D) When the prize was awarded to the student, the teacher smiled at him.
38. Which one of these sentences is correct?
A) Swimming, dancing, and to jump are my favourite sporting activities.
B) Swimming, to dance, and jumping are my favourite sporting activities.
C) Swimming, dancing, and jumping are my favourite sporting activities.
D) Swimming, to dance, and to jump are my favourite sporting activities.
39. Which one of these sentences is correctly punctuated?
A) My sister was admitted at The University of Bamenda, but she decided to attend The University of Buea instead.
B) My sister, was admitted at The University of Bamenda, but she decided to attend The University of Buea instead.
C) My sister was admitted at The University of Bamenda but she decided to attend The University of Buea instead..
D) My sister was admitted at The University of Bamenda but, she decided to attend the University of Buea instead.
40. "I'll do my assignment now," Mary said. Mary said that _____
A) she would do her assignment then.
B) she will do her assignment now
C) she will do her assignment then
D) she would do her assignment now.

46. Ndedi Eyango's soothed her soul just for a short period.
A) comforted
B) upset
C) appeased
D) delighted

47. Avoiding discord nowadays is often mistaken for cowardice.
A) disease
B) wrapping
C) agreement
D) fighting

48. Stay tranquil until the storm subsides.
A) agitated
B) excited
C) sluggish
D) composed

For number 49 – 50, choose the most appropriate interpretation to each of the underlined word/ expression from the alternatives (A,B,C and D)

49. During the PTA meeting our Principal took the parents down memory lane before settling on the topic of his talk.
A) took the parents on a journey through a street called memory lane
B) recalled events from the past
C) told a tale about a place called memory lane
D) gave an outline of his talk.
50. He went through fire before he qualified as a doctor.
A) had a fire accident
B) suffered a lot
C) made a lot of fire
D) underwent some purification

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