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ENGLISH LANGUAGE 1

Objective Test

1 hour

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Answer **all** the questions.

Each question is followed by **four** options lettered A to D. Find the correct option for **each** question and shade **in pencil** on your answer sheet, the answer space which bears the same letter as the option you have chosen. Give only one answer to **each** question.

Be sure you understand the instructions at the beginning of each section before you try to answer any of the questions that follow them.

Do **not** spend too much time on a question. If you find a question difficult, leave it and go on and try it again later.

Use **HB pencil** throughout. If you wish to change an answer, erase your first answer completely and shade the appropriate space for the new answer.

An example is given below.

He got into trouble in an attempt to conceal the truth me.

- A. to
- B. against
- C. from
- D. for

The correct answer is from, which is lettered C and therefore answer space C would be shaded.

[A] [B] [~~C~~] [D]

Think carefully before you shade the answer spaces; erase completely any answer(s) you wish to change.

Now, answer the following questions.

SECTION 1

In **each** of the following sentences, there is one underlined word and one gap. From the list of words lettered A to D, choose the one that is **most nearly opposite** in meaning to the underlined word and that will, at the same time, correctly fill the gap in the sentence.

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| <p>1. While some believe one needs to be <u>ruthless</u> to succeed, others think it is best to be
 A. patient
 B. friendly
 C. humane
 D. forbearing</p> <p>2. His father considers him to be <u>extravagant</u> in his spending while his mother sees him to be
 A. vain
 B. crafty
 C. careful
 D. miserly</p> <p>3. Banjul is a <u>sparsely</u> populated city while Lagos is populated.
 A. densely
 B. randomly
 C. strongly
 D. intensely</p> | <p>4. All the buildings during the economic boom were <u>obliterated</u> in the war.
 A. captured
 B. constructed
 C. refurbished
 D. installed</p> <p>5. Instead of the matter, the student <u>digressed</u>.
 A. explaining
 B. describing
 C. revealing
 D. addressing</p> <p>6. Buba is an actor but Ebou is a <u>novice</u>.
 A. enlightened
 B. astute
 C. excellent
 D. experienced</p> |
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7. I am surprised that Okeke who was always absent-minded in class is now fully
 A. alert
 B. intelligent
 C. calm
 D. respectful
8. Rude remarks offend people while polite words them.
 A. pacify
 B. amuse
 C. delight
 D. inspire
9. Hard work should be rewarded but laziness should be
 A. punished
 B. opposed
 C. scorned
 D. avoided
10. The clever boy's diligence contrasts with his friend's
 A. inactivity
 B. indifference
 C. indolence
 D. indulgence
14. Many people died in the accident last week.
 A. fearsome
 B. horrifying
 C. fateful
 D. fatal
15. He works in one of the country's largest oil
 A. purifiers
 B. extractors
 C. distilleries
 D. refineries
16. Researchers are working frantically to find answers to the cancer disease.
 A. incurable
 B. evasive
 C. contagious
 D. infectious
17. I have known Shaka for only a week, so I cannot for his honesty.
 A. sign
 B. stand
 C. vouch
 D. speak

SECTION 2

From the words or group of words lettered A to D, choose the word that best completes each of the following sentences.

11. The spectators gave a standing to the captain for his brilliance on the pitch.
 A. approval
 B. ovation
 C. proclamation
 D. performance
12. The witness was called to before the magistrate.
 A. confess
 B. narrate
 C. testify
 D. divulge
13. The judge the young lady for lack of evidence.
 A. imprisoned
 B. remanded
 C. bailed
 D. acquitted
18. Court are not to be interrupted.
 A. discussions
 B. proceedings
 C. motions
 D. arguments
19. The accused denied all the in the court.
 A. charges
 B. accusations
 C. evidences
 D. blame
20. After all corrections and observations, the minutes were by the committee.
 A. adopted
 B. seconded
 C. accepted
 D. collected

SECTION 3

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After each of the following sentences, a list of possible interpretations is given. Choose the interpretation that is **most appropriate** for each sentence.

21. At the rally, many people believed that the candidate was just building castles in the air. This means that his promises were
- predictable.
 - appreciated.
 - unachievable.
 - unappealing.
22. The new manager started off on the wrong foot. This means that he
- did not resume early.
 - refused to admit his mistake.
 - did not begin well.
 - offended his colleagues.
23. Ossai would pass if he worked hard. This means that Ossai
- is going to pass provided he works hard.
 - cannot pass because he lacks the ability to work hard.
 - did not pass because he failed to work hard.
 - could not pass though he worked hard.
24. The press conference was attended by people from all walks of life. This means that the conference was attended by people
- who had travelled widely.
 - from all professions.
 - of all races.
 - from different parts of the world.
25. Too many people bit the dust in the recent crisis. This means that many people
- ran away.
 - died.
 - starved.
 - participated.
26. The newly employed teacher always gets to school bright-eyed and bushy-tailed. This means that the teacher gets to school
- early but unkempt.
 - happy and eager.
 - neat but moody.
 - strong and flamboyant.
27. Do not think I am taken in by your antics. This means that I am not
- excited.
 - deceived.
 - amused.
 - impressed.
28. The evidence Michael gave did not ring true. This means that the evidence was
- not clear.
 - doubtful.
 - irrelevant.
 - not well delivered.
29. Fred has an infectious smile. This means that Fred
- smiles often.
 - disturbs others with his smiles.
 - makes others smile when he smiles.
 - smiles broadly.
30. The police kept tabs on Ojo even though the magistrate set him free. This means that the police
- set a trap to catch him again.
 - kept him under observation.
 - tagged him.
 - tormented him.

SECTION 4

From the words lettered A to D below each of the following sentences, choose the word or group of words that is **nearest in meaning** to the underlined word as it is used in the sentence.

31. The principal has endorsed my statement of result.
- reviewed
 - examined
 - approved
 - accepted
32. He was punished in order to deter others from committing the offence.
- counter
 - foil
 - desist
 - discourage
33. He is another prodigal son in the Smith family.
- wicked
 - wasteful
 - unfaithful
 - carefree

34. That is a decision that may be detrimental to the future of the school.
- worrisome
 - harmful
 - mischievous
 - detestable
35. She lived a virtuous life.
- modest
 - brave
 - normal
 - righteous
36. The man's dauntless nature endeared him to his wife.
- kind
 - gentle
 - bold
 - simple
37. It is absurd to drink alcohol before going for an interview.
- ridiculous
 - anomalous
 - piteous
 - ignominious
38. The winner of the wrestling contest was commended for his tenacity.
- strength
 - wisdom
 - doggedness
 - gentility
39. Many parents get embroiled in their children's quarrel.
- involved
 - entangled
 - immersed
 - included
40. Kwame is pessimistic about our chances of winning the trophy.
- concerned
 - indifferent
 - alert
 - unconvinced

SECTION 5

From the words or group of words lettered A to D, choose the word or group of words that best completes each of the following sentences.

41. The money the man provided was sufficient for the family's upkeep, so his wife had to take up an extra job.
- quiet
 - nearly
 - rather
 - scarcely
42. I will try to be there tomorrow as as possible.
- early
 - much
 - far
 - urgent
43. Angela sing well, she also plays the piano.
- Only does not
 - Does not only
 - Only not does
 - Not only does
44. The host preparing lunch for us when we visited her home.
- set on
 - set at
 - set about
 - set off
45. Bimpe is the of the two friends.
- wise
 - wiser
 - wisest
 - more wiser
46. One of the ladies round the park every evening.
- use to jog
 - are used to jogging
 - is used to jogging
 - is use to jog
47. I am not familiar with this fruit.
- round small yellow tropical
 - small round yellow tropical
 - yellow small round tropical
 - tropical yellow small round

48. Is she the only person?
 A. which I shall meet
 B. whose I shall meet
 C. what I shall meet
 D. whom I shall meet
49. James is very ill, we're sure he'll pull through.
 A. but
 B. so
 C. really
 D. rather
50. The five ladies shared the gifts themselves.
 A. for
 B. with
 C. between
 D. among
51. The old man was galvanized action when he saw the baby crawling into the main road.
 A. onto
 B. into
 C. in to
 D. to
52. did you find this old typewriter?
 A. Wherever
 B. Whichever
 C. However
 D. Whenever
53. That is the man wife absconded.
 A. whose
 B. who's
 C. whom
 D. that
54. Confidential records were stolen from the office last week.
 A. Attorney's General
 B. Attorney Generals
 C. Attorney General
 D. Attorney General's
55. The woman walked fast that the little girl couldn't catch up with her.
 A. too
 B. very
 C. so
 D. quite
56. It's about time we home.
 A. had gone
 B. went
 C. could go
 D. go
57. If I my way, you would have had your doctorate by now.
 A. have
 B. have had
 C. had
 D. had had
58. The plane took off the bad weather.
 A. despite
 B. although
 C. in spite
 D. even though
59. of the two students didn't perform well in the examination.
 A. Some
 B. Most
 C. One
 D. All
60. He isn't present,?
 A. is he
 B. isn't he
 C. was he
 D. wasn't he
61. Femi's car came to a halt.
 A. grounded
 B. grinding
 C. grind
 D. ground
62. He looks very friendly, but I don't trust him.
 A. whereas
 B. and
 C. then
 D. even
63. All the options are
 A. opening
 B. opened
 C. open
 D. opens

64. the youngest child has its advantages and disadvantages.
 A. Since
 B. That
 C. Being
 D. Been
65. I picked up this pen near the door, is it?
 A. your
 B. yours'
 C. your's
 D. yours
66. She was sick,?
 A. wasn't she
 B. isn't she
 C. she was
 D. is she
67. She was asked to pass her sister's office after school.
 A. in
 B. by
 C. with
 D. over
68. I need on the corruption case.
 A. an information
 B. information
 C. many informations
 D. piece of informations
69. Jeremy's house is at the end of the road.
 A. father-in-law's
 B. father's-in-law
 C. fathers'-in-law
 D. father-in-laws'
70. The police ordered the driver to by the curb.
 A. pull up
 B. pull out
 C. pull over
 D. pull down

SECTION 6

In the following passage, the numbered gaps indicate missing words. Against each number in the list below the passage, four options are given in columns lettered A to D. Choose the word that is the most suitable to fill the numbered gaps in the passage.

It was a serious accident. Two lorries travelling in opposite directions71..... and one of them burst into flames. There was great shouting, screaming and weeping. The victims were conveyed in72..... to the nearest hospital. The dead were taken to the73..... after a74..... examination. However, the injured were taken to the emergency75..... Some serious cases required one form of76..... or the other. For cases requiring more serious interventions, the77..... in the theatre did their best to save lives. All the same, two more78..... were recorded bringing the number of dead to six.

The others, the hospital authorities said, were responding to79..... The relations of the80..... flocked to the hospital the following day in tears to claim their corpses.

	A	B	C	D
71.	colluded	collided	rammed	crushed
72.	an ambulance	a hearse	a caravan	an armour
73.	conservatory	cemetery	mortuary	crematorium
74.	biopsic	post-mortem	pre-test	posthumous
75.	ward	room	hall	section
76.	evacuation	exercise	procedure	system
77.	surgeons	radiologists	operators	dieticians
78.	passengers	fatalities,	sufferers	patients
79.	care	treatment	protections	ministrations
80.	deceased	remains	mortalities	cadaver