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ENGLISH LANGUAGE

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SOLUTION

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Instructions

1. This paper consists of sections A, B and C with a total of **forty-five (45)**
2. Answer **all** questions.
3. Read all the instructions in the **special answer sheet (OMR)**
4. Cellular phones are **not** allowed inside the examination room.
5. Write your **Examination Number** on every page of your answer booklet

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SECTION A (35 Marks)

Listen carefully to the passage read by the invigilator and then answer the questions that follow by shading the letter of the correct answer in the special answer sheet (OMR) provided.

1. What does Sheila do when she has a problem?

- A. She gives up.
- B. She asks for permission.
- C. She thanks her teachers.
- D. She reports to her class teachers.
- E. She becomes quiet.

Answer: B. She asks for permission.

Reason: The passage shows that Sheila always asks for permission before speaking or borrowing something, showing politeness.

2. Why do you think Sheila is a good example?

- A. She respects everyone.
- B. She respects teachers.
- C. She likes studying.
- D. She has problems.
- E. She talks politely.

Answer: A. She respects everyone.

Reason: Sheila's behavior shows respect for teachers, classmates, and neighbors, making her a good example to all.

3. According to the story, who should children respect in the society?

- A. Only her family
- B. Only the teachers
- C. All the people
- D. Only her friends
- E. All the neighbours

Answer: C. All the people

Reason: Sheila treats everyone politely and respectfully, not just specific groups, so children should respect all people.

4. In what class was Sheila studying?

- A. Class three
- B. Class four
- C. Class five
- D. Class six
- E. Class seven

Answer: D. Class six

Reason: The passage explicitly states that Sheila is a class six girl.

5. According to the story, how should a good child behave after being helped?

- A. Should be happy
- B. Should be generous
- C. Should be grateful
- D. Should be thankful
- E. Should be strong

Answer: C. Should be grateful

Reason: The passage shows Sheila thanking others for their kindness, demonstrating gratitude.

Choose the word that complete the sentences by **shadding the letter** of the correct answer in the answer sheet (OMR) provided

6. The sun _____ in the morning.

- A. going
- B. rises
- C. rise
- D. rose
- E. risen

Answer: B. rises

Reason: The simple present tense “rises” correctly describes a habitual fact.

7. They _____ waiting for me when I started to run.

- A. was
- B. be
- C. am
- D. would
- E. are

Answer: D. would

Reason: “Would” is correct to indicate a past future action.

8. Rose is having a graduation ceremony this weekend. Are you _____ to attend?

- A. inviting
- B. invitation
- C. invites
- D. invited
- E. involve

Answer: D. invited

Reason: The passive form “invited” fits the question about attendance.

9. My grandfather told me that during the slave trade, human beings _____ like goods.

- A. are selling
- B. are sold
- C. was sold
- D. were sold
- E. were selling

Answer: D. were sold

Reason: Past passive tense is correct to describe what happened during the slave trade.

10. After finishing singing the birthday song for Pamela, every child _____ given a piece of cake by her.

- A. is
- B. was
- C. were
- D. am
- E. has

Answer: B. was

Reason: "Every child" is singular, so past singular "was" is correct in passive voice.

11. The teacher told us to open the book _____ page 5.

- A. on
- B. if
- C. at
- D. to
- E. onto

Answer: A. on

Reason: We open a book on a particular page; "on" is correct.

12. I am feeling thirsty, in some _____ water left in the jug.

- A. many
- B. some
- C. much
- D. few
- E. little

Answer: E. little

Reason: "Little" is used with uncountable nouns like water to indicate small quantity.

13. The car belongs to James. Therefore, it is _____ car.

- A. Jame's
- B. James'
- C. Jamees'
- D. Jamess
- E. James's

Answer: B. James'

Reason: Proper possessive form for a singular noun ending in "s" is James'.

14. Our class can accommodate those empty seats. Therefore, I sit in the middle _____ Anna and Jane.

- A. among
- B. between
- C. besides
- D. behind
- E. within

Answer: B. between

Reason: "Between" is used for two people, "among" is for three or more.

15. There were seven men in the room. One of _____ wore broken sun-glasses.

- A. few
- B. whose
- C. them
- D. them
- E. their men

Answer: C. them

Reason: "One of them" is the correct expression to refer to a person from a group.

16. No sooner had she arrived home _____ it started raining.

- A. than
- B. since
- C. on
- D. after
- E. so

Answer: A. than

Reason: "No sooner... than" is the correct grammatical pair for this type of sentence.

17. A boy and a girl were competing in a race, the girl was the first in the race _____ the boy moved well.

- A. also
- B. but
- C. so
- D. and
- E. because

Answer: B. but

Reason: "But" shows contrast between the girl winning and the boy performing well.

18. How could the sentence "Musa is running to school" be in the past continuous form?

- A. Musa was to school.
- B. Musa ran to school.
- C. Musa was good running to school.
- D. Musa was running to school.
- E. Musa will run to school.

Answer: D. Musa was running to school.

Reason: Past continuous requires "was/were + verb-ing."

19. The thief who stole the money, entered into the house _____ the open window.

- A. of
- B. through
- C. in
- D. with
- E. from

Answer: B. through

Reason: "Through" indicates the thief entered via an opening.

20. Change the sentence; they said, "We work together" into indirect speech.

- A. They said they worked together.
- B. They said that they were work together.
- C. They said that we work together.

- D. They said they have worked together.
- E. They said they had work together.

Answer: A. They said they worked together.

Reason: Direct speech in past tense becomes past tense in indirect speech.

21. Amina wants to cross the road safely. Which point would you advise her to cross the road?

- A. At road curves
- B. At road intersection
- C. At the zebra crossing
- D. At road sweeping
- E. At a bridge

Answer: C. At the zebra crossing

Reason: Zebra crossings are designated safe points for pedestrians.

22. Which of the following prefixes has a negative meaning when used in a word?

- A. Post-
- B. Dis-
- C. Pre-
- D. Extra-
- E. Super-

Answer: B. Dis-

Reason: "Dis-" negates the meaning of a word, e.g., disagree.

23. Our grandparents always tell us, in their _____ days were so disciplined that it was hard to find a parent who beat their children.

- A. children
- B. youth
- C. oldness
- D. childhood
- E. childish

Answer: D. childhood

Reason: "Childhood" refers to the period of being a child, fitting the context.

24. Nyala saw a poster which read "Do not Cross" but he crossed the road because he _____ the poster.

- A. misunderstand
- B. over understand
- C. understood
- D. misunderstood
- E. understand

Answer: D. misunderstood

Reason: Crossing despite the warning shows he misinterpreted it.

25. We live in a well decorated house. Therefore, our house is _____.

- A. most beautiful
- B. beautiful
- C. more beautiful
- D. least beautiful
- E. most beauty

Answer: B. beautiful

Reason: "Beautiful" is correct; "most beautiful" would imply comparison.

26. How would you call the person walking along the roadside?

- A. Pedestrian
- B. Pilot
- C. Driver
- D. Stranger
- E. Traveller

Answer: A. Pedestrian

Reason: A pedestrian is someone walking on the road.

27. Jubilee performs medical operations. He is a _____.

- A. Pilot
- B. Pharmacist
- C. Doctor
- D. Psychiatrist
- E. Pharmalist

Answer: C. Doctor

Reason: A doctor performs medical operations.

28. The underlined word in the sentence "Currying with your discussion" is the same on

- A. Carry with
- B. Carry over
- C. Carry in
- D. Carry on
- E. Carry off

Answer: D. Carry on

Reason: "Carry on with" means to continue, which fits "carrying on with your discussion."

29. In the family of three children, Anna is _____.

- A. the most old
- B. the eldest
- C. the old
- D. the older
- E. the oldest

Answer: B. the eldest

Reason: "Eldest" is the correct superlative for the oldest child in a family.

30. King Lion story was written in old English. The opposite of the word "old" in this context is _____.

- A. ancient
- B. modern
- C. stylish

- D. current
- E. extent

Answer: B. modern

Reason: The opposite of “old” in context of language style is “modern.”

31. The underlined word in the sentence "The old man that the tailor _____ belongs a record class called _____ does a lot of work." is an adverb.

- A. adverb
- B. adjective
- C. verb
- D. noun
- E. pronoun

Answer: A. adverb

Reason: The underlined word describes how the action is performed, which is the function of an adverb.

32. Our dog died and left a puppy which was unable to take care of itself. Therefore, the puppy needs _____ from us.

- A. helpful
- B. helping
- C. helped
- D. help
- E. helpless

Answer: D. help

Reason: The puppy needs assistance; “help” is the noun for this need.

33. Usually the sun rises in the East and sets in the _____.

- A. South
- B. South
- C. West-cool
- D. North
- E. South-west

Answer: C. West

Reason: By general knowledge, the sun sets in the west.

34. My sister's son is called Mandeleba. Therefore, Mandeleba is my _____.

- A. mother
- B. father
- C. nephew
- D. niece
- E. brother

Answer: C. nephew

Reason: Your sister's son is your nephew.

35. Mrs. John signed a contract after she had made the payment. Which of the following words is pronounced the same as the underlined word but has a different meaning?

- A. mid
- B. mat
- C. mode
- D. mad
- E. maid

Answer: E. maid

Reason: “Made” (past tense of make) and “maid” (a female servant) are homophones, pronounced the same but with different meanings.

SECTION B (05 Marks)

This section has five mixed sentences (36 to 40). Arrange the sentences so as to make a good composition by giving them letters A to E. Shade the letter of the correct answer in the special answer sheet (OMR) provided.

Sentences:

- 36. In his speech, he promised to buy the products produced by the pupils.
- 37. Standard Seven pupils had a cooking project.
- 38. The head teacher talked to the pupils.
- 39. The pupils thanked him and invited him again.
- 40. They invited the head teacher to see the project.

Correct order: 37, 40, 38, 36, 39

Reason: The sequence starts with the pupils' project (37), they invite the head teacher (40), he talks to them (38), makes a promise (36), and finally the pupils thank him (39).

SECTION C (10 Marks)

Read the following poem carefully and then answer questions 41 to 45 by writing the correct answers in the special answer sheet (OMR) provided. Use blue or black ink pen.

41. What is the poem about?

Answer: The poem is about Covid-19.

Reason: The poem describes a virus, its global impact, and symptoms, clearly referring to Covid-19.

42. Who is speaking in the poem?

Answer: The speaker is a member of the community or the poet expressing the community's feelings.

Reason: The poem uses "we" and mentions "my clansmen," indicating a collective voice from the community.

43. According to the poem, how does the virus spread?

Answer: The virus spreads through contact.

Reason: The poem explicitly states, "It spreads through the contact."

44. What is suggested to prevent the spread of the disease?

Answer: People should wear face masks.

Reason: The poem advises wearing face masks "to prevent it from spreading."

45. What is the impact of the disease mentioned in the poem?

Answer: Thousands of people have died, children cannot go to school, and people fear going to work.

Reason: The poem describes deaths, disruption of school, and fear among people as the effects of Covid-19.