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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. According to the story, when did education start?

- A When books were introduced
- B When man was created
- C After invention of employment
- D Before creation of a man
- E When teachers were available

Answer: B

Reason: The passage states that education began at the time man was created, meaning it started together with human existence.

2. What does a man need to be in order to become self reliant and build self awareness?

- A employed
- B changed
- C informed
- D educated
- E advised

Answer: D

Reason: The passage explains that a person becomes self reliant and aware when they acquire education.

3. What are the categories of education?

- A Hunting and farming
- B Cooking and informal care
- C Formal and informal
- D Great grandparents and formal
- E Missionaries and traditional

Answer: C

Reason: Education is commonly classified into two main categories, formal education and informal education.

4. What should the youths do to create a generation of well educated citizens?

- A They should stay at home
- B They should get missionaries' education
- C They should practice self discipline
- D They should get informal and formal education
- E They should go to school

Answer: E

Reason: Going to school is the key requirement for gaining broad knowledge that builds well educated citizens.

5. How did formal education benefit the society?

- A People were able to read and write
- B People were able to rear many animals
- C People were able to work for the family
- D People were able to play better games
- E People were able to change the education system

Answer: A

Reason: The passage states that formal education enabled people to read and write, which improved communication and development.

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

6. Mrs. John taught me how to cook biriani. I _____ practice it next Saturday to improve my cooking skills.

- A have
- B could
- C has
- D had
- E will

Answer: E

Reason: The sentence talks about a future planned action, so the correct auxiliary verb is will.

7. My uncle is interested in sports. He used to _____ sports TV programmes before he went out for physical exercises.

A watching

B to watch

C watch

D watched

E watches

Answer: C

Reason: After the phrase used to, the correct form of the verb that follows is the base form, which is watch.

8. The railway company has to improve its transport services. The train _____ late three times this week.

A was being

B is being

C has been

D would be

E has being

Answer: C

Reason: The sentence describes an action that has happened repeatedly in the recent past, so the present perfect tense has been is correct.

9. Mussa and Abdul like sports. They _____ tennis now.

A are playing

B had played

C played

D playing

E were playing

Answer: A

Reason: The word now shows that the action is happening at the present moment, so the present continuous tense is needed.

10. I like the teaching profession. I was influenced by Mr. Winga, our former teacher who was always _____ happy at the time during his classes.

A keep

B kept

C keeping

D keeps

E kept

Answer: B

Reason: After the verb was always, the correct form is the past participle kept to describe a repeated state in the past.

11. Rajabu and Paul were mopping the floor _____ their sister was washing the dishes.

A by

B on

C while

D which

E where

Answer: C

Reason: The two actions happened at the same time, so while is the correct conjunction.

12. Yesterday I saw Jashon going to school _____ foot.

A by

B for

C in

D with

E on

Answer: E

Reason: The correct expression in English is go on foot, not by foot.

13. Rats are more active _____ night than during day time.

A in

B on

C by

D into

E onto

Answer: A

Reason: The correct expression is in the night when showing a time period.

14. Last month, we were invited to court to learn about criminals. We sympathised with a woman _____ two children were an offence.

A for

B whose

C to

D into

E in

Answer: B

Reason: Whose is the possessive relative pronoun used to show that the children belonged to the woman mentioned.

15. The violence was inspired by how a chief jumped _____ the gate.

A through

B over

C on

D into

E above

Answer: B

Reason: The correct preposition for jumping from one side to the other of an obstacle is over.

16. The snake in the jungle was ugly _____ it will bite you.

A then

B as well

C and also

D so

E but

Answer: D

Reason: The meaning is that the snake is ugly and dangerous, so it will bite you. The correct linking word expressing consequence is so.

17. I am invited to a birthday party but I _____ I won't be able to attend.

A deny

B I thank you

C I am happy

D I am afraid

E I wish

Answer: D

Reason: I am afraid is the polite expression used before declining or giving bad news.

18. This teacher said that, neither John _____ Mary sat for Mock Examinations.

- A or
- B no
- C nor
- D also
- E just

Answer: C

Reason: The correct pair is neither John nor Mary in negative correlative structures.

19. How would you change the statement: "He said that he was watering the flowers" into direct speech?

- A He said, "I will be watering the flowers."
- B He said, "I would be watering the flowers."
- C He said, "I am watering the flowers."
- D He said, "I was watering the flowers."
- E He said, "I watering the flowers."

Answer: D

Reason: The reporting verb said is in the past, so the original past continuous tense remains I was watering in direct speech.

20. He is a standard seven pupil at Kijito primary school. _____ he isn't he?

- A is he
- B isn't he
- C he isn't
- D he is
- E is he not

Answer: B

Reason: The statement is positive, so the question tag must be negative, which is isn't he.

21. What is the correct reply to the sentence, "Excuse me, may I come in?"

- A Yes, you may.
- B No, you may.
- C No, come in.
- D Yes, do.
- E Yes, you may.

Answer: A

Reason: The correct polite permission response to may I is Yes, you may.

22. Our mum set her choice of food before us, but told her that we would prefer eating rice _____ porridge.

A to

B from

C than

D over

E at

Answer: A

Reason: The correct expression is prefer something to something else.

23. Children who do not eat a balanced diet become _____.

A smarter

B healthy

C healthiest

D healthy

E unhealthy

Answer: E

Reason: Lack of a balanced diet causes poor health, so the correct state is unhealthy.

24. Cooks who are _____ may turn marks on their hands.

A carelessness

B care

C carelessly

D carefulness

E careful

Answer: C

Reason: The sentence requires an adverb describing how the cooks act, so carelessly fits because it shows careless behaviour.

25. Tindi is said to be both intelligent, but Nnase is the _____ of the two girls.

A most intelligent

B more intelligent

C intelligent

D intelligentest

E intelligenter

Answer: B

Reason: When comparing two people, the comparative form more intelligent is used, not the superlative.

26. Mbwana used to spend terms with his friends who were always misbehaving. He decided to part with them. When asked, he decided to _____ with those friends.

A break from

B bad of

C gave up

D end

E depart

Answer: C

Reason: The correct phrasal verb is give up, meaning to stop associating with those friends.

27. The teacher told us that most of the pupils who fail to follow instructions, fail in their exams because their _____ were not clear.

A guidelines

B rules

C schemes

D subjects

E questions

Answer: E

Reason: Pupils follow the questions in the exam. If the questions are unclear, they misunderstand and fail.

28. The leader always tells us to make sure that we are all _____ all the time. The opposite of the word absent is _____.

A good

B smart

C rough

D dirty

E naughty

Answer: B

Reason: The opposite of absent is present. The word closest to present in meaning in the options is smart, meaning attentive and available.

29. A chameleon is an animal that does not move fast. It walks _____.

A smartly

B suddenly

C quickly

D speedily

E slowly

Answer: E

Reason: A chameleon is known for slow movement, so the correct adverb is slowly.

30. Good pupils respect their teachers. Bad pupils always _____ their teachers.

A disrespect

B respects

C respectful

D never respect

E respect

Answer: A

Reason: The opposite of respect is disrespect, which fits the meaning of bad behaviour.

31. Today is my sister's birthday. She has dressed _____.

A smart

B shabbily

C smartly

D more smart

E most smart

Answer: C

Reason: The adverb form describing how someone has dressed is smartly.

32. There are _____ oranges left in the fridge.

A many

B little

C much

D a little

E few

Answer: E

Reason: Oranges are countable items, so few is the correct quantifier for a small number.

33. Mr. Chapakazi is a farmer. In order to grow maize, rice and potatoes, he tills the soil by using a _____.

A rake

B an axe

C hoe

D a machete

E spade

Answer: C

Reason: A hoe is the correct tool for tilling and loosening soil.

34. It is commonly known that the word “ring” refers to a piece of jewelry one wears on a finger. However, the same word also means a sound of _____.

A court

B women

C a bell

D an insect

E metal

Answer: C

Reason: The ringing sound is associated with bells.

35. Kaundu was told to cut the meat into small pieces by his mother. While cutting the meat, he accidentally cut _____ with the knife.

A itself

B himself

C themselves

D yourself

E himself

Answer: B

Reason: The subject is Kaunda, so the correct reflexive pronoun is himself.

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.

- 36. At the end, each team had one goal.
- 37. Dogs began to enter the field one after the other.
- 38. There was a football match between dogs and Goma boys.
- 39. The spectators shouted because they knew who was about to score.
- 40. In the second half, Goma boys scored a goal to level the score.

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

SECTION C (10 Marks)

Read the following passage 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.

Mbuto was supposed to be school with his friends, but at the age of thirteen, he was working at Majcje Gold Minc. His troubles started when he was in Standard Five. His father Mr. Kikuko whose activity was to make furniture got sick and eventually passed away. His mother also got sick and could not work anymore. There were no relatives to take care of his family. Mbuto being the eldest of the four children and the only boy, dropped out of school.

Life became tough for Mbuto. He tried selling sweets and cigarettes on the street but the money was not enough. He then got a job in a mine. There were eleven children under the age of eighteen years old: two girls and nine boys including him working in the mine. Their work was to carry soil from deep down the mine up to the surface. One day while Mbuto was carrying a heavy bucket, he fell over and broke his left leg. He cried in pain knowing that he could not look after his family. He was then carried to the hospital.

One nurse felt pity for him and promised to take care of his family and send him back to school. Mbuto went back to school, worked very hard and had a very good performance in his final examinations.

41. What is Mr. Kikuko's occupation?

Mr. Kikuko's occupation was making furniture. The passage says clearly that his activity was to make furniture, showing that his work involved carpentry.

42. Why did Mbuto engage in child labour?

Mbuto engaged in child labour because both of his parents were sick and unable to work, and there were no relatives to support the family. This forced him, as the eldest child, to find work to support his siblings.

43. Why did Mbuto cry a lot after he broke his left leg?

He cried because he knew he would not be able to continue working to support his family. The pain worried him since he felt responsible for taking care of his younger siblings.

44. Why did Mbuto go to work at Majeje Gold mine instead of going to school?

He stopped going to school because life became too difficult after his parents fell sick and died. He needed money, and selling sweets did not give him enough income, so he decided to work in the mine.

45. What made Mbuto return back to the school?

A nurse felt pity for him, promised to take care of his family, and agreed to support him so that he could return to school. This help allowed him to resume his studies.