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2023 EXAMINATION GUIDE

TIME
1 HOUR

COMPREHENSION PASSAGE(30 MARKS)

Ali Baba and Cassim were brothers who lived in a town Persia. Cassim was married to a rich widow. He had a large shop and owned a warehouse full of goods. Ali Baba was married to a woman as poor as himself. He managed to earn just enough to feed his family by cutting wood and selling it in town.

One day when Ali Baba was in the forest, he saw from a distance a great cloud of dust. As he watched closely, he realized that it was a band of armed horsemen riding towards him. Fearing that they might be thieves, he hid in a tree.

When the horsemen came near the tree where Ali Baba was hiding, they dismounted and tethered their horses. They then lifted off their saddlebags, which looked very heavy, and following their captain to a nearby rock "Open Sesame", said the captain.

A door which Ali Baba has not noticed before opened in the rock, and the brutish looking men entered one by one. There were forty of them in all. (Culled from Ali Baba).

- Which of the following is correct according to the passage?
A. Ali Baba was married to a poor widow B. Ali Baba encountered the horsemen in the town
C. Cassim was Ali Baba's favourite cousin. D. Ali Baba was a horseman
E. Cassim was wealthy by virtue of marriage.
- What could have been Ali Baba's mission in the forest?
A. To spy on the horsemen B. To discover the secrets of the forty thieves
C. To sell wood to feed his family D. To plant trees E. To cut wood
- The total number of people mentioned in the passage is
A. Forty one B. Forty two C. forty three D. forty four E. forty six
- Which of the following is incorrect according to the passage?
A. the horsemen were unarmed. B. Ali Baba was previously unaware of the door in the rock.
C. the horsemen were numbering forty including their captain
D. Ali Baba has a rich brother who owns a warehouse E. Cassim's wife was previously married
- The most suitable title for the passage is.....
A. Ali Baba and the forty Fulani herdsmen B. The rich widow and Ali Baba.
C. Open Sesame and the Captain D. Ali Baba the hunter E. Ali Baba and the horsemen

INSTRUCTION: IDENTIFY THE CORRECTLY SPELT WORDS FROM THE OPTIONS LETTERED A-E -(25 MARKS)

- Education must be made a right and not a _____
A. Privilage B. Previlage C. Privilege D. Priviledge E. Privilege
- The pandemic caused a global _____
A. Caterstrophe B. Catestrophy C. Catastrophe D. Cartestrophy E. Catastrophie
- The year 2000 marked the beginning of a new _____
A. Millennium B. Mellinuim C. Melinuim D. Millinium E. Milennium

9. Failure is the direct _____ of a poor study habit.
A. Consequense B. Concequense C. Consequence D. Consequese E. Consiquence
10. Kunle is _____ with his studies.
A. Diligent B. Deligent C. Delligent D. Dilligent E. Dilegent
11. Green plants generate sunlight through the process of _____.
A. Photosynthesis B. Photosinthesis C. photosyntheses D. Photosyntesis E. photorsynthesis
12. Mr. Adamu is the _____ of the inter-house sports competition.
A. Cordinator B. Coordinator C. Coodinator D. Coddinator E. Cordenator
13. An _____ is a place where animals are slaughtered.
A. Abbratoire B. Abattoir C. Abaltoire D. Abartour E. Abattore
14. Mr. Tunde is my father's _____ at the office.
A. Coleague B. Colleague C. Collegue D. Corleague E. Colleague
15. The minister of health has advised the public to _____ against Covid 19.
A. Vaccinate B. Vascinate C. Vaccinete D. Varcinate E. Vercinite
16. Everyone aspires to be a _____ at a young age.
A. Millionare B. Millionair C. Millioneer D. Millioneare E. Millionaire
17. The accident victim has been laid to rest in the government _____.
A. Cemetary B. Cementry C. Cemetery D. Cemmetry E. Cimentery
18. Tears of _____ rolled down his cheeks after the examination.
A. Fulstration B. Furstration C. Frustration D. Frulstration E. Frustration
19. A patriotic leader will always stand up against _____.
A. Coruption B. Curruption C. Corruption D. Corruption E. Curroption
20. _____ belongs to the class of dangerous reptiles.
A. Dinrossaur B. Dynossaur C. Dinasaur D. Dynnossaur E. Dinosaur
21. _____ is the process of sending and receiving messages.
A. Communication B. Communication C. Communication D. Comminicasion E. Cominication
22. Nigeria got her _____ on the 1st of October, 1960.
A. Indipendense B. Independense C. Indipendence D. Independence E. Independance
23. _____ is the second month of the year.
A. Febuary B. Feburary C. February D. Febrary E. Febraury
24. A media from the community radio hosted the red carpet event in my school.
A. Personel B. perssonel C. personnal D. personnel E. personnel
25. Kemi had an moment during her presentation at the cathedral.
A. Embarassing B. Embarasing C. Embarrassing D. Embarrassing E. Embrassing
26. His mastery of German is amazing.
A. Pronounciation B. pronounciasion C. pronunciation D. prononciation E. pronounciacion
27. The _____ of my school is not only wealthy but kind.
A. Propreitor B. Propietor C. Proprietor D. Proprietore E. Poprietor.
28. The release of harmful substance into the environment is _____.
A. Pollusion B. Polution C. Pollution D. Polucion E. Pollucion
29. A _____ Engineer was engaged to construct the bridge.
A. Profesional B. Proffessional C. Professional D. Proffesional E. Profecional
30. An _____ establishes and manages a business.
A. Entrepreneur B. Entarpreneur C. Enterpreneur D. Entrapreneur E. Entreprenure

CHOOSE THE WORD NEAREST IN MEANING TO THE WORD UNDERLINED IN CAPITAL LETTER - (10 MARKS)

31. The army general has been praised for his BRAVERY.
 A. Discipline B. Courage C. Popularity D. Carefulness E. cruelty
32. PUNCTUALITY is an important quality of a good student.
 A. Kindness B. Gentleness C. earliness D. Carefulness E. Politeness
33. The new Pupil is very TIMID.
 A. shy B. Social C. Playful D. Strong E. Attentive
34. Kunle has DECLINED the offer to be our goalkeeper.
 as A. Admired B. Admitted C. rejected D. Considered E. Accepted
35. My Uncle helps with my homework ALWAYS.
 A. Often B. seldomly C. Sometimes D. Every time E. most time
36. It gives me great DELIGHT to announce the arrival of the new king of Ojota.
 A. Displeasure B. Misery C. Sadness D. Boldness E. Happiness
37. The DEMISE of her father ended her dream of becoming a medical doctor.
 A. Poverty B. sickness C. unemployment D. death E. demotion
38. The ABDUCTOR demanded a ransom before releasing his victim.
 A. Family B. Kidnapper C. Police D. Soldier E. Visitor
39. I could hardly RECOGNIZE my childhood friend of many years after I returned from England.
 A. Identify B. Compensate C. Admire D. Mislead E. Deceive
40. The Queen spoke in a HAUGHTY tone.
 A. Kind B. humble C. harsh D. proud E. polite

IDENTIFY THE NON-MEMBERS FROM THE OPTIONS LETTERED A-E - (5 MARKS)

41. SOUNDS MADE BY ANIMAL
 A. Snarl B. hiss C. Growl D. meow E. hare
42. COUNTRIES IN EUROPE
 A. USA B. Russia C. England D. Germany E. Portugal
43. TYPES OF FLOWER
 A. Tulip B. sunflower C. buttercup D. lavender E. falcon
44. PLURAL NOUNS
 A. Mice B. Geese C. tooth D. fungi E. radius
45. FOODS RICH IN PROTEIN
 A. beans B. beef C. fish D. egg E. bread

IDENTIFY THE OPTION OPPOSITE IN MEANING TO THE WORD UNDERLINED IN CAPITAL LETTER. - (15 MARKS)

46. Mr. Bankole was INFURIATED by his son's performance at the entrance examination.
 A. displeased B. Proud C. Happy D. surprised E. angry
47. The accident victim was PESSIMISTIC about his chances of survival.
 A. Hopeful B. Scared C. Convinced D. apathetic E. Hopeless
48. The truth of the matter has been CONCEALED.
 A. hidden B. denied C. forgotten D. exposed E. lost.
49. The ENTRANCE to the library has been shut.
 A. Corridor B. Gate C. Entry D. Door E. Exit
50. We must learn to be good at all times because we shall always REAP what we _____
 A. Produce B. Acquire C. Achieve D. Gain E. Sow

51. The movie at the cinema was rather **BORING**, Tunde insisted it was _____
 A. Unpleasant B. Interesting C. Dull D. Tiring E. Sleepy
52. The chemical in the laboratory is **TOXIC**.
 A. Harmful B. Harmless C. Dangerous D. Harsh E. Tasteless
53. We are expecting a **GLOOMY** weather today unlike the previous day which was _____
 A. Dark B. Rainy C. Sunless D. Hot E. Bright
54. The magistrate has pronounced him **GUILTY** of the crime but his lawyer insisted he was _____
 A. Innocent B. negligent C. Violent D. Misleading E. Discharged
55. Mr. Okoro was **RELUCTANT** to apologize for his wrong deeds
 A. Resistant B. Unwilling C. Forced D. Unprepared E. Willing
56. The commercial driver addressed the police with so much **DISDAIN**.
 A. Anger B. Fear C. contempt D. Respect E. hatred
57. The accident victim sustained **SEVERE** injury on his head.
 A. Painful B. serious C. acute D. grievous E. Mild
58. African culture should be made more **DYNAMIC** rather than as it was in the past.
 A. Painful B. static C. barbaric D. wicked E. local
59. The tea cup was made with a **FRAGILE** material.
 A. Expensive B. Attractive C. Durable D. Delicate E. Light
60. We are all proud of Dele's **SUCCESS** in athletics even though his education remains a _____
 A. Progress B. Improvement C. Failure D. Hero E. Impressive

IDENTIFY THE OPTION THAT CORRECTLY FILLS THE GAP IN EACH OF THE SENTENCES: - (10 MARKS)

61. Please share the oranges the two boys.
 A. Among B. between C. over D. for E. on
62. The comparative of the word **GOOD** is
 A. Best B. very good C. better D. goody E. Modest
63. Joseph and Jane love
 A. Each other B. one another C. their self D. their selves E. themselves
64. The statement, "my sister will return tomorrow", said Aisha, can best be reported as: Aisha said her sister ...
 A. will return tomorrow B. would return the following day
 C. will return the previous day D. will return the next day E. would return a day before
65. Mr. Chike and his three sons sighted at the village square a few hours ago.
 A. was B. are C. is D. were E. were been
66. A young **GOAT** is called
 A. Cub B. Kitten C. Foal D. Puppy E. Kid
67. Adamu was one of the who watched the football match.
 A. audience B. client C. crowd D. Congregation E. Spectators
68. The plural form of the word **OX** is
 A. Oxes B. Oxy C. Oxen D. Oxs E. Oxies
69. Anthony Joshua was badly injured in the fight, but I think he will pull _____
 A. down B. up C. Over D. through E. back
70. You can achieve success on your own.
 A. Can you? B. Wouldn't you? C. Isn't it? D. Won't you? E. Can't you?

IDENTIFY THE WORDS REPRESENTED BY THE PHONETIC SYMBOLS FROM THE OPTIONS LETTERED A-E - (5 MARKS)

71. /ei/ : A. beat B. light C. wear D. wire E. say
72. /f/ : A. slow B. sight C. sheep D. school E. sweep
73. /i:/ : A. light B. white C. hid D. see E. beer
74. /tʃ/ : A. stitch B. scold C. slap D. wish E. beat
75. /ʌ/ : A. Pay B. lead C. put D. cut E. create