

THE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL
UNIVERSITY OF IBADAN
ENTRANCE EXAMINATION TO JS1 – 2007

2007 ENGLISH LANGUAGE

TIME: 1 HR

Do not open this paper until you are told to do so. While you are waiting, read the following instructions carefully.

- A Write your NUMBER and NAME in the spaces provided at the top of the answer sheet, putting your SURNAME first in capital letters.
- B You must only use a pencil to SHADE the entire box. DO NOT TICK
- C Think carefully before choosing your answer to each question. When you have made your choice, look at the answer sheet for the number of the question, then find the letter of the answer you have chosen, and shade in your answer.
- D If you want to change an answer you must erase it completely, then shade in the new answer
- E Work as fast and as carefully as you can. When you have finished one page, go straight on to the next. The total number of questions is 50.
- F Candidates should use only the answer sheet provided by the Invigilator. No other answer sheet will be accepted. All rough work must be done on the Question paper.
- G Submit your answer sheet to your invigilator

PASSAGE A

The place where the Christians built their place of worship was not far from Ezeulu's compound. As he sat in his Obi thinking of the festival of the Pumpkin leaves, he heard their bell. His mind turned from the festival to the new religion. He was not sure what to make of it. At first he had thought that since the white man had come with great power and conquest, it was necessary that

some people should learn the ways of his deity. That was why he had agreed to send his son, Oduche, to learn the new ritual. He also wanted him to learn the white man's wisdom.

But now, Ezeulu was becoming afraid that the new religion was like a leper. Allow him a handshake and he wants to embrace. Perhaps the time had come to bring Oduche out again. But what would happen if, as many oracles prophesied, the white had come take over the land and rule? In such a case, it would be wiseto have a man of your family in his band.

QUESTIONS

- 1 One of the following is a suitable title for this passage?
(a)The festival of the pumpkin leaves (b) Ezeulu's compound (c) White man's wisdom (d) the new religion
- 2 Ezeulu sent his son to learn from the Whiteman because_____
(a) he was becoming too old (b) he wanted his son to become educated
(c) the white man was his friend (d) his son will build a place of worship
- 3 Ezeulu became afraid of the new religion because'
(a) it controlled people's lives totally; (b) it encouraged celebration of pumpkin festivals (c) the white man was its priest (d) it was new in his village
- 4 "Prophesied" as used in the passage means_____
expected (b) agreed (c) predicted (d) anticipated
- 5 Ezeulu can be described a/an ----- man
(a) wicked (b) wise (C) dishonest (d) honest

PASSAGE

Jumbe went to the garden that morning. He was angry beyond dictionary words. He put his long trunk up and tried to pick the scent of the thief

_____ His mother called him a fool. Why didn't he catch the thief?

So Master Hare went on stealing for one complete month. Jumbe never caught him. One evening Mr. Bat came flying blindly, and entered Jumbe's ear. Jumbe took him out, and was going to squash him, when

Mr. Bat pleaded for mercy. Mr Bat said, "Don't kill me _____I will tell you ways of catching your pea stealer." Mr. Bat told Jumbe his secret.

"In the jungle, if you don't know who stole your things, you take a journey to Master Knowall, Doctor Witch-Doctor, the Honorable Doctor Tortoise, M.D, D.W.D, etc.

She is well known throughout the world for her witchcraft. She knows the answers to questions like. 'Why is there only one moon?' 'Why people dream? Why only women bear children? 'Why we bats can fly but you elephants don't? 'Why big cocks run when they see a small kite flying" why we have shadows?" and all questions you think of in your heart. I advise you to go to her"

QUESTIONS

6. Jumbe Elephant was angry because
(a) Mr Bat flew into his ear (b) Doctor tortoise could not help him
(c) Someone stole his produce (d) Master Hare was his friend
7."beyond dictionary words" as it is used in the passage means.
(a) highly imaginable (b) highly understandable
(c) highly unreadable (d) highly unimaginable
8. The thief stole Jumbe's _____
(a) pears (b) seeds (c) peas (d) nuts
9. How many questions could Doctor Tortoise answer?
(a) all (b) several (c) many (d) much
10 "Squash» as it is used in the passage means
(a) slaughter (b) march (c) strangle (d) skin

*From the actions lettered A-D, choose the one that is **nearest in meaning** to the underlined word or group of words in each question*

11. There is an abundant supply of fuel in Nigeria
(a) little (b) sufficient (c) many (d) minor
12 Mrs Ajala was happy when she counted her profit on the transaction
(a) lost (b) share (c) money (d) gain
13 We could not see the dancing troupe from a far place
(a) near (b) distant (c) close (d) long
14. You will not be admitted until you have passed the interview
(a) work (b) viva (c) examination (d) interrogation
15. This school admits only those who excel in the entrance examination
(a) succeed (b) perform (c) attend (d) demonstrate
16. Most modern writers use of simple English Words
(a)urban (b) educated (c) ancient (d) current
17. I am familiar with the custom of the people
(a) habit (b) tradition (c) pratice (d) practice
18 A strong wind blew across the field

- (a) powerful (b) healthy (c) big (d) wide

From the options lettered A-D. choose the one that is opposite in meaning to the underlined word

- 19 Tenants have started vacating the Agbowo Shopping Complex
(a) occupying (b) quitting (c) purchasing (d) removing
20. Rains seldomly fall in December in Oyo State
(a) never (b) usually (c) always (d) rarely
- 21 The Principal advised the seniors not to bully the juniors
(a) praise (b) spoil (c) protect (d) hurt
- 22 The engineer recorded only a partial success on the project
(a) complete (b) bias (c) impartial (d) compete
23. Mrs Aina keeps a retail shop
(a) consumer (b) distributor (c) wholesale (d) commercial
- 24 God is celestial but man is -----
(a) terrestrial (b) mortal (c) immortal (d) sinful
- 25 The weather is always dull after rainfall.
(a) bright (b) interesting (c) active (d) blissful
- 26 The lecture was very dull.
(a) bright (b) interesting (c) active (d) passive

Choose the option that correctly explains the underlined part of each statement

- 27 The police have started a campaign against the men of the underworld
(a) people living in bondage (b) masquerades (c) thieves
(d) people buried in the earth
- 28 When the thief was caught he started shedding crocodile tears
(a) wept like a crocodile (b) pretended to be sorry
(c) produced a large quantity of tears (d) was tempted to weep by a crocodile
- 29 Common Entrance Examination is a stepping stone to a bright academic life
(a) an obstacle (b) a link (c) a tree trunk (d) a missing link
- 30 Our teacher's story illustrated that we should not be a dog in the manger
(a) managers of dogs (b) cleaners of a manger
(c) disturbance to others (d) disturbance to ourselves

Choose the option that is correctly spelt

31. (a) accomodation (b) accommodation
(c) accommondation (d) accomodation
32. (a) embarrass (b) embrass (c) embaras (d) embarass
33. (a) ocaasion (b) occasion (c) occaasion (d) occassion
34. (a)professor (b) proffessor (c) prrofessor (d) profesor
35. (a) communication (b) communication
(c) communisation (d) komunikation

From the options lettered A-D. fill each gap with the most appropriate word or group of words

36. I left my pen at home. I'm sure this is _____
(a) your's (b) yours' (c) your (d) yours
37. Grace _____ a white dress for her wedding,
(a) choosed (b) chose (c) chosen (d) choosen
38. I am disgusted _____ your behavior
(a) at (b) in (c) on (d) from
39. The firm excels ----- producing cheap electronics
(a) at (b) in (c) on (d) for
40. Politics _____ what she likes
(a) are (b) were (c) is (d) was
41. I _____ before he arrived
(a) have slept (b) were sleeping (c) had slept (d) has slept
42. Give Teju the pen, It is -----
(a) her's (b) hers' (c) hers (d) hers's
43. The books cost me _____ five naira
(a) maximally (b) comfortably (c) dearly (d) nearty
44. Since he was born, his godfather _____ him presents at Christmas
(a) sent (b) send (c) has been sending (d) had sent
45. Bisi is the _____ of them all
(a) taller (b) tall (c) tallest (d) tallish.
46. The guests praised my mother for her ----- food
(a) melodious (b) malicious (c) delicious (d) contagious
47. One major instrument used by tailors is the _____ machine
(a) adding (b) sewing (c) attacking (d) sowing
48. The team _____ scored the first goal

(a) captain (b) manager (c) doctor (d) leader

49 Aeroplanes taxi on the _____ before take off

(a) runway (b) driveway (c) flyway (d) slow way

50 Janet's husband is her _____

(a) spouse (b) helper (c) tutor (d) betrothed

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