

SUBJECT: ENGLISH LANGUAGE

This section will last for 30 minutes

Read the following passage carefully, and answer the questions which follow by choosing the correct answer.

Michael Joseph Jackson was born on the 29th August, 1958 in Gary, Indiana in the United States of America. He was the third to the last of nine children. He began his musical career at the age of five as the lead singer of the *Jackson 5* which was formed in 1964. In those early years, the *Jackson 5* played for local clubs and bars and later their talents grew and they could compete in bigger competitions.

In 1977, Michael made his first film debut when he starred in the musical 'The Wiz' playing Scarecrow, with Diana Ross playing the lead role as Dorothy. In 1982, he released the world's largest selling album of all time, *Thriller*. This album produced 7 hit singles breaking yet again more records and went on to sell over 50 million copies worldwide. In 1984, he won a record-breaking 8 Grammy awards in one night.

In 1991, he signed with Sony Music, the largest ever recording contract and released his fourth solo album, *Dangerous*. In September 2001, he celebrated his 30th anniversary as solo artist with two concerts held in New York, USA. In March 2009, he announced a shocking come-back tour at the O₂ Arena in London to start in July 2009. A total of over 750,000 tickets were sold within minutes of being released. On June 25th, 2009, Michael Joseph Jackson died suddenly of a reported cardiac arrest.

1. From the passage, it is obvious that Michael was
 - (a) a lazy artist
 - (b) a mysterious person
 - (c) a very successful entertainer
 - (d) a common man

2. How many people are in Michael's immediate family?
(a) 5 (b) 11 (c) 9 (d) 12
3. How old was Michael Jackson when he released *Thriller*?
(a) 24 (b) 22 (c) 26 (d) 28
4. Apart from being a musician, he was also a/an
(a) wizard (b) winner (c) writer (d) actor
5. How old was he when he died?
(a) 50 (b) 51 (c) 52 (d) 42

Choose from the given options, the word nearest in meaning to the underlined word

6. Our ledge has been decorated in readiness for our august visitor.
(a) monthly (b) early (c) special (d) expected
7. The new teacher was wary of the boys.
(a) anxious (b) excited (c) careful (d) suspicious

Choose the word that is nearly opposite in meaning to the word underlined in each sentence.

8. He is a very tense person. You'll find it difficult to make him -----
(a) loosen (b) relinquish (c) relax (d) cool down
9. His attempt to conceal the truth was foiled when the facts were ----- by another witness.
(a) confused (b) revealed (c) confessed (d) declared

Give the synonyms of the underlined expressions

10. The Principal is thoughtless
(a) caring (b) careless (c) wicked (d) mysterious
11. Being responsible can be tasking
(a) easy (b) difficult (c) enjoyable (d) pleasant

Give the antonyms of the underlined expression

12. Many people have talked about his kindness

- (a) Mildness (b) tenderness (c) helpfulness (d) wickedness

13. His cowardice disturbs his parents
(a) weakness (b) timidity (c) shyness (d) boldness

Choose the option that best completes each of the following sentences

14. Most houses ----- the borders face the risk of being submerged in the flood that occurs annually.
(a) on (b) in (c) at (d) by
15. I paid him in his own -----
(a) coin (b) cheque (c) notes (d) money

Choose the words that are correctly spelt

16. (a) maintainance (b) maintenance (c) meinteinance
(d) mainteinance
17. occassion (b) ocasion (c) occasion (d) ocassion

Punctuate each of the following

18. ***Is this the cats food or the dogs***
(a) Is this the cat's food or the dogs'?
(b) Is this the cats' food or the dogs'?
(c) Is this the cats' food or the dog's?
(d) Is this the cats food? or the dogs
19. ***Jide imoh Kelechi and musa are all boys***
(a) Jide Imoh Kelechi and Musa are all boys.
(b) Jide Imoh Kelechi, and Musa are all boys.
(c) Jide, Imoh, Kelechi and Musa are all boys.
(d) Jide, Imoh Kelechi, and Musa are all boys.

Pick the option that best interprets the underlined

20. My friend had always tried to keep his head above water
(a). keep his head above water when swimming
(b). like swimming
(c). stay out of financial difficulty
(d). borrow some money to survive
21. John and David were often poles apart ,-----?

- (a). weren't they?
- (b). wouldn't they?
- (c). wasn't it?
- (d). was it?

Change the following into reported speech

22. Ada said to Peter, "Don't ride my bicycle"
Ada told Peter -----
(a) not to ride her bicycle
(b) to not ride her bicycle
(c) not to ride my bicycle
(d) to not ride my bicycle
23. "Will it rain soon?" Eze asked
Eze wondered -----
(a) would it rain soon
(b) will it rain soon
(c) whether it would rain soon
(d) that it will rain soon
24. I will visit you tomorrow, said Tunde.
(a) Tunde says that he will visit me tomorrow
(b) Tunde said that he will visit me tomorrow
(c) Tunde said that he would visit me tomorrow
(d) Tunde promised to visit me tomorrow
25. "Come here", shouted the teacher.
(a) The teacher commanded him to come there.
(b) The teacher told him to go there.
(c) The teacher said come here.
(d) The teacher asked him to come here.