

THE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL (UNIVERSITY OF IBADAN)

ENTRANCE EXAMINATION TO JSS 1

18TH APRIL, 2009. SUBJECT: ENGLISH LANGUAGE

TIME: 1

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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 space provided at the top of the answer sheet, putting your *SURNAME* first in capital/etters.
- b. You must only use '8 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. Submit your answer sheet to your invigilator

From nos 1-3, fill each gap with CORRECTLY SPELT option:

- 1 He always _____ to make his stories more interesting.

(a) exaggerates (b) exxagerate (c) exaggerates (d) exaggerate

2 There are _____ classrooms in the school.

(a) fourty (b) fourthy (c) forty (d) forties

3 We borrow books from the _____

(a) library (b) libry (c) laibrary (d) libarary

Choose from the options below the one which best fills the gap in each sentence.

4 If you _____ louder, he could have heard you.

(a) spoked (b) sparked (c) had spoken (d) had spoke

5 You heard what I said,

(a) isn't it (b) din't you (c) did u (d) you did

Punctuate each of the following sentences correctly

49 The girl who wore a blue dress is my friend

(a) The girl who, wore a blue dress is my friend

(b) The girl who wore a blue dress, is my friend.

(c) The girl, who wore a blue dress, is my friend.

(d) The girl who wore a blue dress is my friend.

50 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?

Read the following passages carefully and anew. the questions which follow

by choosing the correct answers

I will live ever to remember December 52, 2006, the Christmas day my parents took Titi, Dupe, Dayo, the only boy in the family and I to the University of Ibadan Zoological Garden. The joy of going to zoo, on the 24th December, the day preceding the 'D' day much overwhelmed me that unlike my brother and sisters, I did not eat anything. Even at about 1:00 pm, while others were fast asleep, I was still expecting sleep to take me off. But how would I sleep when my mind was busy imagining the types of animals I would see at the zoo the following morning.

However, when we got to the zoo at exactly 10.00 am, the place was stormed with a lot of people, mostly children like me brought by their parents to enjoy themselves. After purchasing our tickets, my mum took us to where we could see the wild animals. We saw a giant tortoise called 'Gbenga'. We were told he had lived for thirty-five years. We saw him walk on his two legs like a human being! When we visited the lions at their dens, I was scared and I screamed when one of them roared. A child beside me burst into weeping and ran back into his parents' car. What will remain most indelible in my memory was when we got to where the female monkey was. She was busy eating a riped banana. His face looked like that of a human being. As she was pleasurably eating the banana she was also looking at us, smiling. All of a sudden, she threw the banana at a boy who was struggling with space beside me. He cleverly held it and started eating it! All of us laughed as we were surprised to see him eating the banana which a monkey had eaten half-way.

QUESTION

1. Why could the writer 'not sleep' according to the passage?
(a) She didn't want to sleep
(b) She was sick
(c) She was expecting sleep to come
(d) Her mind was on the zoo she would visit the following morning
2. How many children of the writer's parents were girls?
(a) one (b) two (c) three (d) four
3. The meaning of 'stormed' in the passage is
(a) empty (b) occupied (c) wind (d) destroyed
4. The most memorable thing for the writer according to the passage was:
(a) his sleeplessness
(b) December 25, 2006
(c) a lot of people that visited the zoo
(d) the boy eating the monkey's banana
5. The appropriate title for this, passage is:

- (a) A day at the zoo (b) The joy of visiting the zoo
(c) The monkey and banana (d) The boy and banana

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Dear Amaka,

Thank you for inviting me to your school sports and Founder's Day Celebration on July 18th. The thought of being with you fascinates me and the idea of taking part in your school celebrations as your special guest excites me too. Already, I've told my parents about your invitation and they've allowed me to attend.

As I don't want to miss any part of the ceremony, I'll leave home at 8 o'clock in the morning by bus and I hope to arrive at your school by 10 am. I expect you'll want to receive me as your august visitor by the college main gate when I arrive.

Amaka, I hope you're getting yourself set for this sports festival and I hope you are going to participate actively in both track and field events. Of course, I always trust your ability in sports. Once again, thank you for the invitation. I wish you all the best.

Yours sincerely,
Charity

6. What type of letter is this?
(a) Informal (b) Semi-formal (c) Formal
(d) Formal-Informal
7. From the letter, it can be inferred that
(a) Charity is replying her friend's letter
(b) Charity is writing to her friend
(c) Amaka is being invited by Charity (d) Charity is organizing a party
8. Why will the writer trust her friend's ability in sports?
(a) they know each other (b) they are intimate
(c) they write each other (d) they are friends
9. Why will the writer leave home at 8 o' clock?

- (a) so as not to miss the breakfast
 - (b) so as not to miss any part of the ceremony
 - (c) so as to chat with her friend
 - (d) so as to run with her friend
- 10 The word 'fascinates' as used in the passage means
 (a) interests (b) appeals (c) excites (d) scares

SECTION 2

Choose the OPPOSITE In meaning to the word underlined

- 11 We all need the blessing of God and not His _____
 (a) trouble (b) abuse (c) curse (d) course
- 12 The girl is very hardworking.
 (a) idle (b) lazy (c) dull (d) clever
- 13 Everybody loves the rich man because he is very generous.
 (a) cheerful (b) strong (c) miserly (d) wicked
- 14 The classroom was kept tidy
 (a) neat (b) rough (c) destroyed (d) nice
- 15 When he brought it, I rejected the offer.
 (a) accepted (b) denounced (c) approved (d) got

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

16. We ran away from him because of his choleric temper,
 (a) hot (b) cool (c) good (d) diseased
- 17 The class teacher flogged him because of his restlessness
 (a) carefulness (b) impatience (c) calmness (d) quarreling
- 18 When he stood up to speak, I attacked him and gave a different opinion.
 (a) opposed (b) slapped (c) hugged (d) insulted
- 19 The Principal said coming to school on Saturdays was mandatory
 (a) voluntary (b) compulsory (c) needed (d) optional
- 20 We shall round-off this meeting tomorrow
 (a) start (b) begin (c) began (d) come up

From the options lettered A-O, choose the word or group of words that best completes each of the sentences in questions 21 - 30

- 21 Precious is the _____ of the two girls.
 (a) kindest (b) more kinder (c) kinder (d) most kinder
- 22 He said he -----his assignments
 (a) has done (b) have done (c) had done (d) has been done
- 23 One of the classes _____ before the assembly,
 (a) have not been swept (b) has not being swept
 (c) had not been swept (d) has not been swept
- 24 The invigilator warned the students not to assist _____ in the

examination.

- (a) each other (b) themselves (c) one another (d) themselves
25. Abiola came here yesterday, _____ ?
(a) has he (b) did he (c) didn't he (d) doesn't he
26. I ended my letter with _____ sincerely.
(a) your's (b) yours" (c) yours' (d) yours
27. I prefer this seat _____ that.
(a) than (b) to (c) rather (d) not
28. The boy is suffering _____ malaria
(a) for (b) about (c) by (d) from
29. He is more hardworking than _____
(a) her (b) his (c) us (d) they
30. _____ a book on HIV/AIDS in the library.
(a) There's (b) There's (c) Theirs (d) Their's

Choose the correctly spelt word from options A-D

31. (a) oppinion (b) opinion (c) openion (d) opinnion
32. (a) accomodation (b) accommodation
(c) accommodation (d) acomodation
33. (a) pronounciation (b) pronounceiation
(c) pronounciasion (d) pronunciation
34. (a) polythecnic (b) polithecnic (c) polytechnic (d) polytecnich
35. (a) ocasion (b) occassion (c) occaasion (d) occasion

From numbers 36 - 40, identify the part of speech to which the underlined word belongs

36. Sade is too troublesome
(a) verb (b) adjective (c) adverb (d) noun
37. I left him because she was too slow.
(a) adjective (b) pronoun (c) conjunction (d) preposition
38. He often visits us
(a) adjective (b) adverb (c) noun (d) verb
39. Please, put it here.
(a) pronoun (b) preposition (c) adjective (d) adverb
40. Success is my portion in this examination
(a) noun (b) pronoun (c) adjective (d) verb

Choose from the options lettered A – D the correct word(s) to fill each gap in

the following sentences

- 41 The board of directors _____ meeting.
(a) are (b) were (c) have been (d) was
- 42 The 2002 set of ISI students-----a commendation
(a) receives (b) receive (c) are receiving (d) were receiving
- 43 The teacher needs _____ students to carry his table and chair.
(a) a little (b) little (c) a few (d) a
I have _____ at home
(a) a furniture (b) some items of furniture
(c) furnitures (d) some furnitures
- 45 Too much of sugar causes _____.
(a) diaabetics (b) diabetis (c) dyabetes (d) diabetes

Choose the correct indirect/reported speech of the following sentences.

- 46 "The questions are simple," said Bolu.
(a) Bolu said that the question was simple
(b) Bolu said that the questions were simple
(c) Bolu said that the questions are simple
(d) Bolu said that "the questions are simple"
- 47 "I am a leader of tomorrow," Uche' declared.
(a) Uche declared that he was the leader of the future
(b) Uche declared that he was a leader of tomorrow
(c) Uche declared that I am the leader of tomorrow
(d) Uche said that "I am the leader of the future"
- 48 "Bring this pen"
(a) He asked him to bring this pen
(b) He asked me to bring that pen
(c) He asked me to bring the pen
(d) he asks me to bring that pen

What are the plural forms of the following words

- 49 Ox
(a) oxes (b) oxs (c) oxen (d) oxens
- 50 Formula
(a) formulas (b) formulae (c) formulea (d) formula