

THE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL UNIVERSITY OF IBADAN

ENTRANCE EXAMINATION TO JS1 - 2006

2006 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 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 I 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

*Instruction: Read the following passages carefully and answer the questions below each*

**PASSAGE 1**

Long ago, people believed that the world was flat. They thought that high up above the sky, there was a roof on which the sun, the moon and the stars hung to give light to the earth.

Over the years, these ideas have been proved wrong. Sailors showed that the earth is round - their ships did not fall off the edge as some said they would. Later, scientists discovered that the earth also spins round and round and the nine planets, including the earth, move round the sun. At present, Russian and American scientists are making attempts to know more about the world. They are trying to find out whether such knowledge can result in progress and better ways of life for all mankind.

#### Questions

- 1 The passage reveals that people believed that the earth space  
(a) was round (b) spins round and round the sun (c) was flat (d) was big
- 2 Where did people believe the sun was hanging?  
(a) on a roof high above the sky (b) on the planets (c) besides the earth (d) around the earth
- 3 What revealed the truth about the shape of the earth?  
(a) The moving planets (b) the roof on which the sun and the moon hung (c) the sailors ships that did not fall off the edge (d) the stars
- 4 How many planets have been discovered?  
(a) five (b) nine (c) eight (d) ten
- 5 Why do scientists make efforts to know more about the world?  
(a) to see if the knowledge can improve the conditions of mankind (b) to know the shape of the earth (c) to prove that the earth is round (d) to discover more planets.

#### **PASSAGE B**

At last, the party arrived in the sky and their hosts were very happy to see them. Tortoise stood up in his many - coloured plumage and thanked

them for their invitation. His speech was so eloquent that all the birds were glad they

had brought him, and nodded their heads in approval of all he said. Their hosts looked at him as the king of the birds, especially as he looked somewhat different from the others.

After kola nuts had been presented and eaten, the people of the sky set before their guests the most delicious dishes tortoise had ever seen or dreamt of. The soup was brought out hot from the fire and in the very pot in which it had been cooked. It was full of meat and fish. Tortoise began to sniff aloud. There was pounded yam and yam pottage cooked with palm-oil and fresh fish. There were also pots of palm-wine. When everything had been set before the guests, one of the people of the sky came forward and tasted a little from each pot. He then invited the birds to eat. But tortoise jumped to his feet and asked: "For whom have you prepared this feast?" "For all of you" replied the man.

Tortoise turned to the birds and said: "You remember that my name is ALL OF YOU?"

The custom here is to serve the spokesman first

(Adapted from *Things Fall Apart* by Chinua Achebe)

Questions

6. All the birds were glad they had taken tortoise along with them because (a) he was well-dressed (b) he was a good speaker (c) he could speak the language of their hosts (d) he was a presentable king
7. "Their hosts took him as the king of the birds -----What does this statement imply?  
(a) the people of the sky nominated tortoise to be the king of the birds at that occasion (b) tortoise was the king of the birds just for that occasion (c) the people of the sky assumed that tortoise was the king of the birds (d) the birds had earlier presented tortoise as their king, because he dressed attractively.
8. Why did one of the bird hosts taste a little from each pot of the food items they presented?  
(a) he did so to declare the party open (b) he was greedy (c) it was their tradition in the sky to do so (d) he wanted to know how delicious the dishes were
9. Another word for "plumage" as used in the passage is  
(a) cloth (b) feather (c) shell (d) skin
10. The expression " \_\_\_\_\_ the custom here is to serve the spokesman first " means  
(a) only tortoise ate the food (b) the others did not eat (c) the others ate only after tortoise had eaten (d) tortoise did not eat

- 11 Which of the following accurately describes the character of tortoise as presented in the passage above?
- (a) tortoise was cunning, fluent, greedy; wise and selfish (b) tortoise was mischievous, patriotic. and eloquent (c) tortoise was eloquent, kingly, dubious and generous (d) tortoise was dishonest, eloquent, splendid and reliable

*Identify the parts of speech of the underlined words in the following sentences*

- 12 The economy of the country is bad  
(a) noun (b) verb (c) adjective (d) adverb
- 13 The dog is dangerous  
(a) adjective (b) verb (c) adverb (d) noun
- 14 The car moved rapidly down the road  
(a) adjective (b) adverb (c) noun (d) verb

*Choose the word that is NEAREST in meaning to the word underlined in each sentence*

- 15 One of the signs of cholera is frequent stooling.  
(a) symptoms (b) preventions (c) warnings (d) ways
- 16 John detests night journeys  
(a) likes (b) detects (c) hates (d) mocks
- 17 Dipreye is an unfortunate man  
(a) lucky (b) unlucky (c) fraudulent (d) corrupt
- 18 The instruction is very crucial  
(a) important (b) clear (c) long (d) trivial
- 19 The leopard is a wild animal .  
(a) tame (b) domestic (c) big (d) dangerous

*Choose the appropriate meaning for each of the underlined expressions*

- 20 Jagunlabi is the black sheep of the family  
(a) behaves like a black sleep (b) brings disgrace to the family (c) goes about in black dress (d) hates to work
- 21 Let us call it a day  
(a) name it a day (b) close for the day (c) hurry up (d) rest a while
- 22 What is the bone of contention between the two boys?  
(a) cause of the dispute (b) result of the fight (c) effect of the dispute (d) aim

of the dispute

23. Somebody must have let the cat out of the bag  
(a) invited, the police (b) disappointed others (c) released the cat (d) revealed the secret
24. The robbers were caught while trying to make away with the car  
(a) throwaway (b) destroy (c) steal (d) sell

*In each of the following group of words choose the word that does NOT RHYME with the other words in terms of pronunciation*

25. (a) catch (b) match (c) part (d) patch
26. (a) brother (b) mother (c) bother (d) ladder
27. (a) reign (b) ruin (c) rain (d) train

Which of the following is correctly spelt?

28. (a) fourty (b) fouty (c) forty (d) fourety
29. (a) receeive (b) receve (c) receive (d) riceive
30. (a) dinning room (b) dinning room (c) dining room (d) dinnings room

*From the options lettered A-D, choose the one that is OPPOSITE in meaning from the underlined word*

31. Children do not have any regard for ancient beliefs  
(a) old (b) past (c) present (d) modern
32. She needs to be serious for better result in the examination  
(a) good (b) best (c) worse (d) bad
33. Ade was praised for his behaviour  
(a) blamed (b) scolded (c) abused (d) commended
34. The boy was proved guilty of the offence  
(a) free (b) innocent (c) unknown (d) innocence
35. This material is inferior to the one bought yesterday  
(a) better (b) good (c) fairly fused (d) superior
36. John is the best student in his class  
(a) better (b) good (c) worst (d) worse

- 37 Oranges are cheap in the market nowadays  
(a) costly (b) abundant (c) scarce (d) fresh
- 38 She travelled overseas for her summer holiday  
(a) rainy (b) sunny (c) winter (d) windy
- 39 Jumoke got a temporary appointment as the company's secretary  
(a) good (b) permanent (c) bad (d) well paid

*Identify the part of speech to which the underlined word belongs*

- 40 She bought some potatoes in the market  
(a) adverb (b) noun (c) Verb (d) adjective
- 41 It was a hot and humid night  
(a) preposition (b) conjunction (c) verb (d) adverb
- 42 Mr. Abiola is a clerk in the company  
(a) adjective (b) pronoun (c) noun (d) verb
- 43 Will you give fifty Naira to this poor man?  
(a) conjunction (b) verb (c) prepositions (d) adjective
- 44 They chose the biggest ball  
(a) interjection (b) conjunction (c) pronoun (d) noun

*From the options lettered A-D. choose the one that best completes each of the following sentences*

- 45 Do you know the \_\_\_\_\_ for calculating the area of a circle?  
(a) prescription (b) exercise (c) formula (d) model
- 46 The car stopped because it had run out \_\_\_\_\_ petrol  
(a) In (b) for (c) of (d) with
- 47 I wish to congratulate you \_\_\_\_\_ your success  
(a) of (b) in (c) for (d) on
- 48 We have not arrived \_\_\_\_\_ any decision on the matter  
(a) by (b) on (c) with (d) at
- 49 I found this bag on the desk; I don't know \_\_\_\_\_ it is  
(a) what (b) whose (c) to whom (d) whose own
- 50 The king's reign has witnessed the building of a ---- of roads, flyovers and

bride around the town

(a) mesh (b) netting (c) network (d) fabric

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