

THE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL (UNIVERSITY .OF IBADAN)

ENTRANCE EXAMINATION TO JSS 1 10TH MAY, 2008.

SUBJECT: ENGLISH LANGUAGE

TIME: 1 HOUR

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 capita letters.*
- b You must only use HB 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*

COMPREHENSION

Read the following passages carefully and answer the questions which follow by choosing the correct answer

PASSAGE A

There are many reasons why people shout. A person may shout when he is frightened. In this case, shouting becomes a kind of appeal for assistance from other people in the neighborhood. A person may shout as an expression of joy. An unexpected piece of luck, a good performance in an examination such as this very one being sat for, and the arrival of a new baby in the family are some of the instances in which people shout for joy.

Sometimes, people may shout as a protest at unpleasant events in their environment. The death of a loved one may make a person shout. A man or woman may shout, especially in the villages, because a dog has carried away a piece of meat which he or she kept for the evening meal.

Questions

- 1 According to the passage, how many reasons are given on why people shout?
(a) 6 (b) 4 (c) 3 (d) 2
- 2 Why would a person shout when he or she is frightened?
(a) to plead for help
(b) to express fear
(c) to beg the object of fright
(d) to scare away people
- 3 Why will a person shout for joy?
(a) a good performance in an examination

- (b) protest at an unpleasant event
(c) death of a beloved one
(d) having enjoyed a good meal
- 4 The first verb used in the passage is _____
(a) there (b) are (c) reasons (d) shout
- 5 The last noun used in the passage is _____
(a) people (b) assistance (c) woman (d) meal

PASSAGE B

Technology is as old as man himself. In his desire to provide for his daily needs of food, clothing and shelter, he made and used tools. With time, man not only sought to satisfy his needs but also his wants. Technology also helped man to get what he wanted. These include play, houses, and faster communication with others. Do you know that man's earliest natural tools were his hands and teeth? From these, he started to use stones and sticks shaped to be used as tools. As time went on, he developed tools of special types to be used for hunting, fishing and the making of clothes and shelters.

The next stage in the emergence of technology is the discovery of fire. It is the most important discovery of the Stone Age man. He used the fire to warm himself and to prepare tastier food. Fire then led to the birth of cooking and as a result to the invention of suitable kitchen utensils and cooking methods such as baking, frying and steaming. Can you imagine what it's like to eat uncooked food? The discovery of fire was therefore a very important event.

Questions

6. "As old as man himself" as it is used in this passage means
(a) having the same stature as man
(b) began with human history

- (c) was born the same year as man
(d) is a twin brother of man
- 7 According to this passage, man developed technology in
(a) stages (b) all at once (c) for hunting only
(d) using his body only
- 8 We can understand "technology" from this passage to mean man's ability to
(a) hunt animals (b) build houses (c) make fire
(d) use tools to solve his daily problems
- 9 The 'Stone Age man' implies the period when man
(a) made fire (b) built houses (c) used natural tools
(d) cooked tasty food
- 10 Why is the discovery of fire considered the most important of all technological inventions?
(a) It led to the invention of many modern tools
(b) It made man live a more comfortable life
(c) "A" only
(d) "A" and "B"
- 11 Which of the following is the most suitable title for this passage?
(a) How Technology was Born with Man
(b) How Fire Started
(c) Hunting for Food
(d) Man and Technology

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

- 12 Rice is now a dear food item in the market.
(a) scarce (b) costly (c) cheap (d) popular
- 13 Educated persons are the only ones eligible for the post.

- (a) elect (b) taken (c) fit to be taken (d) suggested
- 14 Dogs are domesticated animals.
(a) dangerous (b) trained (c) tamed (d) fierce
- 15 The robbers became jittery at the sight of a policeman.
(a) tearful (b) sad (c) violent (d) nervous
- 16 Cheating in an examination is prohibited.
(a) forbidden (b) bad (c) common (d) evil

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

- 17 The class gave the exact answer to the question.
(a) free (b) inaccurate (c) loose (d) perfect
- 18 The teacher sat at the entrance of the school
(a) gate (b) front (c) exit (d) door
- 19 The boy visits us regularly.
(a) periodically (b) occasionally (c) consistently (d) often
- 20 The accused person concealed the truth about the matter.
(a) hid (b) compounded (c) revealed (d) released
- 21 The party ends at dawn.
(a) afternoon (b) night (c) dusk (d) dark

Choose the option which best interprets the statement in each Questions

- 22 A friend in need is a friend indeed.
(a) A friend is usually needed.
(b) A friend who gives you help when you need it is a true friend

- (c) A friend who plays with you is a true friend
(d) A needy friend is a true friend
- 23 Born with a silver spoon.
(a) To have very rich parents
(b) To have very poor parents
(c) To eat with a silver spoon
(d) To have loving parents
- 24 Birds of a feather flock together.
(a) Birds fly in groups
(b) People of a country live together
(c) People of the same sort are found together
(d) Birds have similar feathers
- 25 Look before you leap.
(a) Think carefully before taking an action
(b) Be careful when crossing the road
(c) Open your eyes when you walk in the street
(d) It is not safe to jump over a gutter
- 26 A wolf in sheep's covering
(a) A wolf wearing the cover of a sheep
(b) A dangerous person who appears to be nice
(c) A hungry person
(d) A wolf that is friendly with a sheep

What parts of speech are underlined in the following sentences?

27. Listening to stories is interesting.
(a) noun (b) conjunction (c) verb (d) pronoun
- 28 Working with my aunty is rewarding.
(a) verb (b) adjective (c) preposition (d) pronoun

29. Stella is a beautiful girl.
(a) noun (b) verb (c) adjective (d) conjunction
30. Tayo sings beautifully .
(a) adverb (b) verb (c) noun (d) pronoun
31. Our house is beside a stadium
(a) noun (b) verb (c) preposition (d) adverb

Fill in each gap with the most appropriate option

32. My friend is taller than _____.
(a) me (b) I (c) myself (d) us
33. We traveled to Lagos _____ car.
(a) in (b) on (c) by (d) with
34. I have never _____ to Abuja
(a) been (b) be (c) go (d) being
35. Either Mary or Banjo _____ to blame
(a) is (b) are (c) were (d) must
36. The boy complained _____ fever.
(a) about (b) of (c) for (d) on

Complete the following proverbs

37. Those who live in glass houses should not throw
(a) sticks (b) pebbles (c) stones, (d) leafs
38. Uneasy lies the head that wears the
(a) cap (b) scarf (c) crown (d) hat
39. Penny wise, pound _____
(a) foolish (b) sterling (c) stubborn (d) business
40. Punctuality is the _____ of business.
(a) sole (b) life (c) nucleus (d) soul

41. More haste, less _____
(a) run (b) movement (c) speed (d) marathon

Complete each of the following sentences with the correctly spelt option

42. The children sleep in _____ beds.
(a) seprate (b) separate (c) separates (d) seprate
43. _____ is creativity.
(a) dyeing (b) dieying (c) dying (d) deiying