

THE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL UNIVERSITY OF IBADAN  
ENTRANCE EXAMINATION TO JS1 - 2005  
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 1**

In the late sixties and 'early seventies, just before the oil boom in Nigeria, it was the custom of most Nigerian housewives to manage cottage industries. Such industries ranged from soap making and palm oil production on the weaving of textiles.

Women prided themselves on their ability to achieve a lot through their hard work.

These activities, however, were not without their peculiar hazards as some of these women had scars that testified to their years of suffering:

Kamnene, who was a middle-aged woman in the seventies, is a typical example of one of such women who gave themselves to diligence. Every morning, she would wake up early and bleach large quantities of palm oil. This was mixed with a diluted proportion of caustic soda. A yellowish mixture resulted from this and it was poured into metal cups.

Thousands

- of tablets of soap were produced through this means and they were sold at the local market.

Today, although Kamnene's vision is impaired owing to the soap business, she is a proud mother of many university graduates. She has built her own comfortable apartment too.

1 How would you describe the pre-oil boom period in Nigeria?

(a) It was a period of relaxation (b) It was an era of total self-reliance

(c) Small Industries were common in most homes

(d) Women were very proud then

2 What gave most women a sense of achievement in the early seventies?

(a) The weaving of textiles

(b) The gains they made from cottage industries

(c) The houses they built

(d) The education of their children

3 What can be the possible disadvantage of running a cottage industry according to the passage?

(a) It can cause some health hazards (b) It makes one proud

(c) It confines one to a cottage

(d) It makes one neglect one's family

4 What is the major point discussed in paragraphs two and three?

(a) How cottage industries are managed

(b) How a woman became successful by owning a cottage industry

(c) How dangerous a cottage industry can be

(d) The disadvantages of owning a cottage industry

5 The words "custom" and "yellowish" are

(a) verb and noun respectively (b) noun and verb respectively (c) nouns

(d) noun and adjective respectively

*In Nos. 6-10 choose the word that appropriately fills each gap.*

6 Obi congratulated his sister ----- the successful completion of her master's programme.

- (a) for            (b) in            (c) on            (d) at
- 7 People who live ----- the shores of the River Niger are prone to several diseases like cholera and malaria
- (a) on            (b) In            (c) at            (d) inside
- 8 I hope to be -----Ibadan in the next two hours
- (a) on            (b) In            (c) at            (d) before
- 9 Mrs Abu found it difficult to reply ----- her friend's letter because she is illiterate
- (a) towards (b) to (c) at (d) after
- 10 Mr Gashinde was surprised ----- his friend's behavior
- (a) with            (b) at            (c) in            (d) on

*In Nos 11 - 15 identify the word which is correctly spelt from the options provided*

- 11 (a) cemetery            (b) cementary            (c) cemetary            (d) cementry
- 12 (a) dining room            (b) dinning room            (c) diner room            (d) diening room
- 13 (a) continious            (b) continous (c) continuous            (d) continuos
- 14 (a) prestgious            (b) prestigious            (c) prestigious            (d)prestigious
- 15 (a) priviledge (b) privilege            (c) previledge            (d)privilege

*Choose the word that best completes each sentence*

- 16 A lot \_\_\_\_\_ been said about the spread of AIDS in Nigeria
- (a) have            (b) is            (c) were            (d) has
- 17 Olu is ----- younger than his brother Ojo
- (a) more            (b) much            (c) too (d) quite
- 18 The children \_\_\_\_\_ writing several poems for the occasion
- (a) have being            (b) has been            (c) have been            (d) were being
- 19 Tunde, as well as Bola, ----- playing football
- (a) enjoy            (b) enjoys            (c) are enjoying            (d) were enjoying
- 20 The dog wagged ----- tail when the visitor came
- (a) his            (b) its'            (c) its            (d) its

*INSTRUCTION 5: Choose from the options below the one that best completes*

*each of the sentences*

- 21 We should go into the office \_\_\_\_\_  
(a) turn by turn (b) tom by tom (c) in turns (d) in toms
- 22 I paid him in his own -----  
(a) coin (b) coins (c) notes (d) money
- 23 Make ----- while the sun shines  
(a) hay (b) haste (c) heh (d) hey
- 24 I \_\_\_\_\_ my brain to remember the answer  
(a) cracked (b) racked (c) ransacked (d) squished
- 25 The boy cannot write a single sentence \_\_\_\_\_ a letter  
(a) however (b) nevertheless (c) talkless (d) let alone

*INSTRUCTIONS: Choose from options A -D the word that best completes each of the sentences*

- 26 Nigerian Politics ----- not for women  
(a) is (b) are (c) were (d) aren't
- 27 I hope all ---- well with you  
(a) are (b) is (c) were (d) could be
- 28 This is my book. Where is -----?  
(a) your's (b) your own (c) yours' (d) your's
- 29 My brother is good ----- Mathematics  
(a) at (b) in (c) inside (d) on
- 30 I prefer the book \_\_\_\_\_ the pen  
(a) than (b) after (c) more than (d) to
- 31 Neither Mary ---- Angela has the book  
(a) or (b) and (c) nor (d) but
- 32 This is the man ---- bicycle was stolen  
(a) who (b) which (c) whom (d) whose
- 33 You don't write well with your left hand. Do you?  
(a) No, I don't (b) Yes, I don't (c) Yes; I will (d) No, I didn't
- 34 The girl is beautiful, \_\_\_\_\_?  
(a) Is she (b) Isn't she (c) Is she not (d) She is not

- 35 My birthday party will start -- 4pm  
(a) at (b) by (c) from (d) around

## PASSAGE II

Truthfulness is a sterling quality of good character. It is pure and simple. Honesty with yourself, your fellow man, your school and to your country and the world at large, is one of the most important virtues to cultivate. It is the mark of true manhood or womanhood.

The truth is nature's way, it is immortal, while dishonesty is mortal. To understand the truth and speak it, is freedom. One can never experience peace of mind without the truth. Regardless of our circumstances in life, he who utters not the truth is bound in mental slavery. One who has lied in a particular issue, must be prepared to tell more lies to cover up the first lie. This is so because no matter how much lie is disguised, it will sooner or later be detected.

There are no "half truths" Truth cannot be equated with falsehood. We either stand on the solid rock of TRUTH or the quick sand of DISHONESTY. The grandest homage we can pay to TRUTH is to USE it.

- 36 According to the passage, what is the mark of true manhood or womanhood?  
(a) a good character (b) your school and your country (c) Truthfulness  
(d) the most important virtue to cultivate
- 37 Truth is Nature's way because -----  
(a) it is mortal (b) it is immortal (c) It is freedom (d) it is good
- 38 What is freedom according to the passage?  
(a) peace of mind (b) only to speak the truth (c) to understand the truth and speak it (d) the Nature's way.
- 39 In the passage, Truth is the same as Honesty  
(a) True (b) False (c) All of the above (d) none of the above
- 40 The best thing we can do to TRUTH is to -----  
(a) lose it (b) use it always (c) equate it with falsehood  
(d) like dishonesty
- Answer all the questions in this section*
- 41 Mary had -----in her bag  
(a) pen (b) a pen (c) pens (d) penz
- 42 The fat boy eats ----- everyday  
(a) a food (b) some foods (c) many foods (d) much food
- 43 I have received ----- on the topic

- (a) a information (b) an information (c) little informations  
(d) some informations
- 44 The girl sang for ----- hour  
(a) some (b) a (c) an (d) many.
- 45 My father has----- in his sitting room  
(a) many funitures (b) some funitures (c) much furniture (d) a furniture
- 46 ----- bottles belong to me.  
(a) This (b) whose (c) these (d) that
- 47 Please, explain ----- passage to me  
(a) These (b) this (c) which (d) those
- 48 Put ----- salt in the food  
(a) few (b) a few (c) a little (d) a
- 49 I am ----- sincerely.  
(a) yours (b) your's (c) yours' (d) yors
- 50 He was charged ----- murder  
(a) about (b) in (c) for (d) with