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READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY

1. You have been given this question booklet and a separate answer sheet. The question booklet contains 50 questions.
2. Do any necessary rough work in this booklet.
3. When you have chosen your answer, mark it on the **ANSWER SHEET**, not in the question booklet.

HOW TO USE THE ANSWER SHEET

4. Use only an ordinary pencil.
5. Make sure that you have written on the answer sheet:

YOUR INDEX NUMBER

YOUR NAME

NAME OF YOUR SCHOOL

6. By drawing a **dark line** inside the correct numbered boxes mark your full Index Number (i.e. School Code Number and the three-figure Candidate's Number) in the grid near the top of the answer sheet.
7. Do not make any marks outside the boxes.
8. Keep your answer sheet as clean as possible **DO NOT FOLD IT**.
9. For each of the question 1-50, four answers are given. The answers are lettered A, B, C and D. In each case only **ONE** of the four answers is correct. Choose the correct answer.
10. On the answer sheet the correct answer is to be shown by drawing a **dark line** inside the box in which the letter you have chosen is written.

Example

In the question booklet:

- 14.** We kept walking _____ we did not know where the hut was.

A. and B. although C. because D. besides

The correct answer is **B** (although)

On the answer sheet

4. /A//B//C//D// 14. /A//**B**//C//D// 24. /A//B//C//D// 34. /A//B//C//D//

In the set of boxes numbered 14, the box with the letter B printed in it is marked.

11. Your dark line **MUST BE** within the box.
12. For each question **ONLY ONE** box is to be marked in each set of four boxes.

This question paper consists of 6 printed pages. Candidates should check the question paper to ensure that all the pages are printed as indicated and no questions are missing.

Read the passage below. It contains blank spaces numbered 1-15. For each blank space, choose the best alternative from the choices given.

Many people find it __1__ to keep a secret. When a friend tells you that he or she __2__ something to tell you __3__ confidence, you feel __4__ that you have been chosen __5__ others to be told the news. Before the person starts talking to you, you become __6__ and at times __7__ promise that you will keep it __8__ yourself. Most of such issues __9__ revolve around the character of other people known to __10__ of you.

It is __11__ to note that most of what you are told is already __12__ to you. This makes it hard for you to keep it so __13__ you tell another person and in the end, everybody gets to know about it and it all __14__ reach the person who started it. It is this we describe as __15__ secret.

A	B	C	D
1. difficult	strange	funny	normal
2. have	had	find	has
3. with	for	in	as
4. better	good	great	best
5. around	among	from	between
6. nervous	excited	curious	relieved
7. and	even	also	or else
8. to	for	by	inside
9. hardly	rarely	usually	occasionally
10. either	all	neither	both
11. embarrassing	shocking	fortunate	interesting
12. known	seen	revealed	clear
13. if	when	as	whenever
14. would	should	could	might
15. common	false	old	open

For questions 16-17, choose the word that is odd one out.

16. A. Beef B. Venison
C. Mutton D. Noodles

17. A. Nun B. King
C. Duke D. Host

For questions 18, choose the sentence that is grammatically correct.

18. A. Jill raised up her hand to answer the question.
B. Musungu will not mind helping the poor urchin
C. I was told to repeat again

- D. Does she prefer tea to coffee?

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19. Let us help the poor, _____

- A. won't we?
B. can't we
C. shall we?
D. will we?

20. Mutua Seldom comes to school late, _____

- A. does he? B. doesn't he?
C. isn't he? D. did he?

For questions 21-22, choose the word that can best replace the underlined one.

21. The school watchman was dismissed from the job after being after found drunk.
A. sober B. intoxicated
C. bankrupt D. philanthropic

22. Our area M.P is a very extravagant man.
A. Mean B. stingy
C. benevolent D. spendthrift

For questions 23-24, choose the sentence that means the same as the underlined.

23. All but Sadio Mane are Europeans
A. Sadio Mane is a European
B. All the people are Europeans
C. All of them are Europeans except Sadio Mane

D. None of them is a European.

24. Had they woken up early, they would not have missed the train.
A. They woke up late and missed the train
B. They woke up early but missed the train
C. They woke up late but caught the train
D. They woke up early and caught the train.

25. For question 25, Re-arrange the following sentences to form a sensible paragraph.

- (i) Her mother warned her against it
 - (ii) As soon as she saw him
 - (iii) She was remorseful for laughing at unfortunate man
 - (iv) She began laughing
- A. (i) (ii) (iii) (iv)
B. (iv) (ii) (i) (iii)
C. (ii) (iv) (i) (iii)
D. (iii) (i) (iv) (ii)

Read the following passage and the n answer questions 26-38.

We saw Nora next after three weeks. She had been away to visit her uncle whom were made to understand he had many wives with several children that he could easily confuse their names. On the third day of her visit she decided to carry her mischief to the far land. She called all her cousins and she decided to play a prank on them. She told them that all the fruits are edible and there are no venomous fruits. So they all decided to experiment what Nora had told them. After requesting for a permission from their parents, they set off their journey to the nearby forest. Nora was the one to test the fruits first before giving them to the cousins. All of them were in a jovial mood as they trekked along the dusty road that was heading towards the forest. Immediately they reached the forest, they began eating the abundant fruits that were all over. All of them were receiving orders from Nora before eating any fruit. They went deep into forest and soon ventured into different directions as they tested and ate different fruits.

By now, they had adopted Nora's brilliant idea and they were testing the fruits by themselves. After sometime everyone was on her own. All over a sudden, one of them screamed loudly. someone could think she had been attacked by the devil himself. They started running to different directions. It was a God for us all and every man for himself situation. After running, screaming, stumbling and falling, they soon reached a clearing. They realized that everybody was around except Norah. They were then worried and confused like cats in a boxing arena. No one dared not utter even a single

word. Shockingly Nora appeared from the bushes and she broke into a wild laughter. Soon afterwards she told her cousins that she wanted to test their bravery. They all went home trotting like octogenarians.

26. Which adjective can best describe Nora's uncle.

- A. Monogamous
- B. Polygamous
- C. Superstitious
- D. Irresponsible

27. From the first sentence, it is true to say that

- A. Nora had been visiting her uncle for three weeks
- B. Nora was with her friends for three weeks
- C. Nora was away for three weeks
- D. No one liked Nora.

28. According to the passage, which idea did Nora give to the cousins.

- A. All fruits are poisonous
- B. Some fruits are venomous
- C. All fruits are not edible
- D. All fruits are eaten

29. The word venomous has been underlined, what does it mean basing on the passage.

- A. Poisonous B. Bitter
- C. Sour D. Delicious

30. Why do you think Nora was the first one to test the fruits?

- A. She was the expert in testing fruits
- B. She knew all the fruits
- C. She had to prove her idea
- D. The cousins feared eating fruits that they did not know.

31. In which mood were the girls as they walked on the dusty road?

- A. Sombre mood
- B. Joyous mood
- C. Sad mood
- D. Melancholic mood.

32. The word abundant has been underlined.

What is its opposite?

- A. Scarce B. Plenty
- C. Unique D. Numerous

33. Why do you think the girls began screaming and running to different directions?

- A. They had seen the devil
- B. One of them had been attacked
- C. Fear of the unknown
- D. They feared the beasts in the forest.

34. A God for us all and every man for himself situation is which type of situation.

- A. God to take care of all men
- B. A person to help himself from difficult situation
- C. A person to help others while in trouble
- D. One to help each other.

35. Why were Nora's cousins confused?

- A. Nora was missing
- B. They had nowhere to go
- C. They still wanted to eat more fruits
- D. Norah had tricked them.

36. Why did Nora break into a wild laughter?

- A. She wanted to scare her cousins
- B. All her cousins were at the clearing
- C. Her mission had been successful
- D. She wanted to tease her cousins.

37. How can we describe Nora's cousins

- A. Brave B. Chicken hearted
- C. Warriors D. Lion hearted

38. What can be the most appropriate title for this passage?

- A. Nora's coward cousins
- B. Edible fruits

Read the following passage and answer questions 38-50.

All and Sundry in the whole world enjoys listening to good music. Good music will soothe the heart and will make one relax during depressing and stressing moments. There are different types of songs which are sung during various occasions. We have religious songs' or sacred songs which are popularly known as gospels. Gospel songs nowadays have attracted **hordes of fans** and several gospel artists. The artists have totally changed the beats, rhythm and the tunes of the songs which are enjoyed by the majority of the youths.

There is one thing which is trending among the gospel musicians. Most of them don't sing to praise and worship the lord, instead they sing for the purposes of making money. This issue has liquefied and paralyzed their talents. So in the recent past most of them do not attract a lot of fanatics.

Another popular type of songs is the secular songs. The secular musicians sing to entertain public in various places and events or functions. The language used is not formal and they can say anything in their lyrics. Most of the school going children enjoy these types of songs. Most of them will glue their eyes on the television watching the video clips of these songs. Something disheartening about the clips is that their pictures and their literature content is **is vulgar**. Some of them use explicit pornographic pictures and videos that will always corrupt the minds of the youths.

Other secular musicians will promote drug abuse because they are seen using the drugs in the videos and the youth will try to ape some of their most celebrated musicians. So they have also contributed to moral decay of our young generation.

All in all, it is now a challenge to our government to control the type of video clips these musician can shoot to air on the public. Those explicit ones should be banned and the government should take stern actions against such like musicians.

39. Basing on the first sentence, each and everyone enjoys listening to good music.

Why?

- A. It entertains the heart
- B. It relaxes the heart
- C. It soothes the heart
- D. It entertains people

40. Songs are used in all the following functions except one. Which one?

- A. In a wedding ceremony
- B. In the church
- C. In a night club

D. In the courtroom

41. Why do the majority of the youths enjoy the gospel songs.

- A. The message in them spiritually nourishes the heart.
- B. They make people to get saved
- C. Their beats, tune and rhythm have been modified
- D. The lyrics is entertaining

42. What is trending among gospel musicians?

- A. They purposefully sing so as to become wealthy.
- B. They sing to praise the Lord
- C. They nourish their talents
- D. Most youths enjoy their songs

43. The phrase Hordes of fans has been underlined. What does it mean?

- A. Some of the fans
- B. A lot of fans
- C. A few of the fans
- D. Few fans

44. Where would you likely listen to secular songs?

- A. In a hospital
- B. In a burial ceremony
- C. In a chapel
- D. In a grill.

45. Traditionally, songs sang in a funeral were referred to as ?

- A. Gospels
- B. Bongo flavor
- C. Lullabys
- D. Dirges

46. What is disheartening about secular songs in relation to the writer.

- A. The explicit videos and pictures

- B. The language used
- C. The message they carry
- D. The lyrics and beats

47. The word celebrated can be replaced with all the following except one. Which one?

- A. Known
- B. Popular
- C. Infamous
- D. Famous

48. How do you think secular musicians promote drug abuse.

- A. The youths try to emulate them when they perform taking drugs on stage or on the television.
- B. The youths feel that they should be like them
- C. The youth like their drugs
- D. They sell drugs to the youth.

49. What is moral decay according to the Passage?

- A. Positive behaviour change
- B. Negative behaviour change
- C. Explicit behaviour
- D. Vulgar language

50. Which action can be taken by the Government so as to control the music industry?

- A. Reward good musicians
- B. Arrest bad musicians
- C. Bann explicit videos
- D. Encourage vulgar video shooting