

AKAKI KALITY SUB-CITY ADMINISTRATION EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OFFICE ENGLISH LANGUAGE MODEL EXAMINATION
FOR GRADE 8 STUDENTS, ADDIS ABABA, ETHIOPIA, DECEMBER, 2023

GENERAL DIRECTIONS:

1. READ THE INSTRUCTIONS VERY CAREFULLY. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, ASK THE SUPERVISOR BEFORE THE EXAM BEGINS. NO QUESTION WILL BE ANSWERED AFTER THE EXAM HAS BEGUN.
2. YOU HAVE EXACTLY ONE HOUR TO WORK ON THIS EXAM. DO NOT TURN THE PAGE UNTIL YOUR SUPERVISOR TELLS YOU TO DO SO. IF YOU FINISH BEFORE TIME IS OVER, CHECK YOUR WORK
3. EACH QUESTION HAS FOUR CHOICES MARKED A, B, C, AND D. READ EACH QUESTION AND THE CHOICES CAREFULLY. DECIDE ON THE BEST ANSWER. THEN MARK YOUR CHOICE ON THE SEPARATE ANSWER SHEET YOU ARE PROVIDED. TO MARK YOUR ANSWER: BLACKEN THE RECTANGLE BELOW THE LETTER OF YOUR CHOICE WITH A PENCIL. IF YOU CHOOSE CHOICE “B”. FOR EXAMPLE. MARK THE SECOND SPACE LIKE THE FOLLOWING

A	B	C	D
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4. IF YOU WANT TO CHANGE YOUR ANSWER, RUB OUT YOUR FIRST CHOICE COMPLETELY. THEN BLACKEN THE CIRCLE OF YOUR FINAL CHOICE.
5. YOU MUST DO THE EXAMINATION ON YOUR OWN. ANY FORM OF CHEATING WILL RESULT IN CANCELLATION OF YOUR MARKS.
6. AT THE END OF ONE HOUR YOU WILL BE TOLD TO STOP BY YOUR INVIGILATOR. YOU MUST STOP IMMEDIATELY.
7. DO NOT LEAVE THE EXAMINATION HALL WHEN YOU HAVE FINISHED. REMAIN QUIETLY ON YOUR SEAT UNTIL ALL THE ANSWER SHEETS HAVE BEEN COLLECTED AND THE INVIGILATOR GIVES YOU PERMISSION TO LEAVE.

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Section One: Reading Passage

Direction: For questions (1 - 10), read the following passages carefully and choose the correct answers from the given alternatives.

The Cat is a domestic animal. Its scientific name is *Felis Catus*. It is a small animal that belongs to the "Felidae" family. The Cat is the only domesticated species of the family. Other members include Tigers, Panthers, etc. Cats are adorable animals and are petted by lots of people in the world.

Cats are of three types; house cats, farm cats, and **feral** Cats. House Cats are the Cats we pet in our houses. Cats become good friends of humans. Unlike dogs, Cats are not very active around their owners. However, they are good emotional companions to their owners.

Cats have very sweet features. It has two beautiful eyes, adorably tiny paws, sharp claws and two perky ears which are very sensitive to sounds. It had a tiny body covered with smooth fur and it has a furry tail as well. Cats have **adorable** face with tiny nose, a big mouth and a few whiskers under its nose.

Cats are omnivorous. They eat vegetative items such as rice, milk, pulses, etc...as well as fish, meat, birds, mice, etc. Therefore, Cats can eat on both types of food. Cats are considered sacred in several cultures such as the Japanese culture. Cats are often depicted as symbols of wit and honor. Several folklores include stories about the intelligences of Cats.

Apart from being clever and sweet, Cats are also skillful hunters. They use their sharp nails, and **canines** to kill animals like snake, mice and also small birds. Cats are also helpful to their owners as they protect the household from rats.

A cat **offspring** is called a "kitten" Cats are very protective and caring towards their kittens. They feed the kittens and raise them. Kittens are extremely tiny and adorable as well. Their eyes open sometime after they are born. Kittens are very **energetic** and they spend their time playing with each other and loving their parents. Cats are very lazy creatures. They usually spend their time napping and sleeping in warm places. Cats are very good friends to humans if they trust them.

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- 1) What is a suitable title of the passage?
A) The animals B) The Kittens C) The dogs D) The Cats
- 2) Which statement is TRUE about cat?
A) Cats are carnivores. C) Cats are omnivores.
B) Cats are herbivores. D) Cats are insectivores
- 3) A child of cat is called _____.
A) kids B) kitten C) Cub D) duckling
- 4) Paragraph 6 line 1 the word "their" refers to _____.
A) Cats B) Kittens C) Tiger D) Owners
- 5) Which animal is not Cat species among others?
A) Tiger B) Lion C) Cheetah D) Dog
- 6) Cats are considered sacred in _____ culture.
A) Ethiopian B) Italian C) Japanese D) Kenyan
- 7) Cats are not depicted as a symbol of clever and honor.
A) True B) False
- 8) According to the passage Cats are very energetic than kittens.
A) True B) False
- 9) Which sentence is not correct about Kittens?
A) kittens eyes open before they are born. B) Kittens are very tiny and adorable.
C) kittens are playing with each other. D) Kittens eyes open after they are born.
- 10 " It is a small animal that belongs to the "Felidae" family". Paragraph 1 line (2) the pronoun "It" refers to _____.
A) domestic animal B) The Cat C) Scientific D) Family

Section Two: Vocabulary

Instruction: - For item 11-15 choose the most suitable alternative meaning for the word

- 11) The word "adorable" means in (paragraph 3 line 3).
A) Sad B) black C) lovely D) fast
- 12) What does "feral" mean? _____ (paragraph 2 line 1).
A) domestic B) home C) wild D) pet
- 13) "Canines" is _____.
A) teeth B) noses C) eyes D) nails
- 14) The word "offspring" (paragraph 6 line 1) is the synonyms of _____.
A) happy B) mother C) father D) Child
- 15) The meaning of the word "energetic" is _____ (paragraph 6 line 3)
A) slow B) active C) lazy D) big

Section Three: Grammar

Instruction: For item 16 – 40, choose the one that best completes each sentence.

- 16) My mother _____ coffee every day after lunch.
A) Made B) makes C) making D) make
- 17) Please don't disturb me. I _____ an exciting football match right now.
A) Was watching B) am watching C) are watching D) is watching
- 18) Which of the following sentence is correctly written in active voice?
A) Muna written a letter B) Muna writes a letter
C) Muna is written a letter D) A letter is written by Muna
- 19) She doesn't _____ well.
A) Sings B) sing C) is sing D) sang
- 20) Water _____ at 100 degrees Celsius.
A) Boiled B) boil C) boiling D) boils
- 21) She is _____ student in her class.
A) The better B) best C) the best D) most best

22) Lemma is shorter than Dawit. Alemu is taller than Dawit of the three who is the shortest?

- A) Dawit B) Lemma C) Alemu D) Dawit and Alemu

23) They didn't _____ to school yesterday.

- A) went B) goes C) going D) go

24) The weather today is _____ than yesterday.

- A) good B) bad C) worse D) worst

25) You _____ to pay road tax if you own your car.

- A) can B) would C) have D) should

26) Milk is given by cows. This statement is expressed in _____

- A) active voice B) passive voice C) past voice D) none

27) The children _____ playing in the ground.

- A) is B) am C) are D) has

28) We _____ respect traffic rules and regulations.

- A) shouldn't B) must C) will D) would

29) Which expression shows strong agreement?

- A) I totally disagree! B) Absolutely true! C) I don't think so! D) I suppose

30) I am as successful _____ you.

- A) like B) than C) then D) as

31) I _____ a book in the park last night.

- A) readed B) read C) reads D) reading

32) The teacher _____ the instructions given on the blackboard.

- A) was explained B) explained C) is explaining D) has explained

33) Fenet _____ in Hawassa for the last 15 years.

- A) has lived B) lived C) lives D) living

34) Ahmed _____ tennis for five years when he _____ at school.

- A) play/is B) play/are C) played/was D) play/are

35) We _____ home when the accident _____

- A) drove/happened C) were driving/happened
B) drove/was happening D) were drive/happened

36) I _____ out of the window when the accident happened.

- A) was looked B) looked C) looking D) was looking

37) When he was young, he _____ swim very well. He won medals and championships!

- A) can B) could C) will D) must

38) The students _____ for their teachers in the classroom.

- A) are wait B) is wait C) are waiting D) is waiting

39) A Christmas is celebrated _____

- A) yearly B) monthly C) weekly D) daily

40) Your teeth _____ dirty please clean up!

- A) is B) are C) was D) have

Section Four: Vocabulary

Instruction: For item 41 – 45, choose the most suitable alternative meaning for the words written in **bold** in the sentences.

41) The teacher usually **appreciates** the clever students.

- A) ignore B) discourage C) admire D) stand

42) **Pedestrians** must respect traffic rules and use zebra crossing.

- A) drivers B) walkers C) passenger D) conductors

43) The volunteers **contribute** their time towards cleaning up the city.

- A) take B) hold C) give D) visit

44) Walia Ibex is an **endemic** animal of Ethiopia.

- A) beautiful B) large C) mammal D) native

45) Car accident **damage** the economic activities of the country.

- A) increase B) harm C) develop D) improve

Section 5:- speaking

Instructions: For item 46 – 50, choose the one which best completes the remaining part of the dialogue.

46) Friend: Where is Nardos?

You: _____

- A) Is she your friend?
- B) She is a beautiful girl
- C) She is studying at the library
- D) Nardos is my classmate

47) Girma: Would you mind opening the window?

Tola: _____

- A) Yes, I wouldn't
- B) No, I wouldn't
- C) No, I can help you
- D) No, I would

48) Fatuma: _____

Hiwot: In Hawassa.

- A) When do you come?
- B) How do you live?
- C) What do you do?
- D) Where do you live?

49) Tom: would you tell me where the post office is?

Sami: _____

- A) I know the town well
- B) How are you
- C) Go straight and turn left
- D) Good bye

50) Habtamu: By the way how was the result?

Belay: _____, I'm really disappointed

- A) Not good
- B) Well done
- C) It was good
- D) Not bad

Section 6: Writing

Direction: - **Choose the correct meaningful sentence made from the jumbled words.**

51) 7/ I /in/living /Addis Ababa /was /ago/years

- A) Addis Ababa living ago in I 7 years was.
- B) I was living in Addis Ababa 7 years ago.
- C) Ago I was living 7 years Addis Ababa in.
- D) I living in Addis Ababa 7 was ago years.

52) I/ have/ risk/ taken/ saving/ her/ a/ in/ great

- A) I taken have a great risk in saving her.
- B) A great risk have taken in saving her I.
- C) Her have taken I a great risk in saving.
- D) I have taken a great risk in saving her.

53) the road / of/ obey / we / rules / the / must

- A) The rules of the road must we obey.
- B) we obey the must rules of the road.
- C) We must obey the rules of the road.
- D) We must obey the road of the rules.

54) Have/ hours/ three/ bean/ studying/ for/ we

- A) Three hours been have studying for we.
- B) We have been studying for three hours.
- C) We been have studying for three hours.
- D) Three hours have been for studying we.

55) Like / ice / my / sister / cream / does / not

- A) My sister not does ice like cream.
- B) My sister not does like ice cream.
- C) My sister not does ice cream like.
- D) My sister does not like ice cream.

Section7: Letter Writing

Direction: - For Item 51-55, Read the following friendly letter and answer the question by choosing the given alternative.

Union Hill Primary School

P. O. Box 1172

Addis Ababa

May 2, 2023

Dear, Chuchu

I want to let you know how much I love eighth grade at Union Hill. We have much fun in 8th grade. We get to read lots of books and take on computer. We play a lot of games to help us learn about English. My favorite thing; however, about 8th grade is working on project. I think 8th grade is the best grade ever! You should come to our class one day and be 8th grade with us. I think it would be more fun than being the principal.

Your friend,

signature

Brak

56) Who is the writer of this letter?

- A) Teachers B) Chuchu C) Brak D) Union Hill

57) Which one is the "Heading" of this friendly letter?

- A) Union Hill Primary School C) Brak
B) Dear, Chuchu D) Your friend

58) Who is the "receiver" of this letter?

- A) Grade 8th students B) Brak C) Chuchu D) Union Hill

59) The "closing" element of this friendly letter is

- A) Dear. Chuchu B) Your friend C) May 2,2023 G.C D) Addis Ababa

60) The Wide part of this friendly letter is _____

- A) Date C) Body
B) Address D) Signature