

**→ SECTION 1** **PASSAGE**

**A**

*Read passages A and B carefully and answer the questions on them. Shade on your answer sheet the space which bears the same letter as the answer you have chosen.*

It was the Christmas holiday, I had gone to bed rather early, because I had been up late at a party the night before and was feeling very tired.

I must have been asleep for about three hours when I was preparing palm-nut soup for a crowd of my school friends, who were all telling me that I must take care to make really good soup because the Queen was coming to eat her Christmas dinner with us. In my dream, I stirred and stirred the soup; but it became thicker and drier; and the fire grew hotter and hotter, until the soup stuck to the side of the pot and began to burn, with a bitter, choking smell. Full of horror at my ridiculous dream I jerked awake; but the acrid smell of burning still stung my nostrils. There was really something burning and it was not a dream. Jumping out of bed, I ran across to my window and flung open the shutters. It was moonlight, and although I could not see any flames, the smell of burning was stronger. Looking about I soon saw the wisp of smoke curling up through the shutter of Mr. Baah's store across the street.

1. The writer went to bed early because \_\_\_\_\_  
A. it was Christmas period

- B. he was tired  
C. he wanted to go a party  
D. he was feeling sleepy  
E. he wanted to prepare palm-nut soup

2. The writer dreamt that \_\_\_\_\_  
A. he attended a party  
B. the Queen visited him  
C. he was playing with his school friends  
D. he was cooking palm-nut soup  
E. he was eating good soup

3. The narrator's school friends asked him to make good soup because \_\_\_\_\_  
A. they were hungry  
B. the Queen would eat with them  
C. the soup was thick and dry  
D. the soup was burning  
E. the fire was growing hotter and hotter

4. The narrator was forced to wake up because \_\_\_\_\_  
A. he was afraid  
B. the house was burning  
C. the heard a loud noise  
D. a friend came  
E. the Queen visited him

5. When the narrator woke up he

discovered that \_\_\_\_\_

- A. the fire was growing hotter and hotter
- B. something was really burning
- C. the Queen was waiting for him
- D. he was at Christmas dinner
- E. his soup pot was burning

### → PASSAGE B

My father died when I was eight years old and I cried bitterly when I heard of his death. I loved him and all my memories of him are sweet ones. He was a strict man, always expecting to be obeyed without question. He ruled his family with a firm hand but only once did he beat me. Until the day he died, I do not think I shall forget that beating my father gave me. I was sore for days afterwards and he had to treat me with some soothing medicine.

For a believer in non-violence, this is not a pleasant story to tell. Perhaps it was that early disapproval by my father that taught me not to fight with fellow man. It is so long ago that I now forget what the quarrel was about. All I can remember is that I was very angry over something with the young son of the schoolmaster at Lubwa. He was just my age and for the first time in my life, I went for him. In a moment I had him on the ground sitting astride him and rained blows upon his head. As luck would have it, father came by and saw me beating his colleague's son. That was the end of the fight and the cause of the beating. Each time my father applies his healing medicine, he rubbed into the small childish mind the

wickedness of fighting.

- 6. The writer mourned his father's death because \_\_\_\_\_
  - A. of his father's strictness
  - B. of his tender age
  - C. he loved his father
  - D. his father hated him
  - E. his mother was very poor
- 7. The narrator did not feel like telling the story of why he was beaten by his father because \_\_\_\_\_
  - A. he beat his friend mercilessly
  - B. he was ashamed
  - C. he hated violence
  - D. of the injuries he sustained
  - E. he was angry
- 8. The expression he was a strict man as used in the passage means that the narrator's father was \_\_\_\_\_
  - A. honest
  - B. devoted
  - C. severe
  - D. Brave
  - E. loving
- 9. The narrator vowed never to fight with his fellow man because \_\_\_\_\_
  - A. his father did not support the use of force
  - B. he disgraced his fellow boy
  - C. his opponent was the son of a school master
  - D. he was beaten up by a boy

- E. his father was the minister of a church

10. What caused the fight between the narrator and the son of the school master?
- The son of the school master insulted him
  - The narrator felt he could bully the school master's son
  - The narrator could not remember anything about the cause of the fight
  - The narrator just wanted to play with the school master son.
  - The schoolmaster's son was a coward
11. The fight stopped because \_\_\_\_\_
- of the arrival of the narrator's father
  - the narrator hated violence
  - the schoolmaster's son was helpless
  - the narrator did not know the cause of the fight
  - fighting was a wicked act

## → SECTION 2

From the word or group of words lettered A to E, choose the one that is nearest in meaning to the word or group of words underlined in each sentence.

12. The shepherds tended the flock on the hill.
- looked after
  - took after
  - sorted out
  - abandoned

- E. forgot

13. The criminal did not show any sign of repentance for his wrong doing.
- anger
  - honesty
  - regret
  - weakness
  - forgiveness
14. The inner part of the house was painted green.
- center
  - room
  - wall
  - exterior
  - interior
15. The happy children were playing here and there in the garden.
- everywhere
  - cautiously
  - throughout
  - happy
  - in groups
16. This book is very useful to the teacher and the pupils.
- helpful
  - useless
  - difficult
  - thoughtful
  - similar

## → SECTION 3

Below each of the following sentences are five interpretations lettered A to E. Choose the one that most correctly explains the meaning of the sentence.

17. Bisi must have studied hard for

the examination because they surprisingly performed very well. This means that bisi \_\_\_\_\_

- A. had been performing very well in the past
- B. probably worked hard for her success
- C. we work hard in future
- D. was surprised by her performance
- E. Copied from other so as to perform very well

18. Our father would not have had the money to pay our school fees had he not sold his car.

This means that our father \_\_\_\_\_

- A. did not pay our school fees
- B. could not pay our school fees even after selling his car
- C. sold his car in order to pay our school fees
- D. refused to sell his car
- E. paid our school fees before selling his car.

19. My uncle is more of a politician than the teacher that he is.

This means that my uncle \_\_\_\_\_

- A. hates the teaching profession
- B. behaves more like a politician than a teacher
- C. is neither a politician nor a teacher
- D. was born by a politician

20. Mr. Dauda cannot become the president much as he would like to be.

This means that Mr. Dauda \_\_\_\_\_

- A. is the president
- B. very much wishes to become the president

- C. is contesting an election
- D. may probably become the president
- E. hates the post of the president

21. If Obi refuses to go, do not force him. This means that Obi \_\_\_\_\_

- A. must be made to go
- B. should not be forced to go
- C. does not want to be forced
- D. is willing to go
- E. will not go if he is forced

22. Wale sat down at his desk, got out his book and began to learn his lesson.

This means that Wale \_\_\_\_\_

- A. began his lesson before sitting down
- B. brought out his book before sitting down
- C. sat down before learning his lesson
- D. began his lesson before getting to the desk
- E. was tough his lesson by the teacher

#### → SECTION 4

*From the word or group of words given below each of the following sentences, choose the one which correctly and most suitably fills the gap in the sentence.*

23. The class respected the \_\_\_\_\_

- A. kind old headmaster
- B. old kind headmaster
- C. kind headmaster old
- D. old headmaster kind
- E. headmaster old kind

24. Do you know how long it took him \_\_\_\_\_ to drive?

- A. to learning
- B. learn
- C. for learning
- D. and learn
- E. to learn

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25. Good children should not disagree \_\_\_\_\_ their parents.

- A. in
- B. for
- C. about
- D. to
- E. with

ANS

26. I am faster \_\_\_\_\_ you are.

- A. than
- B. much more
- C. more than
- D. as
- E. like

ANS

27. \_\_\_\_\_ clothes were displayed in the shop.

- A. Mens
- B. Mans'
- C. Men
- D. Men's
- E. Mens'

ANS

28. You \_\_\_\_\_ investigated the activities of the criminal.

- A. will have
- B. shall
- C. ought to
- D. would
- E. ought to have

ANS

29. You saw him at the Airport \_\_\_\_\_?

- A. are you
- B. didn't you

- C. doesn't you
- D. is it
- E. oughtn't you

ANS

30. Chinny apologized to Bimpe \_\_\_\_\_ her rude behaviour.

- A. By
- B. of
- C. with
- D. for
- E. so

ANS

31. John sat \_\_\_\_\_ Mary in the church.

- A. amongst
- B. to
- C. beside
- D. among
- E. besides

ANS

32. A \_\_\_\_\_ labour was rewarded during a bumper harvest.

- A. farmer
- B. farmer's
- C. farm
- D. farmers
- E. farmers'

ANS

33. The three stubborn \_\_\_\_\_ stole the fish.

- A. mouse
- B. mouses
- C. micess
- D. mice
- E. mices

ANS

34. My father likes to take a rest \_\_\_\_\_ the evening.

- A. about
- B. with
- C. for
- D. on
- E. in

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35. The invasion \_\_\_\_\_ our village by the slave raiders was tragic.

- A. around
- B. for
- C. of
- D. with
- E. to

36. John's real name is Musa isn't it?

- A. No, he wasn't
- B. Yes, that was it
- C. Yes, it isn't
- D. No, it wasn't
- E. Yes, it is

## → SECTION 5

*Below each of the following statements are five questions lettered A to E. Choose the question that has the statement as its right answer.*

37. They are sleeping.

- A. Are the children back?
- B. Where did the children go?
- C. What are the children doing?
- D. Will they sleep?
- E. When did they arrive?

38. Yes, he did.

- A. Do you know him?
- B. Have they arrived?
- C. Did he give it to you?
- D. Will he be here?
- E. Did you see him?

39. He swam to shore.

- A. How did he receive the news?
- B. What did he do?
- C. Did the sailor swim to shore?
- D. Where did you see him?

E. How is he feeling

40. The glasses.

- A. What did he do?
- B. What did Bola break?
- C. What are they made of?
- D. Where are the glasses?
- E. Where are they?

41. The baby was saved by her mother.

- A. Is the baby there?
- B. What happened to the baby?
- C. Have you seen the baby?
- D. Is that the new baby?
- E. Shall we save the baby?

## → SECTION 6

*From the list of words lettered A to E, choose the one that is most nearly opposite in meaning to the word underlined in each sentence.*

42. Every dog barks at strange objects.

- A. Some
- B. That
- C. No
- D. This
- E. A

43. We sometimes visit the sick and the disabled in the hospital.

- A. normally
- B. occasionally
- C. scarcely
- D. rarely
- E. often

44. The prefects were **provided with** all the materials they needed in the farm.

- A. familiar with
- B. supplied with
- C. reminded
- D. prepared for
- E. deprived of

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45. Musa was known for his **strength**.

- A. size
- B. wickedness
- C. smallness
- D. weakness
- E. foolishness

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46. Food stuffs are **abundant** in the new market.

- A. many
- B. surplus
- C. plentiful
- D. scare
- E. cheap

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47. John bought a very **expensive** gold watch from the supermarket.

- A. good
- B. lovable
- C. cheap
- D. admirable
- E. dear

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48. Our **generous** uncle paid our school fees.

- A. poor
- B. miserly
- C. rich
- D. wealthy
- E. old

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49. The boys swam in a **shallow** stream.

- A. deep
- B. wide
- C. narrow
- D. swift
- E. dirty

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50. The **entrance** of the National Football Team excited the children.

- A. presence
- B. face
- C. outgoing
- D. exit
- E. mood

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