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READ THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY.

1. This test consists of 60 items. You will have 1 hour and 30 minutes to answer them.

2. In addition to this test booklet, you should have an answer sheet.

3. Each item in this test has four suggested answers lettered (A), (B), (C), (D). Read each item you are about to answer and decide which choice is best.

4. On your answer sheet, find the number which corresponds to your item and shade the space having the same letter as the answer you have chosen. Look at the sample item below.

   Sample Item

   Choose the word or set of words that BEST completes each sentence.

   Someone who is suffering from influenza needs to be isolated as the disease is

   (A) lasting
   (B) serious
   (C) contagious
   (D) destructive

   Sample Answer

   

   The best answer to this item is "contagious", so (C) has been shaded.

5. If you want to change your answer, erase it completely before you fill in your new choice.

6. When you are told to begin, turn the page and work as quickly and as carefully as you can. If you cannot answer an item, go on to the next one. You may return to that item later.

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Items 1–5

Instructions: Each sentence in this section has ONE underlined word. Choose from the four suggested answers the word which is nearly OPPOSITE in meaning to the underlined word.

1. The manager decided to inform the staff about all complaints received from customers.

   (A) requests
   (B) demands
   (C) suggestions
   (D) compliments

2. There was an increase in airplane travel after that incident.

   (A) decline
   (B) upheaval
   (C) restriction
   (D) fluctuation

3. Constructive criticism is neither appreciated nor encouraged by some of our peers.

   (A) Sound
   (B) Negative
   (C) Valuable
   (D) Unsatisfactory

4. He tried to think of a tactful way to tell her he disagreed with her view of the situation.

   (A) honest
   (B) tolerable
   (C) impolite
   (D) extraordinary

5. They always displayed a lackadaisical approach to their studies so no one was surprised at the results.

   (A) calm
   (B) casual
   (C) diligent
   (D) careless

Items **6–10**

Instructions: Select the option, A, B, C or D, that BEST describes EACH of the sentences and mark your choice on the answer sheet.

(A) The sentence is too wordy, that is, repetitive or contains redundancies.
(B) The sentence contains clichés or misused metaphors.
(C) The sentence is incorrect grammatically or faulty in diction.
(D) The sentence is acceptable as it stands.

6. He advanced a step or two to meet his attacker who became alarmed and retreated back.

7. Its not necessary for it to be done today.

8. She had adequate time to prepare for the interview.

9. The new disciplinary methods had a positive affect on the students' behaviour.

10. Sitting alone in his room by himself he repeated her name over and over again.

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Items **11–15**

Instructions: Each sentence in this section is followed by four sentences, A, B, C and D. Choose the sentence NEAREST in meaning to the original sentence. Read all four sentences before you choose your answer.

11. So engrossed was he in his task that he did not hear his sister enter the room.

(A) His task was so difficult that he did not observe his sister's entry.
(B) He did not hear his sister enter the room because of the job he was doing.
(C) His sister's entry did not attract his attention because he was enjoying what he was doing.
(D) He was so preoccupied with what he was doing that he was unaware of his sister's entry.

12. According to the witness, he did not see the accused man near the scene of the crime.

(A) The witness testified that he did not see the accused man commit the crime.
(B) The witness testified that the accused man was not seen by him near the place where the crime was committed.
(C) The witness testified to seeing no evidence that the accused man had committed the crime.
(D) The witness testified that the accused man was far from the location where the crime was committed.

13. The bright colours of the bird distinguished it from the others flying across the pale sky.

(A) The bright colours of the bird contrasted with the pale sky while it was flying.
(B) The pale sky made the birds noticeable while flying as they had bright colours.
(C) The pale sky made the birds distinguished, particularly the one with the bright colours.
(D) The bright colours against the pale sky made the bird stand out among those flying by.

14. Cigarettes have been linked to lung cancer and, strangely enough, so has bacon.

(A) Cancer of the lungs links cigarettes, and, strangely enough, bacon.
(B) It is rather peculiar that bacon, like cigarettes, is connected with lung cancer.
(C) It is strange that bacon, quite unlike cigarettes, is linked to lung cancer.
(D) It is no wonder at all that both cigarettes and bacon are linked to lung cancer.

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15. I cannot understand why you have done this since you tell me that Mark means a lot to you.

(A) Since Mark means a lot to you, the reason for your action is puzzling to me.
(B) Since you tell me that Mark means a lot to you, he cannot understand why you have done this.
(C) You tell me that although Mark means a lot to you, you did this.
(D) Mark cannot mean a lot to you or else I know you would not have done this.

Items **16–20**

Instructions: Some of the following sentences are unacceptable because of inappropriate grammar, idiom or vocabulary. Some sentences are acceptable as they stand. No sentence contains more than one inappropriate element.

Select the ONE underlined part that you feel is inappropriate and choose the corresponding letter, A, B, C. If the sentence is acceptable as it stands, choose D.

16. She was not feeling well (A) at the beginning of the journey, and sitting (B) at the front of the car made her feel worse. (C) No error (D)

17. Considering the chaos you would cause (A) if you were (B) to resign, I have no choice than (C) to refuse your request. No error (D)

18. Tom, as well as the other persons, who need (A) help has promised (B) to give his (C) services free of charge for any worthwhile cause. No error (D)

19. After embarrassing (A) his colleague (B) his consceince (C) bothered him and he eventually apologized. No error (D)

20. The better (A) of the two athletes claim (B) never to have used (C) the dangerous drugs found in his possession. No error (D)

Items **21–25**

Instructions: Each of the sentences in this section has one underlined word. Choose from the four options the word which is NEAREST IN MEANING to the underlined word.

21. It was impossible to rectify the error made by the computer since inaccurate information had been fed into it.

(A) fix
(B) pin
(C) aggravage
(D) determine

22. The flowers grow profusely in the garden.

(A) wildly
(B) healthily
(C) plentifully
(D) colourfully

23. The news story revealed the squalor of the old prison cells.

(A) security
(B) strength
(C) ambiance
(D) filthiness

24. During the rainstorm yesterday the wind blew incessantly across the island.

(A) noisily
(B) furiously
(C) constantly
(D) occasionally

25. For the first time in a decade the company disclosed a deficit in its account.

(A) error
(B) defect
(C) balance
(D) shortfall

Items **26–33**

Instructions: Read the following poem carefully and then answer Items 26–33 on the basis of what is stated or implied.

An Even Shape

Her garden looks in through my window
Criss-crossed by the white lattice.
Coolers they call them but they are also
Hiding places for small girls playing

Her garden stands neatly round her house
Travels politely unto the verandah
To sit in pots or hang
Leafily down from large, earth-coloured urns
She lives with Mama, shepherding her with her full body
The hesitant ins and outs of Mama's half-blind days
Feeding her frail consciousness with edited Gleaner news
And homemade chicken soup.

In her home, borrowed children touched her china birds with hands
Wiped clean from eating sticky cakes, each with a cherry on top
Or press moist, breathless kisses round
The corners of her smile.

Sometimes she fills the space out
With music. Spreading out nostalgia through
Strings and flutes, old fashioned love songs
Of blue moons and forever until.

Shameful peeping Tom, I sit silent in
My lattice watching the even shape of her days
To catch, just once, a wider open door behind
Her steady eyes.

But in her green edged privacy, self-contained
She keeps the half-drawn shutters of her life
Open just so, and mocks my greed and restlessness
With a calm refusal to be other than she seems.

Source unknown

26. The phrase "Her garden looks" (line 1) is an example of

(A) simile
(B) metaphor
(C) sarcasm
(D) personification

27. Which of the following phrases is meant to be taken literally?

(A) "Hiding places for small girls" (line 4)
(B) "Her garden ... / Travels politely unto the verandah" (lines 5–6)
(C) "Feeding her frail consciousness" (line 14)
(D) "... watching the even shape of her days" (lines 28–29)

28. "Her garden stands neatly round her house" (line 5) tells us that

(A) there were several well-kept potted plants on stands around the house
(B) several tall trees stood along the side of the house
(C) the garden which surronded the house was well kept
(D) the woman cleaned the flower stands every day

29. The poet uses the words "frail consciousness" (line 14) to show that Mama

(A) was unconscious most of the time
(B) was not understanding as well as she used to
(C) had fainted because of lack of food
(D) was thin and weak and could hardly walk

30. Which of the following BEST describes the woman's extraordinary thoughtfulness in relation to her mother?

(A) "She lives with Mama, shepherding her with / Her full body" (lines 10–11)
(B) "Feeding her ... with edited Gleaner news" (lines 14–15)
(C) "Press moist, breathless kisses" (line 21)
(D) "Spreading out nostalgia through Strings and flutes" (lines 24–25)

31. The poet uses the phrase "borrowed children" (line 17) to show

(A) that she did not want children
(B) how much she loved the children
(C) that she had no children of her own
(D) why she made the children wash their dirty hands

32. Lines 23–26 ("Sometimes she fills ... and forever until ...") suggest that the woman

(A) loved to play loud music
(B) was a musician in an orchestra
(C) spread all the musical instruments around the house
(D) enjoyed listening to happy music which tells of love

33. The word "nostalgia" (line 24) tells us that the music

(A) would last forever
(B) was played on strings and flutes
(C) was a reminder that the moon was once blue
(D) brought back pleasant memories of long ago

Items **34–41**

Instructions: Read the following extract carefully and then answer Items 34–41 on the basis of what is stated or implied.

She had always been a small woman – short, light-boned, delicately structured – but now, under the white hospital sheet, she was becoming tiny. I thought of a doll with huge, fierce eyes. There had always been a fierceness in her. It showed in that angry, challenging thrust of the chin when she issued an opinion, and a great one she had always been for issuing opinions.

"I tell people exactly what's on my mind," she had been fond of boasting. "I tell them what I think, whether they like it or not." Often they had not liked it. She could be sarcastic to people in whom she detected evidence of the ignoramus or the fool.

"It's not always a good policy to tell people exactly what's on your mind," I used to caution her.

"If they don't like it, that's too bad," was her customary reply, "because that's the way I am."

And so she was. A formidable woman. Determined to speak her mind, determined to bend those who opposed her. In that time when I had known her best, my mother had hurled herself at life with chin thrust forward, eyes blazing, and an energy that made her seem always on the run.

She ran after squawking chickens, a knife in her hand, determined on the beheading that would put dinner in the pot. She ran when she made the beds, ran when she set the table. One Thanksgiving she burned herself badly when, running up from the cellar oven with the ceremonial turkey, she tripped on the stairs and tumbled back down ending on the bottom in the debris of giblets, hot gravy, and battered turkey. Life was combat, and victory was not for the lazy, the timid, the slugabed, the drugstore cowboy, the mushmouth afraid to tell people exactly what was on their mind whether people liked it or not. She ran.

But now her running was over.

Adapted from Russell Baker, In My Day. Retrieved 23 February 2015 from http://www. douban.com/note/173685719.

34. The mother's "thrust of the chin" (line 4) is done in

(A) fear
(B) hatred
(C) defiance
(D) contemplation

35. The son cautioned his mother about telling people exactly what she thought because he

(A) was affronted by her arrogance
(B) thought others would be offended
(C) found her behaviour aggressive
(D) was upset that she would not change

36. Why does the writer choose the expression "A formidable woman" (line 13) to describe the mother?

(A) He is intimidated by her.
(B) Her words often provoked anger.
(C) The difference in style shows the constancy of her character.
(D) He emphasizes her strength which he finds admirable.

37. What does "In that time when I had known her best" (line 14) say about the mother–son relationship?

(A) They had grown apart.
(B) They admired each other.
(C) They had always had a close relationship.
(D) The son had forgotten things about his mother.

38. What literary device is used in lines 14–15, "my mother had hurled herself at life"?

(A) Irony
(B) Imagery
(C) Repetition
(D) Onomatopoeia

39. The behaviours the mother finds contemptible include

I. timidity
II. laziness
III. cowardice

(A) I and II only
(B) I and III only
(C) II and III only
(D) I, II and III

40. The incident at Thanksgiving shows the mother's own attitude to be one of

(A) hastiness
(B) aggression
(C) impudence
(D) determination

41. The final sentence of the extract implies that the mother has

(A) become lazy and sleepy
(B) lost her physical strength
(C) hurt her leg in the hospital
(D) died leaving the son to reminisce

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Items **42–46**

Instructions: Read the following extract carefully and then answer Items 42–46 on the basis of what is stated or implied.

More than a quarter century ago, we were forced to wrestle with the thorny issue of casinos and the supposed ills and benefits which flow from them. In the end, a sensible solution emerged: allow some to remain while controlling their growth. Interestingly, we may argue about casinos, but we have given the green light to arcades where people gamble — day and night.

Some Caribbean governments have seemingly opened the door to yet another round of possible emotional debate with the decision to allow cruise ships lying at anchor to operate their casinos in their waters. Is this move a prelude to opening casinos on land?

Supporters of casino gambling have always said that casinos can and do function in a country without the moral decay that is routinely associated with them. Like most things, the pros and the cons about casino gambling are grossly exaggerated.

Those who favour them argue that casinos on land should be seen as another attraction that can be added to the country's tourism industry, if prudent controls are imposed. For example, The Bahamas, Antigua, Suriname and Sint Maarten are a few places where casino gambling is allowed and tourism authorities in those places have said that casino gambling has proven to be a stimulus to their tourism sector, without the moral decay that is routinely associated with casinos.

Opponents, on the other hand, insist that casinos lead to gambling addiction, crime, and, worse, a debasement of society. With everything else that is happening in our islands — an upsurge of gangs, drugs and violent behaviour among our youth — that is the last thing that we may need right now. However, the case of the cruise ships keeping casinos open while docked on shore may cause little if any harm to the country and its people since few locals will have access to them.

Let's face it, Caribbean people gamble at bingo to raise money for churches; they flock to the tracks to watch horses run and bet millions annually on the outcome of the races. Many play lotto daily and the English football pools weekly.

So if, as some are saying, this move of allowing gambling on cruise ships in port may be the first step to casinos on land, then we will not be totally surprised.

So let the debates begin.

"Are Casinos Becoming a Reality?" Daily Nation, *26 April 2010, p. 8.*

42. The expression "given the green light to arcades" (line 4) means that

(A) gambling is practised in the arcades
(B) people gamble day and night under the light
(C) arcades have been given permission to operate
(D) green-coloured lights have been given to the arcades

43. The Bahamas, Antigua, Suriname and Sint Maarten are mentioned so as to

(A) list countries involved in tourism
(B) give evidence from experts on the issue
(C) highlight countries where gambling is allowed
(D) prove that gambling is a stimulus to tourism

44. An expression the writer uses to introduce an opposing view in paragraph 5 is

(A) opponents
(B) an upsurge of
(C) on the other hand
(D) with everything else

45. Which argument below is NOT used in support of casino gambling?

(A) It degrades the values of society.
(B) It can be beneficial if controlled wisely.
(C) It can be used as another tourist attraction.
(D) It is part of the everyday life of the Caribbean individual.

46. To what does "... that is the last thing that we may need right now" (lines 18–19) refer?

(A) "gambling addiction, crime, and, worse, a debasement of society" (lines 16–17)
(B) "an upsurge of gangs, drugs and violent behaviour among our youth" (lines 17–18)
(C) "cruise ships keeping casinos open while docked on shore" (line 19)
(D) "they flock to the tracks to watch horses run and bet millions annually" (lines 21–22)

Items **47–54**

Instructions: Read the following letter carefully and then answer Items 47–54 on the basis of what is stated or implied.

This is an open request to try to find who is the 'brain' behind traffic management in Paolo. Does anybody know? I have tried Traffic Branch, not them; Highways, not them; Planning & Development, not them; in fact nobody wants to take responsibility for certain decisions and the mess that results.

For example, Mission Road was made one-way, north to south. Great idea! It worked, no traffic jams. In fact, many people were charged for going the wrong way up a one-way street. Then suddenly it's back to two-way and traffic for so! Same is true of Stoke Street. Somebody changed the 'Stop' signs at the corner for a few weeks, then they changed it back; nobody knows why.

But the best is Celestial Road in St John which is 'Wrecker Heaven'. Somebody made this road, which, apart from Broadway, is the widest street in Paolo, a 'no parking' street, either side, any time, and the 'Wrecker' is profiting from this.

There are four major office buildings on this road, all of which provide underground parking for staff, so some (usually the lower paid) have to park elsewhere and these are the persons whose cars the wrecker is taking away all day, everyday. Again the small man suffers!

Oh! there is an exception: if you have a Canadian High Commission sticker you can park and the wrecker will not touch your 'Diplomatic' car. Maybe we could all become Diplomats!

Then again, the two narrowest streets in Paolo allow parking; try Delino Street off Abby Lane, you can hardly pass!

Who is the 'brain' behind this mess? It seems the more cars we put on the road, the less parking somebody wants to allow. Who is this brain? No doubt a small man with a BIG, BIG car who has no name!

Source unknown

47. The writer's use of the word "brain" (line 1) is meant to

(A) exaggerate the traffic problems
(B) make fun of the poor decisions
(C) create a comparison of streets
(D) compliment those responsible

48. When the writer repeats "not them" in paragraph 1, he implies that

(A) he is choosing someone to complain to
(B) no one wants to accept responsibility for the traffic situation
(C) no one knows who is in charge of the traffic management
(D) he is searching diligently for the person in charge of traffic

49. "Stoke Street" (line 7), "Celestial Road" (line 9) and "Delino Street" (line 17) can BEST be considered as

(A) prohibited streets for all drivers
(B) streets that attract a lot of attention
(C) examples to support the writer's case
(D) assigned parking places for diplomats

50. The writer's tone can be described as

(A) puzzled
(B) resigned
(C) sarcastic
(D) complimentary

51. The last sentence of the letter is similar to paragraph 5 because both of them

(A) mention cars
(B) express disgust
(C) are complimentary
(D) contain rhetorical questions

52. The author of this passage is MOST likely a

(A) motorist
(B) pedestrian
(C) traffic warden
(D) government official

53. "Again the small man suffers!" (line 14) implies that the small man is often

(A) ignored
(B) disadvantaged
(C) the one who is wrong
(D) discriminated against

54. The letter was MOST likely published in a

(A) newspaper
(B) press release
(C) tourist brochure
(D) school magazine

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Items **55–60**

Instructions: Read the following advertisement carefully and then answer Items 55–60 on the basis of what is stated or implied.

JOIN OUR CARIBBEAN MILES PROGRAMME

You can earn Caribbean Airlines Miles every flight; plus when you fly, drive or shop, you will earn Miles even faster.

OUR MEMBERSHIP

- Members who fly 20 000 miles on Caribbean Airlines within a calendar year are eligible for Silver Membership.
- Flying 40 000 miles qualifies members for Gold Membership, while flying 80 000 miles qualifies members for Executive Gold Membership.

Silver Tier Membership

- Unique member's credentials
  A 3000 Miles Bonus upon attainment of Silver Tier Status
- Preferential check-in and priority boarding on all Caribbean Airlines flights
- Waiver of date change penalty and redeposit fee on reward tickets

Gold Tier Membership

- Unique member's credentials
  A 5000 Miles Bonus upon attainment of Gold Tier Status
- Preferential check-in and priority boarding on all Caribbean Airlines flights
- Waiver of date change penalty and redeposit fee on reward tickets
- Expedited award delivery at no cost

DESTINATION	AWARDS	MILES NEEDED
Within the Caribbean or between South America* and the Caribbean	One Way Upgrade One Way Economy Class One Way Business Class	5 000 7 500 12 000
Between the Caribbean/ South America* and North America	One Way Upgrade One Way Economy Class One Way Business Class	10 000 15 500 25 500
Between Kingston and North America	One Way Economy Class One Way Business Class	16 250 28 750

* South America refers to Caracas, Georgetown & Paramaribo

Thank you for flying with Caribbean Airlines.

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55. What does this airline promise if a person joins the Miles programme?

(A) Faster travel
(B) Free shopping
(C) Frequent shopping
(D) Rewards for every flight

56. How many bonus miles does a silver tier member receive?

(A) 3000
(B) 5000
(C) 7000
(D) 8000

57. To which of the following destinations can a person fly using 25 500 airline miles?

(A) Asia
(B) Africa
(C) Europe
(D) North America

58. According to the advertisement, what should a prospective member do if more detailed information is needed about the benefits of the programme?

(A) Fly frequently.
(B) Visit the airline's offices.
(C) Visit the airline's webpage.
(D) Join the Miles programme.

59. Which technique does the advertisement use to appeal to travellers to join the Miles programme?

(A) Facts
(B) Opinion
(C) Persuasive language
(D) Personal experience

60. The MAIN purpose of the advertisement is to encourage persons to

(A) fly more often
(B) enjoy air travel
(C) receive an executive gold card
(D) become members of the Miles programme

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