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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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Instructions: Each sentence in this section has ONE underlined word. Choose from the four suggested answers, the word which is closest to 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. Their actions showed that they were firm in their rejection of the new law.

(A) ignorance
(B) application
(C) acceptance
(D) understanding

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

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

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

(A) honest
(B) injurious
(C) indifferent
(D) considerate

5. As a result of the available evidence, the accused was apprehended and no further action was taken.

(A) evicted
(B) released
(C) cautioned
(D) summoned

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 absolutely 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.

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. Much is being done to develop tourism in our country by providing good hotel accommodation and facilities.

(A) It is important to provide good hotel accommodation and facilities for tourists.

(B) Good hotel accommodation and facilities are crucial if we want to develop tourism.

(C) We are doing a great deal to boost tourism by providing good hotel accommodation and facilities.

(D) If we do not provide good hotel accommodation and facilities, tourists will not come to our country.

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. John told his parents in no uncertain terms that he was going to university as soon as he left school.

(A) John boasted to his parents that he was going to university as soon as he left school.

(B) John told his parents that they should permit him to go to university after he left school.

(C) John made it quite clear to his parents that when he left school he would go to university immediately.

(D) John's parents were told that it was obviously his desire to attend university immediately after leaving school.

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

(A) It is strange that bacon, quite unlike cigarettes, is linked to lung cancer.

(B) It is rather peculiar that bacon, like cigarettes, is connected with lung cancer.

(C) It is no wonder at all that both cigarettes and bacon are linked to lung cancer.

(D) Cancer of the lungs links cigarettes, and, strangely enough, bacon.

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, idioms 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 or C. If the sentence is acceptable as it stands, choose D.

16. We could reach the survivors neither (A) by boat or (B) by plane, and so we abandoned our search as futile. (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, the most talented of the musicians 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 to it.

(A) alter
(B) erase
(C) correct
(D) determine

22. The flowers grow profusely in the garden.

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

23. The news story revealed the squalor of the old city.

(A) position
(B) strength
(C) ambiance
(D) destitution

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) profit
(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.

Taste of Endless Fruit

When a single kite is left
in evening sky
and I stand
black against its saffron
pulling in the night-covers
with a single thread
I think of you.
When chickens search the warmth
of a hen's wings;
When bats break a calm lake
like scissors on a warm fabric
where a lone fisherman waits
alone, on the hill,
I think of you.

Source unknown

26. There is a "single kite" (line 1) left in the sky MOST likely because

(A) it is late
(B) the lone fisherman waits
(C) night covers have descended
(D) the other kite flyers are asleep

27. What aspect of the sky does the poet focus on?

(A) Size
(B) Shape
(C) Colour
(D) Distance

28. In the poem, the poet is MOST likely thinking of

(A) an artist at work
(B) a lonely old man
(C) an enemy in hiding
(D) someone he/she loves

29. "When bats break a calm lake / like scissors on a warm fabric" (lines 10–11) is an example of

(A) simile
(B) assonance
(C) onomatopoeia
(D) personification

30. The poet speaks of each of the following EXCEPT

(A) a lone fisherman waiting
(B) a single kite that is flying
(C) hen's wings that are warm
(D) bats breaking warm fabric

31. Which of the following literary devices is used in line 4?

(A) Contrast
(B) Metaphor
(C) Hyperbole
(D) Alliteration

32. The poet's intention is to

(A) describe nature
(B) describe the sunset
(C) tell us of the lone fisherman
(D) tell someone he/she is missing him/her

33. Which word BEST describes the poet's tone?

(A) Bitter
(B) Serious
(C) Regretful
(D) Nostalgic

Instructions: Read the following extract carefully and then answer Items 34–38 on the basis of what is stated or implied.

The Coronation Carnival had waxed hectic and heated. When Lance Corporal John had left the station early and walked out onto the main road he realized that the commotion he had been hearing was from a band coming along the Avocat Road towards the junction down the hill. In the first sunlight of morning he saw people jumping up and making merry, and he saw people waving branches and green twigs and the men in front were beating spoon on bottle and there were some with lengths of bamboo keeping up a thick, steady rhythm. He noticed about six men in front banging on big oil drums and pitch-oil tins, and jumping high, dancing, and there were others thumping on even the buckets with which they went to the wells for water. For these revellers it seemed a truly glorious morning, and as he climbed the bank to watch them he heard the chorus of voices from behind blending with the drums.

For the first time since he joined the police force he looked at reckless, celebrating crowds without wanting to make an arrest.

He stood high up on a mound, above the drain, to allow the free flow of the band, and he strained a little to hear which patriotic song the band was singing. He was wondering if it was 'Land of Hope and Glory', an anthem which usually brought tears to his eyes. The sound of spoon on bottle, of bamboo on macadam[1] road and of the rattling of tin, blurred the voices a little, and he knew he had to wait until the front of the band got past him.

He watched the women wearing housecoats and carrying banners — which he could not see clearly — and there came the powerful, strident voices of a group led by none other than Swithin Paul.

[1] macadam – tar/asphalt

Adapted from Michael Anthony, Butler, Till the Final Bell, Macmillan Caribbean, 2004, p. 116.

34. The activity described in the passage is

(A) a party
(B) a street protest
(C) a carnival celebration
(D) an unusual festival

35. The writer says "For these revellers it seemed a truly glorious morning" (line 9) to show

(A) that it was a bright and sunny day
(B) that the people were free to do as they pleased
(C) how much the revellers were enjoying themselves
(D) that the people thought the occasion was worth celebrating

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36. Lance Corporal John on this occasion

(A) had tears in his eyes
(B) wanted to make an arrest
(C) wanted to join the revellers
(D) was contented to watch the crowd

37. Lance Corporal John "stood high up on a mound" (line 13) because he

(A) did not want to become involved in the parade
(B) wanted to get out of the way of the parade
(C) was too short to appreciate the parade from road level
(D) felt he would be seen in case anyone wanted to misbehave

38. The phrase "none other than Swithin Paul" (line 19) implies that Swithin Paul was a

(A) politician
(B) band leader
(C) good singer
(D) well-known person

Instructions: Read the following extract carefully and then answer Items 39–46 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 them.

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. Additionally, many play the 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.*

39. Casinos and their effect on society became an issue for the first time

(A) about ten years ago
(B) less than five years ago
(C) one hundred years ago
(D) over twenty-five years ago

40. How was the issue of casinos dealt with at the time mentioned?

(A) Casinos were not allowed.
(B) Many casinos remained without being monitored.
(C) Some casinos remained while their growth was monitored.
(D) Most casinos were allowed on the water while their growth was monitored.

41. Which of the following is the BEST replacement for the word "interestingly" (line 3)?

(A) logically
(B) ironically
(C) thankfully
(D) conveniently

42. In line 4, "given the green light to arcades" means that

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

43. The Bahamas, Antigua, Suriname and Sint Maarten are mentioned 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. Which of the following expressions is used to introduce an opposing view?

(A) "like most things" (line 9)
(B) "For example" (line 12)
(C) "on the other hand" (line 16)
(D) "Additionally" (line 22)

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) "lead to gambling addiction, crime, and worse a debasement of society." (lines 16–20)
(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) make fun of the decisions
(B) compliment those responsible
(C) create a comparison of streets
(D) exaggerate the traffic problems

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) sarcastic
(C) resigned
(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 letter 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) considered the most
(D) the one who is wrong

54. The letter was most likely published in a

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

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 Airline 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 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 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 Gold Tier Member receive?

(A) 3 000
(B) 5 000
(C) 7 000
(D) 8 000

57. How many miles are needed to fly one-way business class within Caribbean countries?

(A) 5 000
(B) 7 500
(C) 10 000
(D) 12 000

58. 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

59. Which of the following actions is BEST for a prospective member who wants more detailed information about the benefits of the programme?

(A) Fly frequently.
(B) Visit the airline's webpage.
(C) Join the Miles Programme.
(D) Speak to an agent when making a reservation.

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

(A) fly more often
(B) enjoy air travel
(C) attain executive membership
(D) become members of the Miles Programme

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