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Paper 01 – General Proficiency

1 hour 15 minutes

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READ THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY.

1. This test consists of 60 items. You will have 1 hour and 15 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

Which of the following terms is used to identify lines of descent through the father?

(A) Patrilineal
(B) Patriarchal
(C) Matrilineal
(D) Matriarchal

Sample Answer

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The best answer to this item is "Patrilineal," so (A) 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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1. More husbands are now performing household chores MAINLY because they

(A) get more time off from work than their wives
(B) prefer to remain at home and assist their wives
(C) are responding to the changing roles of family members
(D) enjoy using the labour-saving devices in the home

2. Kevin has been a diabetic since birth. Which of the following parenting skills is MOST important for Kevin's parents to develop in order to effectively manage his condition?

(A) Knowledge of good nutrition
(B) Good money management
(C) Problem-solving skills
(D) Disciplinary skills

Items 3 and 4 refer to the following scenario.

Susan is 26 years old. She is married, has two children and a well-paying job. Her husband died in a motor vehicle accident. Soon after his death, Susan and her children went to live with her parents, her brother and his family.

3. This situation has changed Susan's family structure from

(A) extended to nuclear
(B) nuclear to extended
(C) nuclear to sibling household
(D) single parent to sibling household

4. The factor which LEAST likely influenced Susan's decision to live with her relatives was the

(A) presence of a father figure
(B) love and affection of her relatives
(C) ability to provide for her children financially
(D) potential to receive assistance with childcare

5. Which of the following statements BEST defines a family?

(A) A group of people who live in the same household and share a common ancestry
(B) A social unit consisting of only parents and their children who share a common residence
(C) A group of individuals who share a common residence and work together in a community or organization
(D) A group of individuals who are related by blood, marriage or adoption and generally share a common household

6. The role of a parent does NOT usually include providing the family with

(A) technical education
(B) love and affection
(C) economic support
(D) recreation

7. Which of the following terms refers to the wealth and possessions that children receive after the death of their parents?

(A) Legacy
(B) Alimony
(C) Inheritance
(D) Maintenance

8. Some adolescents challenge the views and attitudes of adults. Such a situation is brought about by

(A) peer pressure
(B) sibling rivalry
(C) parental pressure
(D) generational conflict

9. Adolescents are MOST likely to influence each other in a positive way when they

(A) force each other to accept the same values
(B) become involved in guidance and counselling activities
(C) encourage each other to always challenge adults' views
(D) advise each other on how to carry out antisocial activities

10. A couple is thinking about having a child. Which of the following factors is likely to be LEAST important in their planning?

(A) Social status
(B) Financial status
(C) Health of both persons
(D) Stability of the relationship

Item 11 refers to the following question extracted from a questionnaire.

> How often do you spend time with your family and help with household chores each week?
>
> ☐ Never
> ☐ Rarely
> ☐ Sometimes
> ☐ Often
> ☐ Always

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11. One flaw in the question is that it

(A) uses vague frequency terms
(B) combines two distinct behaviours into a single question
(C) uses response options that are not mutually exclusive
(D) asks about behaviours that are too personal for a typical questionnaire

12. Some of the habits and behaviours that children display have been learnt from the adult members of their families.

To which function of the family does the statement above refer?

(A) Economic
(B) Emotional
(C) Procreation
(D) Socialization

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Item 13 refers to the following list of ancestors.

I. Amerindians
II. East Indians
III. Europeans
IV. Africans

13. Which of the following options correctly identifies the order in which the ancestors of Caribbean people arrived in the region?

(A) I, III, II, IV
(B) I, III, IV, II
(C) I, II, III, IV
(D) I, IV, III, II

14. Which of the following sets of institutions instils morals, values and ideals in citizens?

(A) Families, schools and banks
(B) Schools, families and religious bodies
(C) Governments, trade unions and banks
(D) Religious bodies, governments and the judiciary

15. Which of the following characteristics MUST a group possess for it to be considered a formal group?

I. Code of conduct
II. Specific objectives
III. Membership requirements

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

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16. Samuel broke one of the school rules and the teacher gave him 250 lines to write. The action of the teacher is an example of a

(A) right
(B) norm
(C) ritual
(D) sanction

17. Which of the following are items of expenditure for a government?

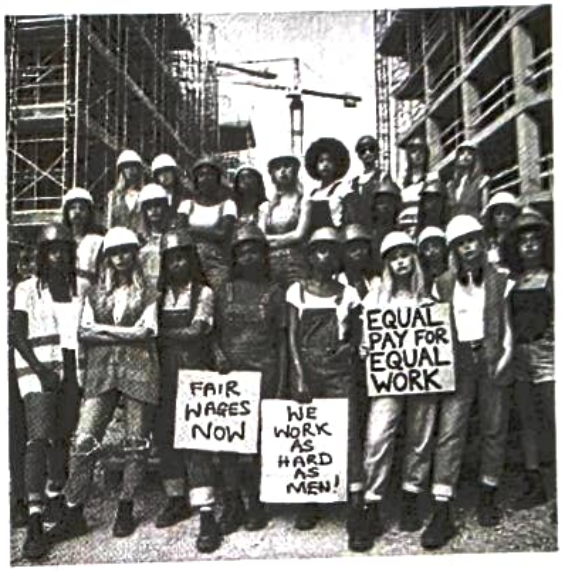
I. Customs duties
II. Old age pensions
III. Salaries for civil servants

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

18. Which of the following is the MOST likely result of a compromise?

(A) Workers arguing in a cafeteria line
(B) A football team working to win a match
(C) Two students involved in a writing contest
(D) A husband and wife agreeing to share household chores

Item 19 refers to the following image which shows female construction workers who were on strike and picketed the job site.



19. Which of the following is MOST likely the concern of the workers?

(A) Abiding by the law
(B) Productivity of citizens
(C) Respect for human rights
(D) Showing concern for others

20. Which of the following would NOT usually be associated with educational institutions?

(A) Rules and regulations
(B) Customs and traditions
(C) Transmission of culture
(D) Suppression of freedom

21. The head of state of a Commonwealth Caribbean country which has a republican system of government is the

(A) Monarch
(B) President
(C) Prime minister
(D) Governor general

Items 22 and 23 refer to the following dialogue.

Sita: When Marvin was group leader he was always ordering us about.

Paul: I prefer a group leader who allows members to do as they please.

22. The leadership style of Marvin, as described in the dialogue above, is

(A) autocratic
(B) democratic
(C) charismatic
(D) laissez faire

23. Paul's statement indicates that he prefers a leader with a style that is

(A) autocratic
(B) democratic
(C) charismatic
(D) laissez faire

24. In the English-speaking Caribbean, the FIRST court which hears criminal offences is usually the

(A) High Court
(B) Coroners' Court
(C) Court of Appeal
(D) Magistrates' Court

25. Which of the following documents outlines the framework in which laws are made and prescribes the relationship between the people and the state?

(A) White paper
(B) Constitution
(C) Manifesto
(D) Budget

26. In which of the following countries is proportional representation practised?

(A) Guyana
(B) Barbados
(C) Dominica
(D) Saint Lucia

Item 27 refers to the following information regarding a first-past-the-post election in the Republic of Xeno.

Constituency	Party A Votes	Party B Votes	Party C Votes
Bloxville	900	700	–
Eastville	800	410	–
Westridge	1000	1100	600
South Ridge	700	–	1000
North Lane	288	870	680
Highgate	1130	100	900
Totals	**4818**	**3180**	**3180**

27. Which party would normally form the government in the Republic of Xeno?

(A) Party A
(B) Party B
(C) Party C
(D) Both Party B and C

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28. A political campaign is a method used by parties to

(A) give voice to the people
(B) encourage people to vote
(C) give donations to the needy
(D) get funding from the public

29. The media can play a significant role in influencing election outcomes by

(A) guaranteeing transparency in vote counting
(B) ensuring all candidates receive equal votes
(C) giving voters fair information about candidates
(D) preventing political parties from campaigning unfairly

30. Which of the following is a characteristic of good governance?

(A) Independence of the judiciary
(B) Inefficiency in the civil service
(C) An autocratic style of leadership
(D) Use of public funds for personal gain

31. Which of the following factors are used to calculate population density?

(A) Population size and land area
(B) Population composition and land area
(C) Population size and natural resources
(D) Population distribution and natural resources

32. The reduction of CFCs (chlorofluorocarbons) and greenhouse gases helps to slow the process of

(A) flooding
(B) air pollution
(C) global warming
(D) natural disasters

33. Which of the following factors would DISCOURAGE emigration?

(A) High standard of living in the destination country
(B) Relaxed immigration laws in the destination country
(C) Availability of well-paid jobs in the country of origin
(D) Lack of economic opportunities in the country of origin

34. A Caribbean national migrated to the United States of America to work as a nurse. While on duty, a patient refused treatment from the migrant nurse because of her 'strange' accent.

Which of the following terms BEST describes this situation?

(A) Bigotry
(B) Ingenuity
(C) Insecurity
(D) Tolerance

Item 35 refers to the following table which shows the population figures of four countries.

Country	Area (km^2)	Population (2022)
I	100	150 000
II	750	70 000
III	300	100 000
IV	25 000	150 000

35. Which country has the LOWEST population density?

(A) I
(B) II
(C) III
(D) IV

36. Which of the following is LEAST likely to be a global impact of migration from the Caribbean region?

(A) Spread of Caribbean culture
(B) Remittances to families in the Caribbean
(D) Increased presence in international decision making
(C) Contribution to economic development in host countries

37. Fish, bauxite and sand are BEST classified as

(A) products
(B) minerals
(C) elements
(D) resources

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38. Which of the following BEST describes a census?

(A) The collection of information on the births and deaths in a country
(B) Information on the amount of money spent on goods and services in a country
(C) The registration of persons in preparation for general elections in a country
(D) The counting of the population of a country and the recording of its characteristics

39. Which of the following contribute DIRECTLY to a fall in the infant mortality rate?

I. Improved nutrition
II. Vaccination against diseases
III. Development of high-income housing

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

40. Many business managers are complaining that recent graduates are unable to come up with solutions to problems. It is their belief that educational institutions are not preparing graduates to be

(A) punctual employees
(B) hardworking employees
(C) creative and critical thinkers
(D) disciplined and obedient workers

41. Healthy individuals are beneficial to a country's development because they are MORE likely to be

(A) less critical
(B) satisfied and contented
(C) reliant on government services
(D) productive and effective workers in a country

42. Which of the following Caribbean countries has the LOWEST level of forest resources?

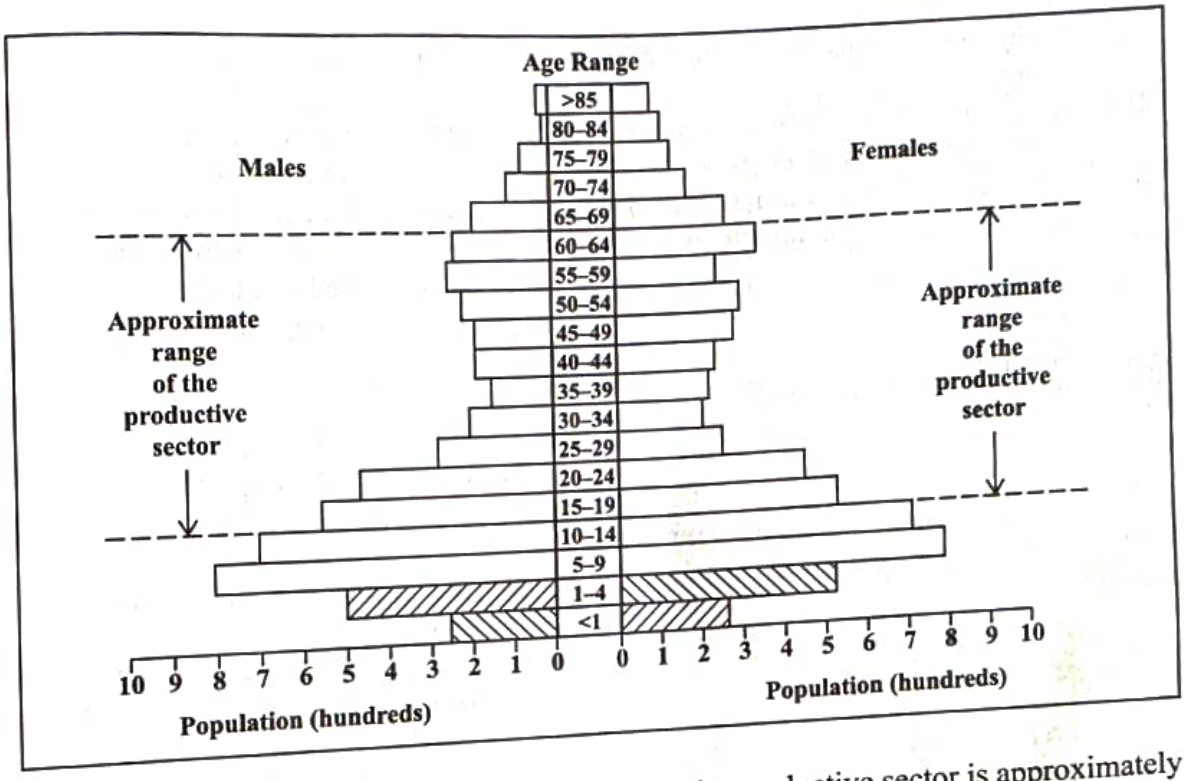
(A) Belize
(B) Guyana
(C) Barbados
(D) Dominica

43. In recent times, hurricanes have become stronger and more unpredictable. This change in weather patterns can be attributed to

(A) pollution
(B) climate change
(C) rising sea levels
(D) falling ocean temperatures

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Item **45** refers to the following population diagram of Country P.



45. The number of males too young to be included in the productive sector is approximately

(A) 8000
(B) 2250
(C) 1500
(D) 850

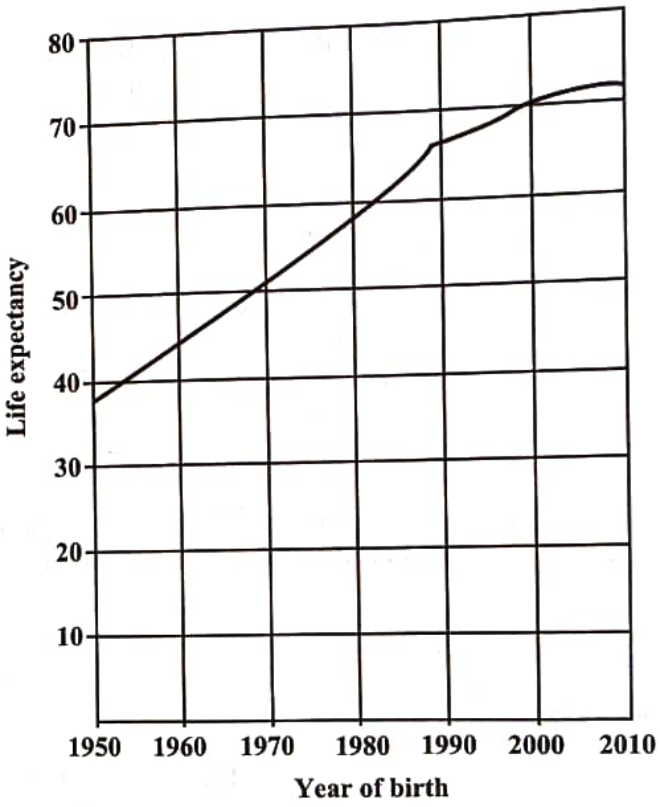
46. Many Caribbean countries have laws that restrict the harvesting of certain marine animals. The main purpose of these laws is to ensure the

(A) preservation of tourist attractions
(B) reduction of underwater pollution
(C) sustainable use of marine resources
(D) protection of the mangrove ecosystems

47. The concepts of 'push' and 'pull' are associated with

(A) the migration of people
(B) unemployment patterns
(C) pollution of the environment
(D) the development of resources

Item **44** refers to the following graph which shows the life expectancy of females in Country A from 1950 to 2010.



44. Which of the following conclusions can be drawn from the graph?

(A) Life expectancy declined after 2000.
(B) Between 1980 and 2010, women lived longer than men.
(C) Before 1980, women were unlikely to live past the age of 50.
(D) Women born in 1990 were more likely to live past 60 than those born in 1970.

48. Which of the following is the MOST appropriate order of tasks for a job seeker?

I. Write applications for the desired jobs.
II. Collect information about available job vacancies.
III. Assess qualification and experience for available jobs.

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

49. In which of the following island groupings will the Leeward and Windward Islands be found?

(A) Virgin Islands
(B) Lesser Antilles
(C) French Antilles
(D) Greater Antilles

50. Which of the following indicators are used to calculate the human development index?

I. Cost of living
II. Life expectancy
III. Standard of living

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

51. The CARICOM Secretariat, located in Guyana, is MAINLY responsible for

(A) making policy statements on regional security
(B) creating economic activity for the people of the region
(C) ensuring the efficient operation of Caribbean countries
(D) implementing decisions made by the heads of government

52. Between 1958 and 1962, Caribbean governments made an attempt to unify the region politically by

(A) forming a federation
(B) seeking independence
(C) establishing CARIFTA
(D) organizing CARICOM

53. Which of the following would MOST likely lead to industrial development in the Caribbean?

(A) Trading in Bitcoin
(B) Incentives for manufacturers
(C) Imposition of regional customs duties
(D) Importing cheaper extra-regional goods

54. Which of the following newspaper headlines reports the occurrence of a hazard but not a disaster?

(A) Flooding hits southern region; no loss of life or property
(B) Volcanic eruption destroys businesses, kills farm animals
(C) Hurricane Luke claims 20 lives; damages estimated at $2 million
(D) Wildfire sweeps national park; 20 campers killed, forest devastated

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55. Which of the following is a benefit of CARICOM?

(A) Political unification
(B) Increased feelings of insularity
(C) Improved trade among member states
(D) Decreased competition from developed countries

56. The role of the Caribbean Development Bank in the integration process is to

(A) offer loans to member states for special projects
(B) provide unspecialized assistance to member countries
(C) assist in passing the funding of projects to other agencies
(D) determine whether countries should devalue their currency

57. Which of the following is a disadvantage of information and communication technology within the Caribbean industrial landscape?

(A) Reduced business cost
(B) Increased data leaks
(C) Greater efficiency
(D) Faster trade

58. "Individual countries in the region are too small to make their presence felt on the world stage."

Implied in this statement is the need for individual countries to

(A) return to colonialism
(B) espouse republicanism
(C) harmonize foreign policies
(D) demand their democratic freedom

59. Which of the following actions may hinder integration in CARICOM?

(A) Removal of export duties and tariffs
(B) Restrictions on intra-regional trade
(C) The establishment of a common currency
(D) More funding from the Caribbean Development Bank

60. While visiting a Caribbean country, Shawn toured a 300-year-old plantation, sampled the sugar cane that is still grown there, and viewed historical artifacts in the Great House.

Which of the following types of tourism would BEST describe Shawn's tour?

(A) Nature
(B) Health
(C) Heritage
(D) Traditional

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