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2006 POST UME SCREENING TEST

From the words lettered A - E, choose the word that is alike in meaning to the word underlined.

- The man is known to be a sly. I won't trust him with anything. This means the man is known as a  
(a) deceiver (b) thief (c) kidnapper  
(d) rogue (e) burglar
  - The woman was happy because her gorgeous dressing made her quite obtrusive. The woman was very  
(a) appreciate (b) proud (c) good  
(d) noticeable (e) excellent
  - Andrew made some bellicose statement about his strength to other boys in the street. This means that Andrew  
(a) is a brave man (b) Wishes to fight  
(c) is a coward (d) loves to help others with his power  
(e) has a lot of power
  - Scrupulous politicians do not have a place in the Nigerian politics. Scrupulous politicians are  
(a) honest (b) dishonest (c) corrupt  
(d) good-nature (e) insincere
  - The excuse that he forgot about the meeting was a flimsy one. This means the excuse was  
(a) very bad (b) a complete lie (c) difficult to believe  
(d) not important (e) a very good one
- From the alternatives suggested, select the answer that best expresses the same meaning as the expression italicized in each exercise.
- I wonder if you would allow me to put out the fire.  
(a) I might (b) I can (c) I should  
(d) I have to (e) All of them
  - Don't take the plate away; it is possible for the owner to ask for it. (a) the owner might  
(b) the owner can (c) the owner is going to  
(d) the owner will come to (e) none of them
  - I know a carpenter that knows how to make that kind of wardrobe (a) could (b) has the know-how (c) can  
(d) can be able (e) may be able to
  - Frances, where is your male visitor? Don't lie to me, it is not possible that he has gone through the high window.  
(a) he couldn't have (b) he can't have  
(c) he shouldn't (d) he mustn't have (e) None of them.
  - When your great-grandmother was in Vietnam, did she have the ability to speak Chinese?  
(a) had she been able (b) was she enabled  
(c) could she (d) how possible was it for her  
(e) None of them.
  - My father made no bones about telling his friend how he felt about his behaviour. This means that my father  
(a) spoke well to his friend about his behaviour  
(b) spoke honestly to his friend about his behaviour  
(c) spoke in the open to his friend about his behaviour  
(d) spoke hesitantly to his friend about his behaviour  
(e) spoke with all his might to his friend about his behaviour
  - After much talk, my brother thought it was to hit the hay. This means that my brother thought it was time to

- (a) make hay while the sun shines  
(b) burn the collection of hay (c) go to bed  
(d) keep quiet (e) tell the others off
- The housemaster was foaming in the mouth when he discovered that some students had sneaked out of the hostel. This means the house master  
(a) was very sad (b) had epilepsy  
(c) became silent and calculative  
(d) was uncontrollably furious (e) was jittery
- Who told Mabel she could sing? She really laid an egg at the talent show. This means  
(a) Mabel's performance was very embarrassing  
(b) Mabel's performance was very interesting  
(c) Mabel's performance was very impressive  
(d) Mabel's performance was not very bad  
(e) Mabel's performance was like that of a hen laying an egg
- Mr. Johnson is on the war path because his car broke down again. This means Mr. Johnson is  
(a) ready to fight his mechanic  
(b) started fighting the government because the road was bad (c) very infuriated (d) fighting a war with his family in the car (e) drawing a battle in between him and his mechanic

FOR QUESTION 16 - 20, choose among the options A - E the word that is nearest in meaning to the underlined word in each of the sentences

- As he watched the winning film his face remained inscrutable. (a) unreadable (b) pale (c) unfriendly  
(d) impossible to please (e) enjoyed
- He resented being criticized every time by his boss.  
(a) preferred (b) abhorred (c) ignored  
(d) carefully considered (e) enjoyed
- The President announced that all political prisoners have been pardoned. (a) condemned  
(b) severely rebuked (c) banished  
(d) reprieved (e) released
- The most striking thing about the just-concluded World-Cup Final in Germany was the complete eclipse of the defending champion - Brazil  
(a) sudden disappearance (b) defeat (c) failure  
(d) brilliant performance (e) arrogance
- His latest album has done much to boost his reputation as a writer (a) increase (b) establish  
(c) nourish (d) destroy (e) decrease

For question 21 - 25, choose from the options A - E the word or phrase opposite in meaning to the underlined word.

- Andrew is too garrulous for my liking  
(a) dull (b) apathetic (c) laconic  
(d) easy going (e) dumb
- The man holds parochial view on almost every issue.  
(a) rational (b) realistic (c) popular  
(d) broad-minded (e) sensible
- The doctor certified the tumour malignant  
(a) benign (b) ripe (c) painless (d) dangerous  
(e) slow

24. The people appreciated the chairman for his invaluable contributions to the community's development.  
 (a) worthless (b) costly (c) unrecognized  
 (d) incalculable (e) meaningless
25. Your idea on this issue seems to me quite novel.  
 (a) bookish (b) dangerous (c) archaic (d) genuine (e) good
26. Which of the following statements is true with regard to summary writing?  
 (a) Details are more important than main ideas  
 (b) Main ideas are more important than examples  
 (c) Illustrations are more important than main ideas  
 (d) Elaborations, exemplifications and details are more important than main ideas  
 (e) None of the above
- Choose the appropriate option to complete the following:*
27. God should take control of the heart of the organizers of this Post - UME screening exercise, they should not make this test \_\_\_\_\_ than UME  
 (a) more tough (b) more tougher (c) much tougher  
 (d) more much tougher
28. At the crusade, we prayed to God to \_\_\_\_\_ this on us.  
 (a) breath His breathe (b) breathe His breath  
 (c) breathe His breathe (d) breath His breath
29. The Chairman, Committee of Deans needs to see your friend Dele urgently, do you know his \_\_\_\_\_?  
 (a) where and about (b) whereabouts (c) where about  
 (d) where and abouts

30. "As from now, this university will have zero tolerance for any form of malpractice" said the Vice-Chancellor. The Vice-Chancellor said that (a) as from then, that university would have zero tolerance for any form of malpractice (b) as from now, this university would have zero tolerance for any form of malpractice (c) as from then, his university will have zero tolerance for any form of malpractice (d) as from then, that university would begin to have zero tolerance for any form of malpractice
31. The teacher took me for one of those students who could not spell such words as  
 (a) 'miscelanous and maintainance'  
 (b) 'miscellaneous and maintainance'  
 (c) 'miscellaneous and maintenance'  
 (d) 'miscellanous and maintainance'

**ANSWER KEY**

1	A	7	A	13	D	19	C
2	D	8	C	14	A	20	A
3	B	9	A	15	C	21	C
4	A	10	C	16	A	22	D
5	C	11	B	17	B	23	A
6	B	12	C	18	D	24	A
25	C	26	B	27	C	28	B
29	B	30	D	31	C		



Fill in the blanks in the following sentences making use of one of the four options in the letter A – D

1. They \_\_\_\_\_ arrived Lagos by now, all things being equal (a) had (b) must (c) might have (d) would have
2. The pupils \_\_\_\_\_ so much noise that the teacher had to tell them to stand up and raise up their hands (a) had been making (b) should have made (c) were making (d) had made
3. I \_\_\_\_\_ that he was insincere all along a. could know b. must know c. should have known d. may have known
4. If I had gone to Lokoja, I \_\_\_\_\_ the opportunity of seeing the President (a) should not have had (b) must not have had (c) would not have had (d) should not have

Choose the preposition that best fills the gaps in the following sentences.

5. My sister does not have flair \_\_\_\_\_ Mathematics (a) at (b) an (c) with (d) for
6. When I got to her house, she was still \_\_\_\_\_ bed (a) in (b) on (c) on the (d) in the
7. During the demonstration, the anti-riot policemen were instructed to break \_\_\_\_\_ the students' defence line (a) off (b) open (c) through (d) down
8. I was \_\_\_\_\_ hearing distance of the speaker (a) at (b) in (c) on (d) within

From the word labeled A-D in numbers 9-20, choose the one that best complete each of the following sentences.

9. The electricity cable had to be \_\_\_\_\_ enough to be laid along the bend in the road (a) elastic (b) taut (c) compliment (d) flexible
10. We didn't have a lot of money, so I had to live quite \_\_\_\_\_ (a) niggardly (b) frugally (c) wastefully (d) grudgingly
11. I acted too impetuously. I do not know what \_\_\_\_\_ me (a) came along (b) came over (c) came at (d) came on
12. The hurricane raged for several days, leaving a trail of \_\_\_\_\_ across the land. (a) destruction (b) despoliation (c) desperation (d) demolition
13. If a player breaks the rules during a match, one point will be \_\_\_\_\_ to his opponent (a) adjourned (b) credited (c) debited (d) allied
14. Mouse-traps are not always very effective, as some mice prove to be remarkably \_\_\_\_\_ (a) inaccessible (b) perpetual (c) inconspicuous (d) elusive

15. At the frontier, he hid the watches in his pocket in to \_\_\_\_\_ customs duty (a) evade (b) incur (c) repel (d) deceive
16. The driver was short of petrol, so he \_\_\_\_\_ do the hills with the engine switched off. (a) glided (b) cut (c) wheeled (d) coasted
17. Everyone in my family has a job. My mother is a teacher, my father is an engineer, and my granny \_\_\_\_\_ (a) used to sell roast chicken (b) is selling roast chicken (c) has roast chicken (d) sells roast chicken
18. One curious thing about my uncle is that he wishes \_\_\_\_\_ (a) he is having eight wives (b) he had eight wives (c) he can have eight wives (d) he can be allowed to have eight wives.
19. I'm afraid, you know. My father has been sleeping \_\_\_\_\_ 4:00 p.m. yesterday. It's about time \_\_\_\_\_ (a) to wake up (b) he wakes (c) he woke up (d) he's awake
20. Are you deaf? I asked you \_\_\_\_\_ (a) how old you were (b) how old are you (c) how old is your age (d) what is your age
21. What is a sentence? (a) it is made up of words (b) it is made up of phrases and clauses (c) it is a group of words giving a complete sense (d) it can be simple or complex
22. What is a clause? (a) it is made up words (b) it is made up of sentences (c) it is made up of phrases (d) it is a group of word containing a finite verb.
23. What is a phrase? (a) it is a group of word containing a finite verb (b) it is a group of words giving a complete sense (c) it is a group of words not containing a finite verb (d) it is usually begins with a preposition or a participle
24. An example of a finite verb is (a) going to school everyday (b) given his position as the principal (c) while going to school (d) while they were going to school
25. What is tense? (a) It has to do with present and future times

- (b) it is a correspondence between the form of the verb and the concept of time  
 (c) it is derived from the Latin word "transpire"  
 (d) it is a controversial topic in linguistics
26. What is aspect?  
 (a) It is the manner in which the verbal action is experienced or regarded.  
 (b) it reflects the attitude or mood of the speaker  
 (c) it is made up of progressive and perfective forms  
 (d) it is normally joined together with tense
27. What are "minor sentences"?  
 (a) they are complete sentences  
 (b) they are incomplete statements  
 (c) they are incomplete statements but normally function as sentences  
 (d) they are used by writers for economic purpose.

28. In measuring one's linguistic competence in a particular language, itemize four sentence types that one needs to master  
 (a) Simple, complex – multiple, difficult and more difficult.  
 (b) Simple, complex, compound and compound-complex  
 (c) Simple, more simple, difficult, more difficult  
 (d) Rational, more rational, logical and more logical.

**ANSWER KEY**

1 C	7 C	13 B	19 C
2 C	8 D	14 D	20 A
3 C	9 D	15 A	21 C
4 C	10 B	16 D	22 D
5 D	11 B	17 D	23 C
6 A	12 B	18 B	24 D
25 B	26 A	27 C	28 B



*Read the following passage and answer the questions based on it*

Why should an artist attempt to concentrate his experience of life in a unique work of art? No final answer can be given, but two possible reasons suggest themselves. Man seems always to have preferred order to disorder. His whole progress on earth has been a struggle to this end. Everything he has done, from the creation of vast empires to the growing of small gardens, has been triumph, in greater or lesser degree, of order over chaos. To help control his own thought, the sudden surprises of his limitless mind, he has had to invent Language. As each new thing appears, whether it be an idea or an object, he gives it a name and thus brings it into line with the things he already understands. And he has invented for himself more than one kind of language. There is a language of painting, a language of architecture, or mathematics—to name but three. Each has its own special symbols, its own form of logic: and each enables him to express some of the myriad thought that crowd his mind. High among the languages of man is the language of music.

1. Through his struggles man has achieved
  - a. the growth of disorder from order
  - b. the transformation of order out of chaos
  - c. the return of a state of utter confusion
  - d. the complete destruction of vast empires
2. Man invent the Language because
  - a. he already had control over his mind and its countless ideas
  - b. it helped to organize his thought and unceasing ideas
  - c. there was little he could do at the time to diversify his talents
  - d. it was a method of realizing his position as a Supreme Being
3. By naming objects or ideas, man was able to
  - a. clarify things and correlate them with facts already known
  - b. allow an area of complete confusion to develop in language
  - c. comprehend less and less the things around and about him
  - d. make visual impressions for more important than ever before

4. The various languages can be identified by  
 a. the endings of the various symbols and their simplified logic  
 b. their use of the same marks or signs and system of logic  
 c. their own science of reasoning and their peculiar marks or signs  
 d. the manner in which their logic agrees and their symbolism is similar
5. The work "myriad" (line 8) as used in the context means  
 a. frequent b. multitude c. terrible d. mysterious
- In each of the Questions 6-10, there is a gap. Complete the gaps with appropriate item from the options A-D under each sentence.*
6. If you try to write without having a clear idea, you often end up just \_\_\_\_\_ without saying anything very meaningful  
 a. gambling b. rambling  
 c. drooling d. boasting
7. The four of you should share the remainder \_\_\_\_\_ you  
 a. between b. within c. among d. around
8. I have no doubt that Enyinba will \_\_\_\_\_ Oaks next Saturday  
 a. win b. ship c. flog d. beat
9. "You need not go \_\_\_\_\_ down the road before you notice a huge white building on the road", the man said  
 a. further b. farther c. inside d. deep
10. If your writing lacks coherence, your reader will just find something else to read or \_\_\_\_\_ the television.  
 a. tune in b. turn on c. open d. switch on
- Choose the appropriate option to complete the followings:*
11. This picture is ascribed to Leonardo da Vinci. This means that \_\_\_\_\_  
 a. Leonardo da Vinci painted it  
 b. Leonardo da Vinci definitely painted it  
 c. Leonardo da Vinci might have painted it  
 d. Leonardo da Vinci did part of the painting
12. The Principal's reference to the cane \_\_\_\_\_ the boy with much mental uneasiness  
 a. afflicted b. inflicted c. assaulted d. insulted
13. The President promised a higher allocation to the education sector in this year's budget \_\_\_\_\_ a. did he? b. didn't he? c. doesn't he? d. isn't he?
14. His three sons, Sanmi, Chukwu and Collins are eleven, nine and seven \_\_\_\_\_  
 a. succeedingly b. respectedly  
 c. respectively d. successively
15. The government's envoy has left the country again in his latest round of trouble shooting. The underlined expression means  
 a. peace making efforts b. trouble making efforts  
 c. trip marring efforts d. troublesome efforts
16. Hundreds of cars went \_\_\_\_\_ us before we were given a ride to the campus  
 a. past b. pasted c. passed d. by
17. You told me that Johnson is your trusted friend, why did you not stand up for him during his trial?  
 a. pity b. defend c. ridicule d. disown
18. As the examination progressed, it was observed that more and more candidates stared into space. This means many candidates  
 a. looked into the sky  
 b. looked through the window for would-be helpers  
 c. looked straight for long but to nothing in particular  
 d. tried to ensure that the spaces between them were well maintained.
19. When you pronounce the word university, how many sounds could you perceive?  
 a. 5 b. 10 c. 8 d. 4

**ANSWER KEY**

1	B	6	B	11	D	16	A
2	B	7	C	12	A	17	B
3	A	8	D	13	B	18	C
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5	B	10	D	15	A		



## Comprehension

Read the following passages carefully and answer the questions that follow.

## Passage 1

The best acceptable definition of history is that it is a record of the past actions of mankind, based on surviving evidence. It is this evidence that the historian employs to chronicle and correlate events, by which he arrives at conclusions which he believes to be valid. Hence, the historian is referred to as an interpreter of the development of mankind.

It should be understood that there is more than one way of treating the past. For example, in trying to deal with the revolutions in Nigeria, past and present, the historian may describe the events in a narrative order. Or, he may choose to concentrate on analysis of the general causes, comparing their stages of evolution with the patterns of revolution in other countries.

The historian does not seek to attain the same kind of results as the scientist, who can verify his conclusions by repeating his experiment under controlled conditions. Whilst he also attempts to classify the phenomena, the historian is more likely to consider event in terms of their uniqueness.

Added to this is the fact that history is concerned, fundamentally, with the lives and actions of men, and as such, the historian's search for causes is bound to be relatively subjective, as compared to that by the scientist. In essence, however, historians are agreed and insist that history should be written as scientifically as possible and that the evidence should be analysed with the same objective attitude employed by the scientist when he examines certain phenomena of nature.

1. According to the passage, a historian should try to examine a material
  - A. scientifically
  - B. subjectively
  - C. accurately
  - D. objectively
2. According to the passage, one of the duties of a historian is
  - A. to predict the future
  - B. to analyse the past and future
  - C. to explain the significance of past events
  - D. to interpret the development of mankind
3. The scientist tends to be more reliable than historian because
  - A. he works in a laboratory
  - B. he is better qualified
  - C. he can crosscheck his result several time
  - D. he has more time to work at his experiments
4. How can history be scientifically recorded?
  - A. by examining available evidence and analyzing unusual occurrences
  - B. by falsifying and fabricating available facts
  - C. by speculating on what was and ought to have been
  - D. by concealing some of the evidence
5. History could be defined as
  - A. a record of the evolution of a country
  - B. a record of development of mankind
  - C. a record of the present actions of mankind based on surviving evidence
  - D. a record of the past action of mankind based on surviving evidence

## Passage 2

From the apex of the Niger Delta southwards, dry land, overgrown with dense forests still virginal in various spots, gives way to seasonally inundated zones. Here, sweet water swamps with strands of raffia palms gradually merge into tidal swamps of brackish ooze, where mud skippers thrive under the arching roots of mangroves. The Niger, fingering through a thousand creeks, meet the sea in a dozen estuaries. Strong rivers currents drifts and mud across the river mouths, scaling them again and again to navigation.



6. Where do mudskippers thrive?  
A. in the creeks      B. in the swamps  
C. in the mangroves    D. in the roots
7. "Fingering through" as used in the passage means  
A. cutting across    B. passing through  
C. cutting between    D. passing between
8. According to the passage, how would you describe a seasonally inundated zone?  
A. a zone always covered with mud  
B. a zone always covered with shallow water  
C. a zone under water at certain times of the year  
D. a zone subject to heavy rain every season
9. Where does the Niger meet the sea?  
A. in the creeks    B. in the Delta  
C. in the swamps    D. in the forest
10. What is brackish ooze?  
A. a strong river current  
B. a mixture of fresh water and mud  
C. a mixture of fresh water and salt water  
D. fresh and clean water

### LEXIS AND STRUCTURE

In each of the following sentences, there is one word underlined and one gap. From the list of words lettered a-e choose the word that is most nearly opposite in meaning to the word underlined and which will appropriately fill the gap in the sentence. (11-15)

11. Athletes wishing to get rid of their..... and get more energy should take more exercise  
A. fat      B. oxygen    C. lethargy  
D. trainers    E. espots
12. A metal will expand when it is heated and ..... When it cools  
A. shorten    B. lesser    C. contract  
D. congeal    E. curtail
13. The political aspirant asked the villagers to support him and not to ..... his authority in any way  
A. deny      B. undermine    C. defy  
D. despite    E. attack
14. She was a very proficient hairdresser but had little aptitude for sewing in which she was....  
A. new      B. unskilled  
C. unlearned    D. ignorant    E. awkward
15. If you do not accept the offer of a job in the Secretariat within the next one week, we shall assume you ..... It  
A. denied      B. refused  
C. deprived      D. left      E. lost

From the list of words lettered a-e below each of the sentences, choose the one which is nearest in meaning to the underline word as it is used in the sentences (16-20)

16. The examiner said that the candidate's performance in the examination was not good enough  
a. failure    b. achievement    c. success  
d. presentation    e. marks
17. After finishing the 800 meters race, he fell asleep from exhaustion  
a. weakness    b. fatigue    c. overwork  
d. eagerness    e. sloth
18. Last night there was a very fierce rain storm  
a. raging    b. storming    c. angry  
d. violent    e. ferocious
19. After Warri, on our way to Benin, we passed through a dense forest  
a. crowded    b. close  
c. thick      d. heavy      e. wooded
20. The footballers went back to their camp sullenly  
a. cheekily    b. quickly    c. stubbornly    d. resentfully  
e. silently

In each of the following questions 21-25, fill each gap with the appropriate option from the list. Following exercises express different times by using different tenses. From the natives suggested, choose any one that best suits each context

21. More.....to your elbow as you campaign for press freedom  
a. energy    b. power  
c. effort      d. grease    e. kinetic
22. Sir, I'm not lying about the matter, I know nothing of it, if I knew  
a. I must tell you    b. I can tell you  
c. I would tell you    d. I shall tell you
23. The editor was not happy that the Nigeria press was hemmed.....  
a. up    b. across    c. in    d. over    e. sideways
24. A child that shows mature characteristics at an early age may be described as  
a. precocious    b. ingenuous  
c. premature    d. preconceived
25. That is a very terrible woman; everyday she makes a lot of noise about one thing or the other. I'm not surprised, that's what her sisters..... too.  
a. are used to doing    b. do    c. always used to do    d. are doing

### ANSWER KEY

1	C	6	B	11	C	16	E	21	D
2	B	7	A	12	C	17	B	22	C
3	C	8	C	13	E	18	A	23	C
4	A	9	B	14	B	19	C	24	A
5	B	10	C	15	B	20	D	25	B



In each of questions 1 and 2, choose the option that best completes the gap(s)

1. The car owner does not think about the \_\_\_\_\_ of his vehicle and other payment involved in owing it  
(a) transportation (b) depreciation  
(c) calculation (d) appreciation
2. We shall offer a good job to a \_\_\_\_\_ to register guests in the Central Hotel  
(a) waiter (b) watchman  
(c) cashier (d) receptionist

Choose the words that are closer in meaning to the words in initial positions

- 3 Futile: (a) worthless (b) vain (c) dangerous (d) useless
- 4 Halt: (a) wait (b) fault (c) stop (d) stay
- 5 Virtuous: (a) seeing (b) good (c) upright (d) religious
- 6 Renowned: (a) famous (b) popular (c) well read  
(d) familiar
- 7 Solitary: (a) private (b) sultry (c) alone (d) lonely

In each of the questions 8 and 9, choose the option opposite in meaning to the word in italics

- 8 Lola was *agitated* when the sad news of her mother's accident was broken to her. (a) excited (b) calm  
(c) uncontrollable (d) unreasonable
- 9 The President took exception to the *ignoble* role the young man played in the matter  
(a) honourable (b) embarrassing  
(c) dishonourable (d) extraordinary

In each of questions 10 to 12, select the option that best explains the information conveyed in the sentence.

- 10 The crowd in the hall is *intimidating*  
(a) the crowd is frightening (b) the crowd is angry  
(c) the crowd is overwhelming (d) the crowd is riotous
- 11 the events of last Friday show that there is *no love lost* between the Principal and the Vice-Principal  
(a) they like each other (b) they work independently  
(c) they cannot part company (d) they dislike each other
- 12 Adawo is an imp (a) Adawo behaves badly  
(b) Adawo behaves decently  
(c) Adawo behaves differently

(d) Adawo behaves queerly

In questions 13 and 14, select from the option to fill in the gaps

- 13 There is not \_\_\_\_\_ sense in what that politician has just said (a) many (b) plenty (c) lot of (d) much
- 14 The candidate made \_\_\_\_\_ at the village square a day before the elections (a) a sermon (b) an address  
(c) a eulogy (d) a speech

In each of questions 15 to 17, choose the option that best completes the gap(s)

- 15 The city \_\_\_\_\_ as a federal capital only \_\_\_\_\_ the last twenty years.  
(a) existed/over (b) has existed/for  
(c) was existing/from (d) is existing/in
- 16 The members of the other team agree \_\_\_\_\_ at the terms of the contract.  
(a) on (b) by (c) to (d) with
- 17 He is \_\_\_\_\_ Kaduna \_\_\_\_\_ an official assignment  
(a) at/in (b) at/for (c) in/on (d) for/in

In each of questions 18 and 19, choose the word or phrases which best fill(s) the gap(s)

- 18 The buildings damaged by the rainstorm \_\_\_\_\_ schools, hospitals and private houses (a) included  
(b) include (c) were included (d) was including
- 19 After Jerry had made the bed, he \_\_\_\_\_ on it  
(a) layed (b) laid (c) lied (d) lay

In each of questions 20 and 21, fill the gap(s) with the most appropriate option.

- 20 \_\_\_\_\_ any problems, I shall travel to London tomorrow on a business trip  
(a) in spite of (b) given  
(c) barring (d) in case
- 21 I can't stand people prying into my private life, Ladi said \_\_\_\_\_ agreed Agbemu  
(a) me either (b) me too (c) me also (d) like wise me

In each of questions 22 to 25, chose the option that has the same consonant sound as the one represented by the letter(s) underlined

- 22 school: (a) cool (b) chart (c) itch (d) leech

- 23 pharmacy: (a) every (b) rough (c) plough (d) wave  
24 cheam: (a) machine (b) sheep (c) chip (d) chemist  
25 happy: (a) our (b) eyes (c) honour (d) behind

**ANSWERKEY**

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|---|---|----|---|----|---|----|---|----|---|
| 1 | B | 6  | A | 11 | A | 16 | C | 21 | B |
| 2 | D | 7  | C | 12 | A | 17 | C | 22 | A |
| 3 | D | 8  | B | 13 | D | 18 | A | 23 | B |
| 4 | C | 9  | A | 14 | D | 19 | D | 24 | C |
| 5 | C | 10 | C | 15 | B | 20 | C | 25 | D |



### Passage 1

The privilege of blackening one's stool is not granted to every dead chief or queen-mother without conditions. The honour is merited only on the fulfillment of certain conditions on the part of the occupant of a stool. The blackening of a king's stool is regarded as the greatest honour that could be conferred on a ruler, thus in many Akan states only the stools of kings who proved to be true leaders are blackened.

No royal person's stool is reserved unless he died while still a ruler. A destooled chief is the last person whose memory anybody wants to keep fresh. He must have broken a taboo or committed a serious crime to merit his degradation. He may have committed adultery with his servants' wives; he may have bought and sold slaves, who are considered as heirlooms to the stool; he may have used the oath unreasonably; he may have cursed people. All these crimes can deprive a chief of his regal powers. Once this happens, he becomes, in the eyes of the people, more insignificant than a commoner who has no right whatever to be a chief.

However, a chief may 'die on the stool', and yet not have his stool blackened. This is so because one must die a 'good death'. Sudden death through an accident destroys the right to have one's stool blackened. So does death through an unusual disease like leprosy, lunacy, epilepsy and dropsy — which, if discovered in time, are causes of destoolment. The only exception here is death in war which magnifies one's fame and dignity. But even here, if it is found out that one fell when retreating, or running away, from the enemy, one is regarded as a treacherous and infamous leader who should be erased from all historical memory. A chief who suffered from an unclean disease, but got cured before dying, is said to have been engaged in a personal difficult war with the disease and emerged triumphant. Such a chief is worthy of respect. Suicide is, perhaps, one of the worst deaths a chief could undergo. Under no condition whatever will the stool of a ruler who takes his own life, or is killed by a 'fetish' be consecrated.



Answer the following questions on the passage.

1. Which of the following is true according to the passage?
  - a. it is entirely up to the chief whether or not his stool will eventually be blackened
  - b. it is partly up to him, partly due to circumstances beyond his control
  - c. it is entirely due to circumstances beyond his control
  - d. it depends entirely on people's opinion of him during his lifetime.
2. A destooled chief can be correctly defined as
  - a. a chief who has committed crimes
  - b. a chief who was removed during his reign
  - c. a chief who has broken taboos
  - d. a chief who is more insignificant than a commoner.
3. What is meant by 'die on the stool'?
  - a. dying a miserable and unworthy death
  - b. dying as a reigning ruler
  - c. dying while on stool in the palace
  - d. dying after a disease of stooling.
4. Which of the following is the most suitable title for the passage?
  - a. reasons for destoolment
  - b. how to live a worthy life by an Akan ruler

- c. an aspect of traditional custom of the Akan people
  - d. stool blackening by the royal personages.
5. The most basic condition that qualifies anybody for stool destoolment is
- a. dying a worthy death
  - b. having being crowned as a ruler
  - c. being a ruler with tangible achievements
  - d. having respect for traditional customs.

In the following sentences, choose the option that is most nearly opposite to the underlined word.

6. In any group there are people who display apathy  
A. enthusiasm B. patience C. respect D. tolerance
7. Femi was very open about his ambition  
A. silent B. withdrawn C. closed D. secretive.
8. Angela is very indolent. A. perfect B. devoted  
C. diligent D. trustworthy.
9. Rather than support the chairman, Olu slept off.  
A. deny B. oppose C. doubt D. back.
10. Ngozi's beauty is natural  
A. unnatural B. artificial C. awkward D. fake

### Passage 2

The passage below has gaps numbered 11 to 20. Immediately following each gap, four options are provided. Choose the most appropriate option for each gap.

Coach Samson Siasia has asked that Heartland be paid their.....11.....salaries and.....12.....so as to.....3.....them to victory against Al-Ahly of Egypt in Sunday's all-important CAF Championships League match. Heartland are third in Group B with four points.....14.....as many matches and need to.....15.....defeat at second-placed Al-Ahly to stay in the.....16.....for a place in the semi-final of Africa's most prestigious club competition. Siasia told MTN Football.com that the team would be better motivated if they at least receive their August salaries before the Al-Ahly.....17..... We have to make sure that they are paid their salaries.....18.....so that they could play the game of their lives. The government has done very well, but it will be a big morale.....19.....to get paid for them to go out there and play. Siasia informed MTN Football.com that Heartland plan to employ the counter.....20.....to get a result in Cairo.

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|----------------------|-------------------|----------------|--------------------|
| 11. A. left over     | B. outstanding    | C. owed        | D. late            |
| 12. A. match bonuses | B. match payments | C. match wages | D. match fees      |
| 13. A. push          | B. instigate      | C. spur        | D. move            |
| 14. A. from          | B. in             | C. at          | D. till            |
| 15. A. afford        | B. annul          | C. avoid       | D. afford          |
| 16. A. focus         | B. centre         | C. running     | D. front           |
| 17. A. show          | B. showdown       | C. show up     | D. blow out        |
| 18. A. to time       | B. for time       | C. as due      | D. as and when due |
| 19. A. boomer        | B. inspirer       | C. booster     | D. pusher          |
| 20. A. attack        | B. attacker       | C. getter      | D. goal            |

For questions 21-23, choose the best options from letters a - d that best summarises the information contained in the underlined sentence.

21. In an answer to the question as to how life is treating him, the politician said it never rains but it pours.
  - a. things are getting decidedly worse.
  - b. his financial status is deteriorating.
  - c. the blessings of life shower on him like a heavy rain.
  - d. he is contented with improved fortunes.
22. Camilla waited for her friend in the library for a good hour.
  - a. Camilla enjoyed the sixty minutes she waited for her friend.
  - b. When Camilla was waiting, she spent the time in a profitable way.
  - c. Camilla waited for her friend rather more than sixty minutes.
  - d. it was good for Camilla to wait an hour for her friend.

23. This is your instruction and I have had no hand in it. From this sentence we know that the writer
  - a. does not support the instruction
  - b. is refusing to obey the instruction
  - c. dislikes the person that issues the instruction
  - d. is somehow happy with the instruction.

For questions 24 and 25, choose the letter which contains the correct phonetic symbol in the underlined sounds below.

24. Plumb a. /m/ b. /b/ c. /ph/ d. /p/
25. Women a. /l/ b. /e/ c. /ou/ d. /u/

### ANSWER KEY

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|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 1. A | 6. A  | 11. B | 16. D | 21. C |
| 2. D | 7. D  | 12. A | 17. B | 22. B |
| 3. B | 8. B  | 13. C | 18. D | 23. A |
| 4. C | 9. B  | 14. A | 19. C | 24. A |
| 5. B | 10. B | 15. C | 20. A | 25. A |



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Choose the correct options to fill the gaps in the three questions below.

- I don't know what exactly you were saying. What is the name of the subordinate clause in this sentence?  
A. Adverbial Clause      B. Nominal Clause  
C. Adjectival Clause      D. Interrogative Clause
- Are you going to Lagos \_\_\_\_\_ your car?  
A. with      B. in      C. through      D. by
- Another name for a relative clause is \_\_\_\_\_  
A. Adverbial clause      B. Infinite Clause  
C. Adjectival Clause      D. Relational Clause

Choose from the options A-D the word or phrase that is nearest in meaning to the word underlined words

- My efforts at making her to see my point were rebuffed  
A. Embraced B. antagonized C. snubbed D. Successful
- He is a liar and can't be relied upon at all  
A. shifty B. thug C. unserious D. liar
- The speech was delivered with great trepidation  
A. fear B. dexterity C. power D. Creativity
- He cannot hide aversion for Kemi's unrepentant behavior  
A. abhorrence B. sadness C. ignominy D. moodiness
- My sister is known by everybody to be scurrilous  
A. pleasant B. vituperative C. active D. inactive

Choose from the options A-D the word opposite in meaning to the underlined word.

- The criminal's answers to be questions during interrogation were evasive  
A. harsh B. outspoken C. clever D. direct
- I guess he is indifferent to our plans to rid Nigeria of societal ills  
A. interested in      B. opposed to  
C. bothered      D. not interested in
- The girl is very somber in her style of dressing.  
A. Solemn B. Pleasant C. provocative D. exposing

Select from the options A-D the correct meaning of the idiom underlined

- The manager behaved as if he had bats in the belfry.  
A. he was pleasant      B. he had strange ideas  
C. he was speechless      D. he was angry
- Agnes was off colour this morning. She was not in class.  
A busy somewhere else

- B. not able to wake up early enough  
C. not in her right mind D. not in good health

Fill in the spaces in the passage below with the appropriate words.

One needs to observe the.....14..... of the.....  
15.....to appreciate how interesting it can be. I witnessed  
a land.....16..... many years back.  
The.....17.....had.....18.....those who sold him a piece  
of land to court for .....19.....on his land. Appearing for  
the defendants the .....20.....argued that the land had  
been lying untouched for over thirty years and had  
become a hideout for social miscreants.

- |     | A              | B          | C               | D          |
|-----|----------------|------------|-----------------|------------|
| 14. | work           | proceeding | hearing         | working    |
| 15. | law            | document   | war             | ruling     |
| 16. | quarrel        | law        | matter          | case       |
| 17. | plaintiff      | defendant  | accused         | criminal   |
| 18. | arrested       | sued       | fought          | prosecuted |
| 19. | trespassing    | claiming   | building        | working    |
| 20. | legal luminary | plaintiff  | defence counsel | criminal   |

Choose from the options A-D the appropriate verb that best completes the following sentences.

- Although she suffered a lot of hardship she still .....  
A. gloat B. glowed C. flowed D. splashed
- Our plane ..... down at Aminu Kano international airport  
at exactly 12 midnight.  
A. landed B. descended C. got D. touched
- The disease was ..... very rapidly in the community  
A. widening B. catching people C. spreading D. raging

Choose from the options A-D the correct spelling.

- A. embaras B. embarass C. embarras D. embarrass
- A. conterfiet B. conterfiet C. counterfeit D. counterfeet

ANSWER KEY

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|------|------|------|------|------|
| 1. C | 6 A  | 11 C | 16 D | 21 B |
| 2. B | 7 A  | 12 - | 17 A | 22 D |
| 3. C | 8 B  | 13 D | 18 B | 23 C |
| 4. C | 9 D  | 14 B | 19 A | 24 D |
| 5. C | 10 A | 15 A | 20 C | 25 C |

**PASSAGE**

All over the world till lately, and in most of the world still today, mankind has been following the course of nature that is to say, it has been breeding up to the maximum. To let nature take her extravagant course in the reproduction of the human race may have made sense in an age in which we were also letting her take her course in decimating mankind by the casualties of war, pestilence, and famine. Being human, we have at least revolted against that senseless waste. We have started to impose on nature's heartless place a humane new order of our own. But when once man has begun to interfere with nature, he cannot afford to stop half way. We cannot, with impunity, cut down the death rate, and at the same time allow the birth-rate to go on taking nature's course. We must consciously try to establish an equilibrium or, sooner or later, famine will stalk abroad again.

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Now answer the following questions.

- The author observes that
  - War, pestilence, and famine were caused by the extravagance of nature
  - It was wise at a time mankind did not interfere with normal production
  - Nature is heartless and senseless
  - There was a time when uncontrolled birth made sense
- Which of these statements does not express the opinion of the author?
  - Many people had died in the past through war and disease.
  - Mankind should not have the maximum number of children possible
  - Mankind has started to interfere with the work of nature.
  - Man's present relationship with nature in matters of birth and death is a happy one.
- 'humane' as used in the passage means
  - wise
  - human
  - benevolent
  - sensible
- 'We must consciously try to establish an equilibrium' in the passage implies that mankind must
  - strive not to be wasteful
  - realistically find an equation
  - purposely find a balance
  - deliberately try to fight
- The main idea of this passage is that
  - nature is heartless
  - man should control the birth rate
  - man should change nature's course gradually
  - pestilence causes more death than war

In each of questions 6 – 8, choose the option nearest in meaning to the word(s) or phrase in italics.

- Nobody could say precisely when the landlord became a *recluse*
  - loner
  - drunkard
  - nincompoop
  - cantankerous
- If I had known his delicate state of mind, I would not have *broached* the matter
  - told them
  - divulged
  - brought up
  - cancelled
- Don't talk like that; you know the Professor will not entertain such *vituperative* remarks.
  - irresponsible
  - insulting
  - angry
  - illiterate

In each of questions 9 – 11, choose the most appropriate option opposite in meaning to the word or phrases in italics.

- He has been advised to beware of political *jobbers* if he hopes to succeed.
  - neophytes
  - masquerades
  - stockbrokers
  - masterminds
- What a *tangled* web we weave, when we try to deceive.
  - complicated
  - crooked
  - simple
  - loose
- She devoted too much time to the *peripheral* aspects.
  - superficial
  - minor
  - main
  - real

In each of questions 12 – 16, fill each gap with the most appropriate option from the list provided.

- My daughter would become ..... if I paid no attention to her behavior.
  - rascally
  - rhapsodically
  - rascally
  - rascality

- When the soldiers saw that resistance was ..... they stopped fighting.
  - inadvertent
  - futile
  - inappropriate
  - insurmountable
- The last time the man saw his ex-wife, she.....
  - was thinking of a proposal of starting a new business
  - was intending to start a new business
  - intended to start a new business
  - was going to start a new business
- Two days before the execution, the robber was taken to the place where he would be ..... With doleful eyes, he looked at the spot where his execution .....

  - hunged/was to be taken place
  - hanging/shall take place
  - hung/would take place
  - hanged/was to take place

- 'Don't.....', said the leader, 'I want a decision now'.
  - prevaricate
  - predicate
  - precipitate
  - be pejorative

From question 17, choose the letter which contains the correct phonetic symbol in the underlined sounds below.

- Women
  - /f/
  - /e/
  - /ou/
  - /u/

From question 18, choose the word which contains the correct sounds as given in each of the sounds below.

- /v/ A. off B. fan C. of D. four

In each of questions 19 and 20, choose the option that best completes the gap(s)

- The car owner does not think about the ..... of his vehicle and other payments involved in owning it.
  - Transportation
  - depreciation
  - calculation
  - appreciation
- We shall offer a good job to a ..... to register guests in the Central Hotel.
  - Waiter
  - watchman
  - cashier
  - receptionist

In question 21 and 22, fill in the right word or phrase

- There is not ..... sense in what politician has just said
  - many
  - plenty
  - lot of
  - much
- 'I'm sorry I can't give you any of the oranges, I have ..... left.
  - few
  - little
  - only a little
  - a few

Fill in the gaps in the following sentences with appropriate preposition

- Lawrence did not win the contract ..... the long run.
  - at
  - in
  - on
  - to
- Menuna was careful not to fall ..... Ameen's tricks.
  - into
  - for
  - in
  - with
- The Commander had placed his troop ..... alert.
  - in
  - on
  - at
  - over

ANSWERS

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|-----|------|------|------|------|
| 1.B | 6.A  | 11.C | 16.A | 21.A |
| 2.D | 7.C  | 12.C | 17.A | 22.A |
| 3.B | 8.C  | 13.D | 18.C | 23.B |
| 4.C | 9.A  | 14.A | 19.B | 24.B |
| 5.C | 10.C | 15.D | 20.D | 25.C |