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MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTION PAPER

One and a half hours

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Read the following instructions carefully before you start answering the questions in this paper. Make sure you have a soft HB pencil and an eraser for this examination.

1. USE A SOFT HB PENCIL THROUGHOUT THE EXAMINATION.
2. DO NOT OPEN THIS BOOKLET UNTIL YOU ARE TOLD TO DO SO.

Before the examination begins:

3. Check that this question booklet is headed "ORDINARY/INTERMEDIATE LEVEL – 0530 ENGLISH LANGUAGE 1"
4. Fill in the information required in the spaces above.
5. Fill in the information required in the spaces provided on the answer sheet using your HB pencil: **Candidate Name, Exam Session, Subject Code and Candidate Identification Number.**
Take care that you do not crease or fold the answer sheet or make any marks on it other than those asked for in these instructions.

How to answer the questions in this examination

6. Answer **ALL** the **50** questions in this Examination. All questions carry equal marks.
7. Each question has **FOUR** suggested answers: **A, B, C and D.** Decide which answer is appropriate. Find the number of the question on the Answer Sheet and draw a horizontal line across the letter to join the square brackets for the answer you have chosen.

For example, if **C** is your correct answer, mark **C** as shown below:

[A] [B] [C] [D]

8. Mark only one answer for each question. If you mark more than one answer, you will score a zero for that question. If you change your mind about an answer, erase the first mark carefully, then mark your new answer.
9. Avoid spending too much time on any one question. If you find a question difficult, move on to the next question. You can come back to this question later.
10. Do all your rough work in this booklet using the blank spaces.
11. **At the end of the examination, the invigilator shall collect the answer sheet first and then the question booklet. DO NOT ATTEMPT TO LEAVE THE EXAMINATION HALL WITH IT.**

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SECTION A
LISTENING COMPREHENSION (5 marks)
QUESTIONS

Using only the material read to you from the listening comprehension passage, answer each of the following questions as directed.

Choose the best answer from the alternatives (A, B, C and D) for each of the questions below.

SECTION ONE

1. _____ is the main thing one can do to prevent the spread of infection.

A Health care
B Hand washing
C Body washing
D Disease control

2. In the passage we are advised to wash our hands _____.

A every morning
B three times a day
C only after using the toilet
D as many times as possible

3. The expression "Do so" read to you from the passage refers to _____.

A wash hands
B dress
C touch a wound
D prepare food

4. According to the passage, it is best to wash hands using _____.

A sanitizer and water
B soap and sanitizer
C alcohol and water
D water and soap

SECTION TWO

5. Cold and flu are considered as _____ diseases.

A common
B waterborne
C contagious
D air and waterborne

6. You have heard the word "physical" read to you from the passage. Which word from the list below has the same stress pattern as in "physical"?

A preventive
B principal
C pretentious
D protected

7. Infectious diseases can be prevented by _____.

A bathing daily
B being wiser
C sitting outdoor
D vaccination

SECTION THREE

8. Litter, filth, uncovered food and garbage attract _____.

A microbes and insects
B vermin and microbes
C insects and vermin
D insects and infections

9. Flies can transmit infections of the _____.

A eye
B nose
C ear
D stomach

10. This talk could have been delivered by a _____.

A health worker
B counsellor
C veterinary doctor
D teacher



SECTION B
READING COMPREHENSION (7½ marks)

Read the passage below carefully and answer the questions which follow.

Female prostitution has become a common phenomenon around the world. There is a lot of trafficking of women going on. Every year, many young women are recruited for **this trade**. These women are given false hopes that they would have good jobs, marriages, and opportunities of various kinds that do not exist. They are given free visas and made to understand that they are the ones to solve the problem of poverty in their families. Accepting all these as true, these women and their parents enter into agreements as a way of improving on their family situations. 5

When they arrive at the port of entry, these women are forced into prostitution. Most often, they have no knowledge of the local language. They are **totally at the mercy of the perpetrators** who threaten them and if they do not co-operate, they are abused and sometimes killed. Some of these women are sold **from one "madam"** to another and finally they are exposed to different men, with different characters and behaviour, who use them as sex objects. These traffickers do not leave them till they have worked for them and paid all they spent in getting them abroad. 10

It is sad that a good number of Africans are still blind to this new system of slavery. How can a parent expect his/her daughter who is not educated and has no qualification of any sort to get a decent job abroad? Even when she is educated, how can a stranger offer one a good job just like that? Let this passage educate Africans who want to live out of their countries. When they win the so called lottery, it will only permit them to go there but they must look for what to do when they get there. 15

America or Europe is not a paradise as many Africans mistakenly think. They are like any other place in the world where people have to struggle to survive. When people entertain the idea of going overseas, they must make sure that their travelling is legal and that they have a sense of purpose. They must protect the good image of their own country by not trying to go through the back door because in the end, they will destroy their image and that of their country. One needs genuine **travelling documents** like a passport and the necessary visa to enter the country. One needs a work and residence permit to have a good job and to live a peaceful life in the country of destination. It is important to keep in mind that there is also a high level of unemployment abroad and it is not easy to get a good job. Actually, women would never get all the money they make from prostitution, for what they get is far less than what they put in. The mental torture and the dangers involved in the prostitution business are unbearable and not worth the sacrifice. It is important to know that when one cannot get the job one wants, one will be forced to accept any type of job just to survive. 20

If people must go abroad, they must make sure they have valid travelling documents and they know the people who are assisting them to travel very well. Travellers should endeavour to find out from the embassy of the country of their destination if the type of job opportunity they are being offered exists; and the authenticity of the company inviting them. They should contact bodies in their country that can assist them with useful information. Migrants should not travel without the knowledge of their family. It is important for family to know departure dates, name and address of travelling companions and even have their photographs. In this way a lawyer can be contacted in case their relative gets into trouble. The lawyer may be able to assist his clients and obtain free services. Passports should never be handed to anybody. 25

The worst situation is that there are many women and men who are ashamed to come back home when they discover that they have been deceived because they feel they have failed their families. It is never too late to realize one's mistake and come home. In fact, it is the most honourable thing to do. There is no other place like home. **Time has come for Africans to look for their "salvation" among themselves and in their own home lands.** Most of the jobs Africans agree to do abroad are jobs they would not ordinarily do back in their home country. Africa is blessed with rich human and material resources. These only need to be exploited and the dividends used for the good of all. 30

I believe strongly that Africans can start now to build their countries with the gifts they have. Let us stop running away from our countries. We have many gifts, and all we need is to support one another, appreciate our gifts and those of others; join all forces to build solid nations where every citizen will feel at home. East or West home is best. 35

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QUESTIONS

11. "This trade" (line 2) refers to _____.
A slave trade
B prostitution
C recruitment of women
D trafficking of women
12. According to the passage, the mistake made by the young women is that they _____.
A are too excited about going abroad
B hope to have jobs and good opportunities
C fail to realize the falsehood in the promises made to them
D fail to see how expensive their venture is
13. The expression "totally at the mercy of the perpetrators" (line 8) suggests that the women _____.
A cannot find their way back home
B depend on their masters for livelihood
C are helpless in the hands of their masters
D are treated without mercy
14. Some of the women are abused or killed because they _____.
A are not willing to give in
B are arrogant and lousy
C want to expose the deeds of traffickers
D have nothing to offer
15. In the expression "from one madam" (lines 9 and 10) the word "madam" refers to _____.
A the wife of the trafficker
B a woman in charge of prostitutes
C an elderly woman doing trafficking
D a married woman of class
16. According to the passage, it is rather _____ that jobs Africans readily do overseas are jobs they would not do back in their own countries.
A ironical
B traumatic
C coincidental
D humorous
17. No amount of money got from prostitution can make up for the _____ involved.
A loss of dignity and sickness
B exposure and shame
C unbearable mental torture and danger
D shame and physical torture
18. It is necessary for a person who is to travel abroad for a given job to enquire from the embassy of the country of his/her destination whether the job offered him /her exists there and what the inviting company does because this will _____.
A enable the person to know if he/she is being deceived/tricked
B help the person know if the payment is attractive or not
C facilitate the travelling process
D enable him/her to arrive his/her destination with ease
19. It is not good for a person to hand over his/her passport to anybody because it could be _____.
A torn
B stolen
C replaced
D hidden
20. In the phrase "travelling documents" (line 21) "travelling" is used as a/an _____.
A gerund
B adverb
C verb
D adjective
21. According to the writer, failing to realize one's dreams abroad and coming back home is _____.
A facing the realities of life
B the most dignifying thing to do
C facing life from both ends
D staying away from your dreams
22. The expression "Time has come for Africans to work for their salvation among themselves and their home lands." (lines 39-40) implies that Africans _____.
A have had enough of stress from abroad
B can develop themselves by making good use of their resources
C are a blessing in disguise to Europe
D are blessed with lots of natural resources
23. The unexploited blessings of Africa are _____ resources.
A human and mineral
B material and economic
C natural and material
D material and human

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24. Africans will be self-sufficient and independent the moment they _____.
 A believe in themselves
 B start developing their countries with the gifts they have
 C stop trafficking young women
 D start monitoring the rate of exodus

25. The message the author of this passage seems to be emphasizing is that _____.
 A Africans can make it back home
 B there is high unemployment in Europe and Africa
 C Africans think they need Europe to make it in life
 D Africans see Europe as a paradise

SECTION C

GRAMMAR (7½ marks)

Read the instructions for each question or set of questions carefully before answering.
 Choose the best answer that completes each sentence.

26. If he had attended the party, he _____ me.
 A will
 B would have seen
 C would see
 D might see

27. Whenever you buy an article, insist _____ being given a receipt.
 A on
 B to
 C at
 D with

28. The most recent shootout resulted _____ the death of many.
 A into
 B at
 C to
 D in

29. The mathematics teacher taught citizenship because there wasn't _____ to teach it.
 A nobody else
 B anybody else
 C no other body
 D somebody else

30. Amanda is the captain of the _____ football team.
 A girls
 B girl's
 C girl
 D girls'

31. You won't tell anybody, _____.

A won't you
 B would you
 C will you
 D wouldn't you

32. If he _____ the truth, I would have forgiven him.

A told
 B had told
 C has told
 D tell

33. Not _____ did she refuse to speak to me, but she also vowed never to see me again.

A only
 B simply
 C just
 D merely

34. Lukong is not happy with his present job _____ the salary is very low.

A even if
 B in spite
 C as
 D although

35. Leaders who don't listen _____ believe they have the answers.

A usually
 B likely
 C badly
 D rightly

36. The farmers look forward to _____ in agro-pastoral shows.

A participate
 B participating
 C participation
 D have participation

37. The wind is _____ to blow the roof off.

A strong enough
 B too strong
 C quite strong
 D very strong

38. The woman whom John _____ comes from Nigeria.

A is about to marry her
 B has engaged her
 C is engaged to
 D is engaged to her

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39. The mad lady was wearing a pair of _____ slippers.
- A small red plastic
 - B small plastic red
 - C plastic red small
 - D red small plastic

40. The sentence which is correctly punctuated is: _____.
- A Alice has a busy schedule this week, however; she promises to be at the party.
 - B Alice has a busy schedule this week, however, she promises to be at the party.
 - C Alice has a busy schedule this week however; she promises to be at the party!
 - D Alice has a busy schedule this week. However she promises to be at the party.

SECTION D

VOCABULARY (5 marks)

Read the instructions for each question or set of questions carefully before answering.

For numbers 41-46, choose the answer that best completes each sentence.

41. After recording several absences from school, the class prefect was _____ of his duties.

- A removed
- B relieved
- C discharged
- D dismissed

42. Many people are not well _____ in taking minutes.

- A acquainted
- B efficient
- C versed
- D experienced

43. The _____ took control of the plane by force.

- A pilot
- B vandal
- C burglar
- D hijacker

44. The police not only arrested the leader of the gang but also the _____ who had helped him.

- A associates
- B attackers
- C accomplices
- D solicitors

45. Peter's behaviour brought _____ credit to his name.

- A un
- B mis
- C dis
- D in

46. _____ was provided during our stay in Cameroon.

- A Accommodation
- B Accomodation
- C Acommodation
- D Acomodation

For numbers 47 and 48, choose the answer that best explains the meaning of the underlined word.

47. I can't force them to attend the party.

- A insist
- B persuade
- C convince
- D compel

48. At the age of twelve he showed exceptional talent as a footballer

- A excellent
- B unequal
- C outstanding
- D renown

For numbers 49 and 50, choose the answer that gives the opposite of the underlined word.

49. The curtains were transparent.

- A thick
- B opaque
- C dark
- D light

50. His speech was too brief for my liking.

- A monotonous
- B temporary
- C expansive
- D lengthy

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