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**ENTRANCE EXAMINATION 2004/2005 ACADEMIC SESSION**

SUBJECT: ENGLISH LANGUAGE

CLASS: JSS. 1

TIME: 90 MINUTES

**INSTRUCTIONS**

1. Answer all questions
2. You may use a pen or biro for the examination.
3. Write your Examination Centre and your Examination Number.
4. Each question is followed by five answers lettered A – E. Find out the correct answer to each question and circle the letter of the option.
5. Do not ask explanation of any sort during the Examination.
6. If you wish to change your answer, clean out the first answer completely.
7. Work as fast and as accurately as you can.

**Comprehension**

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions below.

I was asleep in my room by the time it all started. First of all, a very strong wind began to blow. There was great noise everywhere as the wind tossed trees from one side to the other. Some trees fell head-long in the storm; others had their trunks, branches and leaves blown off and strewn everywhere. Birds sang with sorrow as their nests and young ones were carried away in the wind. Houses were not left out; roofs were blown off them. I heard the thunder booming and saw lightning flashing in the sky. For about fifteen minutes, which lasted like ages, the windstorm raged; then came the rain, pounding heavily on the roof top. Frightened, I snuggled under my blanket and lay still listening.

It was still raining heavily when I woke up the next morning. Everywhere was flooded; our compound, the road, everywhere. The rain was still so heavy after breakfast that my parents did not allow me to go to school. They insisted I must not leave home until the rain stopped.

We were to have a test that day and I did not want to miss it. All my desperate pleas to be allowed to go fell on deaf ears. Frustrated and angry, I went to the window to watch the rain.

“Help! Help!!” A shrill cry came from the road near our house. A boy was being swept away by the great flood. Men and women rushed out into the rain. Soon strong arms snatched the boy from the rushing flood but not before he had swallowed a large quantity of flood water. It was Sylvester Okeke, my neighbour, dressed for school. As I watched his shivering body and big stomach, I understood why my parents stopped me from going to school. Humbled, I knelt down by that window, and thanked God for my parents and my safety.

**Question:**

1. Birds sang with sorrow because ... (a) of the wind (b) Their nests and young ones were blown away (c) They were blown about by the wind (d) They were frightened by the thunder and lightning (e) The trees fell and they had nowhere to perch.
2. Replace the expression “by the time” used in the passage by a word without changing the meaning of the sentence. (a) after (b) at the time (c) during (d) when (e) while
3. For how long did the wind rage before the rain started? (a) All night (b) For ages (c) For fifteen minutes (d) Till after breakfast (e) Throughout

4. Why did the author not go to school that day? (a) Because it was raining (b) Because of the thunder and lightning (c) He stood by the window watching the rain (d) He wanted to miss his test. (e) His parents did not allow him to.
5. Sylvester Okeke was crying for help because he ... (a) had swallowed flood water (b) was beaten by the rain (c) was being carried away by the flood (d) was cold and shivering (e) was dressed in his school uniform
6. My desperate pleas.... Fell on deaf ears means that the parents (a) did not grant his Pleas (b) were deaf (c) did not hear him (d) did not listen to him (e) granted his pleas

**Fill in the blank spaces with the most suitable option.**

7. His shirt is the same colour as ... (a) he's (b) him (c) me (d) mine (e) my
8. He is a man .....the people. (a) at (b) by (c) in (d) of (e) with
9. My aunty's son is my .... (a) brother (b) cousin (c) nephew (d) niece (e) uncle
10. I have never missed....to church with my parents (a) go (b) goes (c) going (d) gone (e) went
11. Please give me ....rice. (a) a few (b) few (c) many (d) most (e) some
12. I have not seen Amina ....she travelled home. (a) as (b) even (c) for (d) when (e) since
13. Show me your friend and I will tell you .... (a) mine (b) what to do (c) what you are (d) whom you are (e) where he want
14. Olu ran----his friend, Musa at the park. (a) onto (b) into (c) away to (d) at (e) on

**From the options choose the correct spelling.**

15. (a) committed (b) conmitted (c) committed (d) cormitted (e) cormmitted.
16. (a) stobborn (b) stubborn (c) stuborn (d) sturbbon (e) sturbon

**From options choose the word that best completes each of these sentences:**

- A. again B. anymore C. each other D. themselves E. the whole F. All the G. May
17. Ada and Saratu love....very dearly
  18. ....Pupils are busy studing
  19. Bassey does not live here....
  20. ....I come in, sir?

**From the list of words lettered A to E, choose the word that best fills each of the gaps numbered 21 – 25.**

Dear John,

I am pleased to\_\_\_\_\_21\_\_\_\_\_you that you\_\_\_\_\_22\_\_\_\_\_successful in the entrance examination and interview conducted for admission \_\_\_\_\_23\_\_\_\_\_this school next September. You are to pay a \_\_\_\_\_24\_\_\_\_\_of twenty naira\_\_\_\_\_25\_\_\_\_\_June 30th.

21. (a) into (b) before (c) deposit (d) inform (e) were
22. (a) into (b) before (c) deposit (d) inform (e) were
23. (a) into (b) before (c) deposit (d) inform (e) were
24. (a) into (b) before (c) deposit (d) inform (e) were
25. (a) into (b) before (c) deposit (d) inform (e) were

**There are three sentences in each of the following questions. Read them carefully and choose which one should come first, which one second and which third. An example is given below:**

**Example:**

1. A paper fell into it.
  2. The paper got wet.
  3. There was some water in the bucket
- A. 1,2,3, B. 1,3,2, C. 2,3,1 D. 3,1,2, E. 3,2,1

The correct answer is D, that is

1. There was some water in the bucket.
2. A paper fell into it.
3. The paper got wet.

We would therefore circle option D in the question paper.

Now answer questions 26 – 30.

26.
  1. My father puts his money in the bank.
  2. My father collects big interests on his money.
  3. My father has a lot of money.

(a) 1,2,3, (b) 2,1,3 (c) 2,3,1 (d) 3,1,2 (e) 3,2,1
27.
  1. I went to bed early yesterday evening.
  2. I was very tired
  3. I worked hard throughout yesterday.

(a) 1,3,2 (b) 2,1,3 (c) 2,3,1 (d) 3,1,2 (e) 3,2,1
28.
  1. Our parents have travelled for over a week.
  2. We pray for our parents' safe return
  3. We miss our parents a great deal.

(a) 1,2,3 (b) 1,3,2 (c) 2,1,3 (d) 3,1,2 (e) 3,2,1
29.
  1. The teacher flogged us.
  2. We were late to school
  3. The teacher was angry with us.

(a) 1,3,2 (b) 2,1,3 (c) 2,3,1 (d) 3,1,2 (e) 3,2,1  
(b) 2,1,3 (c) 2,3,1 (d) 3,1,2 (e) 3,2,1
30.
  1. We had English language lesson in our class.
  2. Our teacher was absent
  3. We had to read our books ourselves

(a) 1,2,3 (b) 1,3,2 (c) 2,1,3 (d) 2,3,1 (e) 3,1,2

**In each of the following questions, choose the one word that CANNOT be formed by an arrangement of some or all of the letters of the word written in capital letters. DO NOT use any letter more than it appears in the word written in capital letters. An example is given below.**

**Example: TAILOR**

- A. rail
- B. ratio
- C. tail
- D. toll

**The word that CANNOT be formed by an arrangement of some or all of the letters of the word TAILOR is "toll". We would therefore circle option (D) on the question paper.**

**Now answer questions 31 – 35.**

31. CROCODILE  
(a) coil (b) cook (c) door (d) lice (e) rile

32. EDUCATION

- (a) cute (b) done (c) neat (d) none (e) noted

33. ALLOWANCE

- (a) clean (b) lone (c) lower (d) ocean (e) wane

34. SUPPORT

- (a) pus (b) romp (c) sort (d) spot (e) tour

35. ECONOMY

- (a) come (b) money (c) mono (d) name (e) one

**In each of the following questions there is a pair of words followed by another pair which is not complete. Study the first pair carefully and choose from the options lettered A – E the one that best completes the second pair.**

**An example is given below:**

**Example: Books and Library; Animals and \_\_\_\_\_**

- (a) kiosk (b) manger (c) zoo (d) hive**

36. King and crown; Lawyer and \_\_\_\_\_

- (a) beret (b) case (c) court (d) robe (e) wig

37. Animal and hair; Bird and \_\_\_\_\_

- (a) beak (b) claws (c) feather (d) fight (e) fur

38. Teacher and school; warder and \_\_\_\_\_

- (a) court (b) junction (c) prison (d) stadium (e) station

39. Football and goal; Examination and \_\_\_\_\_

- (a) mark (b) school (c) success (d) student (e) worker (e) victory

40. Sheep and bleat; cat and \_\_\_\_\_

- (a) bark (b) hiss (c) mew (d) neigh (e) roar

**In each of the following items a word is missing. Choose the word that most suitably completes the relationship.**

**Example: Mother and daughter; father and \_\_\_\_\_**

- (a) niece (b) wife (c) grandfather (d) son (e) brother

**The correct answer is 'son', lettered (D).**

Now answer questions 41 – 46.

41. Sheep and bleat; lion and \_\_\_\_\_

- (a) squeak (b) hiss (c) cry (d) shout (e) roar

42. Dog and bark; Donkey and \_\_\_\_\_

- (a) bray (b) bleat (c) wail (d) dance (e) chant

43. Car and wheel; aeroplane and \_\_\_\_\_

- (a) driver (b) pilot (c) wings (d) seats (e) engine

44. Beautiful and ugly; sharp and \_\_\_\_\_ (a) dark (b) blunt (c) round (d) flat (e) hard

45. Hand and wrist; foot and \_\_\_\_\_

- (a) bone (b) elbow (c) knee (d) ankle (e) shoes

46. Fish and swim; horse and \_\_\_\_\_

- (a) jump (b) run (c) dance (d) walk (e) gallop

**In each of the following questions pick out one word that does NOT belong to the group.**

**Example: a) rat (b) lizard (d) yam (c) elephant**

**The word 'yam' does not belong to the group. We therefore circle option D.**

Now answer questions 47 – 54.

- 47. (a) dog (b) cat (c) rabbit (d) goat (e) parrot
- 48. (a) river (b) avenue (c) lane (d) path (e) street
- 49. (a) tiny (b) minute (c) enormous (d) small (e) little
- 50. (a) lorry (b) car (c) aeroplane (d) boat (e) passenger
- 51. (a) meek (b) kind (c) gentle (d) wild (e) mild
- 52. (a) student (b) professor (c) teacher (d) coach (e) instructor
- 53. (a) Air force (b) Boy scouts (c) Navy (d) Police force (e) Army
- 54. (a) desk (b) blackboard (c) bed (d) table (e) locker

**Complete each of the following statements with the most appropriate of the options lettered A – E.**

- 55. The organizers said they regretted that \_\_\_\_\_ of the invited speakers was present.  
(a) both (b) either (c) most (d) none (e) one
- 56. Many dogs in our area are gentle but \_\_\_\_\_ are fierce. (a) all (b) some (c) most (d) any (e) lots
- 57. The little girl speaks so \_\_\_\_\_ that many people enjoy listening to her.  
(a) correctly (b) fast (c) loud (d) peacefully (e) softly.
- 58. My friend's handwriting is easy to read because he writes \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) correctly (b) directly (c) legibly (d) plainly (e) straight
- 59. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the four sticks is mine.  
(a) long (b) much (c) longest (d) most long (e) much long
- 60. My younger brother is not as \_\_\_\_\_ as I am.  
(a) Most tall (b) much tall (c) tall (d) taller (e) tallest
- 61. I met my friend when I \_\_\_\_\_ to his house  
(a) am going (b) go (c) had gone (d) have gone (e) was going
- 62. We \_\_\_\_\_ the boy who stole our pencils.  
(a) are finding (b) find (c) finding (d) had found (e) have found
- 63. Our school Headmaster \_\_\_\_\_ to Abuja every week.  
(a) have traveled (b) is traveling (c) travel (d) traveled (e) travels
- 64. The visitor was told \_\_\_\_\_ come in.  
(a) to (b) may (c) might (d) must (e) should
- 65. We all know that a six-month-old baby \_\_\_\_\_ not walk.  
(a) can (b) must (c) shall (d) should (e) will
- 66. You will see me tomorrow.  
(a) Is it? (b) Is that? (c) Isn't it? (d) Will you? (e) Won't you?
- 67. The boy \_\_\_\_\_ insulted his teacher was severely punished. (a) Which (b) that (c) who (d) whom (e) was.
- 68. Is this the pencil you bought for me?  
(a) No, it is (b) No, it was (c) Yes, it is (d) Yes, it isn't (e) Yes, it wasn't
- 69. \_\_\_\_\_ you fail to report for work early, you will be queried.  
(a) If (b) Since (c) Though (d) When (e) Where
- 70. You will be punished \_\_\_\_\_ you do that work immediately.  
(a) assuming (b) because (c) if (d) supposing (e) unless
- 71. The statement, "Monkeys eat bananas", is best re-written in the passive form as  
(a) Bananas are eaten by Monkeys (b) Bananas have been eaten by Monkeys  
(c) Bananas is eaten by Monkeys (d) Bananas were eaten by Monkeys (e) Monkeys ate Bananas
- 72. The statement I have lost a pencil, is best re-written in the passive form as,  
A pencil \_\_\_\_\_ lost.  
(a) has been (b) have been (c) is being (d) was (e) was being

73. My book is different \_\_\_\_\_ yours  
 (a) to (b) from (c) with (d) at (e) in
74. Ada is fond \_\_\_\_\_ her mother.  
 (a) with (b) in (c) at (d) by (e) of
75. \_\_\_\_\_ night I pray before I go to bed.  
 (a) In (b) By (c) From (d) At (e) On
76. I have much respect \_\_\_\_\_ my parents  
 (a) for (b) from (c) with (d) by (e) on
77. Our teacher prepared us \_\_\_\_\_ this examination.  
 (a) against (b) in (c) for (d) by (e) about

**In the following passage the numbered gaps indicate missing words. Against each number in the list below the passage, five options are offered lettered A – E. For each question (78 – 87) choose the word that is most suitable to fill the numbered gaps in the passage.**

Remi did not get \_\_\_\_\_ 78 \_\_\_\_\_ well \_\_\_\_\_ 79 \_\_\_\_\_ his lessons. He was neither regular \_\_\_\_\_ 80 \_\_\_\_\_ punctual \_\_\_\_\_ 81 \_\_\_\_\_ classes because he preferred playing \_\_\_\_\_ 82 \_\_\_\_\_ studying. He absented himself \_\_\_\_\_ 83 \_\_\_\_\_ school \_\_\_\_\_ 84 \_\_\_\_\_ much \_\_\_\_\_ 85 \_\_\_\_\_ the teacher reported the matter to his parents, who became very unhappy \_\_\_\_\_ 86 \_\_\_\_\_ what he was turning \_\_\_\_\_ 87: \_\_\_\_\_ a truant.

78. (a) in (b) at (c) on (d) off (e) by
79. (a) with (b) from (c) by (d) off (e) into
80. (a) or (b) nor (c) not (d) or either (e) nor either
81. (a) by (b) from (c) at (d) within (e) to
82. (a) to (b) with (c) from (d) or (e) by
83. (a) at (b) with (c) from (d) or (e) by
84. (a) as (b) too (c) so (d) very (e) many
85. (a) that (b) as (c) so (d) why (e) therefore
86. (a) by (b) in (c) on (d) from (e) at
87. (a) by (b) with (c) into (d) at (e) off

**Choose from the list of words lettered A to E the word or words which have almost the same meaning as the word or words underlined in each sentence.**

88. Mother asked me to select a dress from the box.  
 (a) mend (b) fold (c) choose (d) refuse (e) seize
89. Mary failed because she was not prepared for the test.  
 (a) ready (b) early (c) presented (d) called (e) taught
90. Haruna is an unfortunate man.  
 (a) impatient (b) impolite (c) unlucky (d) angry
91. As I was coming home, I ran into an old friend.  
 (a) clashed with (b) pushed (c) met (d) escaped (e) avoided  
 (b)

**Choose from the list of words or group of words lettered A to E the word or group of words which correctly and most suitably fills the gap in the sentence.**

92. I \_\_\_\_\_ before Obi came in.  
 (a) am eating (b) have been eating (c) had eaten (d) have to eat (e) will eat
93. \_\_\_\_\_ James and John are guilty of the offence.  
 (a) All (b) Both (c) As well as (d) Both of (e) All of
94. Ada is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the two girls.  
 (a) tallest (b) taller (c) more taller (d) tall (e) most tallest

95. \_\_\_\_\_ I had asked her to come, I refused to see her.  
(a) Even (b) If (c) Although (d) If even (e) As though
96. She left for the market an hour\_\_\_\_\_  
(a) since (b) before (c) long since (d) ago (e) long ago
97. The teacher has been teaching there\_\_\_\_\_1975.  
(a) since (b) for (c) ago (d) for since (e) as from
98. The teacher wanted to know\_\_\_\_\_  
(a) who stole the boy's bag (b) about who stole the boy's bag (c) the boy's bag who stole it (d) who the boy's bag stole (e) whom stole the boy's bag
99. She asked me\_\_\_\_\_  
(a) to not come again (b) not again to come (c) to again not come (d) not to come again (e) to come not again.
100. Muyinat is not\_\_\_\_\_her sister.  
(a) that clever them (b) as cleverer as (c) as clever as (d) as clever than (e) cleverer as