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ENTRANCE EXAMINATIONS FOR 2006/2007 ACADEMIC SESSION

SUBJECT: ENGLISH LANGUAGE

CLASS: JSS.1

TIME: 1 HOUR

Part I
Section A

Instruction: Fill in the gaps with the most suitable words or group of words from the options below:

1. The constitutional reforms of our society are designed tothe military from politics
(a) dissolve (b) take over (c) disallow (d) penetrate (e) abuse
2. The toilet stinks, please disinfectdetol (a) for (b) of (c) on (d) with (e) in.
3. The police prevented the man (a) to escape (b) from escaping (c) to escaping (d) by escaping (e) in escaping.
4. He was finally cured.....the habit of drinking. (a) at (b) in (c) for (d) of
5. It.....some people.....know the truth (a) seem/does (b) seems/does (c) seems/do not (d) seem/was not (e) seems/doesn't.
6. Most Nigerians think that Nigeria's economic development depends on agriculture.....industrialization. (a) better than (b) rather with better on (d) solely on (e) rather than.
7.he had a liking for her, he had no intention to marry her (a) Despite (b) Because (c) Although (d) But (e) For.
8. Mother went to buy some oil because she had only.....left. (a) a little (b) a few (c) a many (d) much (e) plenty.
9. It is imperative that every one should take care of.....on the road. (a) Their selves (b) himself (c) themselves (d) our self (e) yourself
10. The stone thrown by the boys.....the windshield of the car and the pieces of glass fell on the ground. (a) touched (b) scattered (c) broke (d) cracked (e) stayed on.

Section B

From the list of words/phrases lettered A to E. Choose the one which is nearly opposite in meaning to the word or expression underlined in the sentences below.

11. Okon's wise contribution at the seminar attracted a long drawn laughter. (a) simple (b) careless (c) incomplete (d) foolish (e) complete.
12. The teacher was cruel to his students (a) polite (b) kind (c) angry (d) just (e) kindly.
13. The police forced the convicted man to enter the black-Maria (a) begged (b) compelled (c) threw (d) carried (e) warned.
14. I strongly believe that John's future isbut other people continue to say his future is bleak. (a) dull (b) clear (c) bright (d) unpredictable (e) shine.
15. In wars, bravery is preferable to(a) cowardice (b) valor (c) killing (d) brutality (e) strength.
16. The context questions in literature are compulsory while the essay ones are..... (a) difficult (b) easy (c) hard (d) optional (e) apt.
17. Personally, I give in rather easily when it comes to arguments, but Emeka will always.....to his opinion. (a) give out (b) hold on (c) hold back, hold in (d) hold in (e) walk on.

18. The boy was admitted two years ago (a) dismissed (b) jailed (c) punished (d) brought (e) beaten.
19. How can you disapprove of someone who every one else.....? (a) deplores (b) dislikes (c) likes (d) proves (e) lovers.
20. The students listened attentively to the lecture organized by the career club. (a) absentmindedly (b) carefully (c) carelessly (d) attentionally.

Section C

Instructions: Choose the word nearest in meaning to the underlined words/expression in the sentences below:

21. The politician turned down the ministerial appointment he was offered. (a) rejected (b) admired (c) turned up (d) accepted.
22. You have to make out a list of your books. (a) find (b) search (c) analyze (d) prepare (e) look out.
23. The government has warned not to erect houses under the tension wires. (a) build (b) let (c) rent (d) buy (e) plant.
24. one of the symptoms of yellow fever is general weakness on the body. (a) signs (b) prevention (c) attack (d) ways (e) cure
25. The men left for Kaduna yesterday (a) went from (b) departed (c) travelled to (d) arrived at.
26. I am satisfied with the outcome of the football match. (a) qualified (b) discouraged (c) enraged (d) contented.
27. All efforts to make the students well behaved proved abortive (a) successful (b) positive (c) truthful (d) fruitless
28. The young soldiers were punished for being patriotic (a) fearful (b) care-free (c) unloyal (d) loyal
29. The principal emphasized constantly that teachers should be punctual to school. (a) says (b) stressed (c) expressed (d) said.
30. The girl has just come out of the fattening room and her waist is adorned with beads (a) surrounded (b) defaced (c) decorated (d) uglified

Section D

From the list of prefixes lettered A to D, choose the correct one to form the opposite of the words in capital letters in each of the following sentences.

31. She is CAPABLE of doing the job herself. (a) dis.....(b) un..... (c) im.....(d) in.....
32. The amount of air in this room is MEASURABLE (a) im.....(b) in..... (c) un..... (d) lir.
33. The clouds will soon APPEAR in the sky. (a) in..... (b) un..... (d) dis.....
34. It is very CONVENIENT staying with so many people in a room. (a) im..... (b) un..... (c) in..... (d) dis.....
35. They REGARD every person that comes their way. (a) un..... (b) des..... (c) dis..... (d) over.....
36. The food will be ADEQUATE for the visitor. (a) less..... (b) over..... (c) im..... (d) in.....
37. I am CERTAIN that he saw me coming out from the hall. (a) over..... (b) in..... (c) un..... (d) on.....
38. She is FAITHFUL to her husband. (a) im..... (b) un..... (c) pre..... (d) uni.....
39. Joseph is OBEDIENT to his parents (a) dis..... (b) un..... (c) im..... (d) less.....
40. Kola is proven QUALIFIED and FIT for the job. (a) dis/un..... (b) dis/on..... (c) des/im..... (d) im/im.....

Section E

SPOKEN ENGLISH

41. Which of the words lettered A to D contains the /I:/ sound (a) kick (b) pit (c) seek (d) sick
42. Identify the words in pairs containing these consonants/s/ and /z/ (a) fans, zinc (b) fissure, measure (c) seal, zeal (d) sure, zoo.
43. Which of the following sentences contains 'th' and 't'? (a) the man is here (b) the things are ten (c) the man is thin (d) the leg is thick.
44. Identify the consonant sound which is present in through, thin, thick, and three. (a) /d/ (b) /t/ (c) /θ/ (d) /s/.
45. Identify the consonant sound which is present in them, thence, these, worthy. (a) /ts/ (b) /ð/ (c) /I:/ (d) /d/

Section F

LITERAURE:

46. "Ohonba line is a tiger on the road" is an example of.... (a) simile (b) metaphor (c) hyperbole (d) euphemism
47. "The sick car coughed for a while and thereafter refused to move". This expression is an example of.... (a) paradox (b) denotation (c) allusion (d) personification.
48. "Just as lightening, was the speed of he who ran across the door". The literary device used in the above expression is (a) simile (b) metaphor (c) personification (d) pun.
49. Ojo was so thirsty that he drank a drum of water. The literary device used above is (a) hyperbole (b) litotes (c) anticlimax (d) antithesis.
50. One of the following literary devices is used for emphasis (a) paradox (b) oxymoron (c) simile (d) repetition.

Part 2

Section A

COMPREHENSION PASSAGE.

Read this passage and answer the questions on it.

The case of Mrs. Amanda is a classic example of the saying that when problems come, they come not in singles but in battalions. Here is a woman who had lost her husband in a road accident seven years after their wedding: Having to fend alone for their five children, she struggled to make ends meet by augmenting her income as a copy-typist with petty-trading. Things were at least fairly manageable, and the children were kept reasonably happy until things started to crumble.

First, her neighbour, another woman, picked on her as a target. The quarrelsome woman found fault with everything Mrs. Amanda or her children did. Even when Mrs. Amanda decided not to respond, her silence was enough cause for provocation. Then, one day, the two women engaged in physical combat.

That caused the next problem. Mrs. Amanda had mercilessly beaten her neighbour in a moment of extreme anger, and her husband rushed the other woman to the hospital. The doctor discovered that she had a cracked skull and that a highly delicate surgery was necessary. The

injured woman's husband would not take things lying down. He contacted the police; and Mrs. Amanda, already swimming in her own tears for what had happened, found herself in a cell.

She was there for three days and was released only when her boss obtained a bail for her. On returning home, she discovered that two of her children had caught measles and another had malaria. The eldest had been sent home from school for not having the prescribed books. Mrs. Amanda was utterly confused.

QUESTIONS.

1. How did Mrs. Amanda's husband die? (a) he died while fighting with a neighbour (b) he died during detention in a police cell (c) he died in a road accident. (d) he died while being treated in a hospital.
2. What two occupations was she involved in? (a) mid-wifery and petty-trading (b) petty-trading and copy-typist (c) copy-typist and driving (d) fighting and quarrelling.
3. What usually happens when Mrs. Amanda decides not to respond to her neighbour's abuses? (a) It leads to provocation (b) Mrs. Amanda often abuses her (c) the neighbour starts screaming (d) they slap each other
4. The right words or phrases that can replace the underlined words as they are used in the sentences are;
(a) provocation = anger : discovered = found out.
(b) provocation = angry : discovered = find out
(c) provocation = happiness : discovered = discovering.
(d) provocation = boasting : discovered = investigated.
5. What made Mrs. Amada utterly confused? Her children were doing well
(b) The problems were too many for her to solve (c) Her husband had just died (d) She fought and was arrested.

Section B.

CONTINUOUS WRITING.

1. Write a letter to your elder brother asking him to send you the school fees for the term. Also, tell him to buy certain books for you, or send money for them.

OR

2. Write a good essay on "The Importance of Sports among the Youths".