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SUBJECT: ENGLISH LANGUAGE

CLASS: JSS.1

TIME: 1 HOUR

**PART 1**

**SECTION A: Objective (30 Marks)**

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions on it.

Once upon a time, there was an old woman, whose granddaughter was called Ara. Everyone in the village loved Ara because her grandmother was good and gave people food. Ara did not like this and always complained. "Grandma, why are you always giving our food to people in the village?" She asked angrily.

"Ara, when you do good, you are sowing a seed and you will reap it in future. If you do evil, the same happens to you." Her grandma said.

Ara didn't like this and would always send people away from their house. When she saw that they were still coming, she went and bought a dog. This dog was very wicked and would bite people who came to the house to eat.

After some years, Ara's grandmother died and she was all alone. There was nobody to give her food or pay her school fees. Ara became a beggar and nobody helped her in the village. One day, as she walked on the street, a man called her: "My daughter, why are you begging when your grandmother was a very kind woman?" He asked.

"The people in this village are wicked. They don't want to help me. They don't even remember the good work of my grandmother anymore". Ara lied.

"I know you are lying, but I will help you. Give me this dog and I will give you treasures" the man said again.

"Sir, I can't give you my dog because it is the only friend I have." Ara replied. She didn't want to release the dog because she thought that the man would kill it.

Two days later the dog died and Ara was left alone. She cried and realized that she had been wicked to people with her dog. Ara was sorry for her wicked ways and made a choice to change. Again, the man went to her and asked for the dog and she told him what happened.

"Ara, you have been selfish and unkind because of this dog. That was why I said you should give me the dog. I didn't want to kill it but to tame it for you. Go to your grandmother's hut and search through her bag and you will find something there," he told her.

When she got home, she searched and saw a bag of money. Ara was happy and made up her mind not to be wicked again.

1. Why did everyone in the village love Ara?

- (a) Because Ara was good to them
- (b) Because Ara gave them food
- (c) Because Ara's grandmother was good
- (d) Because Ara's grandmother was good and she gave food to people.

2. According to Ara's grandmother when you do evil you-----

- (a) sow good (b) reap good (c) reap evil (d) are happy.

3. What did Ara do to frighten people from their house?

(a) She drove them with a stick (b) She went and bought a dog (c) She bit the people (d) She laughed and mocked at them.

4. What happened to Ara when her grandmother died? (a) She became a beggar (b) She became a thief (c) She became a dog seller (d) She lived with an old man.

5. What did the man promise Ara in exchange for her dog? (a) Money (b) food (c) treasures (d) a place to stay.

6. The man wanted to ----the dog (a) kill (b) tame (c) sell (d) hide.

7. The man told Ara to go to her grandmother's house and---- (a) be a good girl (b) sell her dog (c) kill her dog (d) search through her bag.

8. At the end of the story Ara was (a) happy (b) sad (c) happy and made up her mind not to be wicked again (d) kind to everyone.

#### SECTION B:

From the words lettered A – D, choose the word that is nearly opposite in meaning to the word(s) underlined in each sentence.

9. Make a choice of being polite to people. (a) kind (b) rude (c) happy (d) wicked

10. Your actions determine where you will be in future. (a) tomorrow (b) next year (c) at present (d) later in life.

11. If you are unkind you will never be seen as a good child. (a) brave (b) nice (c) bad (d) beautiful.

12. There is a very simple formula for solving equations. (a) difficult (b) hard (c) diffident (d) different.

13. The thief concealed the stolen items in his shirt. (a) hid (b) opened (c) revealed (d) brought.

#### SECTION C:

From the options, choose the word(s) that have the same meaning as the word(s) underlined.

14. We often go hungry in the morning. (a) always (b) never (c) sometimes (d) don't

15. Fruits are quite inexpensive. (a) cheap (b) expensive (c) dear (d) delicious.

16. We are taught in the scriptures to honour our parents. (a) curse (b) respect (c) enrich (d) help.

17. My cousin, John, is a very brilliant boy. (a) intelligent (b) dull (c) active (d) energetic.

18. Can you give me the proof of your innocence? (a) idea (b) reason (c) evidence (d) clue.

#### SECTION D:

Fill the blank spaces with the most suitable option.

19. She has ----her new book (a) tore (b) tear (c) tearing (d) torn

20. He has ---- all the milk (a) drank (b) drunk (c) drink (d) drank

21. The pipes were ---- last week (a) freeze (b) froze (c) frozen (d) freezing

22. The train will ---- on Sunday morning (a) arrive (b) arrived (c) arrove (d) arroved.

23. Musa is the----of the triplets. (a) more intelligent (b) only intelligent (c) most intelligent (d) intelligent.

24. Of all the boys in the class, I was given the ---- punishment. (a) less (b) least (c) little (d) high

25. My parents love---- (a) themselves (b) each other (c) theirself (d) one another.

26. My mother bought a play station for---- (a) I (b) they (c) them (d) we.

27. I have confidence ---- your ability (a) on (b) in (c) from (d) for

28. Congratulations ---- your admission into Immaculate Conception College (I.C.C.) (a) for (b) in (c) into (d) on

29. Students are warned not to walk---- the lawn in the school (a) over (b) under (c) across (d) below

30. Please share this orange ---- the three boys. (a) between (b) among (c) for (d) into.

#### SECTION E:

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

31. Sugar and cube; bread and ---- (a) cup (b) loaf (c) size (d) packet.

32. Landlord and landlady; bride and ---- (a) bridegroom (b) wife (c) husband (d) marry.

33. Stand and stood; steal and ---- (a) stolen (b) stealing (c) stealed (d) stole.  
34. Lion and lioness; boar and ---- (a) sow (b) boar (c) calf (d) dog.  
35. Bird and feather; human and ---- (a) leg (b) hair (c) finger (d) blood.

SECTION F:

In each of the following items pick the one that does not belong to the group.

36. (a) Cockroach  
(b) grasshopper  
(c) mosquito  
(d) bird  
37. (a) bungalow  
(b) duplex  
(c) storey building  
(d) house  
38. (a) dull  
(b) intelligent  
(c) clever  
(d) bright  
39. (a) wicked  
(b) cruel  
(c) unkind  
(d) meek  
40. (a) palm tree  
(b) cassava  
(c) yam  
(d) potato

SECTION G:

In each of the following questions, choose the one word that cannot be formed by an arrangement of some or all of the letters written in capital letters. Do not use any letter more than it appears in the word in capital letters.

41. CANDIDATE

- (a) date  
(b) can  
(c) candid  
(d) canteen

42. SUMMARY

- (a) Mary  
(b) mum  
(c) summer  
(d) sum

43. LANGUAGE

- (a) age  
(b) gang  
(c) gage  
(d) engage

44. SEMANTICS

- (a) antic  
(b) steam  
(c) smith  
(d) man

45. STOCKFISH

- (a) fish

- (b) stock
- (c) shock
- (d) cock

#### SECTION H:

From the options choose the word that is correctly spelt.

- 46. (a) business
- (b) buisness
- (c) buziness
- (d) busines
- 47. (a) reprouduction
- (b) reproduction
- (c) reprodoction
- (d) reprudocion
- 48. (a) Increament
- (b) increasement
- (c) incrimment
- (d) increaement
- 49. (a) eyesbrow
- (b) eyebrow
- (c) eyebrown
- (d) eyebrouse
- 50. (a) handkerchief
- (b) hankershief
- (c) handkachief
- (d) handkacheif
- 51. (a) libry
- (b) library
- (c) librarry
- (d) laibry
- 52. (a) privilege
- (b) priviledge
- (c) previledge
- (d) privelege
- 53. (a) jelosy
- (b) jelousy
- (c) jealousy
- (d) jelusy

#### SECTION I

In the following questions, some statements are made. Consider each statement very carefully. Write (a) if the statement is always true; (b) if it is sometimes true; (c) if it is never true and (d) if you are undecided.

- 54. The sun rises in the east
- 55. Women are taller than men
- 56. Children learn to crawl before they walk
- 57. Trees are living things
- 58. Animals are used to carry load
- 59. Birds have feathers
- 60. Some living things do not breath

PART II  
Theory (70 Marks)

1. Comprehension:

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

John Akinyemi is twelve years old. His sister Martha is nine. They live in a small village near the big town of Ibadan in Nigeria. There is no school in their village. Every day the children have to walk about a mile through the forest to the next village. In this village there is a school.

One day they were walking happily along the winding forest path, laughing and singing. Suddenly Martha stopped. She gripped John's arm and pointed to the foot of a big tree near the path. At the same time she screamed. John looked where she was pointing. At the foot of the tree he saw an enormous snake coiled round the trunk. It seemed to be staring at them.

Martha started to run back down the path, but John quickly took up a big stick which was lying on the path. With the stick in his hand he ran up to the tree and struck at the snake. But the snake had been frightened. With an angry hiss it slid off into the forest before he could reach it.

Still with the stick in his hand John went to find Martha. She was crying and did not want to go to school. John told her that it was all right. The snake had gone. He took hold of her hand and kept near her all the way to school. When they arrived they told the teacher what had happened.

- a. Where does John Akinyemi live?
- b. Why do John and Martha have to walk about a mile to school?
- c. What did they see on their way to school one day?
- d. What did John do?
- e. Why did Martha scream and run away?

2. Composition:

In not less than ten (10) sentences, write a composition on the topic:

“The Person I Like Best in my Family”. You may use this guideline

- Introduce yourself
- What is name of the person you like best in your family?
- How is this person related to you?
- What does the person do for a living?
- Write about the character (behaviour) of the person
- Why do you like this person best of all the people in your family?

3. Fill the gaps in the table with the right words

|   | Present | Past  | Past participle |
|---|---------|-------|-----------------|
| a | Write   | ----- | -----           |
| b | -----   | cut   | -----           |
| c | -----   | ----- | driven          |
| d | burst   | ----- | -----           |
| e | go      | ----- | -----           |