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SUBJECT: ENGLISH LANGUAGE

CLASS: JSS.1

TIME: 1 HOUR

**PART 1 (30 marks)
SECTION A:**

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions below it by choosing the correct answer from the options lettered A – D.

Once upon a time there was a piece of wood. It was not an expensive piece of wood far. From it. Just a common block of firewood, one of those thick, solid logs that are put on the fire in winter to make cold rooms cozy and warm.

One fine day, this piece of wood found itself in the shop of an old carpenter. His real name was Mastro Antonio, but everyone called him Mastro Cherry, for the tip of his nose was so round and red and shiny that it looked like a ripe cherry.

As soon as he saw that piece of wood, Mastro Cherry was filled with joy. Rubbing his hands together happily, he mumbled half to himself: “This has come in the nick of time. I shall use it to make the leg of a table”.

He grasped the hatchet quickly to peel off the bark and shape the wood. But as he was about to give it the first blow, he stood still with arm uplifted, for he had heard a wee, little voice say in a beseeching tone;

“Please be careful! Do not hit me so hard!” What a look of surprise shone on Mastro Cherry’s face! His funny face became still funnier.

He turned frightened eyes about the room to find out where that wee, little voice had come from and he saw no one! He looked under the bench...no one! He searched among the shavings...no one! He opened the door to look up and down the street...and still no one! “Oh, I see!”, he then said, laughing and scratching his wig. “It can easily be seen that I only thought I heard the tiny voice say the words! Well, well...to work once more”.

He struck a most solemn blow upon the piece of wood.

“Oh, oh! You hurt!” cried the same far-away little voice.

Mastro Cherry grew dumb, his eyes opened out of his head, his mouth opened wide, and his tongue hung down on his chin.

1. Why was Mastro Anonio called Mastro Cherry? (a) His face looked like a cherry (b) His chin looked like a cherry (c) His nose looked like a cherry (d) His nose looked like a ripe cherry.
2. Mastro Cherry decided to use the piece of wood for (a) a box (b) a table (c) a table leg (d) a working tool.
3. Which of these best describes Mastro Cherry’s feeling when he discovered the piece of wood? (a) happy (b) sad (c) excited (d) frightened.
4. In what order did Mastro Cherry search for the source of the wee voice? (a) He looked about the room, peeped inside the closet, searched among the shavings and looked up and down the street (b) He looked up and down the street, searched among the shaving, peeped inside the closet and looked about the room (c) He looked about the room, looked under the bench, searched among the shavings and looked up and down the street (d) He opened the door, looked about the room, looked under the bench and searched among the shaving.
5. Where do you think the wee little voice came from? (a) Mastro Cherry was only imagining things (b) From outside the rood (c) from the piece of wood (d) from the hatchet.
6. Which of the following is the most suitable title for this passage? (a) Mastro Antonio’s face (b) The piece of wood (c) The Hatchet (d) Voice from above.
7. From the last paragraph, we know that Mastro Cherry was...(a) frightened (b) excited (c) happy (d) very frightened.

SECTION B:

From the options lettered A – D, choose the word or group of words that is opposite or nearly opposite in meaning to the underlined word in each sentence.

8. John was elated when he saw his result (a) happy (b) extravagant (c) depressed (d) humble
9. Every organisation value loyal workers (a) lucky (b) lucky (c) unlucky (d) unfaithful
10. The land was barren with scant grass here and there. (a) abundant (b) little (c) less (d) Many
11. The prisoner was reluctant to leave his family. (a) glad (b) eager (c) energize (d) determined
12. The two boys go home together, their houses are adjacent. (a) close (b) added (c) distant (d) neighbouring.

SECTION C:

From the options lettered A – D, choose the word or group of words that is the same or nearly the same in meaning to the words underlined in the sentences.

13. The thief lived in affluence for two years until he was arrested. (a) poverty (b) wealth (c) fear (d) bravery
14. Who authorized you to sign this paper? (a) trained (b) permitted (c) begged (d) told
15. The flat was vacant when the police arrived to arrest the criminals. (a) empty (b) quiet (c) occupied (d) available
16. Exclusive stores is a principal sales agent to many manufacturing companies (a) vice principal (b) main (c) only (d) current.
17. Do not be surprised when nobody trusts you as you have proved to be unreliable (a) sleeping (b) temporary (c) untrustworthy (d) late.

SECTION D:

From the options lettered A – D, choose the option that does not belong to the group.

18. (a) circle (b) triangle (c) angle (d) square
19. (a) swagger (b) slink (c) crawl (d) sour
20. (a) whisper (b) scream (c) laugh (d) sad.
21. (a) toast (b) fry (c) cook (d) oven
22. (a) machine (b) locomotive (c) auto mobile (d) car

SECTION E:

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.

23. (1) They smiled at each other
(2) She came
(3) They were talking about her (a) 123 (b) 312 (c) 213 (d) 321
24. 1. Mallam Musa was ill
2. Mallam Musa died
3. Mallam Musa was taken to hospital (a) 132 (b) 123 (c) 321 (d) 213
25. 1. water splashed everywhere
2. She shook her hair
3. She had been swimming (a) 123 (b) 231 (c) 321 (d) 312
26. 1. Osita ran to his mum's room
2. Osita was very frightened
3. Osita had a nightmare (a) 123 (b) 132 (c) 312 (d) 321
27. 1. Nigerians voted
2. Nigerians verified their names in the voters' register
3. Nigerians registered for the election (a) 321 (b) 123 (c) 312 (d) 213

SECTION F:

From the options lettered A to D, choose the correct spelling of the word

28. (a) amuziment (b) amuzement (c) amusement (d) emusement
29. (a) devilopment (b) divelopment (c) development (d) devilopement
30. (a) Miraclelously (b) mirakolusly (c) miraculously (d) miclelosly
31. (a) pronounciation (b) pronounciation (c) Prononciation (d) Pronaunciacion
32. (a) archiever (b) archeiver (c) acheiver (d) achiever

SECTION G:

From the options 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.

33. UNDERAGE
(a) rage (b) gun (c) adage (d) derange
34. STETHOSCOPE
(a) Teeth (b) test (c) those (d) peer
35. PENDULOUSE
(a) soup (b) loose (c) soul (d) lend

SECTION H:

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 to D the one that best completes the second pair.

36. Sheep and sheep; foot and ... (a) foot (b) feet (c) leg (d) hand
37. Food and hungry; tired and... (a) sleep (b) rest (c) sit (d) work
38. Poet and poem; play and... (a) player (b) dance (c) writer (d) playwright
39. Ant and hill; Bee and... (a) hive (b) honey (c) bite (d) tree
40. Terrestrial and land; sub-marine and... (a) water (b) air (c) rail (d) non of the above.

SECTION I:

From the options lettered A to D, choose the option that is most appropriate to fill the blank spaces.

41. I don't want....tea (a) some (b) a (c) any (d) those
42. I asked him for ...ink, and he gave me.... (a) some; any (b) any; some (c) some; some (d) an; some
43. What a pity, there aren't... red roses. (a) some (b) any (c) much (d) few
44. They knew all about my friend and... (a) me (b) I (c) he (d) they
45. ...wrote the letter? (a) Who (b) Whom (c) What (d) Where.
46. If she...it so full, then it wouldn't have spilt. (a) had filled (b) hadn't filled (c) hadn't not fill (d) has fill time.
47. Has the time prefect...the bell? (a) rang (b) rung (c) ring (d) ringing.
48. She...to school everyday. (a) go (b) goes (c) gone (d) going.
49. I...at seven and...breakfast at half past (a) wakes/has (b) waked/ate (c) wake/eat (d) woke/ates.
50. I haven't seen you...christmas (a) since (b) before (c) for (d) during
51. I waited here...five 0'clock (a) for (b) since (c) till (d) when.
52. I'll come and see you...I have time (a) when (b) before (c) while (d) until
53. That load is...heavy for a child to carry. (a) very (b) most (c) much (d) too
54. I noticed John and comfort glancing at...(a) themselves (b) each other (c) theirself (d) themselves
55. I cannot travel in an open car because I am allergic...dust. (a) with (b) to (c) from (d) by
56. He succeeded...all difficulties. (a) despite (b) even (c) in addition to (d) for
57. ...the owner of that dog? (a) Who's (b) Whose (c) Whom (d) Which is.
58. I don't understand...you hate that boy. (a) when (b) where (c) how (d) why.
59. He said he didn't fear death,...? (a) didn't he (b) wasn't it (c) doesn't he (d) did he?
60. That uncle of...ought to pay your school fees, (a) your (b) yours' (c) yours (d) you,

PART II (70 MARKS)

SECTION A:

COMPREHENSION

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

One upon a time, the lion, the king of all animals fell very sick. He was very old and had no heir, so, there was no lion to reign after him.

He decided to choose from among the other animals who to succeed him as king. "I want a king that will be very kind to my people," he said to himself. He then decided to invite all the animals to a great feast.

On the day of the feast, all the animals came. The venue was a very big hall and the hall was filled to capacity. The king then brought out a chair, and announced; “Anyone who can sit down will be king when I am dead.” Immediately, all the animals except the cock ran to the chair and they all started to struggle to sit on it. Some were hitting, pulling, kicking even biting others in a bid to bring them down in order to be the one to sit on the chair. But the cock looked for an empty space on the floor, went there quietly and sat down.

When the king saw the cock, he was very happy and announced,” from now on the cock will be the king of the animal Kingdom.” All eyes turned in surprise to look at the cock quietly perched on the floor. The cock himself was surprised at the announcement. This is why until today, the cock tells all the other animals when to get up in the morning. He is their King.

My son, do not pull others down because you want to be a leader. Be good and kind to everyone and people will naturally choose you as their leader.

- (a) Why was there no lion to reign after the lion King?
- (b) What did the king decide to do?
- (c) What quality did he decide to look out for in the next King
- (d) (i) Was the chair the King brought necessary for the instruction he gave to the animals?
(ii) Why?
- (e) Why do you think the cock was surprised?

SECTION B:

COMPOSITION

Write a composition on the topic; “How I Spent my Easter Day”

Your composition must not be less than ten sentences or else you will lose marks. You may use the following guide line

- (i) What is Easter?
- (ii) On what particular day was it celebrated?
- (iii) What activities did you partake in on that day?
- (iv) How did the day end?
- (v) How do you think Easter should be celebrated generally?

SECTION C:

Take a good look at the word in capital letters. Form as many words as possible from the letters that make up the word. Do not use any letter more than the number of times it appears in the word written in capital letters.

Over fifty words can be formed. Any forty (40) will give you twenty (20) marks.

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