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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 by choosing the right answer from the options lettered A to D.

Once upon a time, in the very distant past, everything on earth talked. Animals talked, trees talked, the sun, moon and stars talked, even all parts of the body talked. It is recorded (I don't remember where) for instance that all mice once gathered together in a meeting to discuss the menace of the cat which was at that time terrorizing them. They decided to put a bell on the cat's neck as a way out of the problem. The meeting however ended in disarray as none of the mice agreed to be the one to put the bell on the cat's neck.

One day, the fingers too decided to call themselves together for a crucial meeting with the thumb presiding. At the meeting, the thumb said, "now, our land is no more fertile and there is famine all over our towns and villages. We are like ordinary skeletons-dead among the living" "Yes," said the fore finger, "we are dead among the living and who knows when the scanty blood under our nails will dry up completely and then, we will go back to mother earth."

"What shall we do, in order to exist?" asked the third finger.

"It is enough," shouted the fourth finger who had a very high sense of his own importance. For when some fingers wore only one ring and others did not wear at all, he most of the times wore two. "We no longer want to pine away in hunger lest we really die," he continued, "The only way out is that we must go and steal." "But we were not taught how to steal by our parents," objected the little finger, "why don't we work instead? "Stealing is better." "What if we are caught stealing?" "We will all run away." "How?" "We will tell the legs to help us" "What if the legs refuse?"

And so the argument went on for about two hours until the meeting ended in confusion and disarray.

1. Which of the following is not included in the things that talked according to the passage (a) the sky (b) the cat (c) babies (d) none of the above
2. The meeting of the mice was to discuss----(a) the famine in the land (b) the cat (c) the bell (d) the cat's neck
3. Why did the fingers decide to hold a meeting? (a) they were afraid of the cat (b) they were being bitten by the mice (c) there was famine in their land (d) they wanted to be like the mice
4. The second to speak at the meeting was (a) the thumb (b) the little finger (c) the third finger (d) the fore finger
5. Why did the fourth finger feel he was more important than others? (a) he was the tallest (b) he was the most educated (c) he was the most decorated (d) he worked the hardest
6. Who among the whole fingers suggested that they go and steal? (a) the thumb (b) the fore finger (c) the fourth finger (d) the little finger
7. Who among the whole fingers do you suppose reasoned well? (a) the little finger (b) the third finger (c) the fourth finger (d) the fore finger
8. At the meeting all of them decided that (a) they should go and steal (b) they should all run away from the town (c) they should beg the legs to help them (d) none of the above
9. Another word that can replace "menace" in the 1st paragraph is ----(a) ugliness (b) beauty (c) honesty (d) danger
10. Which of the following is the most suitable title for the passage? (a) The Cat and the Mice (b) The Creation (c) Terrorism (d) The Meeting of the Fingers

SECTION B:

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

11. Jane didn't like the dress as she considered the colours too bright. (a) flashy (b) shinny (c) faded (d) clean
12. We made a good profit after the sales (a) gross (b) loss (c) dividend (d) gain
13. It is time to harvest the crops. (a) uproot (b) weed (c) cultivate (d) weed
14. Most youths love to live in urban areas. (a) clean (b) serious (c) bush (d) rural
15. Leaving home for the first time was very painful for me. (a) pleasurable (b) hard (c) easy (d) difficult

SECTION C:

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

16. (a) intelligent (b) clever (c) dull (d) brilliant
17. (a) umbrella (b) books (c) shelves (d) tables
18. (a) dustpan (b) broom (c) dirt (d) rag
19. (a) Christian (b) Pagan (c) Moslem (d) dancer
20. (a) bus (b) truck (c) train (d) car

SECTION D:

From the options lettered A to 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.

21. The rich man abandoned his family for two years. (a) lived with (c) gave to (c) abused (d) deserted
22. Worry is one of the things God does not encourage his children to indulge in (a) pleasing (b) anxiety (c) peace (d) lying
23. The righteous are as bold as a lion. (a) fearless (b) bound (c) brittle (d) broad
24. Erase all mistakes in your essay before you submit (a) biro (b) ink (c) pencils (d) blunders
25. Do not sell off your source of revenue until you get another one. (a) loss (b) income (c) levy (d) payments

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.

26. 1. Pour concrete
2. Lay foundation
3. Dig the ground (a) 123 (b) 213 (c) 312 (d) 231
27. 1. The President increased the price of fuel
2. The President reverted the price of fuel
3. There was a national strike (a) 123 (b) 213 (c) 321 (d) 132
28. 1. The doctor examined her
2. She went to the hospital
3. She had a fever (a) 321 (b) 312 (c) 123 (d) 231
29. 1. The engine was faulty
2. He took the car to the mechanic
3. He drove away happily (a) 213 (b) 123 (c) 132 (d) 312
30. 1. She took the measurements
2. She made a dress
3. It was very beautiful (a) 321 (b) 312 (c) 132 (d) 123

SECTION F:

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

31. (a) explination (b) explianation (b) explaneition (d) explanation
32. (a) dinning room (b) dining room (c) dinny room (d) none of the above
33. (a) endeavour (b) endaeavour (c) endavour (d) endeavor
34. (a) cemetary (b) semetary (c) semetry (d) cemetery
35. (a) irriversible (b) irrevarsible (c) irreversible (d) irevarseble

SECTION G:

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. Fridge and cold; oven and----(a) warm (b) lukewarm (c) hot (d) boil
37. Water and drop; hair and----(a) piece (b) strand (c) droplet (d) none of the above
38. Weapon and war; illness and---(a) exercise (b) health (c) drugs (d) good health
39. Cloth and clothes; wood and----(a) paper (b) food (c) shoes (d) bags
40. Bee and honey; flower and---(a) oil (b) nectar (c) sugar (d) decoration

SECTION H:

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

41. I know of a dog---has only three legs (a) in which (b) who (c) that (d) of which
42. Everybody has to do----homework (a) its (b) they (c) there (d) his
43. Which of the two boys is----? (a) tall (b) taller (c) tallest (d) more tall
44. The last book is the----interesting (a) very (b) much (c) more (d) most
45. Mary enjoys----eba (a) ate (b) eaten (c) eating (d) eat
46. The students are writing----promotional examination. (a) his (b) there (c) their (d) they
47. All the teachers----been promoted (a) have (b) has (c) having (d) is
48. I can't find----of the two books you lent me (a) each (b) either (c) nor (d) neither
49. Okoro stole John's belt, didn't he? Yes he---- (a) didn't (b) did (c) does (d) doing
50. His wife sat---him during the reception (a) beside (b) under (c) below (d) in
51. ----went with you to London? (a) Which (b) Who (c) What (d) Why
52. ----is wrong with the clock? (a) What (b) How (c) Which (d) When
53. John----a letter now (a) write (b) wrote (c) is writing (d) have written
54. We shall have----rain (a) some (b) a (c) any (d) small
55. I don't want----sugar (a) a (b) few (c) any (d) some
56. Call the man----red shirt (a) in (b) on (c) with (d) inside
57. The house is----fire! Call----help (a) in/for (b) for/in (c) inside/a (d) on/for
58. I love to sit----the trees (a) under (b) inside (c) on (d) beneath
59. Have you any money----you? (a) on (b) in (c) with (d) within
60. I was very ill----(a) yesterday (b) now (c) since yesterday (d) tomorrow

PART II: Theory (70 Marks)

SECTION A:

COMPOSITION

Write a composition of not less than 10 sentences on the topic
"My Primary School"

Your composition should include your name, class, age, name of your primary school, type, (private or public) location, number of classes, uniform, colour of building, name of headmaster/headmistress, what you like and what you do not like about your school.

SECTION B:

COMPREHENSION

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions on it.

There was a boy named Nike, who had a teacher called Mrs. Walter. Nike never listened to Mrs. Walter whenever she taught in class because he was always playing. So Mrs. Walter always punished him but Nike still loved his teacher and always carried her bag when the school closed each day.

When it was time for Nike to be promoted to the next class, Mrs. Walter said to Nike," I want you to promise me that any class you go, you would be your teacher's friend as we are friends. Nike agreed.

When Nike got to his new class, he had a teacher called Mr. Dan. Nike went to Mr. Dan and said "I want you to be my friend". Mr. Dan replied." The only way we can be friends is if you pay attention when I am teaching and you do your homework." From that day, Nike always did his home work and listened to the teacher in all his classes. He became very intelligent and won an award as the best student on the day of Award Giving Ceremony.

You can't drink from a cup until your mouth is close to it. You can only be intelligent if you love learning and make friends with intelligent people.

1. Why didn't Nike listen to his teacher Mrs. Walter?
2. What did Nike promise Mrs. Walter to be to his new teacher?
3. What condition did Mr. Dan give Nike in order to agree to his demand?
4. What is the outcome of the relationship between Mr. Dan and Nike?
5. According to the passage how can one be intelligent?

SECTION C:

Use the following words to fill the table below according to the group you think they belong to:

ring, bulb, chicken, egg, fan, bitter, knife, necklace, hatch, bangles, sour, spoon, fork, cable, fuse, ear ring, pot, sweet, feather, delicious.

Utensils	Electricity	Jewelry	Poultry	Taste