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ENTRANCE EXAMINATION 2013/2014 ACADEMIC SESSION

SUBJECT: ENGLISH LANGUAGE

CLASS: JSS.1

TIME: 1 HOUR

SECTION A: OBJECTIVE QUESTIONS (30 Marks)

INSTRUCTIONS: Read the passage carefully and pick the correct answer to the questions on it.

My grandfather's mother on my Mother's side of the family was Mary Wise, who lived in Ireland. Ed Mahur, the man to whom she was engaged, lived in the same village. He left for America, however, in 1837, two years before he was twenty. She was to follow him when he had saved enough money to support a wife. Word came later that the ship on which he supposedly had sailed had sunk, with all on board. Mary Wise was determined to go to America, anyway. She secured work as a maid soon after reaching New York, as a sister had done before her. An almost unbelievable thing happened then. Ed Mahur had not drowned, after all, having sailed on a different ship. Word from him had not reached his family until after Mary had sailed. He learned from them that Mary was in New York and where she was working. He found a job as a delivery boy in a grocery in the neighbourhood. He walked into the kitchen without warning one day. Mary almost fainted, thinking that he was a ghost, but he soon convinced her that he was very much alive. (I might never have arrived in this world if he hadn't been would I?)

1. Mary Wise is the writer's----(a) Mother (b) grandmother (c) great grandmother (d) aunt.
2. Mary Wise is Ed Mahur's----(a) wife (b) fiance (c) fiancée (d) husband
3. How old was Ed Mahur when he left for America? (a) 20 years old (b) 22 years old (c) 18 years old (d) none of the above.
4. Why didn't Mary Wise go to America with Ed Mahur?
(a) Ed Mahur did not want her to
(b) Ed Mahur did not have enough money for the transport
(c) Mary Wise refused to follow Ed Mahur
(d) Ed Mahur could not support a wife yet.
5. When Ed Mahur left for America, news came that he had----(a) died (b) arrived safely (c) married immediately (d) become a ghost
6. On arrival in New York, Mary Wise got a job as a----(a) teacher (b) sales girl (c) seamstress (d) maid
7. Which of Mary's relation has had a similar experience in New York? (a) Her sister (b) Her brother (c) Her mother (d) Her husband
8. Why didn't Mary receive the news from Ed Mahur that he was alive? (a) She was sleeping (b) She had left home before the news arrived (c) some persons delayed the news. (d) she did not have a television set.
9. The shop in which Ed Mahur got a job in New York sold----(a) clothes (b) jewellery (c) meat (d) shoes
10. Which of the following statements is true according to the passage? (a) If Ed Mahur had died Mary Wise would not have sailed to New York (b) If Mahur had died, the writer would not have been born (c) Ed Mahur died and his ghost appeared to Mary Wise (d) Mary Wise never wanted to marry Ed Mahur

Section B

From the options lettered A to D, choose the word or group of words that best fills the gaps in the following sentences.

11. Mrs. Amanda was taken to hospital, she was there----three days (a) in (b) at (c) almost (d) for
12. Your shirt is the same colour as (a) he's (b) me (c) her (d) his
13. My younger brother is not as----as I am (a) tall (b) taller (c) talled (d) tallest
14. The police----the boy who stole the money (a) find (b) are finding (c) may found (d) will find
15. We are all human,----? (a) can't we (b) Isn't it (c) aren't we (d) may we
16. You will perhaps make mistakes but the fewer the----(a) less (b) more (c) least (d) better
17. Can you----me? The line is rather faint (a) hear (b) hearing (c) hair (d) heir
18. My elder brother has gone----for further studies (a) to overseas (b) overseas (c) in overseas (d) oversea
19. The----of the four sticks is mine (a) long (b) much long (c) longer (d) longest
20. Jane has----my new book (a) tore (b) fear (c) fearing (d) torn

Section C

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

21. The two boys go home together, their houses are adjacent (a) near (b) distant (c) added (d) neighbouring
22. You should always be polite to people (a) kind (b) rude (c) happy (d) wicked
23. The thief hid the stolen money in his cap (a) brought (b) revealed (c) put (d) opened
24. The play was funny so we all laughed (a) exciting (b) tiresome (c) boring (d) interesting
25. The behaviour of the girl brought shame to her family (a) pride (b) horror (c) joy (d) honour

Section D

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

26. (a) mosquito (b) ant (c) housefly (d) spider
27. (a) vertical (b) triangle (c) square (d) circle
28. (a) car (b) bus (c) train (d) truck
29. (a) many (b) several (d) a lot (d) few
30. (a) tray (b) drum (c) bucket (d) barrel

Section E

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

31. Do not listen to him, he is not a reliable person (a) good (b) trust worthy (c) happy (d) amiable
32. Sorry, there is no vacant position in this company (a) empty (b) full (c) occupied (d) chair
33. Despite her short height, she has brains. (a) head (b) beauty (c) intelligence (d) hair
34. God does not want his children to indulge in worry (a) anxiety (b) peace (d) lying (d) pleasing
35. Do not make mistakes you may find difficult to correct (a) biro (b) mercy (d) pencils (d) errors

Section F

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

36. (a) fourty (b) forty (c) foty (d) fuorty
37. (a) embarrass (b) emberrass (c) ebbarrasse (d) enbarrass
38. (a) agument (b) argument (c) arguement (d) non of the above
39. (a) ocasion (b) occasion (c) occassion (d) Occision
40. (a) privilege (b) priviledge (c) previlege (d) previledge

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

41. Weapon and war: Illness and----(a) water (b) exercise (c) health (d) drugs
42. Bee and honey: Flower and----(a) oil (b) nectar (c) sugar (d) decoration
43. Biro and ink; humans and----(a) water (b) blood (c) walk (d) write
44. Principal and Vice: President and----(a) deputy (b) assistant (c) sub (d) vice
45. Bed and sheets; bottle and----(a) cover (b) cork (c) opener (d) label

Section H

There are three sentences in each of the following questions. Study them carefully and choose which one should come first, which one second and which one third.

46. 1. She took the measurements
2. She made a dress
3. It was very beautiful
(a) 3, 2, 1 (b) 2, 1, 3 (c) 1, 2, 3 (d) 3, 1, 2
47. 1. Sweep your class
2. Arrive in school
3. Go for assembly
(a) 1, 2, 3 (b) 1, 3, 2 (c) 2, 3, 1 (d) 2, 1, 3
48. 1. I got admission into ICC
2. I purchased the form

3. I wrote the examination
 (a) 2, 3, 1 (b) 3, 2, 1 (c) 1, 3, 2 (d) 1, 2, 3
49. 1. Water splashed everywhere
 2. She had been swimming
 3. She shook her hair
 (a) 1, 2, 3 (b) 2, 3, 1 (c) 3, 2, 1 (d) 3, 1, 2
50. 1. It put a bone in it
 2. It covered the bone with earth to hide it
 3. The dog dug a hole
 (a) 3, 1, 2 (b) 1, 3, 2 (c) 3, 2, 1 (d) 1, 2, 3

Section I

Choose from the letters labeled A – D that one that can end the first word and begin the second

51. Outreac(---) our (a)s (b) h (c) y (d) p
 52. Mis(---) hoe (a) p (b) a (c) p (d) s
 53. Shal(---) augh (a) l (b) b (c) d (d) f
 54. Pas(---) rue (a) s (b) k (c) t (d) m
 55. Tyr(---) gg (a) a (b) e (c) I (d) u

Section J

In each of the following questions, choose the 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

56. EDUCATION (a) cute (b) done (c) none (c) noted
 57. ECONOMY (a) come (b) money (c) name (d) one
 58. DETERGENT (a) dent (b) net (c) enter (d) grunt
 59. EXAMPLE (a) ample (b) me (c) exam (d) apple
 60. COMPLETE (a) come (b) pet (c) mop (d) plate

Part II: Theory (70 marks)

Answer all questions

Section A

Comprehension

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

Aunt Jo was plump and short. She always had a big apron tied around her neck and waistline in huge bows which added to her appearance of dumpiness. She was dumpy; that is the word for her, and everyone dumped all his troubles into her lap. Her eyes were small and twinkly with little smiles that did not fade even when her lips were sober. Aunt Jo was everybody's aunt, and yet she had not a relative on earth that she could lay claim. She lived in our small village, all alone in one of those storybook little white houses that had a wild, overrun garden enclosed by a white picket fence. The fence was there to keep things in and not to shut anything out, for all the grownups in town were running in and out at all hours of the day and night. Children learned that an inexhaustible cookie jar and apple barrel were always ready at aunt Jo's house. Cats and dogs that strayed in to find water and food seemed to become so well mannered that the birds and squirrels in the trees and shrubbery were never disturbed. It was strange that no one ever thought of doing anything for Aunt Jo. She was so busy doing things for others that perhaps they never found the chance.

1. How many relatives did Aunt Jo have?
2. Why did Aunt Jo put a fence around her house?
3. The cats and dogs went into Aunt Jo's house to do what?
4. Why didn't anybody think of doing anything for Aunt Jo?
5. What two words would you use to describe the character of Aunt Jo?

Section B
Composition

Your answer must not be less than ten sentences.

Write a composition titled:

‘A Day I Did Not Go To School’

You may use this guideline.

- a. Introduce yourself – name, school, etc.
- b. Give the date you did not go to school, that is the day and month (You can use your imagination)
- c. Why didn't you go to school on that particular day?
- d. Describe what you did or what happened to you on that day
- e. would you like to have such a day like that again?
- f. Give reason(s) why you would or would not like to have such a day again

Section C

Fill the table below with the appropriate words.

	Present	Past	Participle
1.	Eat		
2.	Cut		
3.	Swim		
4.	Grind		
5.	Set		
6.	Broadcast		
7.	Turn		
8.	Write		
9.	Draw		
10.	Come		