

NATIONAL ENGLISH LINGUISTICS CONTEST ADOLESCENTS (GRADE 9 & 10 / O-LEVELS)



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TIME ALLOWED : 90 MINUTES

MAXIMUM MARKS : 90

TOTAL QUESTIONS : 30 MCQS

INSTRUCTIONS

1. DON'T START ATTEMPTING THE PAPER UNTIL INSTRUCTED BY THE INVIGILATORS.
2. INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE EXAMINATION INVIGILATORS MUST BE CARRIED OUT PROMPTLY.
3. WRITE YOUR NAME, FATHER NAME, SCHOOL NAME, ADDRESS ETC AT THE BUBBLE SHEET ONLY.
4. RECORD ALL ANSWERS ON THE BUBBLE SHEET ONLY. SELECT BEST ANSWER FROM THE FOUR GIVEN OPTIONS AND MARK ONLY ONE OPTION IN EACH QUESTION.
5. USE BLUE / BLACK INK TO FILL UP THE CIRCLES FOR YOUR ANSWERS ON THE BUBBLE SHEET. USE OF LEAD PENCIL IS NOT ALLOWED.
6. USE OF ANY HELPING MATERIAL INCLUDING CELL PHONES AND ELECTRONIC DEVICES IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED.
7. EVERY CORRECT ANSWER EARNS THREE POINTS. THERE WOULD BE NEGATIVE MARKING. ONE POINT WOULD BE DEDUCTED FOR EVERY INCORRECT ANSWER.
8. CANDIDATES MAY NOT LEAVE THE EXAMINATION ROOM UNSCORTED FOR ANY REASON, AND THIS INCLUDES USING THE WASHROOM.
9. THERE ARE SIX CATEGORIES OF THE CONTEST AS UNDER:
 - A. TODDLERS (GRADE 1 & 2)
 - B. KIDS (GRADE 3 & 4)
 - C. JUNIORS (GRADE 5 & 6)
 - D. JUVENILES (GRADE 7 & 8)
 - E. ADOLESCENTS (GRADE 9 & 10 / O-LEVELS)
 - F. SENIORS (GRADE 11 & 12 / A-LEVELS)
10. ONLY REGISTERED STUDENTS CAN PARTICIPATE IN THE CONTEST.
11. NO CANDIDATE SHALL TAKE OUT OF THE HALL ANY ANSWER BOOK(S) OR PART OF AN ANSWER BOOK, WHETHER USED OR UNUSED, OR OTHER SUPPLIED MATERIAL.
12. IF A PARTICIPANT DOES NOT UNDERSTAND A WORD OR PHRASE ON THE EXAM PAPER, NEITHER EXAMINER NOR INVIGILATOR IS PERMITTED TO ANSWER.
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READ THE PASSAGE AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS 1 - 5

There was a marked difference of quality between the person ages who haunted near bridge of brick and the personages who haunted the far one of stone. Those of lowest character preferred the former, adjoining the town; they did not mind the glare of the public eye. They had been of no account during their successes; and though they might feel dispirited, they had no sense of shame in their ruin. Instead of sighing at their adversaries they spat, and instead of saying the iron had entered into their souls they said they were down in their luck. The miserable's who would pause on the remoter bridge of a politer stamp persons who did not know how to get rid of the weary time. The eyes of his species were mostly directed over the parapet upon the running water below. While one on the town ward bridge did not mind who saw him so, and kept his back to parapet to survey the passer-by, one on his never faced the road, never turned his head at coming foot-steps, but, sensitive on his own condition, watched the current whenever a stranger approached, as if some strange fish interested him, though every finned thing had been poached out of the rivers years before.

Q1. In this passage the author is trying to

- A) explain the difference between the construction of the two bridges
- B) describe the way different sections of people like to dress
- C) explain the variety of ways in which strangers can be treated
- D) describe how people of different classes behaved when unhappy

Q2. People belonging to lower strata in their moments of distress

- A) remembered the days of glory
- B) dressed shabbily to earn sympathy
- C) visited the brick made bridge
- D) felt ashamed of their failures

Q3. The attitude of lowly and genteel towards strangers was

- A) virtually the same
- B) entirely different
- C) completely indifferent
- D) virulently hostile

Q4. The bridge of stone was frequented by

- A) all the sections of society
- B) those fond of fishing
- C) the sophisticated but luckless
- D) none of the above

Q5. The two bridges were known

- A) for their similar design
- B) for being equidistant from town
- C) for being haunted places
- D) for attracting dejected people to them

READ THE PASSAGE AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS 6 - 8

But while the world waits for WiMAX, wireless operators in Sydney, Johannesburg, Paris and the Bay Area are already deploying ArrayCom's new antenna design, to the dismay of mobile antennae, Copper says, "are really a bunch of sticks - we make them smart." Where conventional masts send out signals in circular arc - a process that wastes transmission power because only the signals that hit a phone are used - an ArrayCom antenna transmit signals in straight line, targeting a particular phone it recognizes using specialized software. Copper say ArrayCom's software, which resides in computers at transmitting base stations, can reach 40 times more people than conventional antenna, and cost six times less to deploy. For now, ArrayComm seems to be leaping ahead of WiMAX.

Q6. How does an ArrayCom antenna transmit signals?

- A) In circular arc.
- B) In tri-angle lines.
- C) In straight line.
- D) In diamond lines.

Q7. What does "ArrayCom" likely stand for in the paragraph above?

- A) A programming construct known as array.
- B) A new car model.
- C) A new TV model.
- D) A company name.

Q8. According to this passage, which of the following is correct in comparing WiMAX with ArrayCom?

- A) Wireless operators in Paris decide only mobile phones in 3G should be deployed.
- B) ArrayCom's new antenna design is deployed in Bay areas.
- C) WiMAX is making a giant lead compared to ArrayCom.
- D) Wireless service no longer needs base stations

READ THE PASSAGE AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS 9 - 11

One part of the puzzle is relatively easy. Most people in the world with a little bit of prodding, would accept the fact that schools, clinics, roads, electricity, ports, soil nutrients, clean water and sanitation are the basic necessities not only for a life of dignity and health but also to make an economy work. They would also accept the fact that the poor may need to meet their basic needs. But they might be skeptical that the world could pull off any effective way to give that help. If the poor are poor because they are lazy or their governments are corrupt, how could global cooperation help? Fortunately, these common beliefs are misconceptions - only a small part of the explanations of why the poor are poor. In all corners of the world, the poor face structural challenges that keep them from getting even their first foot on the ladder of development. Most societies with right ingredients - good harbors, close contacts with the rich world, favorable climates, adequate energy resources and freedom from epidemic disease - have escaped extreme poverty. The world's remaining challenges is not mainly to overcome laziness and corruption, but rather to take on the solvable problems of geographic isolation, disease and natural hazards and to do so with new arrangements of political responsibility that can get the job done. We need plans, systems, mutual accountability and financing mechanisms. But even before we have all of that apparatus in place - what I call the economic plumbing - we must first understand more concretely what such a strategy means to people who can be helped.

Q9. According to this passage, the poor are poor mostly because of

- A) structural challenges.
- B) laziness.
- C) corruptions.
- D) the richness of natural reservoirs.

Q10. Which of the following might not be the basic needs for the people?

- A) Clean water.
- B) Roads.
- C) Soil nutrients.
- D) Large dumping grounds.

Q11. The word prodding in this passage nearly means.

- A) the knowledge of rich people.
- B) goading
- C) common sense
- D) education

Q12. Pick out the best option which can complete incomplete statement correctly and meaningfully.

With great efforts his son succeeded in convincing him not to donate his entire wealth to an orphanage_____

- A) and lead the life of a wealthy merchant
- B) but to a home for the forsaken children
- C) and make an orphan of himself
- D) as the orphanage needed a lot of donations

Q13. Pick out the best option which can complete incomplete statement correctly and meaningfully.

His appearance is unsmiling but _____

- A) his heart is full of compassion for others
- B) he looks very serious on most occasions
- C) people are afraid of him
- D) he is uncompromising on matters of task performance

Q14. A part of the following sentence is *italicised and underlined*. Below are given alternatives to the italicised part which may improve the sentence. Choose the correct alternative. In case no improvement is needed, option D is the answer.

***If the room had been brighter*, I would have been able to read for a while before bed time.**

- A) If the room was brighter
- B) If the room are brighter
- C) Had the room been brighter
- D) No improvement

Q15. Out of four alternatives, choose the one which can be substituted for the given sentence.

List of the business of subjects to be considered at a meeting

- A) Schedule
- B) Timetable
- C) Agenda
- D) Plan

Q16. The sentence has been given in Active/Passive voice. From the given alternatives, choose the one which best expresses the given sentence in Passive/Active voice.

After driving professor Kumar to the museum she dropped him at his hotel.

- A) After being driven to the museum, Professor Kumar was dropped at his hotel.
- B) Professor Kumar was being driven dropped at his hotel.
- C) After she had driven Professor Kumar to the museum she had dropped him at his hotel.
- D) After she was driven Professor Kumar to the museum she had dropped him at his hotel.

Q17. Find the statement that must be true according to the given information.

Vincent has a paper route. Each morning, he delivers 37 newspapers to customers in his neighborhood. It takes Vincent 50 minutes to deliver all the papers. If Vincent is sick or has other plans, his friend Thomas, who lives on the same street, will sometimes deliver the papers for him.

- A) Vincent and Thomas live in the same neighborhood.
- B) It takes Thomas more than 50 minutes to deliver the papers.
- C) It is dark outside when Vincent begins his deliveries.
- D) Thomas would like to have his own paper route.

Q18. Fill in the blank to make the sentence meaningfully complete.

I was astounded at his _____lack of knowledge about the Continent of Africa.

- A) abundant
- B) colossal
- C) huge
- D) great

Q19. The following two words have a certain relationship to each other followed by four pairs of related words, select the pair which has the same relationship.

TEN:DECIMAL

- A) seven:septet
- B) four:quartet
- C) two: binary
- D) five:quince

Q20. The following two words have a certain relationship to each other followed by four pairs of related words, select the pair which has the same relationship.

MUNDANE:SPIRITUAL

- A) common:ghostly
- B) worldly:unworldly
- C) routine:novel
- D) secular:clerical

Q21. Which word does NOT belong with the others?

- A) guitar
- B) flute
- C) violin
- D) cello

Q22. The sentence has been given in Indirect speech. From the given alternatives, choose the one which best expresses the given sentence in Direct speech.

He exclaimed with joy that India had won the Sahara Cup.

- A) He said, "India has won the Sahara Cup".
- B) He said, "India won the Sahara Cup".
- C) He said, "How! India will win the Sahara Cup".
- D) He said, "Hurrah! India has won the Sahara Cup" .

Q23. The sentence has been given in Direct speech. From the given alternatives, choose the one which best expresses the given sentence in Indirect speech.

The little girl said to her mother, "Did the sun rise in the East"?

- A) The little girl said to her mother that the sun rose in the East.
- B) The little girl asked her mother if the sun rose in the East.
- C) The little girl said to her mother if the sun rises in the East.
- D) The little girl asked her mother if the sun is in the East.

Q24. Applying for Seasonal Employment occurs when a person requests to be considered for a job that is dependent on a particular season or time of year.

Which situation below is the best example of Applying for Seasonal Employment?

- A) The ski instructors at Top of the Peak Ski School work from December through March.
- B) Matthew prefers jobs that allow him to work outdoors.
- C) Lucinda makes an appointment with the beach resort restaurant manager to interview for the summer waitressing position that was advertised in the newspaper.
- D) Doug's ice cream shop stays open until 11 p.m. during the summer months.

Q25. Violating and Apartment Lease occurs when a tenant does something prohibited by the legally binding document that he or she has signed with a landlord.

Which situation below is the best example of violating an Apartment Lease?

- A) Tim has decided to move to another city, so he calls his landlord to tell him that he is not interested in renewing his lease when it expires next month.
- B) Valerie recently lost her job and, for the last three months, has neglected to pay her landlord the monthly rent they agreed upon in writing when she moved into her apartment eight months ago.
- C) Mark writes a letter to his landlord that lists numerous complaints about the apartment he has agreed to rent for two years.
- D) Leslie thinks that her landlord is neglecting the building in which she rents an apartment. She calls her attorney to ask for advice.

FILL IN THE BLANKS WITH APPROPRIATE OPTIONS FROM THE RELEVANT NUMBER AND ANSWER QUESTION 26 - 30.

The principal advantage in having a clear cut objective of business is that it does not derail: the enterprise does not stray ...(1)... the direct route that it has set for ...(2)... Enterprises with well defined objectives can conveniently undertake ...(3)... and follow long range development policies. Recognition of objectives ...(4)... the temptation to compromise long range ...(5)... for short term gains and improves coordination in work and consistency in policy.

Q26. Fill in the blank ...(1)... with one of the following options.

- A) from
- B) on
- C) along
- D) towards

Q27. Fill in the blank ...(2)... with one of the following options.

- A) others
- B) industry
- C) itself
- D) government

Q28. Fill in the blank ...(3)... with one of the following options.

- A) production
- B) research
- C) audit
- D) appraisal

Q29. Fill in the blank...(4)... with one of the following options.

- A) invites
- B) defers
- C) shifts
- D) removes

Q30. Fill in the blank...(5)... with one of the following options.

- A) objectives
- B) loses
- C) interests
- D) profits