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- Use grade HB pencil throughout.
- Answer each question by choosing one letter and shading it like this: [A] [B] [C] [D]
- Erase completely any answer(s) you wish to change.
- Leave extra spaces blank if the answer spaces provided are more than you need.
- Do not make any markings across the heavy black marks at the right-hand edge of your answer sheet.

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Answer all the questions.

Each question is followed by four options lettered A to D. Find the correct option for each question and shade in pencil on your answer sheet, the answer space which bears the same letter as the option you have chosen. Give only one answer to each question.

Be sure you understand the instructions at the beginning of each section before you try to answer any of the questions that follow them.

Do not spend too much time on a question. If you find a question difficult, leave it and go on and try it again later.

Use HB pencil throughout. If you wish to change an answer, erase your first answer completely and shade the appropriate space for the new answer.

An example is given below.

He got into trouble in an attempt to conceal the truth me.

- A. to
- B. against
- C. from
- D. for

The correct answer is from, which is lettered C and therefore answer space C would be shaded.

[A] [B] [C] [D]

Think carefully before you shade the answer spaces; erase completely any answer(s) you wish to change.

Now, answer the following questions.

SECTION 1

In each of the following sentences, there is one underlined word and one gap. From the list of words lettered A to D, choose the one that is most nearly opposite in meaning to the underlined word and that will, at the same time, correctly fill the gap in the sentence.

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| <p>1. One of the acrobats was quite <u>daring</u> while the other was _____.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. moody B. secretive C. lazy D. timid | <p>4. There is a sharp contrast between Camara and his wife; the former is a <u>miser</u> while the latter is a _____.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. cheat B. spendthrift C. money-grabber D. penny-pincher |
| <p>2. The manager was advised to be _____ and not <u>unbending</u> if he wants customers to patronise his bank.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. cautious B. tactful C. flexible D. dependable | <p>5. The importation of milk is <u>authorized</u> while that of ammunition is _____.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. inhibited B. repressed C. proscribed D. suspended |
| <p>3. Too many <u>concepts</u> will not help them, they need to be _____ with issues.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. serious B. practical C. reasonable D. considerate | <p>6. Mary was full of <u>reverence</u> for Mark but he treated her with _____.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. anger B. pity C. hatred D. disdain |

7. Fatima was very presumptuous, unlike her husband who is _____ .
 A. disciplined
 B. meticulous
 C. modest
 D. orderly
8. Mrs. Ojo has a calm temperament while her sister is _____ .
 A. callous
 B. agile
 C. reticent
 D. aggressive
9. Teachers asked for drastic changes in the school but parents preferred the changes to be _____ .
 A. serious
 B. rapid
 C. diverse
 D. moderate
10. To encourage productivity, we must reward industry and _____ laziness.
 A. oppose
 B. denounce
 C. attack
 D. blame
11. The heavy object which the boy threw into the ocean caused a _____ .
 A. splash
 B. flash
 C. sparkle
 D. sprinkle
12. The drama was so interesting that the _____ clapped for long.
 A. congregation
 B. audience
 C. spectators
 D. assembly
13. The hotel structure _____ because of its weak foundation.
 A. crumbled
 B. wrenched
 C. tumbled
 D. collapsed
14. As the man did not write his name in his article, the editor declared it _____ .
 A. undesirable
 B. unacceptable
 C. plagiarized
 D. anonymous
15. The President has called on the two parties to form a _____ .
 A. coalition
 B. federation
 C. monarchy
 D. democracy
16. My wife is good in computing, beading and drawing; she is _____ .
 A. hard-working
 B. versatile
 C. skilled
 D. experienced
17. The election result was cancelled because of _____ .
 A. fighting
 B. irregularities
 C. quarrelling
 D. violence
18. Kofi hardly showed any _____ for all the assistance we rendered to him.
 A. recognition
 B. respect
 C. gratitude
 D. liking
19. The accident was serious but not _____ as no lives were lost.
 A. dreadful
 B. fatal
 C. bloody
 D. lethal
20. The hilltop was a hundred metres above sea level and from that _____ the whole town could be seen beautifully laid out.
 A. altitude
 B. magnitude
 C. latitude
 D. longitude

SECTION 2

From the words lettered A to D, choose the word that best completes each of the following sentences.

SECTION 3

After each of the following sentences, a list of possible interpretations is given. Choose the interpretation that is most appropriate for each sentence.

21. The secretary fell foul of the regulations of the company. This means that the secretary
- was lured into defrauding the company.
 - protested against the regulations of the company.
 - did not obey the regulations of the company.
 - did not understand the regulations of the company.
22. When Josie returned from the trip, she told us tall stories. This means that she told us
- exaggerated stories.
 - interesting stories.
 - boring stories.
 - detailed stories.
23. The angry shop owner asked the guard to stop beating about the bush. This means that the guard was
- moving around aimlessly.
 - not attentive.
 - being nosy.
 - not being direct.
24. When Flora told me I was late to the meeting, I retorted that people who live in glass houses should not throw stones. This means that Flora
- who was often late should not criticize others.
 - should mind her word.
 - should stop the gossip.
 - was right in telling people about their lateness.
25. One should call a spade a spade when speaking with teenagers. This means that one should
- discipline teenagers thoroughly.
 - speak frankly with teenagers.
 - be strict with teenagers.
 - be friendly with teenagers.
26. Our personnel manager always spills the beans. This means that he
- tells the truth always.
 - keeps to himself at work.
 - lets out secret information.
 - likes probing into issues.
27. The village masquerade appears once in a blue moon. This means that the masquerade appears
- whenever a special request is made.
 - on very rare occasions.
 - when it is full moon.
 - once in a month.
28. Modou is a bully; let him have a dose of his own medicine. This means that he should
- be treated with caution.
 - be punished.
 - be bullied.
 - have some patience.
29. The message of the principal's speech went down well with the students. This means that the
- students did not take the principal's speech seriously.
 - speech appealed to the students.
 - students did not understand the principal's speech.
 - students wrote down the speech.
30. The class did not know that the boy they chose as captain was light-fingered. This means the boy was
- a skilful artist.
 - prone to stealing.
 - careless in handling things.
 - quite lazy.

SECTION 4

From the words lettered A to D below each of the following sentences, choose the word or group of words that is nearest in meaning to the underlined word as it is used in the sentence.

31. We had to appeal for funds to execute the project.
- solicit
 - find
 - gather
 - mobilise
32. The question that you asked is quite legitimate.
- reasonable
 - urgent
 - topical
 - strange

33. It was necessary to verify his claims.
 A. assess
 B. examine
 C. confirm
 D. accept
34. It is not feasible to accomplish the task within a short time.
 A. acceptable
 B. comfortable
 C. applicable
 D. practicable
35. The guests enjoyed the sumptuous meal served at the hotel.
 A. timely
 B. succulent
 C. expensive
 D. palatable
36. The object should be handled with care because it is fragile.
 A. valuable
 B. imported
 C. delicate
 D. costly
37. The politician has an inordinate ambition to become president.
 A. incredible
 B. unusual
 C. unwarranted
 D. excessive
38. The manager's handling of the crisis was rather slapdash.
 A. abrupt
 B. wicked
 C. biased
 D. careless
39. The doctor pleaded that the mentally ill should not be stigmatized.
 A. disgraced
 B. abused
 C. branded
 D. injured
40. I can't stand that man, he talks too much.
 A. believe
 B. tolerate
 C. understand
 D. encourage

SECTION 5

From the words or group of words lettered A to D, choose the word or group of words that best completes each of the following sentences.

41. Jane's journey _____ life has been rough.
 A. around
 B. through
 C. across
 D. over
42. The old man has been ill _____ years now.
 A. through
 B. for
 C. about
 D. since
43. The schools in the state have started operating the _____.
 A. New Education National Policy
 B. National New Education Policy
 C. New National Education Policy
 D. National Education New Policy
44. The visitor _____ here tomorrow.
 A. arrived
 B. arrives
 C. arrive
 D. arriving
45. Did Sam come here as he promised? _____
 A. No, he did.
 B. Yes, he didn't.
 C. Yes, he doesn't.
 D. No, he didn't.
46. Ama is _____ of the three girls.
 A. the most brilliant
 B. more brilliant
 C. the more brilliant
 D. most brilliant
47. _____ I am your younger sister does not mean that you should order me around.
 A. Since
 B. That
 C. As
 D. If

48. If I _____ rich, I would build more hospitals.
 A. was
 B. have
 C. were
 D. am
49. The boy saw his mother yesterday, _____?
 A. isn't it
 B. wasn't it
 C. didn't he
 D. can't he
50. Neither the host nor the guest _____ in the hall right now.
 A. were
 B. are
 C. was
 D. is
51. Moving house wasn't difficult as I didn't have _____ furniture.
 A. more
 B. much
 C. many
 D. plenty
52. There is a serious misunderstanding _____ the four groups.
 A. through
 B. across
 C. between
 D. among
53. Abu _____ reading these days.
 A. enjoying
 B. enjoys
 C. enjoy
 D. enjoyed
54. That is not your table, it is _____.
 A. John's
 B. Johns
 C. Johns own
 D. for John's
55. My uncle asked me _____
 A. when are your parents returning?
 B. that when are my parents returning.
 C. when my parents are returning.
 D. when my parents were returning.
56. You must stop talking about him _____ Dad will get angry.
 A. or else
 B. although
 C. in case
 D. however
57. He was punished _____ stealing a bag of beans.
 A. of
 B. in
 C. for
 D. with
58. She is one of the best mothers that _____ ever lived.
 A. have
 B. had
 C. has
 D. will
59. Mother has not seen him _____ seven days.
 A. in
 B. at
 C. by
 D. on
60. Ten _____ will be sworn in next week.
 A. governor-elects
 B. governor-elect
 C. governors-elect
 D. governors-elects
61. My father did _____ a large piece of land to build his house.
 A. buys
 B. buy
 C. buying
 D. bought
62. _____ he is educated, he is unemployed.
 A. Although
 B. Whereas
 C. Because
 D. Since
63. The building _____ a lot of money.
 A. brings about
 B. brings in
 C. brings out
 D. brings up

64. If one is hard-working, _____ will be successful.
 A. we
 B. he
 C. one
 D. they
65. The girl _____ her mother in everything.
 A. takes on
 B. takes before
 C. takes after
 D. takes by
66. The police ordered the driver to _____ by the kerb.
 A. pull through
 B. pull on
 C. pull over
 D. pull down
67. By this time next week, I _____ a house.
 A. am buying
 B. will have bought
 C. would have bought
 D. have bought
68. The ambassador travelled _____ air a while ago.
 A. with
 B. in
 C. on
 D. by
69. We knew you were not averse to _____ new friends.
 A. meeting
 B. meet
 C. having met
 D. have met
70. She has a pen, _____?
 A. hasn't she
 B. had she
 C. doesn't she
 D. does she

SECTION 6

In the following passage, the numbered gaps indicate missing words. Against each number in the list below the passage, four options are given in columns lettered A to D. Choose the word that is the most suitable to fill the numbered gaps in the passage.

Scientists in Africa have developed a cheap, effective and locally available preventive measure to 71. Their new soya bean-maize compound may help thousands of children to 72 the risk development from mother's milk to adult food. Two new 73 based on soya beans and maize were tested on children suffering from nutritional deficiency and they responded positively.

Africa's child mortality rate has tended to follow the ups and downs of its economy in recent years. It is the lack of 74 food for children between six months and two years old, rather than the 75 which is the problem.

Infants of weaning age have high energy and protein requirements but have 76 systems that cannot handle many adult foods. The 77 food of the masses: maize meal, sorghum, cassava tend to be bulky and high in energy. Babies may well eat a lot of them to satisfy their 78 without meeting their 79 requirements. This "hidden hunger" can 80 growth and normal development long before it becomes visible in the obvious signs of malnutrition.

	A	B	C	D
71.	malnutrition	sickness	infections	disease
72.	survive	endure	avoid	escape
73.	vaccines	supplements	additives	spices
74.	available	inexpensive	local	suitable
75.	cost	scarcity	accessibility	value
76.	nervous	respiratory	digestive	circulatory
77.	staple	processed	cultivated	natural
78.	taste	needs	appetite	desire
79.	emotional	mental	physical	nutritional
80.	stop	reverse	retard	distort