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Language Arts Paper 1

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

INSTRUCTIONS

READ THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE ATTEMPTING THE TEST.

1. THIS PAPER CONTAINS SIXTY (60) QUESTIONS.
2. YOU HAVE NINETY (90) MINUTES TO COMPLETE THIS PAPER.
3. FOR EACH QUESTION, CIRCLE THE LETTER ON THE ANSWER SHEET THAT CORRESPONDS TO THE ANSWER YOU HAVE CHOSEN.
4. USE A PENCIL TO SHADE IN THE CORRECT ANSWER.

EXAMPLE

1. Which of the following is a noun?

- A. Alvin
- B. Jump
- C. Because
- D. Under

The correct answer is Alvin, letter A. On your answer sheet you shade



B

C

D

If there is a need to change your answer, erase it and circle your new answer.

5. IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ANSWER A QUESTION LEAVE IT AND MOVE ON TO THE NEXT QUESTION. YOU WILL RETURN TO IT LATER IF THERE IS AVAILABLE TIME.

GRAMMAR AND USAGE

Read the sentence in Question 1. Choose the letter for the word which best completes the sentence.

1. To _____ does this pencil belong?
- A. who
 - B. whose
 - C. whom
 - D. which

Choose the letter that gives the correct part of speech of the underlined word in the sentence below.

2. Mother prepared an excellent meal.
- A. pronoun
 - B. preposition
 - C. adjective
 - D. noun

Complete Questions 3 – 5 by choosing the letter which corresponds with the correct form of the words in brackets ().

3. I am not _____ to go out alone at nights. (**ALLOW**)
- A. allowance
 - B. allowing
 - C. allows
 - D. allowed

In which sentence below is the apostrophe used CORRECTLY?

9. A. She cant' remember the details.
B. She cann't remember the details.
C. She can't remember the details.
D. She ca'nnot remember the details.
10. Choose the sentence that is correctly changed from *direct* to *indirect* speech.

"I am playing cricket," said Jack.

- A. Jack said that he is playing cricket.
B. Jack said that "he was playing cricket."
C. Jack replied that, "I am playing cricket."
D. Jack said I am playing cricket.

VOCABULARY

Choose the word that is similar in meaning to the CAPITALIZED words in Questions 11 – 12.

11. The rich woman **CONTRIBUTED** a large sum of money to the rebuilding fund.
- A. gave
B. borrowed
C. loaned
D. took

12. Two young boys **CREATED** the winning art piece.

- A. bought
- B. designed
- C. brought
- D. copied

Choose the word OPPOSITE in meaning to the one underlined words in Questions 13 – 14.

13. The defender had to try to **defend** the goal to prevent the other team from scoring.

- A. attack
- B. save
- C. guard
- D. play

14. They were **fearful** about going into the forest.

- A. careful
- B. unhappy
- C. petrified
- D. confident

Select the word that BEST completes the sentences in items 15 -18.

15. Because of its harmful effects, cigarette smoking was _____ in public place.
- A. promoted
 - B. introduced
 - C. allowed
 - D. banned
16. In our _____ society everyone owns a cell phone.
- A. modern
 - B. youthful
 - C. powerful
 - D. wayward
17. People gathered together to listen to a concert are called the _____
- A. choir
 - B. audience
 - C. congregation
 - D. mob
18. Marvin is always telling exciting and original stories. He has a vivid _____
- A. fantasy
 - B. memory
 - C. listener
 - D. imagination

What do the statements in items 19 – 20 mean?

19. The young boy was like a skyscraper next to his friend.
- A. The young boy was a building.
 - B. The young boy was shorter than his friend.
 - C. The young boy was much taller than his friend.
 - D. The young boy and his friend were next to a skyscraper.
20. Carrying my school bag is like dragging around a bag of boulders.
- A. I had boulders in my school bag.
 - B. My school bag was very heavy.
 - C. My school bag looked like a boulder.
 - D. My school bag was shaped like a stone.

SPELLING

Select the **SUFFIX** that correctly completes the bolded word below.

21. Our plans are **flex**_____ it can be changed if needed.
- A. able
 - B. ful
 - C. ive
 - D. ible

Select the **PREFIX** that correctly completes the bolded word below.

22. The nurse used a/an _____ **septic** to clean the wound.

- A. contra
- B. ante
- C. anti
- D. bio

For items 23 -24, choose the word that is spelt **INCORRECTLY**.

23. A. neighbour
B. friend
C. weight
D. acheive

24. A. rough
B. thought
C. eighth
D. length

25. A. frightened
B. allready
C. alternative
D. broadcast

26. A. pronunciation
B. temporary
C. bouquet
D. tragedy

For questions 25 – 26, select the incorrectly spelt underlined word in each sentence.

27. The economy of a country is its wealth and resourses.
A B C D
28. A complete assesment needs to be made of the entire situation.
A B C D

USE THE LIST BELOW FOR QUESTIONS 27 - 28.

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| A. bare |
| B. beer |
| C. bear |
| D. bier |

Select the LETTER above that corresponds with the word that best completes the sentences below.

29. The pain is too strong for him to _____
30. The top of the hill is _____ yet the mist made it difficult for us to see ahead of us.

STUDY SKILLS

31. Which word can be found between the guidewords; **degrade** and **dehydrate** in a dictionary?
- A. dehydration
B. disguise
C. degree
D. disgust

32. These words are in alphabetical order: **impress, improvise, impudent**. Which word would come **next**?
- A. indepted
 - B. impede
 - C. improper
 - D. inability
33. Which section of a textbook is used to find the meaning of a word, found in the book?
- A. Glossary
 - B. Index
 - C. Table of Contents
 - D. References
34. Which of the following is located in the **reference section** of a library?
- A. novels
 - B. autobiographies
 - C. comic books
 - D. encyclopedia

The excerpt below is taken from a book. Use it to answer questions 35 – 36

A	Dial type 4, 12
About cordless telephones 51	Directory 17
Advanced operation 17	DSL filter 5
Answer an external call during an intercom call 15	E
Answering system operation 27	Edit an entry in the directory 20
	Edit handset name 11
B	F
Basic operation 14	FGC, ACTA and IC regulations 53
Battery 9, 38	Find handset 16
C	H
Call log 22, 37	Handset display screen messages 36
Call waiting 14	Handset layout 6
Chart of characters 18	
D	I
Date and time 8	Important safety instructions 39
Delete from redial 26	Index 56-57
Delete from the call log 24	Installation 1
Delete from the directory 20	Install handset battery 2
Delete your announcement 32	Intercom call 15
Desk/table bracket installation 4	Internet 4
Dial a number from redial 26	

35. Which section of the book is this excerpt taken?
- A. Glossary
 - B. Index
 - C. Table of Contents
 - D. References
36. The numbers shown on this page tells us
- A. The number of times the word appears in the book.
 - B. The chapter and page number where the word appears.
 - C. The page number where the word appears.
 - D. The number of pages where the word is found in the book.

SECTION II

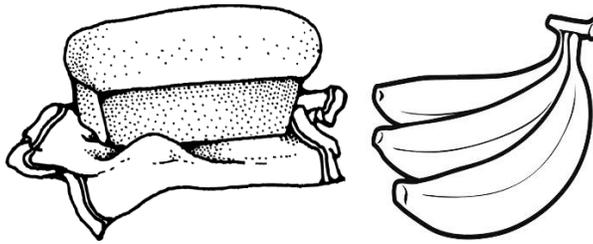
COMPREHENSION

INSTRUCTIONS

- This section contains 4 passages and 24 questions
- Read each passage carefully and answer the questions that follow
- If you do not know an answer, leave it and move on to the next.

You may return to the ones you missed if you have more time.

Read the recipe then answer Questions 37-42



Banana Bread

1 cup granulated sugar	2 cups sifted flour
¼ cup butter	1 tsp baking soda
3 medium mashed bananas	1 tsp baking powder
1 egg beaten	1 tsp grated spice chopped nuts (optional)

Pre preparation

Line the inside of the baking tin with wax paper.

Set oven to a moderate heat of 350° F (180 °C)

Mix dry ingredients (flour, baking powder, baking soda and spice)

Method

Step 1. Cream the butter and sugar.

Step 2. Add the mashed banana, mix well.

Step 3. Add the beaten egg, mix well.

Step 4. Add dry ingredients, mix well until smooth.

Step 5. Pour mixture into baking tin and place in the oven for 60 minutes

37. Based on the passage baking time should be about
- A. less than 60 minutes
 - B. 70 minutes
 - C. reduced from 70 to 60 minutes
 - D. 60 minutes
38. The banana must be added to the
- A. butter and sugar.
 - B. chopped nuts
 - C. dry ingredients.
 - D. butter only.
39. Which ingredient do you need **most**?
- A. baking soda
 - B. butter
 - C. flour
 - D. cinnamon
40. At which step do you need to be the **most** careful?
- A. putting the bread in the oven
 - B. mixing butter sugar and egg
 - C. mashing the banana
 - D. sifting the dry ingredients.
41. The purpose of the wax paper is to
- A. provide grease for the pan
 - B. give the mixture a special shape
 - C. prevent the mixture from sticking to the pan
 - D. hold the mixture together and keep it firm
42. Chopped nuts and raisins are not included in the recipe because they
- A. were bought before the other ingredients.
 - B. are not necessary
 - C. will be added after the loaf is baked.
 - D. are not to be baked.

Read the poem and answer the questions 43 - 48.

On the sagging telephone wires
just outside my window;
hung the corpses
of what were once
three joyous little kites.

Only a few days ago,
they were describing
fussy little arcs,
up there in the blue.
Bobbing and buzzing,
they soared as they flew.

And now they look so forlorn,
so pitiful, hanging there limply.
Their flat silly heads,
wiggling in the breeze.
Their scraggy tails,
twined around the swaying wires.
Their happy function frustrated,
their brief day done.

Frank Collymore



43. Which best describe the kites in movement?
- A. Joyous little kites
 - B. Bobbing and buzzing
 - C. Fussy little arcs
 - D. Scraggy tails

44. The **happy function** of the kites was
- A. Looking colourful and clean
 - B. Making little children happy
 - C. Flying high and making patterns
 - D. Tossing their scraggy tails
45. The comparison of '**corpses**' to three 'kites' is an example of a/an
- A. personification
 - B. metaphor
 - C. simile
 - D. alliteration
46. The line "**their brief day is done**" means
- A. The kites were flown for a short time in the daytime
 - B. Night fell early so the kites were not flown then
 - C. The kites hung on the wires for a short time
 - D. The kites flew for only a short time before being destroyed
47. What feeling does the poet have for the kites?
- A. Fear
 - B. Excitement
 - C. Pity
 - D. Frustration
48. The author used the word **sagging** to show that the wires
- A. had fallen down
 - B. were weighed down by the kites
 - C. seemed to be dancing
 - D. were not tightly stretched

Read the passage below and answer the questions 49 - 54.

Devon's curiosity was too intense to be controlled. His vivid imagination was getting the better of him and he was now determined to find out if the house was really occupied by a ghost.

"I know she is inside there," he declared with all the confidence of a brave eight-year-old.

"How do you know it is a female ghost?" said the nervous Ryan, who had secretly believed that some mysterious force was inside there but was too afraid to acknowledge it openly,

"Because of the way she laughs, stupid, also, don't you remember seeing a broom outside last week and when we came back it was gone? She took it and swept her bedroom. I know this for a fact! A fact! A fact! Now stop asking questions. Let's go!"

Ryan realized that he was losing the battle and thought of new arguments to prevent Devon from entering that mysterious abode.

"Devon," he said hesitantly, "suppose she is really inside there and decides to hold us as hostages until a, a-a-"

"Ransom?" blurted Devon.

" Yes, until a ransom is paid,"

"How funny! What would a ghost do with a ransom? Look if you do not want to come with me, tell me. But remember, if you do not accompany me I will not go with you to explore the cave over the weekend,"

This scared Ryan as he was too afraid to explore the little cave by himself.

"OK then," he finally agreed, "let us go and meet this old duppy and if she tries to hurt us, we will practice our karate kicks on her."

49. Devon's curiosity was too **intense** to be controlled.
Which word can best replace **intense** in the sentence?
- A. strange
 - B. extreme
 - C. wild
 - D. funny
50. Which words best describes Ryan's character?
- A. timid and careful
 - B. curious and coward
 - C. confident and clever
 - D. nervous and curious
51. **Based on the story**, which statement is true?
- A. The story took place in a cave
 - B. The characters were teenage boys
 - C. the story took place at midnight
 - D. The characters practiced karate
52. Based on the statement "**don't you remember seeing a broom outside last week and when we came back it was gone?**" What can you infer?
- A. Someone lives in the house
 - B. The ghost took the broom
 - C. The ghost is female
 - D. The boys have vivid imaginations
53. Which title best summarizes the **main point** of the story?
- A. The Strange House
 - B. The Boy Who Was Afraid of Ghosts
 - C. An Adventurous and Curious little Boy
 - D. The Mysterious Sweeping Ghost
54. Ryan and Devon were exploring a cave, when they heard a strange sound. **What do you think will happen next?**
- A. Ryan will run towards the sound
 - B. Devon will run out of the cave.
 - C. They will hug each other and scream out of fear.
 - D. Devon will investigate the source of the sound

Read the passage and answer the questions 55 - 60

Many students enjoy reading a good book. They understand that reading provides many benefits. However, a few students do not appreciate books at all! “Why read?” they ask, “when there is so much to watch on television?” For them the television is more interesting than any book. The screen flickers and changes often, the characters move and speak and the colours add appeal. Books on the other hand, may not even have pictures. You have to use your imagination, which they say, “is hard work!”

However, reading offers several advantages over television. First, you can take a book with you anywhere you want. Anywhere means anywhere: on the bus, to the kitchen, in the street, to church, on vacation and even to the bathroom! It would not be so easy to take a television set with you everywhere you go.

Secondly, a book requires no electricity or batteries to provide it with power. There are no plugs, no switches to turn off or on, nothing to be recharged. You won't be stranded if the electricity goes, or if you do not have money to buy batteries. Your book will work as soon as you open it.

Finally, books allow you to use your imagination. You do not need to depend on the ideas of a movie or television show producer. You can **generate** your own movie or television show in your head based on the words in your book. You can hear the splash and crash of the Essequibo River in Guyana, touch lions in Africa and smell the market place in Mexico. So what are you waiting for? Pick up a book today, you can take it anywhere with you, it needs no power and best of all you can create your own ideas.

55. Which statement is an **opinion**?

- A. Viewing television is more interesting than books.
- B. Book requires no electricity or battery.
- C. You can take a book anywhere you want.
- D. A television screen flickers and changes after.

56. Based on the passage, “***You can hear the splash and crash of the Essequibo River in Guyana, touch lions in Africa and smell the market place in Mexico***” This is possible by
- A. looking at the television
 - B. reading a book and looking at the pictures
 - C. using your imagination when reading
 - D. making your own movie
57. **According to the passage** all of these are characteristics of books **except**:
- A. Books do not require energy source
 - B. Books help you to be more creative
 - C. There is no limit to where you can carry a book
 - D. There must be pictures in order to understand a book
58. Which word can replace the word **generate** in paragraph 4?
- A. Great
 - B. Power
 - C. Create
 - D. Watch
59. **According to the passage**, what do some children think is hard work?
- A. Creating pictures in your mind
 - B. Reading boring books
 - C. Making the characters move or speak
 - D. Understanding pictures in books
60. What is the **main idea** of the **paragraph 1**?
- A. Television is better than books
 - B. The importance of books
 - C. Why some students do not like reading
 - D. The disadvantage of watching television