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## **END-TERM 2,** **ENGLISH PAPER** **TIME: 1HR-40MINS**

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Read the following passage and fill the gaps numbered 1-15. With the correct answers from the choices given

Man \_\_\_\_\_ 1 \_\_\_\_\_ lived \_\_\_\_\_ 2 \_\_\_\_\_ house \_\_\_\_\_ 3 \_\_\_\_\_ some animals. He has \_\_\_\_\_ 4 \_\_\_\_\_ animals \_\_\_\_\_ 5 \_\_\_\_\_ dogs and cats as \_\_\_\_\_ 6 \_\_\_\_\_ good companions because they \_\_\_\_\_ 7 \_\_\_\_\_ some work \_\_\_\_\_ 8 \_\_\_\_\_ him in the home and partly because he enjoys \_\_\_\_\_ 9 \_\_\_\_\_ pets. \_\_\_\_\_ 10 \_\_\_\_\_ animals like rats and lizards for a long time have \_\_\_\_\_ 11 \_\_\_\_\_ man's companion in the \_\_\_\_\_ 12 \_\_\_\_\_ house. Some \_\_\_\_\_ 13 \_\_\_\_\_ the insects that \_\_\_\_\_ 14 \_\_\_\_\_ a house to be a convenient place \_\_\_\_\_ 15 \_\_\_\_\_ live there includes spiders cockroaches and mosquitoes.

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|----|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| 1  | A. have been | B. has always   | C. had been     | D. can always  |
| 2  | A. in her    | B. at their     | C. in his       | D. for our     |
| 3  | A. of        | B. for          | C. with         | D. before      |
| 4  | A. find it   | B. finding like | C. founded them | D. found       |
| 5  | A. likes for | B. like the     | C. liked at     | D. liking with |
| 6  | A. part of   | B. parted for   | C. parts in     | D. partly at   |
| 7  | A. does for  | B. are doing    | C. done for     | D. do          |
| 8  | A. for       | B. at           | C. before       | D. when        |
| 9  | A. to have   | B. has had      | C. having the   | D. will leave  |
| 10 | A. any       | B. like         | C. likes        | D. some        |
| 11 | A. being     | B. been         | C. before       | D. will        |
| 12 | A. kind      | B. some         | C. same         | D. colour      |
| 13 | A. of        | B. off          | C. two          | D. to          |
| 14 | A. for have  | B. have found   | C. did find     | D. do watch    |
| 15 | A. but       | B. because      | C. with         | D. and         |

**For questions 16 - 17 punctuate the sentences**

16. he said angrily they are all liars  
A. He said. "angrily they are all liars?"  
B. "He said angrily they are all liars"  
C. He said angrily, "They are all liars."  
D. "He said angrily". They are all liars

17. think again give the correct answer  
A. Think again give the correct answer  
B. "Think again" "Give the correct answer."  
C. "Think again. Give the correct answer."  
D. "Think again. Give the correct answer".

**Write the opposite of the underlined words in the sentences**

18. The girl was in captivity for one week.  
A. modest                      B. cowardice  
C. glut                              D. freedom
19. Last year the harvest was plentiful for one week.  
A. bumper                        B. huge  
C. scarce                            D. maximum

**Choose a word to replace the underlined phrase**

20. The ship went out of sight over the horizon.  
A. departed                        B. left  
C. sank                                D. vanished

21. The thieves changed their looks by dressing themselves as women.  
A. pretended  
B. confused  
C. disguised  
D. conceal

22. We made up our minds to visit the Nairobi Park.  
A. hope                              B. decided  
C. chose                              D. wanted

**Complete the similes below**

23. The road was as slippery as \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. clay                                B. leather  
C. an eel                              D. a daisy

**Complete the question tag below**

24. We had a holiday in Malindi, \_\_\_\_\_?  
A. hadn't we                        B. haven't we  
C. isn't it                              D. had we

**Complete the proverb below in question 25**

25. \_\_\_\_\_ makes most noise.  
A. Mary vessels  
B. Most vessels  
C. Empty Vessels  
D. Big vessels

**Read the passage below and answer questions 26 - 38**

One day a woman saw a bird's eggs in a nest, she broke them and the chicks which were inside the eggs died immediately. When the bird to whom the eggs belonged came, it was very grieved. It went all over looking for the woman who had killed the chicks until it discovered her. The bird also noticed that the woman was pregnant, so it said to itself, "That pregnant woman killed my children, I must kill her baby in revenge". From that day on, the bird kept a close watch on the woman to see when she would give birth. Finally, the woman gave birth. The bird on seeing this ran fast to its nest and dressed in the fanciest way possible.

It then went to the river where it knew that woman would come to draw water for washing the baby. The first woman came and the bird saw her. it started dancing so well that the woman forgot about what she had come to do and watched the bird. The woman at home with the mother and the baby waited for the water for a long time, but no water came. At last another woman was sent to get the water. When the bird saw the second woman, it danced and sang so well that she too forgot what they had gone to do and watched the bird.

At last a third woman was sent to get the water. She too forgot it, when she saw the beautifully dressed bird dancing so well. A fourth was sent and a fifth and a sixth and a seventh, finally the new mother and her baby were left alone in the hut.

The new mother decided to go and see what had happened to all the women. She left the baby asleep on the bed. As soon as the bird saw the woman, it stopped dancing and flew very fast to the woman's house. Before the woman knew what was happening, the bird had pecked the baby until it died.

26. What did the woman do when she saw the eggs in a nest?  
 A. She cooked them                      B. Broke them  
 C. She killed them                      D. She preserved them
27. How did the bird feel about its eggs?  
 A. Felt very happy  
 B. Felt very excited  
 C. Felt very pleased  
 D. Felt very sad
28. According to the story what condition was the woman who killed the chicks in the eggs?  
 A. she was beautiful                      B. she was sick  
 C. she was expectant                      D. she was hungry
29. The word 'grieved' has been underlined in the story. This word can be replaced by \_\_\_\_\_  
 A. great sorrow                      B. great happiness  
 C. great power                      D. beautiful
30. What did the bird do on seeing that the woman who had killed her children had given birth?  
 A. danced hard  
 B. looked for its eggs  
 C. slept deeply  
 D. dressed beautifully
31. The women went to the river to fetch water. What was the water for?  
 A. cleaning the house                      B. watering crops  
 C. washing the baby                      D. washing clothes
32. In total, how many women went to the river?  
 A. ten                      B. eight  
 C. seven                      D. six
33. According to the passage, who came last but not to get the water from the river?  
 A. The woman who had given birth  
 B. All of them  
 C. The seventh woman  
 D. They all came together with the birds
34. The word "revenge" has been underlined in the story. This can be replaced with \_\_\_\_\_  
 A. paying hard for good done  
 B. harm for harm done  
 C. visiting for a wrong done  
 D. praying for wrong done
35. At long last the baby was left \_\_\_\_\_  
 A. with the mother                      B. with the grandmother  
 C. alone asleep on the bed                      D. with the dancing bird
36. When the bird saw the woman who had given birth, \_\_\_\_\_  
 A. it continued dancing  
 B. it pecked her  
 C. it ran to the woman's house and pecked the baby to death  
 D. it called other birds to dance with it.
37. Which of the following words means the same as "revenge" as used in the passage?  
 A. Retaliate                      B. Slaughter  
 C. Discover                      D. Declare
38. Which of the following proverbs summarizes this story?  
 A. rolling stone gathers no moss  
 B. All that glitters is not gold  
 C. A bird in hand is worth two in the bush  
 D. Tit for tat is a fair game

**Read the following passage below and answer questions 39-50**

A long time ago, there lived a very old woman with her grandson Wakama. The old woman found her grandson to be very cunning and did not know whether to trust him or not. However, as she was too old and weak to do any manual work, she had no alternative but to send him to do much of the field work. This child was very lazy. Although he was small in stature, he was lucky to have a clever head rather than a useless body.

One day his grandma called Wakama and said, "Take these groundnuts and sow them in the garden. Do not eat any of them. They are not cooked.

Wakama was happy beyond all description. He took the basket full of groundnuts and carried a hoe as well. When he got there he found that the field next to theirs had been planted with groundnuts by another man. He sat down and planned in his mind what to do. He ate all the groundnuts he carried and smeared both himself and the hoe with mud. When he returned home, the old woman seeing him smeared with mud was very happy and fed him uncommonly well. The same procedure was prepared for

several days till he reported that field was all planted.

Time went by and when the harvest season came he was to reap the fruits of his labour. So he went and gathered the other man's groundnuts, eating some before he brought the rest home. He repeated the same action till there was plenty at home, at this stage the owner of the field had learnt what was going on. He hid in the bush to see what was happening and caught Wakama **red-handed**. The poor "rabbit" was carried to the man's house to form part of the supper. When the time came for him to be slaughtered and dressed for food he said to the man, "Do you know?" "What have you to say?"

"If you want to have my meat taste well", continued Wakama "put me alive in the cooking pot and don't add any water". The man did as instructed and when he turned to get firewood, Wakama jumped out and took to his heels. The man shouted for help and the kite responded. It could fly fast and get hold of the cunning animal. Fortunately for Wakama there was an anthill nearby and he went straight into it. He knew the kite to be a greedy bird and particularly fond of white ants. When the kite arrived he said to it, "open your eyes, open them and I'll throw some white ants".

He threw soil in the eyes of the poor bird, rushed out from the ant hill and disappeared. He went home to enjoy the fruits of his clever head and the poor man missed both groundnuts and meat of Wakama.

39. The old lady could not work for herself because \_\_\_\_\_
- A. she was lazy
  - B. she was too old and weak
  - C. she was afraid of the boy
  - D. she was too proud to work
40. According to the story, it is true to say that the boy had a \_\_\_\_\_
- A. useless head
  - B. big body
  - C. useless mind
  - D. small body
41. What did Wakama do with the groundnuts?
- A. He planted them in their farm
  - B. He ate all of them
  - C. He planted them in the neighbour's field
  - D. He gave them back to the grandmother
42. What did Wakama do to convince his grandmother that he had planted the groundnuts?
- A. Smears himself and the jembe with mud
  - B. He worked very hard in the shamba
  - C. He planted the groundnut
  - D. He ate all the groundnuts
43. The naughty boy gathered the groundnuts from \_\_\_\_\_
- A. the grandmother's farm
  - B. the neighbour's farm
  - C. the farm he had planted
  - D. the ant hill near their farm
44. "The poor rabbit was carried to the man's house to be or form part of the supper", who was the "poor rabbit?"
- A. Grandmother
  - B. the neighbour
  - C. the grandfather
  - D. Wakama
45. The cunning boy ran away when the owner of the farm \_\_\_\_\_
- A. hid in the bush
  - B. cooked his meat
  - C. turned to get firewood
  - D. shouted for help
46. From the cooking pot, where did Wakama hide?
- A. in an ant hill
  - B. in the house
  - C. in the field
  - D. in a tree
47. He threw soil in the eyes of the poor bird, rushed from the ant hill and **disappeared**. Which of these words means the same as the underlined word?
- A. Vanished
  - B. Appeared
  - C. Commenced
  - D. Appointed
48. In the story the word red handed has been underlined. Which of these words could best replace it?
- A. caught with hands painted red
  - B. caught while in the act of doing something wrong
  - C. caught while running away
  - D. caught hiding somewhere
49. According to this story who was the smartest character?
- A. The man
  - B. The kite
  - C. Wakama
  - D. Grandmother
50. According to the passage how is the kite described?
- A. Greedy and fond of white ants
  - B. Greedy but too lazy for life
  - C. Fond of white ants but too old and weak
  - D. Good-fox-nothing bird fond of white ants