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TOTAL QUESTIONS: 40

DURATION: 1 HOUR

INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CANDIDATES:

- I. The following question paper is divided into 3 sections
 - a) Section A (Reading and Grammar): 10 Questions
 - b) Section B (Oral and written expressions): 10 Questions
 - c) Section C (Achiever's Section): 20 Questions
- II. Each question of section A consists of 2 marks. Each question of Section B consists of 2 marks. Each question of Section C consists of 3 marks.
- III. All questions are compulsory. There is no negative marking.
- IV. There is only one correct answer. Choose only ONE option for an answer.
- V. To mark the answer of your choice, fill in the correct option with a black ball point pen.
- VI. Submit the OMR sheet to the invigilator at the end of the exam.
- VII. Please fill in your personal details in the space provided below.

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CHOOSE THE CORRECT OPTION

SECTION A

Reading and Grammar

1. Select the correct pronoun: Neither Tom nor _____ know the answer.
a) I b) me
c) mine d) myself
2. Identify the adverb: The tortoise moved _____ through the race.
a) slow b) slower
c) slowly d) slowing
3. Identify the correct verb phrase: By next month, she _____ here for ten years.
a) will be working
b) will have been working
c) has been working
d) is working
4. Select the correct article: She plays _____ violin in the orchestra.
a) a b) an
c) the d) no article needed
5. What does the word "eerie" most likely mean in the sentence "the forest, once vibrant with life, now stood in eerie silence"?
a) Bright and full of life
b) Strange and unsettling
c) Peaceful and calm
d) Loud and chaotic
6. Based on the paragraph, what overall mood or atmosphere is created in the description of the forest?
a) Joyous and lively
b) Mysterious and frightening
c) Peaceful and serene
d) Hopeful and optimistic
7. Which literary device is used in the phrase "Shadows danced on the forest floor"?
a) Simile b) Alliteration
c) Personification d) Hyperbole
8. What is the central theme of the paragraph?
a) The beauty of a lively forest
b) The contrast between life and decay in nature
c) The importance of protecting the environment
d) The power of animals in nature
9. What is the significance of the "lone bird" singing a "mournful tune"?
a) It symbolizes the last trace of life in the forest.
b) It represents the return of nature to normalcy.
c) It signals the coming of a storm.
d) It is a warning to the creatures in the forest.
10. Choose the correct modal verb: _____ you please help me with these bags?
a) Will b) Can
c) Could d) Must

Read the paragraph and answer the questions that follow.

The forest, once vibrant with life, now stood in eerie silence, its trees stripped of their leaves, leaving only barren branches that twisted against the pale sky. The scent of damp earth filled the air, mingling with the faint rustle of distant creatures, too cautious to reveal themselves. Shadows danced on the forest floor, where the remnants of fallen leaves lay, decaying slowly underfoot. In the distance, a lone bird sang a mournful tune, its song barely reaching the edges of the silent woods. It was a place of both beauty and melancholy, where life and decay existed in fragile harmony.

SECTION B

ORAL AND WRITTEN EXPRESSION

11. Which sentence uses parallel structure correctly?
- a) She likes swimming, to dance, and running.
 - b) She likes swimming, dancing, and running.
 - c) She likes to swim, dance, and to run.
 - d) She likes to swim, to dance, and running.
12. Identify the sentence with correct subject-verb agreement:
- a) Each of the students have completed their work.
 - b) Each of the students has completed their work.
 - c) Each of the students have completed his work.
 - d) Each of the students has completed his or her work.
13. Choose the sentence with proper punctuation:
- a) "Where are you going?" asked Tom
 - b) "Where are you going"? asked Tom
 - c) "Where are you going," asked Tom
 - d) "Where are you going?" asked Tom.
14. Select the sentence with the correct use of modifiers:
- a) Nearly everybody has finished the test.
 - b) Everybody has nearly finished the test.
 - c) Everybody nearly has finished the test.
 - d) Everybody has finished nearly the test.
15. Identify the complex sentence:
- a) The rain fell, and the wind blew.
 - b) Although it rained, we went to the park.
 - c) The rain fell heavily.
 - d) It rained and snowed.
16. Choose the correct form of the conditional: If it _____ tomorrow, we will cancel the picnic.
- a) rains
 - b) will rain
 - c) rained
 - d) is raining
17. Identify the sentence with correct pronoun reference:
- a) When John finished his work, they went home.
 - b) When John finished his work, he went home.
 - c) When John finished their work, he went home.
 - d) When John finished the work, they went home.
18. Select the sentence with appropriate word order:
- a) Yesterday to the store went I.
 - b) To the store yesterday I went.
 - c) I went to the store yesterday.
 - d) Went I to the store yesterday.
19. Choose the sentence with correct subject-verb agreement:
- a) Neither of the options are correct.
 - b) Neither of the options is correct.
 - c) Neither of the options were correct.
 - d) Neither of the options have been correct.
20. Identify the passive voice:
- a) Someone broke the window.
 - b) The window breaks easily.
 - c) The window was broken.
 - d) Breaking the window was easy.

SECTION C

ACHIEVER'S LEVEL ENGLISH

21. Select the sentence with correct capitalization:
- We visited paris last Summer.
 - We visited Paris last summer.
 - We Visited paris Last summer.
 - We visited Paris last Summer.
22. Choose the sentence with appropriate transition:
- It was raining. We went to the beach.
 - It was raining; nevertheless, we went to the beach.
 - It was raining, went to the beach.
 - It was raining but although we went to the beach.
23. Identify the correct use of apostrophe:
- The childrens' toys were scattered.
 - The children's toys were scattered.
 - The childrens toys were scattered.
 - The childs' toys were scattered.
24. Select the sentence with correct verb tense consistency:
- He runs to school and arrived late.
 - He ran to school and arrives late.
 - He runs to school and arrives late.
 - He ran to school and arrived late.
25. Identify the sentence with correct use of adjectives:
- The more smaller box is on the table.
 - The more small box is on the table.
 - The smaller box is on the table.
 - The smallest more box is on the table.
26. Select the correct idiomatic expression:
- Take it with a grain of sugar.
 - Take it with a grain of salt.
 - Take it with a pinch of sugar.
 - Take it with a pinch of salt.
27. Choose the sentence with correct word usage:
- The effect of the medicine affected her quickly.
 - The affect of the medicine effected her quickly.
 - The effect of the medicine effected her quickly.
 - The affect of the medicine affected her quickly.
28. Select the sentence with correct word order of adjectives:
- A beautiful old French wooden table
 - A French beautiful old wooden table
 - A wooden beautiful old French table
 - An old beautiful French wooden table
29. Identify the correct use of quantifiers:
- There is few water in the bottle.
 - There is a little water in the bottle.
 - There are few water in the bottle.
 - There are a little water in the bottle.
30. Select the sentence with correct subject-verb inversion:
- Rarely I have seen such beauty.
 - Rarely have I seen such beauty.
 - Rarely has I seen such beauty.
 - Rarely seen I such beauty.
31. Identify the correct use of articles:
- He is the best student in an class.

- b) He is best student in the class.
- c) He is the best student in the class.
- d) He is a best student in the class.

- b) A harsh or unpleasant sound
- c) A sharp tool used for cutting
- d) A loud noise that causes distress

32. Select the sentence with correct use of correlative conjunctions:

- a) Not only he plays football but also cricket.
- b) Not only does he play football but also cricket.
- c) Not only he plays football but he also plays cricket.
- d) Not only does he play football but also plays cricket.

37. In the sentence, "The cracked mirror reflected a broken world, where nothing seemed to be whole anymore," what is the cracked mirror most likely a symbol of?

- a) A reflection of the past
- b) Imperfection and disillusionment
- c) Beauty and fragility
- d) Clarity and truth

33. Identify the correct use of the subjunctive mood:

- a) I suggest that he go to the doctor.
- b) I suggest that he goes to the doctor.
- c) I suggest that he went to the doctor.
- d) I suggest that he had gone to the doctor.

38. Choose the correct option to complete the sentence:

"If I _____ about the storm, I would have stayed at home."

- a) knew b) had known
- c) know d) will know

34. Choose the correct form of the adverbial clause:

- a) While walking to school, the bus passed me.
- b) While walking to school, I saw the bus pass.
- c) While I walking to school, the bus passed me.
- d) While walked to school, the bus passed me.

39. Which of the following sentences contains a **subordinate clause**?

- a) The storm raged on through the night.
- b) I decided to stay indoors because it was raining heavily.
- c) She walked slowly to the store.
- d) They laughed loudly at the joke.

35. Identify the correct use of determiners:

- a) Few students passed the test. (some failed)
- b) A few students passed the test. (some passed)
- c) The few students passed the test.
- d) Few student passed the test.

40. Which word can best replace "**lucid**" in the sentence below without changing its meaning?

"Her explanation of the scientific theory was so lucid that even the youngest students could understand it."

- a) Complex b) Clear
- c) Enthusiastic d) Detailed

36. In the sentence "Her voice was a soothing balm, calming the fears of all who listened.", what is the most likely meaning of the word "balm"?

- a) A soothing cream used for healing