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**GRADE 8 EVALUATION TEST TERM 1 2020**

**ENGLISH** **TIME: 1hr 40mins**

**Read the passage below. It has 15 blank spaces. For each blank space, select the best alternative from the choices given after the passage:**

The airport was \_\_\_\_1\_\_\_\_\_\_like a bee with aeroplanes\_\_\_\_2\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and taking off. Many \_\_\_3\_\_\_\_\_\_ had arrived and as they moved round, my eyes spotted a lady \_\_\_\_\_4\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ I \_\_\_\_5\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was my mother. She was expected in the country \_\_\_6\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ morning and since it was \_\_7\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ minutes to 5:00pm, I had a strong \_\_\_\_\_8\_\_\_\_\_\_that she was the one. From the \_\_\_\_9\_\_\_\_\_\_ she had dressed and her walking style, I had no reason to doubt that she \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_10\_\_\_\_\_ be the one. \_\_\_\_\_11\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, I stood up and ran \_\_\_\_\_\_\_12\_\_\_\_ her \_\_\_13\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ shouting loudly at the top of my voice, “Mum! Mum! I’m here; I have been waiting for you.” \_\_14\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_stunned and shocked, the woman turned and \_\_\_\_\_15\_\_\_\_ at me. She then disappeared in the crowd. Everybody’s eyes were on me. It was a case of mistaken identity. Minutes later, my mother arrived. I was very happy to see her.

**A B C D**

1. Busy idle curious anxious
2. Standing flying going landing
3. Guests persons visitors people
4. Whom who which that
5. Thought suspected knew discovered
6. At the in the this that
7. Few a few a little little
8. Imagination mind conviction shock
9. Look style mode way
10. Should had to must could
11. Quickly slowly moderately carefully
12. With towards to besides
13. Whereas when while as
14. Becoming seeming looking standing
15. Glared stared glanced roared

***For questions 16 to 18, choose the best alternative from the choices given to replace the underlined words.***

16. The meeting was **put off** because some members were away.

1. Cancelled
2. Stopped
3. Postponed
4. Delayed

17. The harvest this year has been **abundant.**

1. Enough
2. Plentiful
3. Adequate
4. Sufficient

18. The **people who came to watch the game** cheered loudly.

1. Crowd
2. Congregation
3. Team
4. Spectators

***In questions 19 to 21, choose the alternative from the choices given that best completes the blank space.***

19. Let us go for the break\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. Won’t we?
2. Isn’t it?
3. Shall we?
4. Shan’t we?

20. She may call in the evening\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. Mightn’t she?
2. May she?
3. Might she?
4. Mayn’t she?

21. You won’t go\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. Would you
2. Will you
3. Shan’t you
4. Won’t you?

***For questions 22 and 23, choose the alternative that means the opposite of the underlined word***

22. Some of the people looked very **interested** during the discussion.

1. Absent-minded
2. Ignorant
3. Learned
4. Bored

23. This is his **native** country.

1. Strange
2. Foreign
3. Wild
4. Rare

***For questions 24 and 25 choose the best alternative from the choices that completes the sentences.***

24. No sooner had the storm subsidised

1. Than the passengers alighted from the bus
2. When the passengers alighted from the bus
3. That the passengers alighted from the bus
4. So the passengers alighted from the bus

25. Would you prefer a boarding school \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_a day school?

1. To
2. Or
3. But
4. Than

***Read the passage below and then answer questions 26 to 38.***

The long rains had begun and were pounding hard. Farmers who had tilled their shambas were happy because it was obvious that they would get good harvest. So without wastage of time, they sowed the seeds. Women worked day long in the gardens as men tended the farms and excused themselves to go and meet their friends from other towns. This was a sweet moment for the hope inscribed in everyone’s heart would be clearly be seen on their faces.

Days passed and the weeding season came. The farmers did their best and when the crops finally got bigger they fenced the farms in readiness for a bumper harvest. Every home was a town of cheers and happy songs. Children played happily as adult males made granaries. The women were left to the weaving of baskets. It was a case of I love my land and my land loves me back.

The harvest did not cheat either. The crops did very well. Granaries and granaries of corns stood in homes across the village. Children grew stronger and healthier. Many herbalists lacked customers and closed their trade. Truly this was a heaven sent blessing. One only comparable to the biblical manna. Parties became rampant as every family had more than they needed.

The chief of that village felt proud of his people and organized big ceremonies to ask them unite by forgiving each other. They did not disappoint the chief. They came together and ate together. Men drunk to their fill and it turned out to be the best occasion ever witnessed on that land.

26. From the first paragraph we can conclude that

1. It was the onset of rainy season
2. Rain had come in good time
3. Farmers would get a good harvest
4. The rains would be heavy

27. The farmers who had tilled their land were happy because Rains had begun

1. They would harvest
2. Rains had begun
3. Their seeds would sprout in good time
4. They were best positioned to get good harvest

28. Which of the following statements is true according to the first paragraph?

1. Men like women worked tirelessly in the farm
2. Women worked in the farm and attended other duties as well
3. Men spent some time in the farm
4. Men were lazier than women

29. Which of the following statements show that the people were happy?

1. Women worked daylong in the gardens
2. Men excused themselves
3. Reflections of hope on everybody’s face
4. The rains came in time

30. One of the following words describe the nature of growth of the crops; which one?

1. Rampant
2. Quick
3. Improved
4. Gradual

31. Why was it necessary to fence the farms after weeding?

A. Harvesting season would soon come

B.To let the crops grow without interference

C.To keeps animals away from the farm

D.To let the crops dry

32. Why were granaries and baskets made?

1. To transport and store the produce
2. They would be sold to farmers
3. It was a way of earning a living
4. There would be a famine after the harvest

33. The writer says that the harvest did not cheat. This statement suggests that

1. granaries were filled
2. Crops did well
3. Harvest said the truth
4. Corn was in plenty

34. The herbalists named in the passage can **BEST** be referred to as

1. Doctors
2. Witches
3. Wizards
4. Magicians

35. The state of food availability in this land would be **BEST** termed as

1. Famine
2. Glut
3. Flood
4. Plenty

36. Why did the chief call his people?

1. They were not together
2. He wanted to hold a celebration
3. They had more than enough
4. They had grudges with each other

37. Which of the following words can **BEST** replace the word bumper as used in the passage?

1. Heap
2. Large
3. Terrible
4. Serious

38. The **BEST** title for this passage would be

1. Rainy season
2. End of a struggle
3. Early bird catches the worm
4. One good turn deserves another

***Read the passage below and the answer questions 39 to 50.***

When selecting a career, there are several factors that one needs to consider. First, qualification. It’s advisable to know whether you are qualified for a career or you need to pursue some other career. This because admission into tertiary institutions of learning depends upon one’s academic performance.

Secondly, the feeling of the individual or what one likes. One should have liking for a particular career he’s or she’s pursuing. Thus you need to think about your future dreams other than the grades you have scored. Then there’s the availability of resources. Most people fail to achieve their goals because they are set higher than their ability. Financial capability determines successful completion of a course. Therefore, one should seek the advice of sponsors or parents to see whether they can afford to pay for the chosen career.

Time is also a factor to consider when choosing a career. Different careers take different durations of time to pursue. For instance, a degree in business takes much shorter tie than a degree in medicine. With all said and done, the availability of jobs must also be taken into consideration. Some careers have no market. You may be a degree holder but find out that you qualify for no job.

39. Which of the following statements is true according to the passage?

1. Careers are difficult to choose
2. There are many careers
3. Some careers have no importance
4. Good thought is needed before one chooses a career

40. Why should one consider his or her qualifications before choosing a career?

1. All careers need academic excellence
2. Every career has laid standard qualification requirements.
3. Poor performance is not accepted in career choice
4. Most careers have similar qualifications.

41. What according to the passage determines further learning?

1. Career choice
2. Tertiary education
3. Academic performance
4. Job market

42. The second consideration when choosing a career is

1. Emotions
2. Individual capability
3. Preferences
4. Financial capability

43. Future dreams can also be called

1. Ambitions
2. Nightmares
3. Plans
4. Hallucinations

44. Why do most people fail to achieve their goals?

1. They are false dreams
2. They set them so high
3. The careers are not well paying
4. Their financial ability doesn’t favour their goals.

45. Why should one seek advice of parents or sponsors?

1. They are responsible for financial support
2. Parents know how to choose careers
3. Their advice is a blessing to the seeker
4. They can help one change his or her mind.

46. Why are some degrees useless?

1. They are not marketable
2. They are not taken for a long time
3. They are not expensive
4. Many people take such courses

47. One who takes a degree that lacks a market is

1. Likely to find jobs in the market
2. Also assured of a job one day
3. May end up without any job
4. Likely to end up frustrated

48. How many factors should be considered when choosing a career according to the passage?

1. Five
2. Four
3. Three
4. Six

49. Which of the following can best replace the work seek as used in the passage?

1. Look for
2. Check
3. Receive
4. Gain

50. The **BEST** title for this passage would be?

1. Careers
2. Choosing a career
3. Jobs
4. University degree