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Number of Items:120

Booklet Code: 328
Time allowed: 2 hours

I. Writing

Direction: Questions **1 - 18** are related to different types of writing. Read each of them very carefully and choose the best answer from the given alternatives. Then, **blacken** the letter of your choice on the separate answer sheet.

Section One: Paragraph Coherence

Direction: When you put in the correct order, sentences **a-d** in each of the questions from **1 - 4** make up a complete paragraph. From the alternatives given in each case, choose the one that contains the correct order of the sentences and **blacken** the letter of your choice on the separate answer sheet.

1. a. As a result, the organization has lost sight of it to think strategically.
   b. As most member states do not settle their contribution in time, it has also made it difficult to run its day to day activities.
   c. One of the challenges of the African Union is the different conflicts that are ravaging the continent these days.
   d. Since its establishment in 2001, the African Union has had to grapple with lots of challenges.

   A. c b d a C. d c b a
   B. a c d b D. b d c a

2. a. Schooling requires fulfilling the basic materials for learning.
   b. There are some reasons for students to drop out of school.
   c. Sickness could be the other reason for students to take a leave of school.
   d. One reason can be economic related cause.

   A. c b a d C. b d a c
   B. a d c b D. d c b a

3. a. It is nearly over two decades since this great event began to take place.
   b. As of the past five years, this run has been taking place in some regional capitals too.
   c. The Great Ethiopian Run is among the ten great runs of our planet.
   d. People in hundreds of thousands are expected to take part in the times to come.

A.	c	a	b	d	C.	b	c	a	d
B.	d	c	b	a	D.	a	b	d	c

4. a. Once you feel relevant, gather ample information about the company.
   b. Looking carefully at the vacancy and deciding whether you could fit in or not is to be your priority.
   c. This would help you imagine how your expertise can bear fruit to the hiring body.
   d. If you want to succeed in a job interview, observing the points here after is so much helpful.

A.	c	a	b	d	C.	b	d	a	c
B.	a	d	b	c	D.	d	b	a	c

Section Two: Jumbled Word

Direction: The words in the following questions are **NOT** in the right order. When put in the right order, they make correct English sentences. From the given alternatives **A-D,** choose the one that is correct and **blacken** the letter of your choice on the separate answer sheet.

5. was who a theory scientist Big-Bang Stephen Hawkings the world the to introduced prominent
   A. Stephen Hawkings introduced the world to a Big Bang theory who was a prominent scientist.
   B. The world scientist who introduced the Big-Bang theory was a prominent Stephen Hawkings.
   C. Stephen Hawkings was a prominent scientist who introduced the world to the Big-Bang theory.
   D. The prominent scientist who introduced a world to Big –Bang theory was Stephen Hawkings.

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6. on have finished assignment your working project you?
   A. Have you finished working on your project assignment?
   B. Have you finished your assignment project on working?
   C. Have you finished working your assignment on project?
   D. Have you finished working on your assignment project ?

7. were the is stage that it high she time on.
   A. It is high time that she were on the stage.
   B. She is on high time that were it the stage.
   C. It is the stage that she were on high time.
   D. She is on high time that it were the stage.

Section Three: Letter Writing

Direction: Item **8 – 10** are about letter writing. Choose the correct answer according to each question and blacken the letter of your choice on the separate answer sheet.

8. In a formal letter the recipient's address will be
   A. below his or her name.
   B. at the bottom of the letter.
   C. in the top right hand corner.
   D. below the sender's address.

9. If you happen to read a formal letter having a salutation which reads as "Dear. Mrs. Fetiya," which one of the following could be the most appropriate closing?
   A. Yours Truly
   B. Yours Sincerely
   C. Yours Obediently
   D. Yours Faithfully

10. In a formal letter which of the following could be optional?
   A. The salutation line
   B. The recipient's address
   C. The subject heading
   D. The date line

Section Four: Punctuation and Capitalization

Direction: Questions **11 - 14** are related to punctuation and capitalization. Read each of them carefully and choose the best answer from the given alternatives that is correctly punctuated and capitalized. Then, **blacken** the letter of your choice on the separate answer sheet.

11. A. My grandson lives on Derartu Tulu street.
    B. My grandson lives on Derartu Tulu Street.
    C. My Grandson lives on Derartu Tulu street.
    D. My Grandson lives on Derartu Tulu Street.

12. A. Ethiopia Nigeria South Africa, and Kenya are all members of the AU.
    B. Ethiopia, Nigeria South Africa and Kenya are all members of the AU.
    C. Ethiopia, Nigeria, South Africa and Kenya are all members of the AU.
    D. Ethiopia Nigeria South Africa, and Kenya, are all members of the AU.

13. A. The bridge on the river was built by the C.B.R.C.
    B. The bridge on the river was constructed by the CB.R.C.
    C. The bridge on the river was built by the CBRC.
    D. The bridge on the river was constructed by the CB.RC.

14. A. Fozan has left; for Jimma his sister has gone to Jigjiga.
    B. Fozan has left for Jimma; his sister has gone to Jigjiga.
    C. Fozan has left for Jimma his sister; has gone to Jigjiga.
    D. Fozan has left for; Jimma his sister has gone to Jigjiga.

Section Five: Spelling

Direction: For item **15** and **16**, choose the word which is written in correct spelling and **blacken** the letter of your choice on the separate answer sheet provided.

15. A. opinionated
    B. courageos
    C. resilent
    D. desisive

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16. A. Agressive
B. Charismatic
C. consultetive
D. Participatry

Section Six: Conclusion of a Paragraph

Direction: Questions **17** and **18** are based on the paragraphs given below. Read each paragraph carefully and from the alternatives given in each case, choose the one that contains the concluding idea and **blacken** the letter of your choice on the separate answer sheet.

17. Mr. Solomon is the most dedicated teacher I have ever known for three major reasons. To begin with, he rarely comes to class without a thorough preparation on the day's lesson. Moreover, he is humorous while teaching which, in my view; a quality is that a good teacher is expected to have. The fact that he treats every student equally is the other feature of Mr. Solomon that we all admire.
    A. No teacher has the qualities that match Mr. Solomon possesses.
    B. Clearly speaking, the fact that he is impartial; every one of us like him very much.
    C. To conclude, Mr. Solomon is greatly admired for his being the funniest teacher in class.
    D. As a result, every one of us in our class wants to emulate him when we become teachers.

18. Sharing house hold chores between a husband and wife is becoming a necessity, not an option these days. The first and perhaps the most important reason is that it is through such modeling that children in the family would grow taking a good lesson from their parents on the importance of cooperation. The other pressing need is that most women these days, like their male counterparts, have got big responsibilities that stretch from home to office. Thus, sharing the burden on the men's part is quite indispensable. What could be more is, by sharing the burden, the husband and wife would get time to share love and warmth.

A. Wrapping it up, a husband and wife are responsible for shaping their children's future.
B. In a nutshell, the present unlike the past, requires men's dedication in easing the burden of their wives.
C. a whole, sharing family burden is the source of warmth and comfort for the children.
D. As In conclusion, it can be said that as an apple does not fall far from its tree, so are children.

II. Language Focus

Direction: Questions **19 - 56** are incomplete sentences. Choose the word/phrase that best completes the sentence and **blacken** the letter of your choice on the separate answer sheet provided.

19. One of my favorite sports is _____

A. swimming
B. to swim
C. for swimming
D. swim

20. The number of students taking this year's national exam is _____ that of last year. The figure is constantly increasing every year.

A. fewer than
B. lesser than
C. less than
D. greater than

21. _____ you stop your being promiscuous, your chance of being affected by sexually transmitted diseases will be so high.

A. Unless
B. If
C. Could
D. Should

22. The Wall of Harar _____ in the 16th century.
A. were built
B. has been built
C. was built
D. was being built

23. Which of the following sentences is grammatically correct?
A. Mekonnen Bar who is found at piazza in Addis Ababa, is famous for its cake.
B. Any animal which lives in a jungle does not have to necessarily be considered as dangerous.
C. AIDS, that is caused by a virus called HIV, has remained to be a fatal disorder for nearly three decades.
D Nairobi whom is the capital of Kenya is the seat for many international organizations.

24. By this time next year, we _____ to university should we succeed in this exam.
A. will be admitted
B. will have been admitted
C. we will be admitted
D. will have admitted

25. Scientists are expected to _____ researches in the all-out effort of combating fatal diseases in the times to come.
A. make
B. have made
C. have done
D. do

26. Any student _____ misbehaves in class should be penalized.
A. which
B. whom
C. who
D. who so ever

27. If you have taken, in your previous institution, most of the courses that are given here you _____ be exempted from taking them again though I am not quite sure.
A. should
B. must
C. could
D. had better

28. It was _____ marvelous time that we spent with the visiting team last Sunday.
A. so a
B. such a
C. such
D. so

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29. I have prepared myself for this national exam. Thus, it is in my firm belief that I _____
A. will be succeeding
B. will succeed
C. have succeeded
D. am succeeding

30. _____ countries were ranked 1-10 as the most peaceful?
A. Whose
B. In which
C. Which
D. What

31. Had I studied very hard, I _____ last year's exam with ease.
A. will have passed
B. would pass
C. would not have passed
D. would have passed

32. Mekdes mostly finds it _____ to wake up early in the morning which leads her into unnecessary conflict with her school teachers.
A. demotivating
B. confusing
C. crying
D. tasking

33 _____ her being late for the exam, the invigilator did not prevent her from taking it.
A. Despite the fact that
B. In spite of
C. Even if
D. Even though

34. _____ my car had run out of petrol, I had to park it on the side road and go on foot.
A. In spite of
B. Even though
C. Because
D. Despite

35. Zebiba has lived in Agaro _____ ten years.
A. since
B. for
C. in
D. _____

36. Unless a concerted effort is exerted in the fight against global warming, no need of being a foreteller that the earth _____ the most uncomfortable planet to live on.
A. will be
B. will have been
C. could have been
D. might be

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37. By the time one of the strikers of the Ethiopian national football team scored the last goal in the penalty shootout, the cheers and applauds from the spectators _____ like a thunder.
    A. felt
    B. heard
    C. looked
    D. sounded

38. No one should abuse his/her power _____ corruption.
    A. for
    B. to
    C. so as to
    D. in order to

39. In his debut appearance to his club last week, Abdulkerim _____ score two goals.
    A. was able to
    B. might be able
    C. could
    D. can

40. Oh ! The time is now just 3:00 pm and if you go now, you _____ her in her office.
    A. might meet
    B. would meet
    C. will meet
    D. could meet

41. I have visited several countries in my twenty years of tenure as a civil servant. Nonetheless, no country have I come across like Ethiopia which has _____ hospitable climate of all.
    A. the best
    B. the most
    C. the most better
    D. the better

42. Ms. Adanech strictly warned her students that missing classes without having due reason will be costly. She is of the opinion that everybody _____ attend class regularly.
    A. should
    B. has to
    C. needs to
    D. must

43. It is now just 4:30 pm. Most likely, by now the exam _____ finalized.
    A. had been
    B. has been
    C. has
    D. is being

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44. It was announced yesterday that there would be a staff meeting tomorrow at 9:00 am and we all have been urged that no one miss it. I think, we _____ attend.
A. do not have to
B. must
C. should
D. have to

45. Mr. Gole looks usually presentable with his dressing style. As an instance, the white shirts he casually wears make him _____ gorgeous.
A. quiet
B. unlikely
C. verily
D. quite

46. The refugees from neighboring Somalia _____ temporarily _____ at Dollo-Ado refugee camp for a few months.
A. were/Sheltering
B. had/been sheltering
C. have/been sheltering
D. are/sheltering

47. Last year at this time I _____ hard for the exam that I am taking right now.
A. was studying
B. studied
C. study
D. had studied

48. Ms. Letay _____ with the Ministry of Revenue for the last ten years.
A. had been
B. has been
C. was
D. is

49. It was his endurance that _____ the famous athlete Haile Gebreselassie break over twenty five records in his middle and long distance running.
A. allowed
B. let
C. made
D. makes

50. Zeineb had to leave the meeting early, _____ she had an already settled appointment with her physician.
A. as
B. despite
C. so long as
D. in fact

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51. By the time the thunder exploded through the heavy rain, every one of us became _____ of it and tumbled out of our bed.
A. afraid
B. frightened
C. trembled
D. shocked

52. People who are promiscuous must know that they are in trouble. _____, what I want to advise them is that it is high time for them to drop such a bad habit
A. So that
B. As
C. So
D. Because

53. In which of the following sentences does the order in which the adjectives have to appear look appropriate?
A. The thin person, who is short, wearing a pair of jeans tattered trousers is Mr. Degu.
B. The short, thin person, with a pair of tattered jeans trousers, is Mr. Degu.
C. Mr. Degu, wearing a tattered pair of jeans trousers, which are thin and short is a person.
D. The person, with a thin tattered jeans pair of trousers, who is short, is Mr. Degu.

54. I remember quite well what the anti-Apartheid icon Nelson Mandela once said. "_____ Africans are sinking, the rest of the world is letting them sink. When someone lets you sink, you must learn how to swim."
A. on the contrary
B. even though
C. where as
D. while

55. _____ our economy is showing a tremendous progress, the fact that there are millions of citizens whose livelihood is below the doldrums of poverty compels us to accelerate our fight against destitution and wretchedness.
A. Despite of
B. However
C. Despite
D. In spite of

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56. I have read _____ books on how to make life peaceful with a partner and have found them very useful.
A. any
B. some
C. much
D. no

III. Communicative Activities

Direction: Questions **57 - 82** are presented in a form of dialogue. The part said by one of the speakers is given, and a blank space is left for the other. Choose the alternative that is most appropriate to complete the dialogue and **blacken** the letter of your choice on the separate answer sheet provided.

57. **Andargachew:** You are casually dressed. Your neck tie goes with your suit. Where is it from?
Dilamo: _____
A. Great. It is made from cotton.
B. Thanks dear; it is from Turkey.
C. Yes. It is lovely.
D. Wow, it is quite medium in size.

58. **Estifanos:** Sarah, what are you planning for the coming year?
Sarah: _____
A. I am going to marry.
B. Emm…I am starting my own Business.
C. I will have registered for my second degree.
D. I will be having my own small restaurant.

59. **Dina:** What you told me about the man, saying that "he spent his life hitch hiking" is not clear.–
Muanech: _____
A. Let me say that again. He spent his life hitch –hiking.
B. let me rephrase what I just said. He spent his life asking for drivers to give him a lift.
C. To make it clear, the man is best known for his being helpless.
D. In other words, he has never had even a bicycle. He rather prefers others to give him a ride.

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60. **Interviewee:** If in case I am employed, can you tell me about some of the issues which I should know beforehand about my job?

Interviewer: _____

A. The fact that you are raising such an issue is indeed very nice of you.
B. It is totally unnecessary to ask about this issue now.
C. What about yourself? Is there anything that you want us to know about you?
D. Occasionally you would have to stay in office after 5 pm and this would require your commitment.

61. **Jemal:** Where do you think Ethiopia will be within a decade when its giant water reservoir, The Great Renaissance Dam Project, becomes fully operational?

Gebretsadkan: _____

A. I wonder if this iconic project is finalized on time, it will make Ethiopia the economic power house of Africa.
B. Ethiopia will have found itself being the water tower of East Africa.
C. I think Ethiopia will have faster water transport system thanks to this big dam.
D. I am sure that the dam will be completed within a foreseeable future.

62. **Molla:** One of the disadvantages of staying unmarried is losing the love and comfort one may have to get from the marital bond. What else?

Milkesa: _____

A. In addition to providing with love and comfort, marriage helps someone to have peace.
B. On the other hand, being married is believed to have several advantages.
C. The other disadvantage of staying out of marital wedlock is losing the social harmony that one may have to enjoy.
D. The other disadvantage of marriage is that it makes the two parties stay in it even after going disenchanted.

63. **Hailu**: Do you know that in the Gikiyu clan, somewhere in the Southern Part of Africa, the female is the figure head of her family?
Asia: _____
A. Funnily enough there should be so many clans of such a type where female domination is rampant.
B. Believe it or not, I have never heard the presence of such a clan in Africa.
C. Do you know the Gikiyu? I had once the opportunity of visiting them.
D. It may sound strange, but no surprise this time that there appear to be many societies which are matriarchal.

64. **Tourist:** Can you tell me about the Ethiopian traditional costumes?
Local Ethiopian-guide: _____
A. Men and women usually dress in the same way.
B. Well, the traditional clothes are mostly made of cotton.
C. Traditional Ethiopian cloth is allowed to be worn by foreigners.
D. No No, modern cloth is worn by the public during holidays.

65. **Interviewer:** _____
Interviewee: Given the employment opportunity, I want to be given scholarship opportunity having served for two years.
A. Can you tell me about your interests?
B. Would you mind telling me your position in your previous company?
C. Have you ever been given scholarship opportunities before?
D. Where would you like to be after ten years?

66. **Venus:** Have you ever been to Gambela, Melat?
Melat: Not clear. I didn't get you.
Venus: _____
A. Is that clear?
B. Ok, let me say it louder.
C. Please repeat that.
D. Let me put it another way.

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67. **Kiflom:** In terms of size, which one is bigger, the Aswan Dam or the Great Ethiopian Renaissance Dam?

Gach _____

A. The Great Ethiopian Renaissance Dam is the biggest of all man made dams in Africa.
B. The Aswan Dam is not as big as the Great Ethiopian Renaissance Dam.
C. The Great Ethiopian Renaissance Dam is as expensive as that of the Aswan Dam.
D. The Great Ethiopian Renaissance Dam can consist of 74 billion cubic liters of water.

68. **Wario:** I wish you could tell me as to what I should do to be a successful entrepreneur.

Uba: _____

A. I would say that success cannot be achieved only through dreaming.
B. Is it hard to be an entrepreneur?
C. I strongly suggest that you become an employee only.
D. To give you an idea, it is better to take part in life skills trainings.

69. **Zuber:** _____

Zebenay: Yes, I do, because that is the only way to pull us out from our deep seated poverty.

A. Do you think it is possible that self-automated cars will litter the roads of Addis Ababa?
B. Do you think modernizing our Agriculture should be our priority in the future?
C. Are you of the opinion that cell phones are improving the lives of Ethiopians?
D. Would it be healthy to think of everything in terms of personal agenda?

70. **Semira:** Do you think technology-led economy will take the upper hand in Ethiopia?
Huria: _____
A. There is a good chance for it to prevail, I think.
B. I wish it had been like that, but the fact was totally different.
C. If so, Ethiopia will get the chance to liberalize its economy.
D. Really? If so, we must be lucky.

71. **Journalist:** Can you tell me what happened to your country in recent times?
Ambassador: Emm, there was coup d'état and _____
A. the fact that it was banned from its AU membership.
B. the reason why my country was banned from AU's membership.
C. for this reason, AU suspended my country from membership.
D. thanks to that it could have been suspended from its AU membership.

72. **Student:** I was a bit sick. As a result, I missed the final exam.
Teacher: _____
A. These days, many students are not appearing for an exam.
B. Really? What are you doing now?
C. Whether you like it or not you should have fallen ill.
D. Even if that is so; you are expected to produce an evidence for it.

73. **Tadelech:** Look over there! Is that part of the plane that got crushed at Bishoftu some years back?
Nejat: No, it can't be part of a plane. It _____.
A. neither looks part of a plane
B. looks like part of a helicopter
C. looks like part of a plane
D. looks like part of a helicopter either

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82. From the excerpts below A-D, identify the one stated in a ***formal register***
    A. Yeah, I am okay. And you ?
    B. Hi Samson! Are you okay?
    C. Good morning, Mr. Tsegaye. How are you today?
    D. Are you gonna to Friendship Park tomorrow?

IV. COMPREHENSION

Section One: Sentence Comprehension.

Directions: For items **83** and **84**, from the four alternatives given, choose the sentence with the closest meaning to the head sentence and **blacken** the letter of your choice on the separate answer sheet provided.

83. All the students, but Shemsu had already finalized the project by the time the instructor asked them to submit it.
    A. Both Shemsu and his class mates had already finished their assignment and submitted the same following an order from their instructor.
    B. Neither Shemsu nor the rest of his class mates were ready to submit their project by the time their instructor requested them to do so.
    C. By the time the instructor asked his students to submit their project work, with the exception of Shemsu, who completed it on time, all the rest were not ready for submission.
    D. Except Shemsu who did not complete his project assignment, the rest were ready to submit it when asked to do so by their instructor.

78. **Zemzem:** Do you have any idea as to why the yesterday's board of director's meeting was cancelled?

Dinato: _____

A. I wish it had not been cancelled.
B. I am sorry. I don't know.
C. Sorry, it should have been cancelled.
D. It was not cancelled.

79. **Ousman:** What do you think could the reason be for the environmental degradation that we are witnessing these days?

Saba: I think _____

A. this is due to human being's unnecessary intervention in the environment.
B. such a disaster can be halted only through a concerted effort.
C. environmental degradation is a serious reason for the prevalence of destitution.
D. draught and famine are its adverse consequences.

80. **School Principal:** Dear teachers, what do you think should we do to help our students succeed in the upcoming National Exam?

Teacher: _____

A. I believe that it is not that difficult and helping our students is our moral obligation.
B. Personally, I would suggest that they be encouraged to study hard by their own only.
C. Personally, I think we can help by providing those trainings on how to become self-regulated and self-directed learners.
D. Unless students are helped, it is less likely for the majority to succeed only by their own effort.

81. **Firtuna:** Did you attend the 12th anniversary of The Great Ethiopian Renaissance Dam, celebrated at Guba last April?

Venus: _____

A. I wish I had, but unfortunately, I was out of Ethiopia.
B. Oh, yes I was about to attend it.
C. Oh! Yes, I could have attended it.
D. I wish I have attended it, but couldn't make it because of personal reasons.

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that Africa has sacrificed its opportunities for the sake of the rest to prosper uninterruptedly. It was a **chewy** route for Africa to find its way to success. It is the fact that in order to change the course of the system, African nations have designed special strategies to achieve their vision to create Africa we want through the agenda 2030 and Agenda 2063 of the African Union. In this long-term agenda, African nations, through their leaders have signed multiple agreements to meet the desired goals.

3 Some of the notable measures that followed those multiple agreements are the points of focus of this paragraph. In this respect, contrary to the previous way of doing trade, the report noted that Africa has taken tangible actions to secure greater **intra-continental trade** including the adoption of an action plan to boost intra-African trade and the agreement ratified by the states. In addition the ratified agreement will open the door to eliminate 90% of tariffs in goods. It is also expected to liberalize trade in services gradually, and to create a single African market of one billion consumers with a total gross domestic product of more than $ 3 trillion. Such tangible actions will bring additional benefits to the people of Africa including job creation and economic growth. Again, the above benefits will unlock the long awaited continent's sustainable industrialization and development.

4 Moreover, in recent years, regional economic partnerships have been strengthened. Accordingly, the Tripartite Free Trade Area, which incorporates three regional economic, communities namely, COMESA, EAC and SADC, was officially launched in June 2015 in Sharm el-Sheik Egypt with the aim of fostering integration and helping member states to **circumvent** the challenges arising from overlapping memberships in regional economic communities. As of July 2022, there were 22 signatories to the Tripartite Free Trade Area Agreement among the 29 states of the three regional communities, and 11 states had ratified it. Three additional ratifications are required to operationalize the Tripartite Free Trade Area.

5 To achieve what has been planned and see the 'Africa we want", every stake holder coupled with the people of Africa must work for the unified goals. Organizations such as the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) confirmed that it will provide technical support and other necessary analysis in order to enhance the initiatives mentioned above.

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