GRADE 8 ENGLISH LANGUAGE MODEL EXAMINATION 2018

PART I. COMMUNICATION

DIRECTIONS: Questions (1-8) are based on the dialogue between two students. Choose the correct expression or phrase that completes the conversation.

1. **Gemeda**: Hello, _____?

   Ayantu: My name is Ayantu.

   A. how are you C. what is your name

   B. what do you do D. where are you from

2. **Gemeda:** Do you know the meaning of your name in English?

   Ayantu: _____**.**

   A. No, I do B. No, you don't C. Yes, I don't D. Yes, I do

3. **Gemeda**: _____ first told you its meaning?

   Ayantu: My mother.

   A. Who B. Which C. Where D. When

4. **Gemeda**: But I don't know my name in English. What shall I do?

   Ayantu: You _____ ask either your parents or your teacher.

   A. don't have B. have C. can't D. had better

5. **Gemeda**: That is a good idea; thanks.

   Ayantu: _____.

   A. You are welcome C. In my opinion

   B. Good afternoon D. Pleased to meet you

6. **Gemeda**: By the way, let me invite you. Have you ever drunk beer?

   Ayantu: _____.

   A. Yes, I am B. No, I haven't C. No, I don't D. Yes, I will

7. **Gemeda**: I think it is **not** bad to drink beer.

   Ayantu: _____ I believe students should never drink any alcohol.

   A. You are right. C. Where is the hotel?

   B. What do you advise? D. I 'm afraid, I disagree.

8. **Gemeda**: What about milk? I like it very much.

   Ayantu: _____.

   A. So am I B. Neither do I C. So do I D. Neither am I

PART II. SENTENCE COMPREHENSION

DIRECTIONS: For questions (9-18), choose the sentence that is similar in meaning to the original sentence.

9. **Neither Gemechu nor Momina went to Adama.**

   A. Gemechu went to Adama, but Momina didn't.

   B. Both Gemechu and Momina didn't go to Adama.

   C. Momina went to Adama, but Gemechu didn't.

   D. Both Gemechu and Momina went to Adama

10. **If she stops education, she will face problems in life.**

   A. She did not stop education.

   B. She didn't face problems in life.

   C. She may or may not face problems in life.

   D. She may stop education, but she never faces problems in life.

11. **I am going to visit my uncle.**

   A. I intend to visit my uncle C. I will decide to visit my uncle.

   B. I have already visited my uncle. D. I won't visit my uncle

12. **My mother is as tall as my father.**

   A. My mother is taller than my father.

   B. My father is taller than my mother.

   C. My father and my mother are equal in height.

   D. It is not possible to compare my father and my mother.

13. **He walks too slowly to arrive at school on time**.
    A. He is not quick enough to arrive at school on time.
    B. Although he walks slowly, he arrives at school on time.
    C. He walks slowly because he arrives early.
    D. The school is not far, so he walks slowly

14. **She studied hard, so she got good grades in her exams.**
    A. Studying hard was the result of her good grades.
    B. Getting good grades was the result of her hard work
    C. She got good grades because she didn't study hard.
    D. Studying hard and good grades had no connection in her life.

15. **The policeman reported a car accident yesterday.**
    A. A car accident reported the policeman.
    B. There will be a car accident by the policeman.
    C. A car accident is being reported by the policeman.
    D. A car accident was reported by the policeman.

16. **The girl whose story has been selected is my sister.**
    A. The girl's sister has selected a story**.**
    B. The girl's story has been selected.
    C. My story has been selected.
    D. The girl has selected my story.

17. **Alemitu does not like cheating, and nor does Bekelech**.
    A. Bekelech likes cheating, but Alemitu does not like it.
    B. Alemitu does not like cheating, but Bekelech likes it.
    C. Both Alemitu and Bekelech do not like cheating.
    D. Both Alemitu and Bekelech like cheating.

18. **Adem used to live with his parents when he was a student.**
    A. Adem has stopped living with his parents now.
    B. Adem will continue to live with his parents.
    C. Adem did not like to live with his parents.
    D. Adem never lived with his parents.

PART III. GRAMMAR AND USAGE

DIRECTIONS: From questions (19-37), choose the correct answer that completes each sentence.

19. Kenasa speaks both English _____ Afan Oromo fluently.

A. but B. either C. or D. and

20. How _____books do you have?

A. much B. many C. often D. if

21. What _____the girl doing when you entered the room?

A. was B. does C. is D. did

22. Lessons _____by the subject teachers at school.

A. will teach B. teach C. have taught D. are taught

23. They _____revise the time table, but no one is sure about it.

A. might B. must C. had to D. do

24. I _____ New-year Festivity with my parents last year.

A. will enjoy B. enjoy C. enjoyed D. have enjoyed

25. Her skirt is _____than mine.

A. the newest B. newer C. as new as D. new

26. They _____a house before they bought a car.

A. build B. will build C. had built D. were building

27. This is the book_____ she told me about.

A. when B. which C. whose D. where

28. This is the _____ shirt I have ever bought. .

A. not expensive B. more expensive C. expensive as D. most expensive

29. I wash my face every morning. So, I can say I_____ wash my face.

A. always B. never C. sometimes D. often

30. I like reading books _____ it makes me a better leader.

A. although B. therefore C. because D. ought to

31. "The *students are listening to you*," the director told me. This sentence can be reported after a week as:

A. The director told me that the students were listening to me.

B. The director told me that I was listening to the students.

C. The director told me that the students were listening to him

D. The director told me that he was listening to the students.

32. **Nuria**: Is bread your favorite food?

Guluma: _____.

A. Yes, it may B. Yes, it does C. Yes, it has D. Yes, it is

33. When I get more money, I_____ the poor.

A. helped B. was helping C. will help D. have helped

34. The bus was very late yesterday. It_____ down.

A. may break C. should break

B. could have broken D. needs to break

35. While we _____ television, he knocked at the door.

A. watched B. are watching C. had watched D. were watching

36. She won the competition; _____, she was awarded a medal.

A. because of B. therefore C. however D. neither

37. Diseases _____ caused by bacteria and virus.

A. have been B. had been C. were D. are

DIRECTIONS. For Questions 38 and 39, choose the sentence which is correctly punctuated from the given alternatives.

38. A. He is my bother?

B. She knows her husband's wallet.

C. I will telephone you, if he comes on time.

D. He has bought a pen two pencils and a book.

39. A. How do you do, Tola?

B. What a smart girl she is?

C. This is, Chaltus' book.

D. No he didn't.

PART IV. READING PASSAGE

DIRECTIONS: Read the passage that follows carefully and answer questions (40-50). Choose the correct answer for each question from the given alternatives.

The Young Panda's visit

The young panda went to Hell first. It was extremely **large** restaurant, full of round tables. At the tables, there were groups of animals called pandas shouting and screaming at each other across **bowls** of the most delicious bamboo shoots. In their paws, they held long chopsticks that they found it impossible to feed them. Whenever they tried to pick up some food all they managed to do was to **poke** each other in the eye. They were all starving and miserable.

Next, the young panda visited Heaven to see what the place was like. **It** was surprised to see the same tables, and the same bowls of **delicious** bamboo shoots. These pandas also had very long chopsticks, but instead of looking **miserable**, they were all smiling and licking their lips. They were having a most wonderful time for, instead of trying to feed themselves, which was impossible with such long chopsticks, they were feeding each other.

(***Adapted from***: Pattern, B. 2001: In the Story Giant, 41-42.)

COMPREHENSION

DIRECTIONS: Answer Questions (40_45) according to the information given in the passage.

40. What did the young panda visit first ?

A. Heaven B. Hell C. Lake D. Forest

41. The pandas in the heaven were:

A. shouting B. miserable C. smiling D. dancing

42. What were pandas eating or trying to eat?

A. large tables B. big bowls C. large lips D. bamboo shoots

43. What difference between Heaven and Hell did the young panda see?

A. the way pandas eat C. the type of tables

B. the size of restaurants D. the long chopsticks

44. What is the message of the story?

A. It is good to be selfish.

B. Animals do not know how to feed themselves**.**

C. Caring for each other results in happiness.

D. Someone can be healthy if he/she lives alone.

45. **"---it** was surprised**---",** paragraph **2 , <u>it</u>** refers to **:**

A. place B. panda C. heaven D. bamboo

VOCABULARY FROM THE CONTEXT

DIRECTIONS: Questions (46-50), choose the contextual meaning of the following words as they are used in the story.

46. '---**<u>large</u>** --, paragraph **1**; means :

A. deep B. narrow C. big D. many

47. '---- **bowls**---',paragraph **1**; means :

A. round dishes B. deep holes C. long sticks D. flat leaves

48. '----**poke**---', paragraph **1**;means :

A. to swallow something quickly C. to push an object into something

B. to sleep on something D. to feel happy about something

49. '----**delicious**----', paragraph **2**; means :

A. sad B. bitter C. dry D. tasty

50. '----**miserable**---',paragraph **2**; means :

A. enjoyable B. uncomfortable C. impossible D. curable

Part V. VOCABULARY FROM THE TEXTBOOKS

DIRECTIONS .Questions (51-57) are based on contextual meanings of words from your textbooks .Choose the best meaning of the underlined word.

51. The committee is **comprised** of teachers, the director and students.

A. consisted B. revealed C. exchanged D. estimated

52. Chameleon is not easily attacked by its enemies since it changes its colour according to its surroundings to **camouflage** itself.

A. revolve B go C. hide D. pay

53. The students like his way of teaching. They always **admire** him.

A. reject B. respect C. present D. punish

54. The fact that I came home late provoked my father's **wrath** and he shouted at me.

A. help B. choice C. popular D. anger

55. Students should be given equal **opportunity** to ask questions in the class.

A. chance B. book C. play D. cruel

56. It is **amazing** to hear that an athlete has won three gold medals in one olympic game.

A. climbing B. surprising C. reporting D. dancing

57. Merga started to **contemplate** what to answer when the teacher asked questions.

A. think of B. rid of C. go out D. change in

DIRECTIONS. Questions (58-60) choose the opposite meanings of the underlined words.

58. It is **desperate** for a child to lose her/his parents because of H.I.V.

A. decorating B. demoralizing C. encouraging D. acting

59. Students from the **remote** part of the country suffer from lack of access to quality education.

A .center B. learned C. isolated D. good

60. He doesn't know where to go. He is a **strange** to the town.

A. necessary B. familiar C. attractive D. unusual