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BUREAU GRADE EIGHT MODEL EXAM

ENGLISH EXAMINATION

2012/2020

Number of Items: 60 **Time Allowed: 1 Hour**

I. Comprehension

Part One: Reading Passage I

Instruction: For items 1-7, read the following passage and answer the questions according to the information given in the passage.

1 Natural resources are all the things on Earth that **support** life. Plants, animals, air and water are natural resources. Natural resources are also things that people use to make life easier. Your life is easier because you can ride in a bus **powered** by gasoline. You can cook your dinner in a microwave oven powered by electricity. People use natural resources to make gasoline and electricity. People use many natural resources to make **their** lives easier. These natural resources have different kinds. Some natural resources are renewable, and some resources are non renewable.

2 Renewable resources can be replaced. Plants are renewable resources. Plants might get cut down, but **they** can grow back. Animals are renewable resources. They can reproduce. Solar energy is a renewable resource. Solar energy comes from the Sun. No matter how much solar energy you use, there will always be more. Wind, water and soil are also renewable resources.

3 Nonrenewable resources cannot be replaced easily. Fossil fuels are nonrenewable resources. Coal, oil and natural gas are fossil fuels. Fossil fuels come from plants and animals that died millions of years ago. We are using up fossil fuels much faster than Earth can replace them. Ores come from rocks that formed millions of years ago. We use ores to make metals. Ores cannot be replaced.

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1. Which of the following can be the best title for the reading passage?

   A. Renewable Resources
   B. Nonrenewable Resources
   C. Natural Resources
   D. Sources of Resources

2. '… all the things on Earth that support life.'(Paragraph 1) the word '**support**' means _____ .

   A. help
   B. change
   C. control
   D. manage

3. The word '**powered**' in paragraph 1 means _____.

   A. forced
   B. supplied
   C. added
   D. mechanized

4. What does the possessive pronoun '**their**' refer in paragraph 1?

   A. the people who use different kinds of natural resources
   B. the people who use natural resources to make lives easier
   C. the people who use natural resources to make electricity
   D. the people who use natural resources to make gasoline

5. The pronoun '**they**' in paragraph 2 refers to _____.

   A. plants
   B. animals
   C. renewable resources
   D. non renewable resources

6. According to the writer's point of discussion animals are categorized under renewable resources. Because they _____.

   A. are replaceable resources
   B. can protect themselves
   C. are living together
   D. can reproduce

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7. The writer explains in paragraph 3 about _____.

A. natural resources
B. animals and plants
C. non renewable resources
D. renewable resources

Part Two: Vocabulary

Section One: Word Underlined

Instruction: For items 8-10, choose the word which has a similar meaning with the words underlined in each sentence.

8. We see a frequent <u>fluctuation</u> in the weather condition of Addis Ababa, which is always changing.

A. variation
B. imitation
C. convention
D. limitation

9. After a long reading we <u>realized</u> the main point of the content.

A. approached
B. understood
C. trained
D. controlled

10. We must have good <u>discipline</u> in our school so that our teachers become happy.

A. image
B. status
C. style
D. behavior

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Section Two: Completion

Instruction: For items 11-13, choose the word which best completes each sentence.

11. The soldier was terribly wounded by the explosion of a bomb in the _____.

A. encounter
B. weapon
C. battle
D. struggle

12. In order to take pictures, _____ the silver button on the camera.

A. depress
B. order
C. compress
D. press

13. The bicycle race is being held on the city streets and _____ must obey all the game rules.

A. supporters
B. viewers
C. competitors
D. athletes

Part Three: Sentence Comprehension

Instruction: For items 14 and 15, choose the sentence which has a similar meaning with the original sentence.

14. My only brother who lives in Jimma has got married.

A. My brother lives in Jimma after marriage.
B. My brother lives in Jimma with his wife.
C. One of my brothers who lives in Jimma has got married.
D. I have one brother who has got married and lived in Jimma.

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15. Neither Dagmawit nor Nolawit is attending the class.

A. Dagmawit is in class but not Nolawit.
B. Both Dagmawit and Nolawit are absent.
C. Nolawit is absent but Dagmawit is present.
D. Both Dagmawit and Nolawit are present.

Part Four: Reading Passage II

Instruction: For items 16-21, read the passage carefully and choose the best answer for each question according to the information given in the passage.

1 Good manners are one of those things people appreciate. Politeness, honesty and others are highly admired. I think in Ethiopia one of the good manners that is highly appreciated is respect. Elders play a very important role in the Ethiopian society; in fact **they** are mediators on every issue ranging from business, family issues and even in times of national issues.

2 Elders play the role of judges. When a married couple is facing difficult material issues, elders come in and try to solve the situation and create peace. I think, this role that elders have played for a long time mainly rest on the fact that they have power, in society. But lately, meaning the past few decades, I hear of less and less "shimigilina," i.e **mediation** by elders and more of mediation by judges. Married couples go to judges instead of calling their elders to help them solve the problems.

3 Not all elders are wise, considerate and just, not all are capable of resolving disputes and not all are interested in being involved in such processes. And in some cases, some elders are so unfriendly and rude. But there is a traditional role that they have played. Unfortunately, our understanding and respect for tradition seems to be on a downward move. We seem to drop all that is traditional.

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16. According to the writer, what is the good manner that is highly appreciated in Ethiopia?

A. honesty
B. impoliteness
C. respect
D. politeness

17. …in fact they are mediators on every issue… (Paragraph 1), **they** refers to

A. people
B. society
C. elders
D. family

18. Which of the following statements is **NOT** true according to paragraph 3?

A. Not all elders are wise.
B. Some elders are not friendly.
C. All elders are able to resolve problems.
D. We are not developing our tradition.

19. The word '**mediation**' in paragraph 2 means _____.

A. ending disagreement
B. beginning disagreement
C. problem
D. dispute

20. What is the concluding idea of paragraph 2?

A. Judges play the role of elders.
B. Elders can resolve problems in the society.
C. Wealthy people in the society are elders.
D. Elders are unable to give solutions.

21. The fact that elders solve marriage problems and play the role of judges mainly because they _____.

A. are educated
B. have power in society
C. have judge power
D. are famous

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II. Language Focus/Grammar

Instruction: For items 22-47, choose the one that best completes each sentence.

22. Machines manipulate works that humans can't. They _____ lift objects that weigh many tons.

A. would
B. must
C. should
D. can

23. In Ethiopia, the victory of 'Adwa' is commemorated_____ in the month of February.

A. every year
B. every day
C. every month
D. every week

24. _____ your gold necklace with that dress.

A. Wearing
B. Wore
C. Wears
D. Wear

25. The chairperson requested me, _____ people came to the party?

A. how long
B. how much
C. how far
D. how many

26. Have you _____ doing your assignment?

A. finished
B. finishing
C. finish
D. finishes

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27. The director often _____ us instructions about the school rules and regulations.

A. is given
B. was given
C. gives
D. give

28. There are many ways of HIV/AIDS transmission. Hence, we _____share razors and syringes with people.

A. can't
B. mustn't
C. need to
D. ought to

29. _____ your father drive a red car?

A. Was
B. Does
C. Do
D. Is

30. This is a decision I have _____ made once.

A. still
B. till
C. yet
D. already

31. It rained heavily _____we were watching a football match.

A. where
B. then
C. so
D. as

32. Our father _____ take us to Hawasa for a visit on the coming 30th of July.

A. is going to
B. was going to
C. had going to
D. has going to

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33. I think _____ the students will answer this question correctly since it is very easy.

A. more of
B. most of
C. much of
D. none of

34. The hotel _____ its delicious food.

A. is famous
B. is famous for
C. famous for
D. famous

35. The school _____ he thought was too far from the city center.

A. where
B. what
C. when
D. who

36. Look! Tolosa is _____ handsome than his elder brother.

A. most
B. little
C. least
D. less

37. Ethiopian Airlines _____ a new dream liner airplane last year.

A. buy
B. bought
C. is bought
D. was buying

38. Mastewal has scored high in the examination; _____, the school allowed her a free education for her next study.

A. as a result
B. even though
C. whenever
D. where as

39. I would like to take you to a cafe _____ serves excellent coffee.

A. what
B. which
C. who
D. where

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40. _____ trees are planted, the rain won't erode the soil.

A. What
B. While
C. When
D. How

41. The food I ate at the restaurant was too cheap _____ it was so delicious.

A. for
B. but
C. so
D. or

42. They went shopping in the morning and _____they returned to home.

A. then
B. first
C. finally
D. next

43. The students _____ that the final examination would be given at the end of April.

A. were informed
B. was informed
C. is informed
D. are informed

44. He was still hungry _____ he had eaten a large meal.

A. unless
B. because
C. although
D. since

45. There were not enough beds in your house, _____ I had to sleep on the sofa.

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

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46. We planned to buy a mobile, so we should stop shopping now _____ we spend all our money.

A. after
B. before
C. next
D. finally

47. The reported form of the statement " **I like ice cream**." is _____.

A. He said that he has liked ice cream
B. He said that he is liking ice cream
C. He said that he liked ice cream
D. He said that he was liking ice cream

III. Speaking

Instruction: For items 48-53, choose the one which is the best expression to complete the missing part of the dialogue.

48. **Robel:** Have you ever eaten a burger in this restaurant?
Getu: _____.

A. Yes, I ever
B. Yes, I do
C. Yes, I have
D. Yes, I had

49. **Rahel:** _____?
Zinash: I wore a new white dress with a red border and matching shawl.

A. What did your sister wear for a holiday
B. Did you receive clothes from friends as a gift
C. What were you wearing for the past holiday
D. What are you wearing to celebrate the holiday

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50. **Abrehet:** What is the best way of learning?
Kalkidan: _____.

A. I have no words to say just find your way of learning
B. You must learn math, science and other subjects as best way
C. I think students learning together should be polite with each other
D. I think working in pairs or small groups may help you to learn best

51. **Ayenachew**: Do you have extra pen please!
Tamralech: _____. Here it is.

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

52. **Salhadin**: I think Salah is the best player of English premier league this season. Do you?
Oumed: _____. I think Kane is the best of all.

A. you can't think like that
B. I am afraid I haven't
C. please, don't ask me
D. I am afraid I disagree

53. **Samrawit:** What sport do you think is the most dangerous?
Elfinesh: _____.

A. I can play volleyball
B. In my opinion basketball
C. I don't like sport
D. Football is my favorite

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IV. Writing

Section One: Jumbled Words

Instruction: Items 54 and 55 contain jumbled words. Choose the one which has a correct sequence or arrangement to make a meaningful sentence.

54. brother / in/ my /a / little / government / school / learns

A. My little brother in a school learns government.
B. My little brother learns in a government school.
C. My little brother learns a government in school.
D. My little brother learns a school in government.

55. any / Ethiopians / you / know / do / famous

A. Do you any famous Ethiopians know?
B. Do any famous you Ethiopians know?
C. Do you know any famous Ethiopians?
D. Do you know Ethiopians any famous?

Section Two: Jumbled Sentences

Instruction: For item 56, the given sentences 1-4 are not in the correct order; read the sentences carefully and choose the appropriate order of the sentences to make a meaningful paragraph.

56. 1. Both have plants and animals living in them.
2. However, lakes are much smaller bodies of fresh water.
3. Oceans and lakes have similarities and differences.
4. Oceans are very large bodies of salt water.

A. 1, 2, 3, 4
B. 2, 1, 4, 3
C. 3, 2, 1, 4
D. 3, 1, 4, 2

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Section Three: Punctuation and Capitalization

Instruction: For items 57-59, choose the sentence which is correctly punctuated and capitalized.

57. A. I need to buy chocolate, banana, and orange for my birthday party.
    B. I need to buy chocolate, banana and orange for my birthday party.
    C. I need to buy, chocolate, banana and orange for my birthday party.
    D. I need to buy chocolate, banana, and, orange for my birthday party.

58. A. Selamawit's and Abdurehman's bags are exactly alike.
    B. Selamawits and Abdurehmans bags are exactly alike.
    C. Selamawit's and Abdurehman bags are exactly alike.
    D. Selamawit and Abdurehman's bags are exactly alike.

59. A. The tutorial will be given to all students on mondays, wednesdays and Fridays.
    B. The tutorial will be given to all students on mondays, wednesdays and fridays.
    C. The tutorial will be given to all students on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.
    D. The tutorial will be given to all students on Mondays, wednesdays and fridays.

Section Four: Spelling

Instruction: For item 60, choose the word which is written in correct spelling.

60. A. poplation
    B. poplashion
    C. population
    D. populashion

THE END