WI ZONE, INJIBARA CITY ADMINISTRATION CLUSTER CENTER OF SECONDARY SCHOOLS ENGLISH MODEL EXAMINATION II FOR GRADE 12 STUDENTS

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TIME ALLOWED: 1 HOUR

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. THIS EXAMINATION PAPER CONSISTS OF **SIXTY (60) MULTIPLE-CHOICE QUESTIONS**.
2. FOR EACH QUESTION, CHOOSE THE **BEST ANSWER** AND CLEARLY MARK THE CORRESPONDING LETTER ON THE SEPARATE ANSWER SHEET PROVIDED.
3. READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY AND ENSURE THAT YOU FOLLOW THEM STRICTLY THROUGHOUT THE EXAMINATION.
4. YOU ARE ALLOWED **ONE (1) HOUR** TO COMPLETE THIS EXAMINATION. YOU MUST **STOP WORKING IMMEDIATELY** WHEN THE TIME IS ANNOUNCED.
5. ANY FORM OF **EXAMINATION MALPRACTICE**, INCLUDING CHEATING OR ATTEMPTED CHEATING, WILL RESULT IN **IMMEDIATE DISMISSAL FROM THE EXAMINATION HALL** AND **CANCELLATION OF YOUR RESULTS**.
6. MAKE SURE THAT YOU HAVE CORRECTLY FILLED IN ALL REQUIRED PERSONAL INFORMATION ON THE ANSWER SHEET BEFORE BEGINNING THE EXAMINATION.

GOOD LUCK!

I. COMPREHENSION

DIRECTIONS: There is a passage under this section. Read it carefully and answer the questions 1-9 according to the information therein. From the four choices, A_D, given for each question, choose the correct answer.

Section One: Reading Passage

The Impact of Modern Technology on Agriculture

1. Agriculture continues to serve as the backbone of many developing economies, particularly in rural regions where the majority of the population depends directly on farming for livelihood and survival. In recent decades, however, the sector has undergone a significant transformation due to the introduction of modern and autonomous agricultural technologies, which have reshaped traditional farming systems into more efficient, productive, and data-driven practices.
2. One of the most significant developments in modern agriculture is the widespread adoption of improved soil and crop management inputs, including chemical and organic fertilizers, bio fertilizers, and integrated pest control methods. These innovations have contributed to enhanced soil productivity and increased agricultural output in many regions. However, inappropriate application techniques, excessive dependency on chemical inputs, and weak regulatory enforcement can lead to soil degradation, water contamination, and long-term ecological imbalance. In some cases, **such practices** also contribute to the emergence of resistant pests and increased risks to human health. Therefore, effective training, strict monitoring systems, and sustainable agricultural policies are essential to ensure environmentally responsible farming practices.
3. Furthermore, mechanized farming equipment such as combine harvesters has revolutionized crop production by accelerating the harvesting process and minimizing dependence on manual labor. This not only reduces operational costs but also improves efficiency during peak harvest seasons. In the livestock sector, controlled breeding environments such as hatchery systems ensure optimal incubation conditions, thereby increasing survival rates and improving the overall productivity of animal husbandry systems.
4. Despite rapid technological progress, many farming communities continue to rely on traditional agricultural methods due to cultural preferences, limited

financial resources, and restricted access to modern equipment. While **these conventional practices** are often low-cost and deeply rooted in local knowledge systems, they are generally less productive and more **vulnerable** to climate change, soil exhaustion, and unpredictable weather conditions. On the other hand, modern agricultural systems integrate scientific research, mechanization, and data-driven decision-making to improve efficiency, reduce risks, and enhance long-term food security. The **coexistence** of both systems highlights the ongoing transition from subsistence farming toward more sustainable and technology-based agricultural production.

Source: Adapted from an educational text on modern agriculture.

1. The main idea of the passage is to:
   A. Describe livestock production techniques in modern farming
   B. Emphasize the superiority of traditional farming systems
   C. Explain how modern technology is transforming agriculture
   D. Focus on the challenges of rural unemployment

   Answer: C
2. According to the passage, agriculture is important mainly because it:
   A. Generates industrial raw materials for export
   B. Serves as the primary livelihood for rural populations
   C. Eliminates the need for mechanized farming systems
   D. Guarantees environmental sustainability in all regions

   Answer: B
3. The passage suggests that improper use of fertilizers may lead to:
   A. Improved soil productivity and long-term sustainability
   B. Increased agricultural mechanization in rural areas
   C. Higher crop yields through natural processes
   D. Environmental degradation and health-related problems

   Answer: D
4. The combine harvester is important because it:
   A. Reduces harvesting time and labor dependency
   B. Improves soil fertility through mechanized processes
   C. Eliminates the need for crop cultivation entirely
   D. Prevents climate change effects on agriculture

   Answer: A
5. What is the main challenge facing modern agriculture according to the passage?
   A. Lack of interest in farming among rural communities
   B. Overdependence on traditional farming methods only
   C. Environmental and health risks from improper use of inputs
   D. Absence of mechanized farming equipment

   Answer: C

6. The word **“coexistence”** in paragraph 4 is closest in meaning to:

A. competition between systems
B. living or existing together at the same time
C. complete replacement of one system by another
D. separation of ideas or practices

Answer: B

7. The word "**vulnerable**" in paragraph 4 most nearly means:
   A. Strong and self-sufficient
   B. Easily affected or exposed to harm
   C. Highly productive and stable
   D. Completely independent systems

Answer: B

8. In paragraph 4, the phrase **"these conventional practices"** refers to:
   A. mechanized farming equipment
   B. traditional agricultural methods
   C. modern scientific research systems
   D. integrated pest control methods

Answer: B

9. The phrase "**such practices**" in paragraph 2 refers to:
   A. Environmentally harmful agricultural practices
   B. Integrated pest control methods
   C. Traditional farming methods
   D. Mechanized farming systems

Answer: A

II. LANGUAGE FOCUS

Direction: Questions 10_27 are incomplete sentences. Choose the word/ phrase that best completes the sentence accurately

10. Girma is _____ far-sighted person that he never faces serious problems.
    A. so B. such a C. very D. too

Answer: B

11. Neither the teachers who attended the workshop nor the principal ____ satisfied with the final report submitted by the committee.
    A. was B. were C. are D. have been

Answer: A

12. _____ regularly is important for maintaining good health and preventing diseases such as obesity and heart problems.
A. Exercise B. To exercise C. Exercising D. Exercised

Answer: C

13. The old bridge, which _____ in the 1950s, is still in excellent condition.
A. built B. was built C. were built D. has built

Answer: B

14. She has been teaching at this school _____ more than ten years.
A. since B. from C. for D. by

Answer: C

15. Learning a second language is _____ useful for travel _____ beneficial for career advancement, so students should take language learning seriously.
A. either / or C. so / that
B. neither / nor D. not only / but also

Answer: D

16. No sooner _____ the final results than the students began celebrating across the campus.

A. the school announced C. did the school announce
B. had the school announced D. the school had announced

Answer: B

17. If the students had attended all the revision classes regularly, they _____ much better in the final examination

A. will perform C. would perform
B. would have performed D. had been performing

Answer: B

18. Identify the sentence with a **vague pronoun**:
A. When Alem met Meseret, she smiled warmly.
B. When Alem met Meseret, Alem smiled warmly.
C. When Alem met Meseret, Meseret smiled warmly.
D. When Alem met Meseret, they greeted each other warmly.

Answer: A

19. The students apologized for _____ late to the classroom after the morning assembly had already started.
A. arrive B. arriving C. to arrive D. arrived

Answer: B.

20. The more carefully you revise your notes, _____ your chances of success become.
A. bad B. less C. the greater D. worse

Answer: C

21. The teacher asked the students _____ quietly during the examination.
A. to speak B. speaking C. speak D. spoken

Answer: A

22. When I was a child, I _____ play football every afternoon with my friends, but now I don't have time anymore.
A. was used to C. used to
B. would used to D. use to

Answer: C

23. _____ it was raining heavily, the students continued playing football in the field.
A. Because B. Although C. In spite of D. Despite

Answer: B

24. My father was reading a newspaper _____ my mother was cooking dinner.
A. before B. after C. while D. when
Answer: C

25. Most of the class was _____ into the debate club _____ Martha and Jackson, who were not selected due to eligibility issues.
A. accepted / accept B. accepted / except C. excepted / accept
D. excepted / except
Answer: B

26. The coach usually _____ the players practice for hours, but he also _____ them rest whenever they look exhausted.
A. lets / makes B. makes / lets C. lets / lets D. makes / makes

Answer: B

27. The government built new schools in rural areas _____ children could have access to quality education.
A. in order to B. so as to C. so that D. to

Answer: C

III. Communicative Activities

Direction: Question 28- 40 are presented in the 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.

28. Bezawit: My friend and I sometimes revise each day's lesson after school.
Hirut: _____
A. So do I C. Neither do I
B. So don't I D. Neither am I
Answer: A

29. Teacher: _____
Parent: I completely agree with you. Students should always wear uniforms at school.
A. Do school uniforms promote equality among students?
B. Should students wear different clothes instead of uniforms?
C. Why do schools strictly enforce dress codes on students?
D. How do school rules influence students' behavior and learning?

Answer: A

30. **Man:** A serious drought has affected many areas in the Amhara region this year.
Woman: _____ Have the farmers received any assistance?
A. That is not my problem. C. I don't believe such news.
B. What a terrible situation! D. Why do you ask me?

Answer: B

31. **Teacher**: Tell me why learning English is important for Ethiopian students.
Student: _____
A. English is very difficult for me
B. I like English movies only
C. To communicate internationally and access knowledge
D. English is only a school subject

Answer: C

32. **Teacher:** Only a few students passed the final exam this year.
Student: _____
A. What a shame! We should have worked harder.
B. That is not important.
C. I am very happy about it.
D. Why do you tell me this?

Answer: A

33. **Alene**: What is your opinion about the new university placement system in Ethiopia?
Belay: _____because it gives students more opportunities.
A. I am fine
B. I think it is a fair system.
C. Thank you
D. Never mind

Answer: B

34. **Hana:** You seem tired today. _____
Abel: I didn't sleep well last night because of the noise.
A. Why are you here?
B. Where did you go?
C. What happened?
D. Are you working?

Answer: C

35. **Stranger**: Excuse me, where can I find the post office?
You: _____ Main Street, next to the library.
A. You should know
B. The post office is far
C. It's on the corner of
D. I don't think it could be

Answer: C

36. **Mother:** What would you like to eat for dinner?
Son: _____. I am not very hungry now.
A. I would like injera with stew
B. I want to cook myself
C. I want to eat everything
D. I don't think I can eat much

Answer: D

37. **Almaz:** I'm really nervous about my job interview tomorrow.
Bekele: _____ You have all the qualifications they need.
A. Don't worry. You'll do great. C. That's your own problem.
B. I told you to prepare better. D. Why are you nervous?

Answer: A

38. **Student**: Excuse me, sir. Could you explain this grammar rule again?
Teacher: _____ Let me give you another example.
A. Of course. I would be happy to. C. Why weren't you listening?
B. No, we have no time. D. You should have studied harder.

Answer: A

39. **Father:** Why did you come home so late last night?
Daughter: _____.
A. I'm sorry, Dad. The bus broke down. C. I don't want to tell you
B. It's none of your business D. You ask too many questions

Answer: A

40. **Yonas:** I just lost my wallet with all my money inside.
Helen: _____ Is there anything I can do to help?
A. That's wonderful news. C. Oh no! I'm so sorry to hear that.
B. You should be more careful. D. I don't believe you.

Answer: C

IV. Vocabulary

A/ substitution

Direction: For questions 41-43, each sentence has an underlined word or phrase followed by alternatives A_D. Choose the word or phrase that best corresponds with the meaning of the underlined word or phrase.

41. Some robots are designed to **mimic** human behavior in order to interact naturally with people.
A. copy C. survive
B. integrate D. refresh

Answer: A

42. The situation became **deteriorating** after the heavy rain, causing roads and houses in the village to collapse gradually.

A. improving C. worsening
B. stabilizing D. repairing

Answer: C

43. The manager tried to **assuage** the workers' fears by promising better working conditions and timely salary payments.

A. increase C. reduce
B. ignore D. create

Answer: C

B/ Completion

Directions: For questions 44-46, are incomplete sentences. There are four alternative words or phrases, A_D, given below each question. Choose the word or phrase that best completes sentence.

44. The doctor warned that the disease has a high _____ rate, meaning it can easily cause death if not treated early.

A. prevalence C. transmission
B. fatality D. recovery

Answer: B

45. To reduce food waste, the restaurant decided to _____ each large portion into two equal servings for customers.

A. combine C. halve
B. minimize D. increase

Answer: C

46. As the lesson was about to end, the teacher asked the students to _____ their group discussion within the remaining time.

A. wrap up C. turn up
B. break up D. make up

Answer: A

C/ Analogy

Direction: For questions 47 and 48, two pairs of words are given. Look at the relationship between the two words in each pair and choose the word which forms a similar relationship with the word given next to each par.

47. Poverty : hunger :: education : _____::
A. knowledge C. ignorance
B. illness D. money

Answer: A

48. Horse: neigh:: Donkey:_____::
A. Roar C moo
B. Bray D. bark

Answer: B

V. WRITING

Directions: Questions from 49-60 are related to different types of writing. Read each of them very carefully and choose the best answer from the given alternatives

Section One: Word Spelling

Direction: questions 49 and 50 are on word spelling. From the alternatives A_D, choose the one which is correctly spelt.

49. A. commomerating C . sagacious
B. obsequosnous D. requirment

Answer: C

50. A. iregation C. pestiside
B. scattered D. epidimic

Answer: B

Section Two: Punctuation and Capitalization

Direction: From 51-52 are about punctuation and capitalization. From the given alternatives A_D, choose the statement which is correctly punctuated and capitalized.

51. A. When we visited lake tana, we stayed at a small hotel near bahir dar.
B. When we visited Lake Tana, we stayed at a small hotel near Bahir Dar.
C. When we visited Lake tana, we stayed at a small Hotel near Bahir Dar.
D. When we visited lake Tana, we stayed at a Small Hotel near bahir dar.

Answer: B

52. A. Addis Ababa is a clean and busy city it is growing rapidly.
B. Addis ababa is a clean and busy city; it is growing rapidly.
C. Addis Ababa is a clean and busy city. It is growing rapidly.
D. Addis Ababa is a clean and busy city, it is growing rapidly!

Answer: C

Section Three: Jumbled Words

Direction: The words in the questions are 53-54 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 correct answer.

53. never / I / have / such / experienced / a / problem
A. I experienced such a have never problem
B. Never I have experienced such a problem
C. I have experienced never such a problem
D. I have never experienced such a problem

Answer: D

54. how much / she / ask / the/ job/for/did
    A. How much did she ask for the job?
    B. How much she did ask for the job?
    C. How much she did ask the job for?
    D. How much for the job did she ask?

Answer: A

Section Four: Paragraph Coherence

Direction: When you put in the correct order, sentences a-d in each of the questions from 55-56 make up a complete paragraph. From the alternatives given in each case, choose the one that contains the correct order of the sentence

55. a. Consequently, he was elected president of the student council.
    b. He was very shy and avoided speaking in public.
    c. His best friend encouraged him to join the debate club.
    d. He practiced speaking in front of small groups every week.

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

Answer: A

56. a. As a result, soil erosion became a serious problem.
    b. Farmers began cutting down trees for firewood.
    c. The land lost its natural vegetation cover.
    d. This practice increased environmental degradation.

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

Answer: A

Section five: Letter Writing

Direction: Questions57 – 58 are about letter writing. Read each item carefully and answer it accordingly.

57. Which of the following is the most appropriate opening for a formal letter to a school principal?

A. Hi Sir,
B. Hello buddy,
C. Dear Sir/Madam,
D. Hey Principal,

Answer: C

58. Which sentence is most appropriate in the body of a complaint letter to a service provider?
   A. I am writing to express my dissatisfaction with the poor internet service.
   B. How are you doing today?
   C. I just wanted to say hi.
   D. Hope everything is fine with you personally.

Answer: A

Section Six: Types of paragraph writing

Direction: questions from 59-60 are related to types of paragraph writing. From the alternatives A_D given for each question, choose the correct answer

59. First, open the application. Next, enter your username and password. Finally, click the login button to access your account. This is most likely taken from:
A. Narrative
B. Expository
C. Descriptive
D. Argumentative

Answer: B

60. Which of the following is an example of an **expository paragraph**?
   A. I was absolutely terrified when I saw the large snake in our backyard. My legs felt like jelly, and I could not move or scream for help.
   B. You should never smoke cigarettes because they cause lung cancer, heart disease, and premature aging of the skin and other organs.
   C. The Nile River is the longest river in Africa. It flows through eleven different countries, including Ethiopia, Sudan, Egypt, and Uganda.
   D. The old abandoned house stood alone on top of the hill. Its windows were broken, and the garden was completely overgrown with wild weeds.

Answer: C