
Centralized English Language Worksheet for Grade 8 April, 2020

Part One: Reading Comprehension

Direction: Read the following Passage carefully and answer the questions below.

There were once two good friends who were neighbors. One of them was very tall and thin and the other was very short and fat. One fine day, they went for a walk in the forest. Suddenly they saw a big wild bear on the path. The two friends were **petrified** and ran back along the path they came. The wild bear started to chase them. He had nearly caught up to them when the thin one jumped on to a tall tree and started climbing, but his friend was too fat to climb after him. He was left standing at foot of the tree, and he was even more frightened. His friend had **abandoned** him, and he could not run anymore from **exhaustion**.

Then he remembered an old tale about how wild bears do not eat dead men. So he lay face down and pretended to be dead. Up came the bear and sniffed all round the fat man. He sniffed loudly into his ear and **shoved** him with his **paw**. The fat man did not move or breathe. At last the bear decided the man was really dead and walked sadly away into the forest. After some time, the fat man sat up sweating all over from fear. His friend climbed down the tree from **which** he had seen everything.

'That was a lucky escape!', he said. 'What did the bear tell you?'

'He said I shouldn't trust friends, who run away when I need them most,' the fat man answered.

The thin man hung his head. He could not say a word.

I. Choose the best alternative to answer these questions based on the information contained in the passage.

1. Why did the two friends go into the forest?
 - A) looking for wild bears
 - B) to take a walk
 - C) to climb trees
 - D) to see animals in the forest
2. How did the two friends feel when they saw the wild bear?
 - A) They were scared.
 - B) They were happy for their success.
 - C) They regretted coming into the forest.
 - D) They felt sad for it.

3. Why did the fat man pretended to be dead?
 - A) to avoid being eaten
 - B) to make his friend feel guilty
 - C) not to keep running
 - D) it is not clear
 4. If in the end, the two men were not friends any longer, the most probable cause for it would be;
 - A) the thin man failing to apologize
 - B) the fat man feeling let down and not want to be friends with the thin man
 - C) the thin man making fun of the fat man for not being able to climb the tree
 - D) the fat man betraying the thin man as a revenge
 5. What does 'the thin man hung his head' mean?
 - A) He looked up.
 - B) He made a mocking gesture.
 - C) He shook his head in disagreement.
 - D) He looked down with sadness.
 6. 'which' paragraph 2, refers to;
 - A) the tree
 - B) the bear
 - C) the shoving
 - D) the bear's action
- II. Choose the word that is opposite in meaning or has no relation to the rest. Use the passage to guess meanings of words you might not know.
7. A) exhausted B) tired C) worn out D) refreshed
 8. A) abandon B) discard C) maintain D) desert
 9. A) shove B) push C) drag D) ram
 10. A) hand B) beak C) paw D) feet

Part Two: Grammar and usage

Directions: Choose the best alternative to complete the following sentences.

11. When I first _____ him, he was studying painting.
 - A) meet
 - B) met
 - C) had met
 - D) have met
12. He had a bad fall while he _____ his roof.
 - A) repaired
 - B) repairing
 - C) was repairing
 - D) is repairing
13. If I see him, I _____ him a lift.
 - A) would give
 - B) give
 - C) will give
 - D) gave
14. Christians _____ Christmas once a year.
 - A) celebrates
 - B) celebrate
 - C) have celebrate
 - D) will celebrate
15. What time does the plane _____ Tokyo?
 - A) arrive at
 - B) arrive in
 - C) arrives at
 - D) reaches at

16. Student A: When did you last see her?
Student B: _____
A) For a few days C) A few days ago
B) Since yesterday D) Tomorrow
17. I was brushing my teeth when my mom _____ into the house.
A) was came C) came
B) has come D) had come
18. When I entered the class, the teacher _____ teaching.
A) had start C) had already start
B) has started D) had started
19. If you want to get a degree, you normally have to study at _____ university.
A) an B) the C) a D) -
20. If she _____ her ID card with her, the guard would have to let her in.
A) had C) had had
B) have had D) has had
21. _____, she would have scored high in regional exams.
A) If she worked hard C) If she works very hard
B) If she was to work very hard D) Had she worked very hard hard
22. The teacher _____ us how to use dictionaries in his previous class.
A) teaches C) thought
B) is teaching D) has taught
23. Look at all those dark clouds, I think it _____.
A) is raining C) it will rain
B) is going to rain D) it rains
24. _____ an endanger animal, and it needs to be protected.
A) The tiger is C) The tigers is
B) The tigers are D) The tiger are
25. _____ man gave me _____ letter an hour ago, and asked me to give _____ letter to a friend of mine.
A) A / a / the C) The / the / -
B) The / the / a D) A / a / a
26. My father _____ in a bank. He is an accountant there.
A) works C) is worked
B) worked D) will work
27. Our team _____ the match last time. I hope they can do it again.
A) wins C) will win
B) won D) has won
28. Don't tell him that he might get a raise before we _____ his evaluation.
A) will finish C) finished
B) finish D) have finished

29. I don't want to tell her about the accident before we know how her friend is doing - she _____ very worried.
 A) should be C) will be
 B) may be D) has been
30. People taking medicine _____ drink alcohol. It can be very dangerous to their health.
 A) are not C) must not
 B) need to D) might not be
31. Hiruy is _____ any other person I have ever known.
 A) more intelligent than C) much more intelligent
 B) the most intelligent D) the most intelligent person of person than
32. I didn't help him when he asked for my help, but now I wish I _____.
 A) can B) do C) have D) did
33. I saw a road accident today. A man lost control of his car while he _____ a turn and crashed into a pole.
 A) takes C) was taking
 B) is taking D) will take
34. At the beginning, Henok and Asfaw were doing well, but _____ of them failed to finish the race in the end.
 A) none C) all
 B) both D) some
35. Without the help of the local people's help, the police would never have found the _____ goods.
 A) stolen C) steal
 B) stealing D) stole
36. Asnaku is finally using her potentials to their fullest. _____ her teachers _____ her parents were very happy with her results in the regional examination.
 A) Both ... and C) Either ... or
 B) Neither ... nor D) So ... that
37. Hey, Abdu, _____ me move this box. It's very heavy.
 A) helps C) is helping
 B) help D) helped
38. He is a very private person. He _____ very angry when he learns his personal photos have been posted on the internet.
 A) will have been C) has been
 B) is going to be D) was being
39. You _____ babysit them anymore. They've grown up; they can take care of themselves.
 A) must C) may not
 B) don't have to D) need to

40. I know the man _____ company just bought the property. We went to school together.
 A) who C) which
 B) whom D) whose
41. She has _____ the book to me before, but she doesn't remember doing so.
 A) lend B) gave C) read D) sell
42. The little boy always finishes his lunch _____ so that he can play with his friends before break time is over.
 A) fast B) fastly C) fastily D) fastely
43. Of all the language skills, I find _____ to be the hardest to master. I can't bear to stand in front of a crowd to speak.
 A) public speaking C) to publicly speak
 B) speak publicly D) to speak in public
44. He loves his job very much. He says he would rather _____ than _____ anything else.
 A) teacher | do C) teach | do
 B) teaching | do D) teaching | doing
45. He bought car from _____ dealer you introduced him to. I think he is happy with _____ car he found.
 A) a | the C) the | the
 B) a | a D) the | a

Part Three: Communication Questions

Direction: Choose the alternative that completes the given dialogue in the best way.

46. Tomas: I wonder if you could do me a favor.
 Mattias: _____
 A) Why do you wonder? C) Of course
 B) Not at all. D) You're welcome.
47. Rahel: Congratulations on your wedding!
 Hana: _____
 A) Oh, thank you. C) Don't mention it.
 B) The same to you. D) Thanks. To you too.
48. Stranger: Excuse me! Can you tell me where I can find a gas station?
 You: _____
 A) Of course I can. C) I'm afraid I'm new here myself.
 B) What do you want?
 D) I'm sorry, I'm busy.
49. Father: _____
 Son: He said he needed to talk to you about my grades.
 A) What does your teacher want
 B) Did your teacher ask for me
 C) What did your teacher say about me
 D) Did your teacher say why he wanted to see me

50. A friend: Henok won first place in the race. He's a wonderful athlete.
 You: _____ Asfaw. He just hasn't been having much good luck
 these past few days.
 A) So is C) So has
 B) So does D) So was
51. Saron: I'm not feeling very well. I don't think the juice we just had agreed
 with me at all.
 Lemlem: _____
 A) I'm sorry. I shouldn't have pushed you into drinking it.
 B) Did you eat anything strange?
 C) When was the last time you saw a doctor?
 D) What kind of doctor do you want to see?
52. Tessema: What did the teacher say?
 Habtamu: He _____ Exercises 1 and 2 as homework.
 A) said do C) said that we would do
 B) told us do D) told us to do
53. Counselor: Tell me how you feel.
 Patient: _____
 A) I feel depressed all the time.
 B) I am depressing all the time.
 C) I am feeling depressed all the time.
 D) I felt depressing all the time.
54. Customer: _____
 Shopkeeper: A hundred and fifteen birr, sir.
 A) How much do those cost?
 B) Do you know the price for those?
 C) Those are expensive, aren't they?
 D) Can I buy those?
55. Fitsum: How was the treatment?
 Taye: _____
 A) The doctor was very smart.
 B) Awesome! I feel cured.
 C) It started with a full-body check-up.
 D) It took almost the whole afternoon.

Part Four: Vocabulary

Substitution

Direction: Find the word or phrase that is the same in meaning as the underlined word in each sentence.

56. The impact of poor farming practice in Ethiopia can be seen on its economy. Despite its vast fertile lands, Ethiopia has not been able to feed itself.
 A) effect C) danger
 B) habit D) lack

57. We knew how much he hates and fears speaking in public, so we were naturally **astonished** to see him deliver such a magnificent speech to such a large crowd.
- A) upset
B) disappointed
C) amazed
D) scared
58. We'll need a lot more money, effort and time to complete such an **ambitious** project in time. We simply can't handle it with the resources we have right now.
- A) impossible
B) unmanageable
C) challenging
D) foolish
59. She thought she was being followed. She kept throwing **nervous** looks behind her to see if there was someone there.
- A) relaxed
B) curious
C) careless
D) worried
60. We wanted to buy used cars because they were cheaper, but we changed our minds when we saw how **aged** they looked.
- A) refined
B) worn-out
C) useless
D) expressive

Direction: Completion

For the following questions, choose the best word to complete the given sentences.

61. Ethiopians who fought at the _____ of Adwa should be respected and admired.
- A) warship
B) fight
C) battle
D) quarrel
62. The tourists were highly _____ by the breath-taking view of the mountains.
- A) discouraged
B) annoyed
C) enjoyed
D) fascinated
63. Now she can't make a decision whether to marry the man or not. She is actually in a _____.
- A) suspense
B) dilemma
C) pity
D) divorce
64. Could you hurry up, please? We _____ our meal half an hour ago.
- A) asked
B) demanded
C) ordered
D) requested
65. The company is doing research into the design problems _____ with computer viruses.
- A) collected
B) associated
C) compared
D) stored
66. I think you should need a _____ in order to buy drugs from any pharmacy.
- A) dose
B) receipt
C) recipe
D) prescription

Part Five: Writing

Jumbled words:

Direction: For the following questions, choose the sentence that has correct arrangement of the given jumbled words.

67.The / athlete / the / fastest / race / is / he / in

- A) He is the fastest in the athlete race.
- B) In the fastest race he is the athlete.
- C) He is the fastest athlete in the race.
- D) The athlete in race he is the fastest.

68.You/help/you/finish/your/your/will/I/if/with/chores/homework/do

- A) If you finish your chores, I will help you with your homework.
- B) If you will finish your chores, I help you with your homework.
- C) I help you with your homework if you will finish your chores.
- D) I help if you will finish your chores you with your homework.

69.Ethiopia has / with / and / relations / the / good / China / U.S.

- A) Ethiopia with China and the U.S. has good relations.
- B) Ethiopia has China and the U.S. with good relations.
- C) Ethiopia has good relations with the China and U.S.
- D) Ethiopia has good relations with China and the U.S.

70.Going / to / I'm / friend / hospital / the / a / to / go / visit / to

- A) Going I'm to the hospital go to visit a friend.
- B) Visit a friend going to the hospital I'm to go.
- C) I'm going to the hospital to go visit to a friend.
- D) I'm going to go to the hospital to visit a friend.

71.When/he/he/his/reached/that/office/had/he/his/remembered/at/forgotten /keys/home

- A) When he reached his office, he remembered that he had forgotten his keys at home.
- B) When he remembered his keys he reached his office that he had forgotten at home.
- C) When he had forgotten his keys at home he remembered that he reached his office.
- D) When he had his keys forgotten at home he remembered that he reached his office.

Direction: Select the best combination of the given sentences.

72.Can you tell me? Why did you steal the money?

- A) Can you tell me why did you steal the money?
- B) Can you tell me that why did you steal the money?
- C) Why you steal the money, can you tell me?
- D) Can you tell me why you stole the money?

73. You must apologize to him. He will never talk to you again.
- A) You must apologize to him because he will never talk to you again.
 - B) You must apologize to him unless he will never talk to you again.
 - C) You must apologize to him; otherwise he will never talk to you again.
 - D) You must apologize to him since he will never talk to you again.
74. We saw Ato Zelalem and his wife at the market. We also saw our neighbors.
- A) We saw our neighbors, Ato Zelalem and his wife, at the market.
 - B) We saw our neighbors, Ato Zelalem, and his wife at the market.
 - C) We saw Ato Zelalem and his wife, our neighbors, at the market.
 - D) We saw our neighbors; Ato Zelalem, and his wife at the market.
75. He lacks any form of formal education. He is very successful.
- A) He is very successful despite his lack of any form of formal education.
 - B) He is very successful. Nevertheless, he lacks any form formal education.
 - C) However he lacks any form of education, he is very successful.
 - D) He is very successful. He lacks any form of formal education even though.
76. Ethiopian Athletes are famous for winning races. Ethiopian athletes are famous for breaking records.
- A) Ethiopian athletes are famous not for winning races, but also famous for breaking records.
 - B) Not only Ethiopian athletes are famous for winning races, but also for breaking records
 - C) Ethiopian athletes are famous not only for winning races, but also for breaking records.
 - D) Ethiopian athletes are not only famous for winning races, but also for breaking records.

Directions: Read each of each question item in this section carefully and choose the alternative that best answers it.

77. Which one of the following salutations is most appropriate for a personal letter to a close friend?
- A) Dear Ato Temesgen
 - B) Dear Temesgen
 - C) To whom it may concern
 - D) Dear Sir/Madame
78. Which one of the following sentences is written or punctuated correctly?
- A) The man standing near the balcony, is Solomon.
 - B) The man, standing near the balcony, is Solomon.
 - C) The man standing near the balcony is Solomon.
 - D) The man, standing near the balcony is Solomon.

79. What type of punctuation mark is needed at the end of this sentence?
WHAT A BEAUTIFUL WOMAN
A) ? B) . C) ! D) :
80. From which part of a letter is this part taken from?
'Please give my best regards to your new friend.'
A) Greeting B) middle C) Introduction D) closing
81. Which one of the following sentences is punctuated correctly?
A) He said that "I have bought all the textbooks."
B) He said, "I have bought all the textbooks".
C) He said that, "I have bought all the textbooks".
D) He said, "I have bought all the textbooks."
82. One of the following words must always be capitalized. Which one?
A) Holiday B) Monday C) Mathematics D) English
83. Which one of the following sentences is punctuated correctly?
A) Everyone has special skills some people use them very well.
B) Everyone has special skills; some people use them very well.
C) Everyone has special skills and, some people use them very well.
D) Everyone has special skills; and, some people use them very well.
84. Which one of the following sentences is punctuated correctly?
A) We can try to find it now, or we can wait until it's lighter.
B) We can try to find it now, we can wait until it's lighter.
C) We can try to find it now or, we can wait until it's lighter.
D) We can try, to find it now, or we can wait, until it's lighter.

Directions: For the questions below, choose the word that is *correctly* spelt.

85. A) medicinal B) medisinal C) medicsinal D) medicenal
86. A) Snatched B) snached C) snachted D) snattced
87. A) employebilty B) emplloyebility C) employability D) employabillity
88. A) saucepans B) saucepens C) Sausepans D) saespuns
89. A) giganntic B) gigentic C) gigantic D) geggantic
90. A) disease B) dsease C) disaese D) deasiease
91. A) spectecular B) spectaculer C) spactecular D) spectacular

Directions: When put in the correct order, sentences in each of the following questions make up a complete paragraph. From the alternatives given in each case, choose the letter that contains the correct order of the sentences.

- 92.1. I never see her at weekends because she spends all day riding her bike.
2. My sister has a bike and she spends nearly all her time on it.
3. Then she goes out on her bike and cycles round the streets.
4. Every afternoon, she comes home from school and quickly has something to eat.
- A) 4, 2, 1, 3 C) 2, 4, 3, 1
- B) 1, 2, 3, 4 D) 3, 2, 4, 1
- 93.1. He called his assistant and told her to run after the men.
2. They bought some flowers for \$ 30, and then they left the shop.
3. The shopkeeper said, "Oh, dear! They've paid too much. The correct price was \$ 25."
4. Three men wanted to buy some flowers for a friend's wedding.
- A) 1324 C) 2143
- B) 4132 D) 4231
- 94.1. He felt justified in bypassing Congress altogether on a variety of moves.
2. At times he was fighting the entire Congress.
3. Bush felt he had a mission to restore power to the presidency.
4. Bush was not fighting just the democrats.
5. Representative democracy is a messy business, and a CEO of the White House does not like a legislature of second guessers and time wasters.
- A) 31542 C) 35142
- B) 42153 D) 53421
- 95.1. In the west, Allied Forces had fought their way through southern Italy as far as Rome.
2. In June 1944 Germany's military position in World War Two appeared hopeless.
3. In Britain, the task of amassing the men and materials for the liberation of northern Europe had been completed.
4. The Red Army was poised to drive the Nazis back through Poland.
5. The situation on the eastern front was catastrophic.
- A) 54132 C) 24531
- B) 25413 D) 35412

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