

SIGNAL EXAMS 2020

THE SCHOLAR
002

SECTION A:
ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Time: 1 hour 40 minutes

Read the passage below. It contains blank spaces numbered 1 to 15. For each blank space, choose the best alternative from the choices given.

Without a moment to 1, both Jane and her mother took 2 their heels 3 swift as the wind 4 the smoke filled kitchen. The 5 of billowing 6 caused them both to stand 7 the kitchen's entrance like two 8, their mouths wide 9. The kitchen was soon 10 in angry flames. 11, the firefighters arrived. Their attempts to 12 the fire proved 13. They watched 14 as the kitchen burnt to 15.

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| 1. A. think | B. act | C. talk | D. spare |
| 2. A. on | B. to | C. with | D. at |
| 3. A. very | B. so | C. as | D. too |
| 4. A. for | B. towards | C. where | D. along |
| 5. A. sight | B. cite | C. site | D. scene |
| 6. A. wind | B. fire | C. dust | D. smoke |
| 7. A. in | B. on | C. at | D. over |
| 8. A. people | B. zombies | C. robots | D. statues |
| 9. A. agape | B. akimbo | C. apart | D. aside |
| 10. A. entered | B. rolled | C. engulfed | D. exhausted |
| 11. A. In fact | B. Suddenly | C. Indeed | D. Quickly |
| 12. A. put off | B. put back | C. put down | D. put out |
| 13. A. futile | B. good | C. clever | D. fail |
| 14. A. well | B. helplessly | C. quietly | D. angrily |
| 15. A. pieces | B. debris | C. ashes | D. dust |

In questions 16 to 18, choose the word that means the opposite of the given words:

16. There is **enough** rain for the crops.

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| A. excess | B. less |
| C. insufficient | D. much |

17. We **always** work in groups.

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| A. never | B. rarely |
| C. usually | D. don't |

18. He is such a **stingy** man.

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| A. lazy | B. generous |
| C. careful | D. rich |

In questions 19 to 21, choose the best alternative to complete the given sentences.

19. Jona will not pass _____ he works hard.

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| A. unless | B. if |
| C. when | D. although |

20. If Anne had come home, she ____ her mother.
A. could see
B. would see
C. saw
D. would have seen

21. Both boys and girls enjoy
A. to swim B. swimming
C. swim D. swims.

In questions 22 and 23, choose the best alternative to fill in the blank spaces.

22. I met Joy with ____ girls yesterday.
A. other, two, beautiful
B. beautiful, two, others
C. two, other, beautiful
D. other, beautiful, two

23. He built a ____ house.
A. rental, modern, wonderful
B. wonderful, modern, rental
C. modern, wonderful, rental
D. wonderful, rental, modern

In questions 24 and 25, choose the best alternative to replace the underlined words.

24. She put aside money for her college fees.
A. used B. saved
C. paid D. distributed
25. The meeting set for Saturday has been put forward.
A. postponed B. moved further
C. cancelled D. moved closer

Read the passage below and use it to answer questions 26 to 38.

John was utterly disappointed. Bitter tears rolled down his cheeks as he glanced at his term results. His results were far from his expectation.

John's best friend, Erick, could not stop laughing. To him, John's classteacher's remarks sounded funny. She had written, "Unless you stop the many cases of truancy witnessed this term, you will not make it to the next class."

The headteacher also plainly commented in his section of the report card that John was a clever boy who was either too contented or just lazy, with an advice of hard work in the next term.

John was too upset to move and he stood rooted to the ground knowing just too well what awaited him. The classteacher's comment was more worrying, even than the poor score he held. John's father was a curator in the city and in one or two occasions had met John's teacher whenever they presented the children on academic tour of the country.

His mother, a nurse, was so strict and John knew that her scolding were worse than a night spent in prison.

Suddenly, the events preceeding the end term exam came trickling. His memory perceived every occurrence. Erick and other friends had tricked him and they had gone on an errand outside school. John in the end failed to revise. Unknown to him, his friends, Erick included had been busy revising for the exams. Finally, exams came and he was found flat footed, therefore, performing dismally.

"Dad and mother, please forgive me", he begged. "I know where I messed, and it shall never be repeated. I promise." Surprisingly, his parents forgave him though his mother could not remember John missing school. In the next term, John was at the top of his class.

26. According to the first paragraph, John was
A. a weak pupil
B. not pleased by his results
C. a disappointing pupil
D. the last in his class.
27. The fact that John cried bitterly means that he
A. was not a strong boy
B. loved crying
C. wanted sympathy
D. could perform better.
28. Erick could be best described as
A. a funny boy B. a friend in need
C. a false friend D. a true friend.
29. What hindered John's performance according to his teacher?
A. Laziness in exams.
B. Unwarranted absenteeism.
C. Failure to revise for exams.
D. Bad influence from friends.
30. According to the headteacher's comment, John
A. practiced truancy a lot of times
B. had that potential to perform better
C. slackened and failed to revise
D. was a joker in school.
31. It is true to say that John's parents
A. expected best from their son
B. wanted him to help with the chores
C. had held him home intentionally
D. knew of his truancy.
32. Where was John's father working according to the passage?
A. At the Game Park.
B. Tourism hotel.
C. In the museum.
D. Tour guide for children.

33. All the following are true about John's mother except
A. she was a nurse
B. she tolerated no jokes
C. she had been to prison
D. her scolding were severe
34. The phrase "... **His memory perceived every occurrence.**" means that John
A. received everything he wanted
B. recalled everything that had happened
C. could not remember anything
D. tried to remember the occurrences.
35. John became a truant due to
A. teacher's harshness
B. mother's scolding
C. peer pressure
D. his own plans.
36. When the exams finally came, John was
A. still absent from school
B. out on an errand outside school
C. flat in the head
D. completely unprepared for the exams.
37. What shows that John was remorseful about that occurrence? He
A. forgave his parents immediately
B. asked for forgiveness from his parents
C. got surprised at the parents habit
D. cut his friendship with Erick
38. The best summary for this passage can be:
A. A promise honoured.
B. Activities of friends.
C. Unexpected exams.
D. A state of truancy.

Read the passage below and use it to answer questions 39 to 50.

You may think that expecting food to change your life is too much to ask. But have you considered that eating the right food at the right time will increase your energy, help you manage your weight and ward off major illnesses?

Researchers have found out that eating a meal with plenty of protein leaves you feeling more satisfied for longer when compared to a meal loaded with carbohydrates. Your body takes longer to digest protein, leading to gradual increase in blood sugar. The high protein breakfast thus, has the ability to carry you through the day. Many carbohydrate meals are absorbed quickly and send blood

Many foods contain antioxidants, however, fruits and vegetables contain more. These protect the body from diseases, cancer and high blood pressure included. These foods work best if consumed in meals so pills of vitamin supplements are not necessary.

For those obsessed with weight-loss they need not look further. Calcium does magic in that. Scientists stumbled on its magic by accident. Foods rich in calcium such as yoghurt can therefore be used to fight weight issues. Calcium prevents fat cells from getting fatter so the cells burn extra fat even without intensive exercise.

It probably sounds strange to say that you can eat more in order to lose weight. Obviously the question you should ask is "more of what?" Foods rich in fibre have a low energy density that translate to few calories, relative to weight. Most high fibre foods take a lot of chewing and the body absorbs them slowly making one feel full longer.

It is therefore a fact that what we eat and the manner in which we eat has the final state of our health.

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| <p>39. According to the first sentence, the writer suggests that</p> <p>A. food has no effect in our lives</p> <p>B. life changes food</p> <p>C. food does not change our lives</p> <p>D. food indeed changes our lives.</p> <p>40. Eating the right food at the right time</p> <p>A. only prevents illness</p> <p>B. makes us ward off energy</p> <p>C. makes us healthy</p> <p>D. increases weight.</p> <p>41. According to the passage, it is true to say that those who intend to eat one meal a day should</p> <p>A. eat food with a lot of carbohydrates</p> <p>B. eat food with plenty of proteins</p> <p>C. eat food with less proteins</p> <p>D. eat food with plenty of vitamins.</p> <p>42. What leads to gradual increase in blood sugar?</p> <p>A. Plenty of vitamins.</p> <p>B. Digestion of carbohydrates.</p> <p>C. Digestion of protein.</p> <p>D. Calcium magic.</p> <p>43. The phrase 'roller coaster ride' could mean</p> <p>A. sudden increase B. valuable ride</p> <p>C. gradual increase D. constant increase.</p> <p>44. Antioxidants could best be described as</p> <p>A. energy-giving foods</p> <p>B. body - building foods</p> <p>C. protective foods</p> <p>D. herbal foods.</p> | <p>45. Why does the writer discourage the use of supplement pills?</p> <p>A. Antioxidants are best taken in foods.</p> <p>B. They take long to digest.</p> <p>C. Supplement pills are not necessary.</p> <p>D. They cause cancer.</p> <p>46. Those obsessed with weight loss</p> <p>A. eat a lot of food</p> <p>B. lack antioxidants</p> <p>C. work out</p> <p>D. are not comfortable with the body weight.</p> <p>47. How did the scientists discover the effect of calcium on weight?</p> <p>A. They discovered it by coincidence.</p> <p>B. They guessed it could work.</p> <p>C. They already knew it.</p> <p>D. They did a long research.</p> <p>48. Foods rich in fibre are effective in</p> <p>A. making the bones strong</p> <p>B. repairing the body</p> <p>C. losing the body weight</p> <p>D. fighting germs.</p> <p>49. Why do fibrous food make one full for long?</p> <p>A. They contain a lot of calories.</p> <p>B. Their absorption is gradual.</p> <p>C. They are eaten in bulky.</p> <p>D. They take time to chew.</p> <p>50. The best summary for this passage would be:</p> <p>A. The time we eat determines the weight we gain.</p> <p>B. The foods avoided are the best.</p> <p>C. Balanced diet does not make one healthy.</p> <p>D. What we eat determines our healthy.</p> |
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