# NAF YAD PREPARATORY SCHOOL

**2nd Semester Final Exam (2009A.Y.)**

**Grade 11** **Subject: English** **Time: 1hr** **Mark: 40%**

## Reading Passage

Rain forests circle the globe for $20^0$ of latitude on both sides of the equator. In that relatively narrow bond of the planet, more than half of all the species of plants & animals in the world make their home. Several hundred different varieties of trees may grow in a single acre and just one of those trees may be the habitat for more than ten thousand kinds of spiders and other insects.

Unfortunately, half of the world's rainforests have already been destroyed and at the current rate another 25% will be lost by year 2020. Every sixty seconds one hundred acres of rain forests is being cleared. By the time you finish reading this passage, two hundred acres will be destroyed! When this happens, constant rains erode the former forest floor, and the ecology of the region is altered forever. Thousands of species of plants & animals are condemned to extinction and since we aren't able to predict the **ramifications** of this loss to a delicate global ecology, we don't know what we may be doing to the future of the human species as well.

1. What is the point of view that the author expresses in this passage?
   A. He believes that the rain forest will survive
   B. He believes that preserving the rainforest is important to the global ecology
   C. He believes that he can predict the future of global ecology.
   D. He believes that the extinction of species is a natural process.
2. According to the passage, more than half of all the species of plants & animals
   A. live in twenty rainforests
   B. live in several hundred different variety of trees.
   C. live in a forty – degree bond of latitude.
   D. live in areas where the rain forest has been cleared
3. How many of the world's rainforests are projected to be destroyed if the current rate continues?
   A. All of them, by 2020. C. Half of them, by 2020.
   B. Three- quarters of them, by 2020. D. One- quarter of them, by 2020.
4. What is the tone of the author in presenting this text?
   A. delighted B. optimistic C. skeptic D. hopeful
5. 'ramification' in paragraph 2 means
   A. loss B. complication C. amplification D. ratification

**Grammar**

**Choose the alternative that best answers each question below.**

6. _____ my warning, she insisted on going.
   A. However B. Although C. Inspite of D. Despite of
7. He really wishes he _____ a beautiful car.
   A. has B. had C. had had D. have
8. I _____ when my friend came to wake me up.
   A. was sleeping B. slept C. have slept D. am sleeping

9. Do you really know _____?
   A. what you are looking for  C. what are you looking for
   B. for what you are looking  D. what you looking for
10. _____ that I might hurt his feelings, I kept quiet.
   A. Hoping  B. Wishing  C. Fearing  D. Un willing
11. But for the many friends he has, John _____ in trouble.
   A. was  B. will have been  C. will be  D. would be
12. A: Ann is in Hospital
   B: Yes, I know. I _____ her tomorrow.
   A. am going to visit  C. will visit
   B. am visiting  D. will have visited
13. By September next year, I _____ horse.
   A. will train  B. am training  C. will have trained  D. am trained
14. You wasted your money & time unnecessarily. You _____ to Addis because the day you went, your uncle came here.
   A. shouldn't go  C. needn't have gone
   B. mustn't have gone  D. don't have to go
15. I remember meeting you in Nairobi. This means
   A. I have to meet you in Nairobi, so I don't forget it.
   B. I met you in Nairobi, & I remember it
   C. It is good that we met in Nairobi lost year.
   D. I remember the meeting you attended in Nairobi.

**<u>Speaking</u> Read each situation critically and then choose the response that is both grammatically correct & socially acceptable.**

16. You are sitting in a room near a window. The window is closed. An acquaintance not a close friend of the same age & sex as yourself is sitting on the opposite side of the room. The room is becoming very hot. The acquaintance wants you to open the window, saying:
   A. Would you mind opening the window? It is getting awfully warm in here.
   B. Excuse me, would you mind if opening the window?
   C. Open the window, it is hot here.
   D. Do you open the window, please?
17. A 13- year old boy, feeling a little upset, wants his older sister to return a record he lent her the previous week. He will probably say to her:
   A. Sister, give me my record as soon as possible.
   B. Where is my record that you borrowed from me the previous week?
   C. You must give me the record! When do you think to give me!
   D. Can I have my record back now? You have had it a week already!
18. You are at a cash register in a supermarket. The change you receive is for a five dollar bill rather than the twenty dollar bill you gave the cashier. You want your correct change you are upset but act calm & reserved. You will probably say to the cashier, a woman in her 2 $0'$ s:
   A. Excuse me, but I gave you twenty.
   B. I think you have made a big mistake.
   C. Could you make a correct change please?
   D. Excuse me but I gave a $20 bill so I need more change.

19. You are in a restaurant with your date. A waitress gives you a dirty plate. You realize that she is very busy. You are relaxed but a little upset about the dirty plate. You would call the waitress to your table and probably say to her:
    A. Please, would you notice this?
    B. This plates is dirty. Would you mind changing another one?
    C. Could you clean that dirty plate please?
    D. Excuse me but this plate is dirty.
20. You are invited to dinner by the family of an American friend. When the dinner is ready, the mother of the family, who is cheerful & has always been delighted to see you, puts her head around the corner & calls to everyone, saying?
    A. Dinner is ready!
    B. Could you please close your eyes?
    C. Dinner is ready, we can start now. I am glad to see you again and make yourself just like at home.
    D. None of the above.

**Vocabulary**

**I. Choose the word that does not belong to the group.**

21. A. Conflicting B. contradictory C. antagonistic D. Consent
22. A. liberate B. release C. literate D. set free
23. A. prominent B. power C. spectacular D. eminent
24. A. depict B. describe C. picture D. conceal
25. A. coalition B. merger C. satisfaction D. unification

**II. Choose the alternative word or phrase that best keeps the meaning of the underlined word or phrase.**

26. in ancient times, scholars found that the information they needed was **scattered** in manuscripts & scrolls in various parts of the world.
    A. manufactured C. fabricated
    B. composed of D. dispersed
27. Many people oppose the death penalty, chiefly because they consider it cruel. Critics also warn against the **peril** of exciting mistakenly convicted people.
    A. hazard B. chance C. option D. exist
28. Although ancient people **misconceived** much of what they saw in the heavens, they put their knowledge of astronomy to practical use.
    A. mistake B. misused C. misinterpret D. mistrusted
29. Microsoft began in 1975 as an informal business partnership between Bill Gates & Paul Allen. They **adapted** the programming language BASIC for use.
    A. adjusted B. developed C. created D. derived
30. If you don't pass your exam, you **will let your parents down** badly.
    A fall down B. disrespect C. disappoint D. disprove

**The following questions are related to writing, read and answer them accordingly.**

31. " I do well in school, and people think I am smart because of it. But it is not true ..." this piece of writing is an extract of from _____ kind of writing.
    A. descriptive B. narrative C. expository D. argumentative

32. " Sunset is the time of the day when the sky meets the outer space solar winds. There are blue, pink, & purple swirls spinning like clouds ...." this is typically _____ paragraph.
A. descriptive B. expository C. narrative D. argumentative

33. "On July 16,1969, the Apollo 11 space craft launched from the kenedy space centre in Florida ..." this is an extract from a text that is most likely _____
A. narrative B. expository C. argumentative D. descriptive

34. If a paragraph begins as , "Here is the perfect system for cleaning your room.", it is most likely _____
A. descriptive B. argumentative C. narrative D. expository

35. A paragraph is said to have _____ when the relationship between sentences is clear & the flow of idea is smooth.
A. unity B. development C. coherence D. organization

## Paragraph Coherence

Luis rushed and got ready for work, _____ (36) when he went out the door, he saw the snow storm was very heavy. _____ (37), decided not to go to work. _____ (38) he sat down to enjoy his news paper. _____ (39) he realized that his boss might get angry. _____ (40), he made another decision that he must go to work, so he went out the door & walked to the bus stop.

36. A) However B) Therefore C) but D. Then
37. A) But B) Finally C) Therefore D) However
38. A) Then B) Finally C) However D) Also
39. A) For this reason B) However C) No matter how D) Then
40. A) Besides B) Finally C) Therefore D) But

## ANSWER SHEET

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