

**RG MUGABE PRIMARY SCHOOL EXAMINATIONS  
GRADE 7 ENGLISH PAPER 1  
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**Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.**

She wandered off by herself to the end of the garden and climbed over the fence. She had not wanted to go there again. All the same Rose kept on walking and was getting nearer and nearer the uprooted tree. How could she be sure there was no rich treasure there until she had seen for herself? She walked along the hedge and came to the roots of the tree which were spread over and poked into the ground with her shoe. Just below the surface was something made of metal only an old copper coin. Perhaps there should be other coins made of gold or silver. She found a sharp stick and began to dig eagerly at the soil around her. She searched for a long time but all she found was another coin as old and useless as the first one.

**Comprehension questions**

1. In the passage, Rose climbed over the .....  
A. tree                      B. fence                      C. garden                      D. ground
2. According to the passage she was in search of .....  
A. an uprooted tree                      C. the treasure  
B. the garden                      D. the hedge
3. The coins which she found were made of .....  
A. copper                      B. gold                      C. silver                      D. soil
4. The words wandered off in the passage mean the same as .....  
A. walked away aimlessly                      C. ran towards the fence  
B. stayed alone                      D. jumped the fence
5. The coins were useless meaning that they had no .....  
A. power                      B. value                      C. strength                      D. money

**Language questions**

**Choose the best word to complete the following sentences**

6. ....of the girls wanted to go with Rose.  
A. Anybody                      B. Nobody                      C. Another                      D. None
7. The garden fence was erected .....a company from Bulawayo.  
A. by                      B, up                      C. with                      D. Down

8. I had asked Rose to remind them but she .....
- A. forgot                      B. forget                      C. forgotten                      D. forgetting
9. Rose prefers sadza .....rice.
- A. to                      B. than                      C. for                      D. with
10. I wished I .....the one to get the treasure.
- A. was                      B. were                      C. am                      D. would

**Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.**

**What are volcanoes?**

Some of the mountains in Africa were formed by volcanoes. A good example is Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania. It is no longer an active volcano. Volcanoes are a sign that deep down the earth is or was restless Hot molten rock and ash shoot up when the volcano erupts or bursts out. Many years may pass between eruptions of a volcano. Each time the volcano erupts more rock and ash are thrown out. Hot molten (melted) rock called larva, very slowly slides down the steep sides of the mountain. It slowly cools to form volcanic rock.

**Comprehension questions**

11. What formed some mountains in Africa?
- A. hot molten rock                      C. larva  
B. ash                      D. volcanoes
12. Which mountain mentioned in the passage was formed through volcanic eruptions?
- A. Mt Tanzania                      C. Mt Kilimanjaro  
B. Mt Nyangani                      D. Mt Volcano
13. In the passage the word **molten** means
- A. larva                      B. restless                      C. volcano                      D. melted
14. The eruption of a volcano is a sign that .....
- A. a mountain is formed by a volcano  
B. Mt Kilimanjaro is in Tanzania  
C. deep down the earth is restless  
D. the volcano is no longer active
15. Hot molten rock is called
- A. larva                      B. eruption                      C. steep                      D. volcano

### Language questions

Choose the best word to complete the following sentences.

16. The man congratulated his son .....winning a gold medal.  
A. over                      B. on                      C. in                      D. at
17. The .....looks as if it is going to be sunny.  
A. wither                      B. whether                      C. whatever                      D. weather
18. Juliet is the ..... Of the twins.  
A. most pretty                      C. pretty  
B. prettiest                      D. prettier
19. The children should be able to .....their behaviour after the holidays.  
A. change                      B. changing                      C. changed                      D. changes
20. Neither James .....his brother went swimming.  
A. or                      B. nor                      C. but                      D. only

Read the following passage and answer questions that follow.

#### Every child is Everyone's Child

People have been adopting children since the beginning of time. If a child lost his parents, he or she would simply go and live with an aunt or an uncle, their grandparents or any other family member. If a father died his brother or sister would look after his children.

In those days children did not look after their younger siblings. But sadly things have changed and many children have to fend for themselves. Also the burden of looking after these children has moved from the family to the state.

Today strangers are prepared to look after these minors. To protect the children adoption has to be legalised and in Zimbabwe this can take between three to six months. The government is talking to communities to help share its burden and to make sure that as many children as possible get to grow up in a safe family unit.

#### Comprehension questions

21. The adoption of children started .....  
A. recently                      C. many years ago  
B. a few years ago                      D. not so long ago
22. Children would be adopted when.....  
A. their parents had died                      C. the siblings had suffered

- B. their parents had travelled                      D. parents were poor
23.        It was important to have the adoption process legalised because.....
- A. the times were changing  
 B. there were economic challenges  
 C. it was a burden to keep such children  
 D. the government wanted to make sure the children were safe
24.        In Zimbabwe the whole process to adopt a child can take about.....
- A. a year    C. about half a year  
 B. nine months    D. Exactly three months
25.        According to the passage, the “siblings” means
- A. minors    C. people  
 B. young children    D. brothers and sisters

**Language questions**

26.        The adoption of children started .....the nineteenth century.
- A. at    B. since    C. on    D. with
27.        The .....went through very well.
- A. adoption    B. adapt    C. adopted    D. adopting
28.        The gardener wished she .....told the secret before.
- A. has    B. is    C. had    D. have
29.        .....the death of his parents the orphan lived a good life.
- A. Although    B. Despite    C. Unless    D. If
30.        The government .....that it needed help to take care of the orphans.
- A. admit    B. admitting    C. admittance    D. admitted

**Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.**

**The show**

Quickly, Sarapia washed the dishes and swept the huts. When she finished her mother smiled and gave her some money for the show. Clapping her hands thankfully, Sarapia at last rushed off to the show. The show was an annual event in the village, bringing together many workers from the district.

When she arrived the air was filled with laughter and curiosity. The actors and musicians were taking their traditional positions. Villagers brought with them wooden stools and reed mats to cushion themselves when they sat on the hard

ground. Everyone was ready in anticipation of the great show to commence. The village head barked an instruction and there was dead silence at the meeting place. He asked the village priest to lead in prayer. This was followed by a sweet melodious rhythm which marked the beginning of the annual show.

### Comprehension questions

31. Sarapia was in a hurry to finish the housework because.....
- A. she wanted to sleep
  - B. her mother wanted to send her
  - C. she wanted to rush off to the show
  - D. the job was easy
32. Why did the villagers carry stools and reed mats?
- A. They wanted to dance.
  - B. The music was for actors.
  - C. They wanted to cushion the music.
  - D. It made sitting more comfortable.
33. Why did the village head ask the village priest to pray?
- A. Because the villagers had waited for long.
  - B. We always pray before eating.
  - C. This was to mark the commencement of the long awaited occasion.
  - D. The priest was the head of the villagers.
34. Which phrase shows that Sarapia was a well behaved girl?
- A. She was always complaining.
  - B. She clapped her hands thankfully.
  - C. Sarapia was so beautiful.
  - D. She loved sweeping the house.
35. An annual event means the show was held.....
- A. every weekend
  - B. every year
  - C. every month
  - D. only that year

### Language questions

**Choose the best word or words to complete the following sentences.**

36. The show was .....interesting that Sarapia wanted to stay.
- A. very
  - B. so
  - C. too
  - D. more
37. The reason .....Sarapia came was to go to the show.
- A. when
  - B. which
  - C. why
  - D. where

