

HOME BASED

GRADE SEVEN HOLIDAY EXAMINATION 2020

ENGLISH

PAPER 1

AUGUST 2020 Time: 2 hours

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. Read **all** the instructions carefully.
2. Do not open this question paper until you are told to do so by the invigilator
3. Use a blue or black pen to write your answers.
4. If you wish to change your answer, **erase** it **completely** with a pencil rubber and then shade the new choice.
5. If **more** than **one** circle is shaded for any one answer, that answer will be regarded as wrong.
6. Answer **all** the questions on the separate answer sheet provided.
7. You are advised to spend 1 hour on Section A and 30 minutes on Section B
8. **If you do not understand** the instructions **ask** the invigilator to explain them to you **before you start**.

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Read all instructions carefully and choose one correct answer from the suggested answers

Read the passage below and answer questions that follow

Education transition Fund to be launched

Sunday News Reporter

Government in partnership with the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF), will on Wednesday launch the Education Transition Fund (ETF), in an attempt to ensure universal access to education.

Up to date, over 13 million textbooks have been printed for primary school-going children countrywide under ETF. Government will as from next year start printing textbooks for secondary schools countrywide. Deputy Minister of Education, Sport, Arts and Culture, Lazarus Dokora, said Government was committed to ensuring that all students in the country had access to textbooks.

Adapted from Sunday News 5-11 September 2010

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

- 1 The _____ was to be launched.
 - A Education Transition fund
 - B United Nations Children’s Fund
 - C Sports fund
 - D Culture Fund

- 2 The fund was launched on a _____.
 - A Monday
 - B Wednesday
 - C Sports day
 - D Culture day

- 3 The story was written by _____.
 - A Lazarus Dokora
 - B Deputy Minister
 - C Sunday News Reporter
 - D UNICEF

- 4 The _____ will print textbooks for secondary schools starting next year.
- A ETF
 - B UNICEF
 - C Sunday News
 - D Government
- 5 The word _____ shows that all primary school-going children will benefit.
- A launch
 - B country wide
 - C printed
 - D ensuring
- 6 The government wants to provide all students with _____.
- A food
 - B water
 - C funds
 - D textbooks

LANGUAGE QUESTIONS

CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD OR WORDS TO COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES.

- 7 We _____ in Bulawayo since 1999.
- A will live
 - B has lived
 - C is living
 - D have lived
- 8 The _____ is made up of five members.
- A commit
 - B comet
 - C committee
 - D cometh
- 9 The teacher told us we would be responsible for our _____.
- A chose

- B choose
- C choosing
- D choice

10 Eating too many snacks between meals is not recommended _____ doctors.

- A with
- B of
- C by
- D to

11 Shamiso is _____ honourable woman

- A a
- B an
- C some
- D none

12 Most young girls prefer rice _____ sadza.

- A to
- B for
- C than
- D and

13 The children kept _____ singing and dancing until sunset.

- A up
- B on
- C in
- D by

READ THE PASSAGE AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS THAT FOLLOW.

The Adventure

Susan followed John along the little path which went in and out between Mopani trees. Before long, they saw that there were trees all around them. Birds were singing in the leafy branches above them. It was very quiet there, and rather dark, the sort of place where owls like to rest at night. A rock rabbit dashed across almost under John's feet, making him jump. Then there was a sharp noise and the sound of flapping. A large hawk flew away. The noise frightened Susan, and she caught hold of John's hand.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

- 14 This adventure was experienced by _____.
- A two men
 - B two girls
 - C a woman and her son
 - D a boy and a girl
- 15 How many animals are mentioned in the story?
- A one
 - B two
 - C three
 - D four
- 16 John and Susan heard the noise when _____.
- A the hawk flew away
 - B the leaves moved
 - C John jumped
 - D the rock rabbit flapped its ears
- 17 When Susan was afraid she _____.
- A stood quite still
 - B ran into the woods
 - C ran out of the woods
 - D grabbed John's hand
- 18 The path was not straight because _____.
- A it had to go around many trees
 - B it was only a narrow path
 - C there were many sticks and stones
 - D the rock rabbits lived there
- 19 According to the passage where do owls like to rest at night?
- A in dark places
 - B in the leafy branches
 - C in the nest
 - D along the road

LANGUAGE QUESTIONS

CHOOSE THE BEST WORD OR PHRASE TO COMPLETE THE SENTENCES BELOW.

- 20 If I publish books for a living I am_____.
- A an author
 - B a publisher
 - C a typist
 - D an actor
- 21 I did greet you this morning, _____ I?
- A had
 - B could
 - C didn't
 - D hadn't
- 22 Please can we have more sugar as we have run out _____ it?
- A of
 - B for
 - C to
 - D with
- 23 _____ I am exercising I don't feel better.
- A If
 - B Since
 - C Although
 - D When
- 24 A person who gives to the less fortunate is said to be_____.
- A stately
 - B grateful
 - C charitable
 - D helpless
- 25 June is the _____ month of the year.
- A so cold
 - B a very cold
 - C colder
 - D coldest

READ THE FOLLOWING PASSAGE AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS THAT FOLLOW

City Shocker

A Kuwadzana mother burnt her nine year old son with a hot iron, stabbed him with a knife, and slashed him with a razor blade before kicking him in the mouth with booted feet after finding him kissing his three year old sister on the cheek on Monday afternoon. The mother of three, who was picked up by the police yesterday afternoon following a tip-off by neighbours, is now facing charges of assault with intent to cause grievous bodily harm. The three children will be placed under the care of Social workers, since it is suspected that Monday's attack was the first of its kind.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

- 26 What charge could be laid on the mother?
- A attempted murder
 B illegal strike
 C assault with intent to cause grievous bodily harm
 D vending
- 27 What is a tip off?
- A a prayer
 B public fight
 C party
 B secret report
- 28 Why did the mother attack her son? Because he was caught_____.
- A stealing money
 B burning the sister
 C reporting the neighbours
 D kissing his young sister
- 29 Where did the case take place?
- A Glen Norah
 B town
 C Kuwadzana
 D Harare

- 30 Picked up by the police means_____.
- A she was arrested
 - B she was warned
 - C put in prison
 - B police beat her
- 31 What name do we give to the place where children without parents are kept?
- A institution
 - B orphanage
 - C hostel
 - D Social workers

LANGUAGE QUESTIONS

CHOOSE THE BEST WORD OR WORDS TO COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES.

- 32 To be in hot water means _____.
- A to be in serious trouble
 - B to fall into hot soup
 - C to eat hot soup
 - D to be furious
- 33 My uncle took my maize to the grinding_____.
- A meal
 - B mill
 - C mealie
 - D millet
- 34 Mary and I _____ water everyday
- A fetch
 - B fetches
 - C is fetching
 - D was fetching
- 35 A group of stars is called_____.
- A a bery
 - B a catch
 - C an audience
 - D a constellation

- 36 When your friend is rude it means he is_____
- A good
B kind
C impolite
D innocent
- 37 If father_____ not been at home, the burglar would have harmed us all.
- A should
B hadn't
C have
D had
- 38 I would_____ to come and see you tomorrow.
- A in spite
B regardless
C because
D prefer

READ THE PASSAGE BELOW AND ANSWER QUESTIONS THAT FOLLOW.

Mushrooms

Mushrooms come up very quickly from the ground after the first rains. There are different kinds of mushrooms. Some are white, others are brown, red and yellow. Some are big while others are very small. Most people love them because they make very good relish with sadza. It is important to know the type of mushroom which can be eaten safely because some types are actually poisonous. There are many ways of preparing mushrooms. Mushrooms are delicious to eat which ever way you cook them.

We preserve mushrooms by boiling them in salty water and drying them. We do this because they are plentiful in summer, but scarce in the dry season.

- 39 The first rains bring us _____.
- A crops
B white and red colours
C insects
D mushrooms

- 40 Any other word that has the same meaning as kinds is_____.
- A types
 - B sizes
 - C colours
 - D medium
- 41 Many people eat mushrooms with_____.
- A tea
 - B sadza
 - C porridge
 - D milk
- 42 Why is it necessary to be careful with mushrooms? Because some can_____.
- A be sweet
 - B be fatty
 - C be poisonous
 - D be plenty
- 43 Another way for preserving mushrooms for use in the dry season is by___.
- A eating them
 - B grinding them
 - C roasting them on fire
 - D boiling them in salt

LANGUAGE QUESTIONS

CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD OR WORDS TO COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES

- 44 Which of the following words are in alphabetical order?
- A disease, disgust, dismiss, discuss
 - B disgust, discuss, dismiss, disease
 - C discuss, disease, disgust, dismiss
 - D dismiss, disease disgust, discuss
- 45 Mr Shava advised us_____.
- A “To work hard inorder to succeed.”
 - B “to work hard inorder to succeed.”
 - C “To,” work hard inorder to succeed.
 - D to work hard inorder to succeed.

CHOOSE THE CORRECT SENTENCE

- 46 A Went they for a drive down the road.
 B For a drive down the road they went
 C The road down for a drive they went
 D They went for a drive down the road.

CHOOSE THE OPTION IN WHICH THE WORDS ARE CORRECTLY SPELT.

- 47 A separate, pledge, collapse, scholar.
 B described, athletics, mysterious, respective.
 C definite, vehicle, conscience, valuable.
 D queue, immortal, ceremony, apologize

CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD OR WORDS TO COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES.

- 48 The hungry pigs are feeding _____.
- A carefully
 B skillfully
 C greedily
 D beautifully
- 49 Our headgirl is very wise. Wise means the same as_____.
- A narrow
 B foolish
 C full
 D intelligent
- 50 If you want to know the time the buses leave the city, you _____ at the office.
- A inquire
 B require
 C request
 D demand