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INSTRUCTIONS

There are four sections, A, B, C and D.

Section A comprises **two (2) Reading and Comprehension** passages.

Section B tests students' knowledge on **Concord**.

Section C consists of **Modifiers (Dangling & Misplaced)**.

Section D comprises questions on **Synonyms & Antonyms and Punctuation Marks**

There are one hundred (100) multiple choice questions with letter alternatives. Kindly choose the *best* letter alternative that answers each question. Answer **ALL** questions

SECTION A: READING AND COMPREHENSION I [10MARKS]

Read the passage and answer ALL the questions that follow

In the 16th century, an age of great marine and terrestrial exploration, Ferdinand Magellan led the first expedition to sail around the world. As a young Portuguese noble, he served the king of Portugal, but he became involved in the quagmire of political intrigue at court and lost the king's favor. After he was dismissed from service by the king of Portugal, he offered to serve the future Emperor Charles V of Spain.

A papal decree of 1493 had assigned all land in the New World west of 50 degrees W longitude to Spain and all the land east of that line to Portugal. Magellan offered to prove that the East Indies fell under Spanish authority. On September 20, 1519, Magellan set sail from Spain with five ships. More than a year later, one of these ships was exploring the topography of South America in search of a water route across the continent. This ship sank, but the remaining four ships searched along the southern peninsula of South America. Finally they

found the passage they sought near 50 degrees S latitude. Magellan named this passage the Strait of All Saints, but today it is known as the Strait of Magellan.

One ship deserted while in this passage and returned to Spain, so fewer sailors were privileged to gaze at that first panorama of the Pacific Ocean. Those who remained crossed the meridian now known as the International Date Line in the early spring of 1521 after 98 days on the Pacific Ocean. During those long days at sea, many of Magellan's men died of starvation and disease.

Later, Magellan became involved in an **insular** conflict in the Philippines and was killed in a tribal battle. Only one ship and 17 sailors under the command of the Basque navigator Elcano survived to complete the westward journey to Spain and thus prove once and for all that the world is round, with no **precipice** at the edge.

1. The 16th century was an age of great _____ exploration.

- A. cosmic
- B. land
- C. mental
- D. common man

2. Magellan lost the favor of the king of Portugal when he became involved in a political _____.

- A. entanglement
- B. discussion
- C. negotiation
- D. problem

3. The Pope divided New World lands between Spain and Portugal according to their location on one side or the other of an imaginary geographical line 50 degrees west of Greenwich that extends in a _____ direction.

- A. north and south
- B. crosswise
- C. easterly
- D. south east

4. One of Magellan's ships explored the _____ of South America for a passage across the continent.

- A. coastline
- B. mountain range
- C. physical features
- D. islands

5. Four of the ships sought a passage along a southern _____.

- A. coast
- B. inland
- C. body of land with water on three sides
- D. border

6. The passage was found near 50 degrees S of _____.

- A. Greenwich
- B. The equator
- C. Spain
- D. Portugal

7. In the spring of 1521, the ships crossed the _____ now called the International Date Line.

- A. imaginary circle passing through the poles
- B. imaginary line parallel to the equator
- C. area
- D. land mass

8. How many weeks did Magellan and his sailors spend on the sea before crossing the International Date Line?

- A. 17 weeks
- B. 16 weeks
- C. 15 weeks
- D. 14 weeks

9. These are all synonyms of **insular** except _____.

- A. parochial
- B. blinkered
- C. liberal
- D. prejudiced

10. The phrase "... with no **precipice** at the edge" means _____.

- A. a round edge
- B. a steep edge
- C. a hard edge
- D. a soft edge

SECTION A: READING AND COMPREHENSION PASSAGE II [10MARKS]

Read the passage and answer ALL the questions that follow.

Today, Mike and his mom are going to the library. Mike wants to find a book to read. His mom wants to use a computer there. When they get to the library, Mike finds a book about detectives. He also finds a book with chapters about a **friendly** ghost. Finally, he finds a book about a man who lives in the woods without food or water. He puts the books on the front desk and waits for his mom.

Mike's mom sits at one of the computers in the library. She checks her email and looks at pictures of flowers on the internet. Then she reads a news article on a website. Mike's mom leaves the computer and walks over to Mike, holding up something out for him. Mike looks at her **quizzically**. It takes him a moment to recognize what she is holding. "I got that movie for us to watch tonight," says Mike's mom. "Are you ready to leave?"

"Sure," Mike says, now holding the movie out in front of him. He reads the cover while walking back to the library entrance. He puts his books and the movie on the front desk to **check out**. A librarian stands behind the counter holding an electronic scanner. "How long can we keep them?" Mike asks her.

"Three weeks," says the librarian.

"Cool," says Mike.

Suddenly, Mike is surprised. His mother is checking out something else that is too big to put on the desk. It's a picture of the ocean. "What is that for?" Mike asks.

"To put on our wall at home," says Mike's mom.
"You can do that?" Mike asks.
Mike's mom smiles at the librarian. "Yes," she says,
"but we have to return it in three months."

1. Based on the books Mike finds to check out, we can tell that he is interested in

- A. science
- B. nature
- C. mystery
- D. adventure

2. While at the computer, Mike's mom

- I. checks her mail
- II. looks at pictures
- III. reads an article

A. I only

B. I and II only

C. II and III only

D. I, II, and III

3. According to the passage, how long can Mike and his mother use the books and the movie before they must return them to the library?

- A. one week
- B. two weeks
- C. three weeks
- D. four weeks

4. Based on its use in paragraph 4, it can be understood that "quizzically" belongs to which of the following word groups?

- A. abnormally, strangely, weirdly
- B. casually, carelessly, indifferently
- C. passionately, keenly, intensely
- D. inquisitively, questioningly, curiously

5. As used in paragraph 5, the phrase "check out" most nearly means

- A. to see
- B. to rent
- C. to find
- D. to buy

6. What does Mike's mom want to do with the picture of the ocean?

- A. She wants to buy it.
- B. She wants to hang it on her wall.
- C. She wants to give it to her friend as a gift.
- D. She wants to donate it to the library.

7. Using the passage as a guide, it can be understood that you can check out which of the following things from the library?

I. pictures

II. furniture

III. computers

A. I only

B. I and II only

C. II and III only

D. I, II, and III

8. From the passage, the librarian is all the following except _____

A. a person from Liberia

B. a person who works at the library

C. is a female

D. uses an electronic scanner

9. The following are synonyms of **friendly** except _____

A. convivial

B. surly

C. genial

D. affable

10. Which of the following would be the best title for this passage?

A. Mike's Mom

B. A Picture of the Ocean

C. At the Library

D. Books, Computers, Movies, and Pictures

SECTION B: CONCORD [20MARKS]

Choose the **best** letter alternative from A to D that answers the following questions. Answer **ALL** questions

1. A number of students _____late today

A. Is

B. Has

C. Are

D. None of the above

2. The kids as well as their parents_____ missing

A. Are

B. Have

C. Is

D. None of the above

3. She rarely attends the class _____?
 A. Does she?
 B. Is it?
 C. Isn't it
 D. None of the above
4. A bouquet of flowers _____ required for the event.
 A. are
 B. have
 C. has
 D. is
5. A pair of socks _____ been missing from my wardrobe.
 A. have
 B. has
 C. were
 D. is
6. Much _____ been said in the news reports.
 A. were
 B. have
 C. has
 D. was
7. The information provided to you _____ wrong.
 A. were
 B. was
 C. are
 D. have been
8. The quality of food here _____ gone down.
 A. have
 B. has
 C. is
 D. are
9. My mother, along with others, _____ worried.
 A. were
 B. are
 C. have
 D. was
10. A large number of soldiers _____ died for the country.
 A. has
 B. is
 C. are
 D. have
11. Half of the class _____ empty.
 A. were
 B. was
 C. has
 D. have
12. Physics _____ difficult to understand.
 A. were
 B. are
 C. is
 D. have been
13. He _____ cooking in his leisure time.
 A. enjoy
 B. enjoying
 C. enjoys
 D. enjoyed
14. The book 'Management Principles' _____ quite insightful.
 A. are
 B. is
 C. have
 D. Has
15. Two dollars _____ a small amount.
 A. are
 B. has
 C. have
 D. is
16. A lot of startups _____ started in the past few years.
 A. is
 B. are
 C. have
 D. has
17. Politics _____ been one of the debatable topics.
 A. is
 B. are
 C. have
 D. has

18. Neither Kyla nor Karen _____ helpful.
A. were
B. was
C. are
D. have been

19. A series of seminars _____ conducted.
A. was
B. were
C. are
D. have

20. My glasses _____ nowhere to be found.
A. is
B. are
C. have
D. has

SECTION C: MODIFIERS (DANGLING & MISPLACED) AND SENTENCES (STRUCTURE & FUNCTION) [30MARKS]

There are two parts, A and B in this section.
Part A is on Modifiers (Dangling & Misplaced).
Part B is on Sentences (Structure & Function)

Choose the **best** letter alternative that answers the following questions. Answer **ALL** questions

PART A: MODIFIERS (DANGLING & MISPLACED)

In the sentences provided, indicate whether the sentence contains a dangling modifier (DM), a misplaced modifier (MM) or is correctly constructed (C)

- A. Dangling modifier
B. Misplaced modifier
C. Correct

1. Overwhelmed at all times, his assignment was always not completed by the deadline.
2. To cover her tracks, the topic was avoided.
3. Managing his money, however, was not one of Paul's strength.

4. Enraptured by the flickering light, the TV stayed on all night.
5. Two cars were reported stolen by the policemen this week.
6. We were told at midnight the all-night service would begin.
7. Thankful that school had vacated, home seemed like a wonderful idea.
8. Mr. Sika Osei told me he was getting married that afternoon at night.
9. A dedicated employee, her hours of overtime were high in number.
10. Without realizing it, the surprise was ruined.
11. The patient kept all her medicine in the medicine cabinet that had been prescribed for her.
12. The man was stopped for speeding in the blue sweater at the security check point.
13. Thinking it was very useful, Ayele borrowed the book.
14. The initials were those of the lovers carved on the tree.
15. A smart girl, her habit of teeth brushing was formed at an early age.
16. After seeing a car slide into a ditch along the road, Janet's attention was focused on the road ahead.

17. I watched the mechanic fix the car with admiration.
18. To open the lecturer's computer, his password is needed.
19. We borrowed a mower from our neighbour that was broken.
20. The student decided to eat almost half of the pot of rice for supper.

PART B: SENTENCES (STRUCTURE & FUNCTION)

Choose the **best** letter alternative that answers the following questions. Answer **ALL** questions

Read the following sentences and identify the type of sentence using the options provided below

- (A) Simple
- (B) Complex
- (C) Compound
- (D) Compound-complex

21. My mother, the queen was delighted when I showed her my first year results.
22. We can survive at the temperature of 46 degree Celsius.
23. My husband went to the mall, but, I stayed at home.
24. Kofi and Ama went to Gomoa wonderland, but they were surprised by what they saw.
25. The older generation speak because they want to share their experiences

Read the following sentences carefully and select the appropriate answer from the options provided.

26. This type of sentence is used to ask questions.
A. Exclamatory
B. Interrogative
C. Declarative
D. Imperative
27. Which is an example of a declarative sentence?
A. Open the door.
B. Did you wash the plate?
C. Help me
D. She is studying English.
28. These types of sentences end with a period.
A. Declarative and interrogative
B. Interrogative and exclamatory
C. Imperative and declarative
D. Exclamatory and imperative
29. What a beautiful painting! is an example of _____
A. Imperative
B. Exclamative
C. Interrogative
D. Declarative
30. Which of these sentence types often begins with the subject?
A. Declarative
B. Imperative
C. Exclamative
D. Interrogative

SECTION D: SYNONYMS & ANTONYMS and PUNCTUATION MARKS [30MARKS]

Part A: Synonyms

In each sentence, there is a word that is in **bold**. Choose the **best** letter alternative that is *similar* in meaning to the word in bold. Answer **ALL** questions

1. Whatever opinion he gives is **sane**
A. rational
B. obscure
C. wild
D. arrogant

2. The recent acts of **vandalism** in the country cannot be ignored
A. disturbance
B. ravage
C. provocation
D. violence
3. It took him a long time to **come around** after the operation
A. recover
B. walk
C. move
D. eat
4. I do not like **alien** fashion
A. foreign
B. extraneous
C. unusual
D. exotic
5. Catching snakes can be **hazardous** for people untrained in the art
A. tricky
B. harmful
C. difficult
D. dangerous
6. The inspector was a very **vigilant** man
A. intelligent
B. ambitious
C. watchful
D. smart
7. I wrote to him as **lately** as last week
A. immediately
B. early
C. recently
D. late
8. Many species of animals have been **extinct** during the last hundred years
A. aggressive
B. non-existent
C. scattered
D. feeble
9. The tablet **alleviated** the pain and the patient was soon feeling much better
A. mitigated
B. moderated
C. removed
D. lightened

10. The International Community may begin to doubt the **credentials** of the longest democracy in the world
A. principles
B. unreliable
C. capacity
D. trustworthiness

Part B: Antonyms

In each sentence, there is a word that is in **bold**. Choose the **best** letter alternative that is *opposite* in meaning to the word in bold. Answer **ALL** questions

1. He spoke against corruption with **zeal**
A. indifference
B. calmness
C. despair
D. passiveness
2. They had an **insipid** conversation
A. lively
B. argumentation
C. loud
D. curious
3. Everything about him, especially his talkative nature, proclaims his **effeminacy**
A. aggressiveness
B. attractiveness
C. manliness
D. boorishness
4. **Adversity** teaches us to be humble and self-reliant
A. sincerity
B. animosity
C. curiosity
D. prosperity
5. Given the constraint, we have no alternative but to suggest **an improvised** solution
A. a complete
B. a preplanned
C. a permanent
D. a proscribed

6. The chairperson **initiated** the proceedings with a brief speech
A. confused
B. closed
C. stated
D. complicated

7. Those whose views are **progressive** often meet with formidable impediments when they begin to act
A. revolutionary
B. retrograde
C. brave
D. outnumbered

8. There was something strange and **morbid** about the whole issue
A. healthy
B. cheerful
C. insipid
D. appealing

9. The leader was **pragmatic** in his approach to the problem facing the country
A. indefinite
B. vague
C. idealistic
D. optimistic

10. Many people suffer setbacks in their career because of their inherent **levity**
A. seriousness
B. solemnity
C. religiousity
D. gravity

Part C: Punctuation Marks

Choose the **best** letter alternative that answers the following questions. Answer **ALL** questions

Fill in the blank space with the correct punctuation mark

1. I have several plans _____ travelling, reading and shopping
A. .
B. ,
C. ;
D. :

2. Please help us _____. My friend is drowning!
A. !
B. .
C. –
D. ?

3. Peter ____ Liza ____ Ken and Amanda will decide.
A. question mark
B. exclamation mark
C. comma
D. semi-colon

4. Which description best suits the full-stop?
A. A dot at the end of a sentence indicating that the sentence is complete.
B. A dot at the end of a sentence which leads to the next sentence.
C. A squiggle in a sentence indicating when the sentence should finish.
D. A dot in a sentence.

5. When should you use an apostrophe?
A. To indicate possession (where a noun owns something)
B. When someone is speaking
C. For a contraction (where letters are missing) and possession (where a noun owns something)
D. When an independent clause is attached to a dependent clause

6. Which of these is not a punctuation mark?
A. Full stop
B. Comma
C. Colon
D. Hashtag

7. Which of these is used between sentences which are grammatically independent?
A. Colon
B. Semicolon
C. Comma
D. Hyphen

8. Choose the correct statement
A. I met a beautiful, European woman.
B. I met a beautiful European woman.
C. I met a beautiful European, woman.
D. I met a beautiful, European, woman.

9. Choose the correct statement

- A. Thomas the new teacher started work last week.
- B. Thomas, the new teacher started work last week.
- C. Thomas, the new teacher, started work last week.
- D. Thomas! The new teacher, started work, last week.

10. Choose the correct statement

- A. State-owned GCB Bank, PLC offers extra interest to long term investors
- B. State owned GCB Bank, PLC offers extra interest to long-term members
- C. State-owned GCB Bank, PLC offers extra interest to long-term members
- D. State owned GCB Bank, PLC offers extra interest to long term investors

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