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LANGUAGE ARTS – PAPER 1

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40 Marks

TIME: 1 Hour and 10 Minutes

Answer ALL Questions

Read the following instructions CAREFULLY.

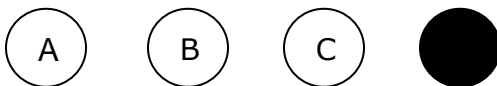
1. This paper has 40 questions. You have 1 hour and 10 minutes to answer them.
2. Each question has four possible answers: A, B, C, D.
3. Read each question carefully then choose the correct answer.
4. On the answer sheet provided, find the number of the question you want to answer.
5. Shade the circle with the letter of the answer you have chosen.

Sample Question:

Choose the letter beside the sentence that is correctly punctuated.

- A. "How soon will the bus arrive." asked Brent?
- B. "How soon will the bus arrive asked Brent?"
- C. "How soon will the bus arrive"? asked Brent.
- D. "How soon will the bus arrive?" asked Brent.

The correct answer is **D**, so on your answer sheet you should shade the circle containing the letter *D*.



6. If you want to change your answer, be sure to erase your old answer completely and fill your new choice.
7. If you cannot answer a question, leave it and go on to the next one. You can come back to that question later.
8. Your score will be the total number of correct answers.

Section 1

Grammar and Mechanics

(20 Marks)

Record your answers on the answer sheet provided.

I. Items 1-3: Parts of Speech

Read each sentence carefully then choose the word that is the correct Part of Speech for the word in bold type.

1. Fortunately, I prepared **well** for my examination.
A. Adjective
B. Noun
C. Adverb
D. Verb
2. Every day, I **paid** attention in class and I studied very hard.
A. Verb
B. Adverb
C. Noun
D. Adjective
3. I always did my homework **before** I played with my friends.
A. Adverb
B. Noun
C. Preposition
D. Conjunction

II. Items 4-5: Spelling

Choose the letter under the word that is spelt incorrectly.

4. The Caribbean islands are popular holiday destinations for Europeans.
A **B** **C** **D**
5. Some visitors are very intrested in the historical sites and vegetation.
A **B** **C** **D**

III. Items 6-8: Antonyms

Choose the word which is most opposite in meaning to the underlined word.

6. Preparing for an examination is difficult.
- A. simple
 - B. serious
 - C. hard
 - D. challenging
7. Suddenly, you have to spend less time playing.
- A. Immediately
 - B. Gradually
 - C. Actually
 - D. Surely
8. You also have to make a permanent study schedule.
- A. precious
 - B. difficult
 - C. different
 - D. temporary

IV. Items 9-11: Verb tenses

Read each sentence carefully and choose the tense for the underlined verb phrase.

9. These days Andrew's parents only pick up his younger sister from school.
- A. Simple present
 - B. Future
 - C. Simple Past
 - D. Present perfect
10. Andrew was practising to ride on one wheel when he fell.
- A. Simple past
 - B. Present continuous
 - C. Past continuous
 - D. Future
11. "I have not broken any bones but I have several bruises," he said.
- A. Present perfect
 - B. Future
 - C. Present continuous
 - D. Simple present

V. Items 12-14: Types of Sentences

Read each sentence carefully and choose the type of sentence.

12. One day, my brother and I saw a strange looking cloud in the sky.

- A. Compound sentence
- B. Complex sentence
- C. Simple sentence
- D. Compound complex sentence

13. The cloud was shaped like a dinosaur but it had a tail like a fish.

- A. Simple sentence
- B. Compound complex sentence
- C. Compound sentence
- D. Complex sentence

14. My brother said that he believed it was an alien in the sky.

- A. Complex sentence
- B. Compound sentence
- C. Simple sentence
- D. Compound Complex sentence

VI. Items 15-17: Punctuation

Choose the letter under the punctuation error.

15. On Thursday 5th of April, I went to the cinema to see The titanic.
A B C D

16. Afterwards, I went to epicurean Fine Foods and Pharmacy.
A B C D

17. When I got home, my sister exclaimed, "You're back"
A B C D

VII. Items 18-20: Grammar

Choose the correct option to complete EACH sentence.

18. I am the _____ of the ten boys in my class.
- A. more intelligent
 - B. intelligentest
 - C. intelligent one
 - D. most intelligent
19. My classmates, unlike me, _____ not like to read.
- A. have
 - B. do
 - C. does
 - D. has
20. Either Cindy or Natasha left _____ bag in the school yard.
- A. their
 - B. her
 - C. she
 - D. they

Section 2

Prose Comprehension

(10 Marks)

Record your answers on the answer sheet provided.

Items 21-30: Read the passage below and answer the questions based on what is stated or implied.

Ready or not, hurricanes will come

Hurricanes develop from certain weather conditions and cannot be prevented. They are forces of nature that are **beyond human control**. The only thing you can do when a hurricane is coming is to take precautions and be ready.

Have you ever heard of CDERA? CDERA is the Caribbean Disaster Emergency Response Agency. This organisation is responsible for disaster management in the Caribbean region. It was established in 1991 and there are now 16 countries that participate in the programme. The main role of CDERA is to assist the countries in the Caribbean when a disaster strikes.

The natural disasters that affect the Caribbean region are mainly hurricanes and earthquakes. Many of the Caribbean islands are situated close to or on the hurricane belt. Every year, these islands are at risk during the hurricane season.

Hurricanes can do great damage to a country so taking steps that could save life and property is important. Every country sends out warning messages when a hurricane is expected. News broadcasts on radio and television are the most **commonly** used method of sending out warnings. In areas where there is no television or radio, other means of warning people have to be found.

Once the warning is given, **citizens** can prepare and plan ahead of the hurricane. The first step is to make sure you know where your nearest emergency shelter is located. The second step is to have disaster supplies available. These include, among other things, a first-aid kit and non-perishable food items and water. It is **advisable** to keep these things in your home at all times in an emergency kit. The third step in preparing for a hurricane is to protect your windows and glass doors. Permanent shutters are the best protection but temporary plywood panels may be used. The windows and glass doors should be covered by wood to prevent the glass from breaking and causing injuries. Trees with overhanging branches should be trimmed. This should be done well before the storm arrives.

A hurricane warning is issued when hurricane conditions are expected within the next 24 hours. Be sure to stay alert when a hurricane watch or warning has been issued. Remember – no one can stop a hurricane and hurricanes can be deadly.

Adapted from Caribbean Integrated Readers, Book 4, pp.105-107

21. What is the main idea of this passage?
- A. Hurricanes are not preventable so it is important to prepare for them
 - B. People who live in remote places do not get news about hurricanes
 - C. People should always listen for a hurricane warning
 - D. It is important to prepare for dangerous hurricanes
22. The expression ***beyond human control*** means the same as
- A. in the hands of aliens
 - B. coming from Africa
 - C. emerging from the sea
 - D. is not directed by man
23. Which of the following statements is **false**?
- A. CDERA offers support to countries after disasters
 - B. Hurricanes happen throughout the year
 - C. Taking precautions can save lives during a hurricane
 - D. Hurricane warnings mean a hurricane is likely in 24 hours
24. Which of the following is a step that should be taken before a hurricane arrives?
- A. Trim trees with overhanging branches
 - B. Stay away from flooded areas
 - C. Buy plenty of frozen food and soft drinks
 - D. Cover windows and doors with glass panels
25. What information is given in the third paragraph?
- A. The disasters which affect the Caribbean
 - B. Why people live in the Caribbean
 - C. The meaning of the word Caribbean
 - D. How the Caribbean was formed
26. According to paragraph 5, which of the following is **advisable**?
- A. Buying a first-aid kit before a hurricane arrives
 - B. Boarding up your windows before a hurricane arrives
 - C. Keeping disaster supplies in your home at all times
 - D. Getting an emergency kit before a hurricane strikes
27. A hurricane warning can be provided by
- A. television, radio and loudspeakers
 - B. television and radio but not loudspeakers
 - C. television but not radio and loudspeakers
 - D. television first, then radio and loudspeakers

28. Which of these words in **paragraph 5** is the **opposite** of **increase**?
- A. trimmed
 - B. reduce
 - C. protect
 - D. include
29. The word **citizen** means all of the following **EXCEPT**
- A. native
 - B. resident
 - C. inhabitant
 - D. owner
30. This passage is an example of _____ writing.
- A. Expository
 - B. Descriptive
 - C. Persuasive
 - D. Narrative

Section 3

Poetry Comprehension

(5 Marks)

Record your answers on the answer sheet provided.

Items 31-35: Read the poem below carefully and answer the questions which follow.

The Quarrel

I quarrelled with my brother
I don't know what about,
One thing led to another
And somehow we fell out.
The start of it was slight,
The end of it was strong;
He said he was right,
I knew he was wrong.

We hated one another.
The afternoon turned black.
Then suddenly my brother
Thumped me on the back
And said, "Oh, *come* along!
We can't go on all night –
I was in the wrong."
So he was in the right.

By Eleanor Farjeon

31. The poem is about a quarrel which took place between
- A. two strangers
 - B. two members of a family
 - C. a man and his friend
 - D. two enemies
32. All of the following words mean **the same** as **quarrel** in this poem **EXCEPT**
- A. disagreement
 - B. argument
 - C. altercation
 - D. hatred
33. The words **slight** and **strong** in the poem describe the
- A. quarrel
 - B. people
 - C. afternoon
 - D. poem
34. The pair of words which rhyme are
- A. brother and another
 - B. slight and strong
 - C. fell and out
 - D. wrong and right
35. The statement, "the afternoon turned black" most likely means
- A. rain fell during the afternoon
 - B. the afternoon was painted black
 - C. the poet felt gloomy during the afternoon
 - D. a black person appeared in the afternoon

Section 4 Advertisement comprehension (5 Marks)

Record your answers on the answer sheet provided.

Items 36-40: Study the following advertisement carefully and answer the questions which follow.



(Friday Aug. 18, 2017 *Observer Newspaper*)

36. The main purpose of the advertisement is to
- A. persuade people to buy the Observer Newspaper
 - B. persuade children to return to school
 - C. explain how to save money
 - D. persuade people to shop at Paperclips
37. Which of the following statements is true?
- A. The advertisement is for school books only
 - B. The advertisement is also a 5% off coupon
 - C. The offers in the advertisement last for two months
 - D. The store has unlimited supplies
38. A coupon is most likely a/an
- A. rectangular piece of paper with a phone number
 - B. advertisement in a daily newspaper
 - C. notice about a sale on books and school bags
 - D. small piece of paper that is exchanged for something
39. The exclamation marks in the advertisement are meant to
- A. make the offers seem exciting
 - B. make the readers shout
 - C. show how the writer thinks
 - D. show that the offer is not true
40. The writer of the advertisement uses all of the following strategies **EXCEPT**
- A. large font size
 - B. attractive offers
 - C. figurative language
 - D. variety of colour