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SPECIMEN PAPER AND KEY

MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS

75 minutes

READ THE FOLLOWING DIRECTIONS CAREFULLY.

Each item in this test has four suggested answers lettered (A), (B), (C), (D). Read each item you are about to answer and decide which of the suggested answers is best.

Sample Item

“NA” may be written on an application form where a question

- (A) has no suitable answer
- (B) is too difficult to answer
- (C) does not apply to the person applying
- (D) does not interest the person applying

The best answer to this item is “does not apply to the person applying”, so you should choose suggested answer (C).

DO NOT TURN THIS PAGE UNTIL YOU ARE TOLD TO DO SO.

Items 1 – 5 refer to the information below. Read the information carefully and then answer the items.

Seventeen-year-old Rasheed Fields lives at 105 Main Street, St Saviours. Rasheed was born in Jamaica, but now resides with his mother who teaches in Barbados. He is in the sixth form at Parkview Secondary School and wants to apply to the Licensing Authority for a learner driver permit. He has obtained the form shown below.

DO NOT WRITE YOUR ANSWERS ON THIS FORM

APPLICATION FOR BARBADOS LEARNER DRIVER PERMIT	SECTION 4:
SECTION 1: TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT	FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY
USE CAPITAL LETTERS (BLOCK CAPITALS)	
(1) FAMILY NAME: (2) FIRST NAME: (3) ADDRESS: (4) DATE OF BIRTH: (5) EMPLOYMENT STATUS: (6) COUNTRY OF BIRTH: (7) COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE:	
SECTION 2: TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT NOT BORN IN BARBADOS	
(8) NATIONAL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER:..... (9) DATE OF ISSUE: (10) PLACE OF ISSUE:	
SECTION 3: TO BE COMPLETED BY PARENT/GUARDIAN FOR APPLICANT UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE AND STILL ATTENDING SCHOOL	
(11) I _____ GIVE PERMISSION FOR (12) MY CHILD _____ TO APPLY FOR A LEARNER DRIVER PERMIT.	SIGNATURE: DATE:
(13) SIGNATURE: (14) DATE:	
YOU MUST INCLUDE TWO PASSPORT-SIZE PHOTOGRAPHS THAT HAVE BEEN ENDORSED BY ONE OF THE FOLLOWING: A priest A school principal A doctor A police inspector A lawyer	
(15) SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT: DATE:	

1. Which of the following styles of writing should Rasheed use when completing Section 1 of this form?
 - (A) *Rasheed*
 - (B) Rasheed
 - (C) **Rasheed**
 - (D) **RASHEED**

2. Which of the following should Rasheed write at number (6)?
 - (A) Jamaican
 - (B) Barbadian
 - (C) Jamaica
 - (D) Barbados

3. Rasheed should complete **ONLY** sections
 - (A) 1 and 2
 - (B) 1 and 3
 - (C) 1 and 4
 - (D) 2 and 3

4. Which of the following sections should be completed by an officer of the Licensing Authority?
 - (A) 1
 - (B) 2
 - (C) 3
 - (D) 4

5. Rasheed should sign the form at number
 - (A) (1)
 - (B) (8)
 - (C) (13)
 - (D) (15)

Items 6 – 10 refer to a section of the directory for the West Centre Mall. Study the information carefully and then answer the items.

WEST CENTRE MALL			
Ground Floor		Second Floor	
001	Food Court	201 - 203	Cinemas
002	Supermarket	204 - 205	Games Rooms
003	Washrooms	206 - 207	Sports Bar
004	Doctor's Office	208 - 209	The Gym
First Floor		Third Floor	
101	Pet Place	301	The Boutique
102	Jan's Hair Place	302	Men's Wear
103	Craft It	303	Pamper Your Feet
104	Mall Stationery	304	Your House Wares

6. On which floor can a shopper find glue and food for the dog?
- (A) Ground floor
(B) First floor
(C) Second floor
(D) Third floor
7. Petra goes to the mall to have her hair styled and a foot massage done. To which floors must she go?
- (A) First and third
(B) First and second
(C) Ground and third
(D) Ground and second
8. Tito can buy pencils and pens in store number
- (A) 004
(B) 103
(C) 104
(D) 302
9. After buying ice cream in the mall, Anton and Kemar viewed the movie "Superman III". To which floors did they MOST likely go?
- (A) Ground and first
(B) First and second
(C) Second and third
(D) Ground and second
10. On the second floor, a shopper is MOST likely to find
- (A) clothing
(B) cosmetics
(C) refreshment
(D) entertainment

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Items 11 – 15 refer to the advertisement below. Study the information carefully and then answer the items.

CITY SHOP
143 KING STREET 5063

JEANS' PLACE

Personal Shopping ONLY

**JEANS
SHIRTS
T-SHIRTS**

MEN'S DENIM SHIRTS ^{xxx}
★ **HALF PRICE** ★
\$25.00
PLAIN COLOURS ONLY



BOYS' & GIRLS' JEANS ^{xx}
WERE \$54.99
NOW \$30.99
★ PATCH POCKETS
★ FLARED LEGS
★ COPPER STUDS

MEN'S T-SHIRTS
REDUCED TO \$15.99
ALL SIZES
A WIDE RANGE OF COLOURS
Iron-on transfers also available

xx NOT ALL COLOURS IN ALL SIZES
xxx SIZES S & M ONLY
Sorry, no refund or exchange on sale goods

ALL REDUCED UNTIL END OF WEEK

11. The advertisement shows that the price of jeans has been reduced to
- (A) \$15.99
 - (B) \$25.00
 - (C) \$30.99
 - (D) \$54.99
12. Men's denim shirts are available in
- (A) all sizes
 - (B) all colours
 - (C) plain colours and all sizes
 - (D) plain colours and sizes S & M
13. The information on refunds and exchanges is in small print so that
- (A) it can fit on the page
 - (B) it will not seem important
 - (C) the print size can be varied
 - (D) it will not mislead the customer

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14. This advertisement will MOST likely appeal to
- (A) city shoppers
 - (B) youthful shoppers
 - (C) wholesale shoppers
 - (D) cost-conscious shoppers
15. The information on the style of the jeans is meant to
- (A) discourage adult shoppers
 - (B) appeal to persons' fashion sense
 - (C) encourage persons to buy more
 - (D) draw attention to their appearance

Items 16 – 20 refer to the message pad below. Study the information carefully and then answer the items.

MESSAGE PAD			
TO: JENNIFER			
FROM: RAMON			
URGENT	<input type="checkbox"/>	PLEASE WRITE	<input type="checkbox"/>
WILL CALL AGAIN	<input type="checkbox"/>	RETURNED YOUR CALL	<input type="checkbox"/>
TIME: 10:30 A.M.	MESSAGE TAKEN BY: ALICIA		
Ramon will be half an hour late for your 12 o'clock lunch meeting at the Bigbite Restaurant. He is leaving his office at 10:45 to take his supervisor to the airport. Please call him on his cell to confirm this new time OR suggest another date.			

16. With whom is Ramon supposed to have lunch?
- (A) Alicia
 - (B) Jennifer
 - (C) His secretary
 - (D) His supervisor
17. When did Ramon call to leave a message?
- (A) After meeting for lunch
 - (B) Before leaving the restaurant
 - (C) Before taking his supervisor to the airport
 - (D) After taking his supervisor to the airport

18. Alicia forgot to tick one of the boxes. She should have ticked
- (A) URGENT
 - (B) PLEASE WRITE
 - (C) WILL CALL AGAIN
 - (D) RETURNED YOUR CALL
19. According to the message, in order to contact Ramon his lunch date will need to know his
- (A) fax number
 - (B) e-mail address
 - (C) mailing address
 - (D) cellphone number
20. Alicia MOST likely wrote the message because she
- (A) liked Ramon
 - (B) was inquisitive
 - (C) was a receptionist
 - (D) was leaving the office

Items 21 – 25 refer to the passage below. Read the passage carefully and then answer the items.

Peaceful demonstrations are an important way to maintain the voice of a people. When such demonstrations are permitted, there is evidence that people’s views and positions are respected. Peaceful demonstrations should be encouraged as they promote the democratic spirit, while at the same time serve to maintain law and order.

Unfortunately, there have been cases in which peaceful protests have become violent; for example, the violent clashes in Seattle (1999) and Melbourne (2006). These examples of violence highlight one way in which democracy may be threatened. Once it can be argued that rights are being abused or that in exercising one’s rights, violence may erupt, these rights to peaceful demonstrations may slowly or quickly disappear.

In some countries, an application to the police for a permit to assemble outdoors to conduct protests is a requirement of the law. Indoor protests often do not require such permits. The main reason for this is that indoor settings are more easily managed and any disorder which may arise is more reasonably contained.

If there can be complete assurance that peaceful outdoor demonstrations cannot turn violent, there is no reason why these activities should not be permitted.

*Adapted from Toh Yong Chuan, “Gov’t explains stand on ‘peaceful’ demos”.
THE STRAIT TIMES, November 19, 2009.*

21. The writer believes that peaceful demonstrations
- (A) will turn violent
 - (B) should not be allowed
 - (C) go against law and order
 - (D) allow people to be heard
22. According to the writer, which of the following represents a possible threat to democracy?
- (A) Illegal demonstrations
 - (B) Violent demonstrations
 - (C) Outdoor demonstrations
 - (D) Too many demonstrations
23. In some countries, outdoor demonstrations require a permit while indoor demonstrations do not because
- (A) outdoor demonstrations last longer
 - (B) outdoor demonstrations cannot be controlled
 - (C) the voices of the people are louder in outdoor demonstrations
 - (D) there is the possibility of more violence in outdoor demonstrations

- 24.** Which of the following statements appears to be TRUE in this passage?
- (A) The writer wants more demonstrations.
 - (B) The writer wants fewer demonstrations.
 - (C) The writer supports peaceful demonstrations.
 - (D) The writer is against peaceful demonstrations.
- 25.** The title that BEST sums up the passage is
- (A) Outdoor Protests
 - (B) Applying for A Permit
 - (C) Maintaining Law And Order
 - (D) Preserving Democratic Rights

Items 26 – 30 refer to the passage below. Read the passage carefully and then answer the items.

Ossie was on his way to a meeting when he heard the old man’s cries. At first he had no idea where the sound was coming from. He stood still and listened. He heard an angry voice. He called out and the voice of Old Jonas answered him from a nearby pit. Carefully, he felt his way to the edge. By holding onto a nearby soursop tree with his right hand, and reaching
5 down to the old man with his left, he managed, after considerable difficulty, to help him out. Brother Jonas’ hands, feet and clothes were smeared with the foul-smelling excrement of the pit. But he had not lost his sense of humour as he said he noticed that Ossie had not laughed at him.

Ossie recalled that this was true. He had not laughed. Perhaps he was too frightened; or
10 perhaps he was too anxious to catch what was left of the meeting and just wanted to pull the old man out quickly. He had, however, impressed Old Jonas who later went around telling people about it. He said that few boys in the village would not have laughed at him. He went to Ossie’s parents and told them they had a gentleman for a son.

Adapted from Earl McKenzie - A Boy Named Ossie – A Jamaican Childhood, Heinemann, 1991, p.20.

- 26.** Ossie first identified the person trapped in the pit by
- (A) standing still
 - (B) the angry tone
 - (C) the sound of his voice
 - (D) looking over the edge
- 27.** Ossie’s reason for not laughing at Old Jonas was MOST likely because Ossie was
- (A) angry
 - (B) caring
 - (C) serious
 - (D) in a hurry
- 28.** “Smeared with the foul-smelling excrement” (line 6) suggests that the pit
- (A) was full of stale water
 - (B) was defaced by untidy marks
 - (C) contained household garbage
 - (D) contained human waste matter
- 29.** The word “impressed” (line 11) means
- (A) greatly amused
 - (B) severely angered
 - (C) positively affected
 - (D) extremely frightened
- 30.** The title that BEST sums up the passage is
- (A) A Helping Hand
 - (B) The Dangerous Pit
 - (C) Old Jonas and Ossie
 - (D) Old Jonas’ Accident

Items 31 – 33

Some of the following sentences may contain errors of subject and verb agreement, tense or usage. Select the letter (A), (B) or (C) to identify the error. Select (D) if the sentence contains no error.

31. Many people spend lots of money buying tickets for the World Cup matches.
(A) (B) (C)

NO ERROR
(D)

32. Some of the books which were donated to the library was used to complete the report.
(A) (B) (C)

NO ERROR
(D)

33. During the interview, the applicant spoke good and impressed the interviewers. NO ERROR
(A) (B) (C) (D)

Items 34 – 35 refer to the four sentences below. Read the sentences and then answer the questions.

- I. These items are many and varied depending on what is used in particular households.
- II. However, some communities recycle cardboard, advertising mail, phone books and many other items as well.
- III. Recycling begins when you separate recyclable items from your garbage.
- IV. Newspapers, plastic bottles, glass containers and aluminium and metal cans are the most commonly recycled household items.

34. Which is the BEST order for the sentences above to appear in a paragraph?

- (A) I, II, IV, III
- (B) I, III, IV, II
- (C) III, I, IV, II
- (D) IV, III, II, I

35. Which sentence BEST captures the MAIN idea of the paragraph?

- (A) Sentence 1
- (B) Sentence 2
- (C) Sentence 3
- (D) Sentence 4

Items 36 – 40

One of the underlined words in EACH of the following sentences may be misspelt. Select the letter (A), (B) or (C) to identify the error. Select (D) if there is no error.

36. I am intrested in studying foreign languages at the Language Centre. NO ERROR
(A) (B) (C) (D)
37. The Dean of Studies advised the new students to participate in at lease one
(A) (B)
extra-curricular activity. NO ERROR
(C) (D)
38. Some Caribbean nationals migrate in search of better work opportunities. NO ERROR
(A) (B) (C) (D)
39. Critical readers should be able to separate fact from opinion. NO ERROR
(A) (B) (C) (D)
40. The school libary houses reference materials such as online encyclopedia and dictionaries.
(A) (B) (C)
NO ERROR
(D)

Items 41– 45

Some of the following sentences may contain errors of punctuation or capitalization. Select the letter (A), (B) or (C) to identify the error. Select (D) if the sentence contains no error.

41. Denzel Washington played the lead role in the movie, “inside man” which was shown in the cinema last week. NO ERROR
(A) (B)
(C) (D)
42. “Which music do you prefer,” Ryan asked Hasan, “calypso or dance hall.” NO ERROR
(A) (B) (C) (D)
43. After the storm, the government, came to the villagers’ aid by providing clean drinking water. NO ERROR
(A) (B) (C)
(D)
44. The students packed the following items for the trip: non-perishable snacks, flashlights and bottled water. NO ERROR
(A) (B)
(C) (D)
45. The Kaitaur Falls, located in Guyana, astound tourists with their beauty. NO ERROR
(A) (B) (C) (D)

Items 46 – 50

In the following passage there are five words underlined. Read the passage and use the context to select the word or words in the options (A), (B), (C) or (D) which is similar in meaning and can BEST replace the word indicated in the items.

After heavy rains the village was often invaded by crabs, large blue-black creatures sprawling stupidly here and there to get their bearing. The men and boys came out in droves with sticks and pokers and traps of every description. Children and women screamed when they saw the catch. Sometimes it yielded hundreds of crabs and then the boys and men who had trapped them engaged in a prosperous business.

46. “invaded” (line 1) can be replaced by
- (A) attacked
 - (B) taken over
 - (C) abandoned
 - (D) totally destroyed
47. “bearing” (line 2) can be replaced by
- (A) food
 - (B) space
 - (C) strength
 - (D) direction
48. “droves” (line 3) can be replaced by
- (A) rubber boots
 - (B) different sizes
 - (C) large numbers
 - (D) huge vehicles
49. “yielded” (line 5) can be replaced by
- (A) killed
 - (B) injured
 - (C) frightened
 - (D) provided
50. “prosperous” (line 6) can be replaced by
- (A) small
 - (B) shared
 - (C) profitable
 - (D) disturbing

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Item	Key
1.	D
2.	C
3.	A
4.	D
5.	D
6.	B
7.	A
8.	C
9.	D
10.	D
11.	C
12.	D
13.	B
14.	D
15.	B
16.	B
17.	C
18.	A
19.	D
20.	C
21.	D
22.	B
23.	D
24.	C
25.	D

Item	Key
26.	C
27.	D
28.	D
29.	C
30.	A
31.	D
32.	C
33.	B
34.	C
35.	A
36.	A
37.	B
38.	A
39.	D
40.	A
41.	B
42.	C
43.	B
44.	A
45.	D
46.	B
47.	D
48.	C
49.	D
50.	C