

GOVERNMENT BILINGUAL HIGH SCHOOL YAOUNDE
PROMOTION EXAM FOR LOWER SIXTH
ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Time 1:30 minutes

Answer all the questions

SECTION A: GRAMMAR AND VOCABULARY (10 MARKS)

Mark an X on the alternative A, B, C or D that best completes each sentence

1. ___ the testimony of the recalcitrant criminal, the magistrate announced the verdict.
A Hearing
B Haven heard
C Having heard
D Having heard

2. Had he known in advance, he ___ for the meeting.
A should have prepared
B was going to prepare
C would have prepared
D will have been preparing

3. "Have you paid your taxes up to date?", the tax collector inquired. The tax collector inquired if
A you have paid your taxes up to date
B I had paid my taxes up to date
C I paid my taxes up to date
D I have paid my taxes up to date

4. Between ____, his suggestions only made things worse.
A you and me
B you and I
C me and you
D I and you

5. She is one of the few people
B to whom I look up
C which I look up to
D whom I look up

6. That is not your book, it is _____.
A Johns
B John's
C Johns'
D John

7. He needs a passport _____ and a visa to travel.
A with also
B as well as
C and still yet
D or

8. Alota was invited _____ he was not welcome. '
A but
B since
C still yet
D and
9. Our principal read _____ eulogy during the funeral of the Minister of Education.
A his
B an
C a
D some
- 10 Meka prefers gold _____ silver rimmed glasses. '
A to
B and
C rather than
D than
- 11 The choir sings beautifully, _____?
A isn't it
B don't they
C do they
D doesn't it
12. Would you mind _____ the door, please?
A to shut
B to have shut
C shutting
D to be shutting
- 13 By practising five hours a day and _____ James became an expert football player.
A because he made up his mind to succeed
B parents who supported his efforts
C by sacrificing many ordinary pleasures
D was convinced that he could do it
14. All the wrinkles in a drip-dry shirt_ out with a cool iron.
A come
B comes
C come's
D coming

VOCABULARY

Mark an X on the alternative A, B, C or D, that best completes each sentence

15. Effectively complete any outdoor work.
A continual
B continuous
C continuing
D continued failed to turn

16. The witness for the up in court.
A persecution
B persecuted
C prosecution
D execution
17. When Boja fell ill, he was diagnosed of having
A gonorhea
B gonorrhoea
C gonnorhea
D gonnorrhea
18. The party chairman is noted for his wise
A council
B counsil
C consul
D counsel
19. The girls were too _____ mature to discuss marriage
A in
B un
C im
D pre
20. In African communities, circumcision is regarded as an important
A rite
B wright
C right
D write

SECTION B SUMMARY (10 marks)

Read the following text on the gorilla and summarise it in not more than two paragraphs of 150 words.

The gorilla is something of a paradox in the African scene. People think they know him well. For hundreds of years or more he has been killed, captured and imprisoned in zoos. His bones have been mounted in natural history museums everywhere, and he has always exerted a strong fascination to many scientists and romantics.

Yet, the fact is, we know very little about gorillas. No really satisfactory photograph has ever been taken of one in a wild state; no zoologist has been able to keep the animal under close and constant observation in the dark jungles in which it lives. Even the American naturalist Carl Akeley was unable to discover how long the gorilla lives, or how or why it dies. Neither was he able to define the exact social pattern of the family group.

The little that is known about gorillas certainly makes you want to know more. Sir Julian Huxley has recorded that thrice in the London Zoo, he saw the eighteen-month-old specimen trace the outline of its own shadow with its finger. No similar

artistic initiative has been recorded for any other anthropoid. Huxley speaks too of a traveller seeing a male gorilla help a female up a steep- rock-step and gallantry of that kind is certainly not normal among animals.

According to some observers, he courts and makes love in the same way as humans do. Once the family is established, it clings together. It feeds in groups in the thick bamboo jungles on the mountains in the day time, each animal making a tidy pile of its food and squatting down to eat it, and by night each member of the family makes its own bed by bending over and interlacing the bamboo fronts so as to form a kind of oval-shaped nest which is as comfortable and springy as a mattress. The father tends to make his bed just a foot or two from the ground; the mother a little higher, and the children are safely lodged in the branches up above.

When he walks, the gorilla takes the main weight on his short legs and rests lightly on the knuckles of his hands at the end of his very long arms. When he stands upright, a full grown male rises to six feet. His strength is incredible — certainly great enough to take a man in his arms and wrench his head off.

Gorillas appear to talk to one another in high voices not unlike those of women, or by smacking their lips or striking their cheeks, and the female, if alarmed, will scream. The male is capable of making frightening demonstrations in the face of danger. He stays behind while his family gets away, rising to his feet and uttering a terrifying roar. Sometimes, he will drum on his chest and shake the trees around him with every appearance of uncontrollable fury. In extremity, he will charge.

SECTION C (10MARKS)

Select and comment on any theme used in the **Caste Of Amontillado** bringing out its effectiveness