

**GOVERNMENT BILINGUAL HIGH SCHOOL YAOUNDE
MOCK EXAMINATION
ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

PAPER 1

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SECTION A: LISTENING COMPREHENSION (5mks)

Using only material read to you from the listening comprehension passage, answer each of the following questions by shading the letter of the correct answer.

Questions:

Section A

- 1) Esomba Mokoko always got bad school reports because
A) the teachers hated him B) he didn't work hard enough C) he was always absent from school D) none of the above
- 2) The new school which Esomba was transferred to was noted for its:
A) seriousness and diligence at work B) bad reputation C) unqualified staff D) sucked and brutality in handling children
- 3) You have heard the word "teacher" read to you from the passage. Choose one word from the list below which has the same stress pattern as in "teacher". A) perfect B) report C) reputation D) decided

Section B

- 4) What did Mr and Mrs Mokoko plan to do to help their son improve on his performance at school?
A) to beat him and force him to study B) to transfer him to a new school C) to encourage him to work hard at home D) to buy him football because they discovered that all work without play makes him dull
- 5) What is the meaning of the phrase "to doze off" which was read to you from the passage? A) to take a doze of medicine B) to run away C) to fall asleep D) to sit quietly
- 6) You have heard the word "bought" read to you from the passage. Choose the word from the list below which has the same vowel sound as that in the word "bought". A) bout B) founder C) thought d) taught

Section C

- 7) What did Esomba do to revenge the blow that the goat gave him?
A) he killed it B) he fought with it C) he called his father and mother D) he did nothing
- 8) What is Esomba's attitude towards studies? A) careless B) indifferent C) lazy D) all of the above
- 9) Why is Esomba considered a bad student? A) he was not interested in school work B) he fought with a goat C) he passed through many schools D) he spent his time sleeping
- 10) The passage is an example of ; A) humorous writing B) satirical writing C) a tragedy D) didactic writing

SECTION B: Reading comprehension (7 1/2mks)

Read the following passage and answer the questions below it

The recent development in religious habits, which involves people moving from one church to another, is a cause for concern in Cameroonian society today. People have different feelings about this. Some are embarrassed, while others are excited with it. Samba Etienne says " I was born and baptized in the Catholic Church because my parents were Catholics" later on in life, I noticed that I was spiritually barren, because I knew little or nothing about the Bible. I now worship with the Full Gospel church and now feel that I am spiritually rich"

Religious promiscuity or prostitution is as a result of many reasons and circumstances. Generally, the stated reason is the loss of faith in one's church or the quest for better knowledge and the understanding of the Bible. The Bible has been subjected to many interpretations. This has made many people have different views about it. As human beings, some Christians naturally get carried away by the more charismatic and convincing preacher and missionaries. This led to the change of churches, in fact, in some homes today; people spend most of their time watching the numerous religious TV channels.

However, it is equally being noticed that much of the prostitution is motivated by factors different from those generally stated. A lot of people leave their churches because of conflicts amongst them and other Christians or because they think that their spiritual leaders and preachers do not live up to expectations. Besides, some are attracted to other churches because of misery, poverty and other predicaments. Some of the youths today have been termed religious prostitutes because of unemployment. The new churches promise those jobs, scholarship and other things that will make their lives change positively. Similarly, one cannot rule out the allegation that some people break off from churches to form their own churches in order to benefit from the missionary aid from Europe and America.

The consequences of this situation are serious. There is an upsurge of Pentecostal groups and religious sects, which sit in for churches. There are many broken homes today because there is disagreement on which church to follow. People move into churches that they know little or nothing about and subsequently discover that they have been initiated into cults or that their former churches were far better. Occultism now abounds in various schools, churches and other places. This has made some people to tour from one church to the other before they finally settle in one. This has led to spiritual instability in many individuals.

The existence of many churches entails a struggle for numerical superiority by each denomination. The ensuing competition is usually fierce and full of animosity. It starts with debates and develops through violent quarrels into physical combats. This has made some people to term religion as a trade or business. The effects of this phenomenon may be no less disintegrating to society than those of civil strife.

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QUESTIONS

1. Religious prostitution means... **A)**sexual contact in the church **B)** relationship between church leaders and Christians. **C)** Infidelity with couples in church. **D)**The movement from one denomination to the other
2. The most obvious reason for religious prostitution is: **A)** The quest for wealth. **B)**The desire to make new friends. **C)**The behavior of church leaders. **D)**The loss of faith in one's church
3. The initiation of most people into sects is because of **A)** The desire to be spiritually powerful **B)**Ignorance **C)** peer group influence. **D)** unemployment
4. One of the following statement is false **A)**Every Cameroonian loves it **B)**Many Cameroonians are embarrassed with the movement from one church to the other **C)** some are excited with it **D)** Some are insensitive about it
5. "Religious" In the text is a(n) **A)** Adverb. **B)**Adjective **C)** Noun **D)** Verb
6. The word " This" line two paragraph one refers to. **A)**The embarrassed people. **B)** The movement from church to church **C)**The excited people. **D)**The Bible
7. The movement from church to church affects society in one of the following ways. **A)** Religious Exodus. **B)** The creation of many relationships. **C)**Religious instability **D)**A global approach to Christianity
8. Some others go from church to church. **A)**To bring up young converts. **B)**To send aid to America and Europe **C)** To give scholarships to students. **D)**To get sponsorship for their studies
9. Some non- religious issues which lead to religious promiscuity include: **A)** Sexual promiscuity. **B)** Personal conflict between leaders and Christians **C)** Drug abuse. **D)** Marital infidelity
10. Some Christians change to follow..... **A)** church leaders who sing well. **B)**church leaders who dress well. **C)**Church leaders who are physically presentable. **D)** Charismatic and convincing leaders
11. The word " positively" line 6 paragraph 3 is a(n) **A)** Noun **B)** Verb **C)** adjective. **D)**Adverb
12. The word "phenomenon" in the last line paragraph 5 means. **A)**Fact **B)**Evil. **C)** Religion. **D)** Results
13. The writer of this passage is a / an **A)** Critic. **B)** Philosopher. **C)**Christian. **D)** Pastor
14. The attitude of the writer of this passage is **A)**Observatory. **B)** Approval. **C)**Condemnation. **D)**Admiration
15. Give a suitable title to this passage: **A)**Christianity. **B)**Religious promiscuity. **C)** Church goers. **D)** Civil strife

SECTION C
GRAMMAR (7½ MARKS)

Shade the letter of the best answer from the alternatives (A, B, C and D) to complete each sentence. For example: A B C ~~D~~

26. Carine was advised not to agree _____ the proposal but she insisted _____ giving it a try.
A. to/to B. with/to C. with/on D. to/on
27. Neither Joel nor I _____ going for the competition. We did not register for it.
A. is B. am C. are D. were
28. I would have passed the examination if I _____ revision classes.
A. have attended B. attended C. had attended D. has attended
29. It's about time you _____ exercising regularly.
A. start B. started C. should start D. will start
30. Everybody _____ to make it in the GCE this year.
A. wants B. wanted C. want D. nil
31. The sailor lifted the _____ end of the rope.
A. thin B. thinnest C. thinning D. thinner
32. Cooking is Peter's favorite hobby. The word cooking as used in this sentence is a/an _____.
A. gerund B. adjective C. present participle D. participle
33. Which of the following sentences is punctuated correctly?
A. Oh my god! I am finished. B. Oh! My God! i am finished.
C. Oh my God! I am finished. D. Oh! My God, I am finished.
34. They had two prizes each, _____ ?
A. hadn't they B. not so C. didn't they D. isn't it
35. The day before yesterday, she _____ to Ebolowa; she didn't _____ the car was unreliable and should not be _____.
A. drived, knew, drove B. drove, know, driven
C. drives, known, driving D. drove, knows, drive
36. If one perseveres, _____ will succeed.
A. one B. he C. she D. they
37. The exercise must be done _____ possible.
A. as quick as B. as quicker C. as quickly as D. as most quickly as
38. He wanted his name changed legally _____, he went to court.
A. so B. as C. and D. when
39. She will have to buy _____ few books and _____ pair of shoes before the third term begins.
A. some/some B. a/a C. a/some D. an/an
40. All our guests are drinking. _____ are having a good time.
A. we B. you C. they D. everybody

SECTION D
VOCABULARY (5 MARKS)

For questions 41 and 42, shade the letter of the option that best explains the information conveyed in the sentence.

41. Most of the time, their presence is a menace.
- A. Their presence is always meaningful.
 - B. Their presence is seldom a bother.
 - C. Their presence is usually of great concern.
 - D. Their presence is frequently a threat.

42. He was between the devil and the deep blue sea.
- A. He was in danger B. He was scared.
 - C. He stood between the devil and the sea. D. He was in a dilemma.

For questions 43, 44, 45 and 46, choose the alternative (A, B, C or D) that best completes the sentence.

43. The coward _____ soldiers ran away.
- A. _ed B. _ish C. _ic D. _ly
44. My wife and I were getting ready to celebrate the Silver Jubilee of our wedding last Tuesday. Unfortunately, on that _____ day, my mother-in-law died mysteriously.
- A. faithful B. fruitless C. futile D. fateful
45. As soon as the rain _____ we began the long trek again.
- A. ceased B. cease C. seized D. seize
46. Did you meet my room _____ yesterday at the occasion?
- A. made B. mate C. maid D. mead

For questions 47 and 48, choose the best answer from the alternatives (A, B, C and D) which is opposite in meaning to the underlined word in the sentence.

47. The company has offered temporary accommodation to its senior staff.
- A. popular B. recognised C. permanent D. regular
48. The man acted courageously when thieves attacked him.
- A. shyly B. fearlessly C. indiscreetly D. timidly

For questions 49 and 50, choose from the alternatives (A, B, C and D) the sentence that best explains the expression in bold.

49. Any student who decides to cheat during an examination **is skating on thin ice.**
- A. is looking for a pass grade B. is looking for trouble.
 - C. is looking for an easy way to obtain a pass. D. is proving his or her dishonesty.
50. My father is a **hard nut to crack.**
- A. a difficult person to deal with.
 - B. always difficult to understand.
 - C. is a hard-liner.
 - D. is a principled man.