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- Answer ALL QUESTIONS in this Examination. All questions carry equai marks
- Each question has **FOUR** suggested answers: **A**, **B**, **C** and **D**. Describe on which answer is correct. Find the number of the question on the Answer Sheet and draw a horizontal line across the letter to joint the saure brackets for the answer you have chosen.
- For example, If C is your correct answer, mark C as shown below:

[A] [B] [<del>C]</del> [D]

#### Time Allowed 1h45mn

## <u>SECTION A</u> : READING COMPREHENSION Read the following passage carfully, and then answer the questions below it.

#### Henry's First Taste of Battle.

The din of battle in front was now so tremendous that Henry and his comrades were shocked into silence. A shell screamed overhead as the reserves crouched down in a huddle. It landed in the wood, flying up red brown earth and there was a little shower of pine needles. Buttlets began to whistle among the branches. Twigs and leaves came sailing down. Many of the men were constanly dodging and ducking then heads. 5

Ahead of them, the bilowing smoke was filled with flashes of gunfire. Men running swifily emerged from the smoke and their number grew until it could be seen that the whole forward command was fleeing from the enemy.

"God, our fellow up front got crushed." Whispered the man at Henry's elbow. The stampede seemed to resemble a flood like force that could drag sticks, stones an men 10 from the ground but the reserves, to which Henry belonged, knew that they had to hold on. Henry had one brief thought in the midst of this chaos. He had not yet seen the monster that caused the other troops to flee. He thought that if he did get a view of it, very likely he might run better than the rest of them.

Across the smoky fields came a grey swarm of enemy soldiers, charging towards them, yelling as they came. They ran, stopping and swinging their rifles at all angles. 15 A flag waved in front of them, tilted forward. As Henry saw the men, he suddenly thought that perhaps he had not loaded his gun. He tried to rememder but he sould not.

A man near Henry was mumbling to himself, "Oh, we're in for it now! Oh we're in for it now!"

The captain of the company ran to and fro at the rear, calling on his boys like a schoolmistress. "Reserve your fire, boys. Don't shoot till I tell you-save your fire wait till 20 they get close – don't be damned fools"

It was Henry's first taste of battle. Sweat streamed down his face. He frequently wiped his eyes with his coat sleeve. His mouth was half-open. After one glance at the foes that swarmed in front of him, he threw his rifle into position and fired a wild shot. 25

Men began to drop here and there like bundles of rags. The captain of the company had been killed. His body lay stretched out like a tired man resting. A man behind a tree had his knee joint shattered by a bullet. At once he dropped his rifle and gripped the tree with both arms. There he remained, clinging desperately to the tree and crying for help. Henry saw the ever-increasing numbers of the enemy were pouring out of a wood in the distance. He could see again the tilted flag of the enemy speeding forward. **30** 

Shells began screaming overhead again and exploding in the grass or amongst the trees. The men groaned and their disappointment showed on their grimy faces. Their stiff bodies moved slowly and they felt rebellions at the harsh task agin imposed on them as they watched the headlong appoach of the enemy. Henry stared. Surely, he thought this was impossible. He waited as if he expected the enemy to stop, apologise and retire bowing, **35** It was a mistake.

But the firing began somewhere on the regimental line and ripped along in both directions. Henry's eyes had the look of a frightened horse. The muscles of this arms felt numb. His hands felt large and awkward and his knees began to feel weak and uncertain. He slowly lifted his rifle and blasted away at a cluster of men in the midst of the field. He stopped firing and looked through the smoke what the effect had been. All he could see 40 was that the ground was still covered with men running towards him, yelling. It seemed to him like an attack by irresistible dragons. He felt as if had lost the use of his legs and waited with his eyes shut, expecting any moment to be gobbled up.

A man near to him who up to this moment had been working away feverishly at his riffle, suddenly stopped and run away howling. To Henry, it was a revolution that one seemed to be setting an example of great courage, should be so suddenly filled with fear. 45 It was as if he had come to the edge of a cliff at midnight and was suddenly aware of the danger. He too, threw down his riffle and fled. He did not feel ashamed. He just ran like a rabbit.

### Choose the letter which corresponds to the most suitable answer in each case.

- 1. Which of the following words brings out the tone of paragraph one?
  - a) Shocking b) Bitter c) Remoseful d) Horrendous
- 2. The men were constantly dodging and ducking their heads because they
  - a) Didn't want the enemy to see them
  - b) Wanted to avoid being hurt by the leaves and twigs which were sailing to the ground
  - c) Were frightened and helpless
  - d) Wanted to avoid being hit by bullets from their enemies
- .3. The word "billowing" (line6) as used in this sentence is a a) verb b) noun c) participle d) gerund
- 4. The man at Henry's elbow whispered "God, our fellows up front got crushed" (line9) because
  - a) he heard many people screaming

- b) senemies were coming from every direction
- c) all his companions up front were fleeing
- d) he was panic stricken and confused
- 5. The word "flood-like" (line 10) as used inthis sentence is a
  - a) compound noun c) gerund
  - b) participle <sup>-</sup> d) compound adjective
- .6. The "monster" Henry imagined was causing the troops to flee was
  - a) a huge and strange animal
  - b) fear of the unknown
  - c) the appearance of Zombies up front
  - d) the fierce and intense attackmounted by their enemies
- 7. Henry could not remember whether he had loaded his gun or not becuse
  - a) he was so nervous and angry
  - b) he was shocked and frightened
  - c) he was anxious and irrtated
  - d) he was too busy and frightened
- 8. The word "swarm" (line 15) as used in this sentence describes
  - a) the strength of the enemy
  - b) the numerical strength of the enemy
  - c) the movement of enemies in a large group
    - d) the speed at which the enemies were moving
- 9. Which of the following words or phrase is opposite in meaning to the word "rear" (line 20)?
  - a) Ajacent b) Behind (c) In front d) Beside

10. The "men began to drop here and there like bundles of rags" (line26) because

- a) they were tired and weak
- b) it was a trick to deceive their enemirs
- c) they were shot dead
- d) the enemy was irresistible
- 11. Which of the following words is closest in meaning to "gripped (line28) as used in this sentence"?
  - a) Took b) Caught c) Clutched d) Held
- 12.Henry was sweating profusely because
  - a) he had been fighting and running around for long
  - b) he was full of anxiety and determination
  - c) the battle was intense and the area was hot
  - d) he was tense and full of dread
- 13. Which of following best describes the effect of the captain's death on his men?
  - a) They bacame elated c) It raised their morale
  - b) They became frightened d) It weakened their morale
- 14. The word "screaming" (line 32) as used in this context brings out
  - a) the size of the shells c) the sound produced by the shells
  - b) the appearance of the shells d) the speed of the shells
- <sup>•</sup>15. Henry considered the headlong approach of the enemy impossible because
  - a) they were more than their enemies
  - b) all his companions died without firing a shot
  - c) the enemies were everywhere



d) all their defences were collapsing without any resistance.

16. The enemy is variously compared to a "monster" or a "dragon". This suggest that

- a) the enemy was terrifying and irresistible
- b) the enmy was formidable and spectacular
- c) the enemy was cruel nd invisible
- d) the enemy was imaginry and invincible

17. They expression "gobbled up" (line 43) as used in this sentence means

a) eaten up b) shot dead c) destroyed d) swallowed

18."A man near Henry had been working feverishly at his rifle" (line44) This suggests that

- a) the man was firing with fear
- b) he had developed a fever because of fear
- c) he was panic stricken
- d) the soldier was working hard and actively
- 19. Which of the following CANNOT be assumed from the passage?
  - a) Henry and his companions out-numbered their enemies
  - b) The battle was Henry's baptism of fire
  - c) The death of the captain shattered the morale of this men
  - d) Henry stopped and ran because the man next to him ran too.

20. What is the attitude of the writer towards war?

a) Digust b) Distaste c) Detest d) Neutrality

#### SECTION B:

#### GRAMMAR

Choose the letter that corresponds to the best alternative to fill the gap

1) I would be grateful if my application				
a) is b) would be c) were d) will be	be .			
2) I am late for school,?				
a) Isn't b) Lam not c) am I not d) aren'	tI?			
3) I won't help you				
a) Except <b>b</b> ) unless c) until d) other	wise			
4) Stop noise in class				
a) Shall you? b) will you? c) do you?	d) won't you?			
5) They have textbooks . So				
a) Are we b) do us c) do ourselves d	) do we			
6) After the race, I was to walk				
a) So tired b)very tired c) too tired d	) much tired			
7) They weren't happy Neither was				
a) I b) myself c) me d) myelf too				
8) The bus arrived than expected				
a) More earlier b) muche more earlier c) much earlie	er d) more early			
9) Did you agree the modification in the pr	roject?			
• a) With b) for c) to d) on-				
10) I usually go to school my uncle's car	• .			
a) In b) inside c) on d) by				
11) We went visiting uncle Paul				
a) At b) on c) with d) to	• •			

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	Stand And ANG A COLOR
	12) The students and soldiers marched the grandstude at the
	13) The children agreed the decision to postpone the star Le Censeur of the star is the censeur of the censeur of the star is the censeur of the star
	a) at b) with c) on d) to 14) I <u>have written</u> three letters already. The underlined part of the sector and the
	a) Past tense c) present perfect tense
· •	b) Simple present tense d) past participe
	15) After taking his medication, the child
	a) Thew awat b) threw up c) threw down d) threw off
	16) "He didn't want to go the dentist, yet he went" is an example of
	a) Complex b) compound complex c) simple d) compound
	17) The dog his finger
	a) Bit b) beat c) bite d) bited
	18) I needed to know what to my child
÷	a) Has happened b) had happen c) happened d) had happened
	19) Mary works very hard she doesn't seen to be making progress
	a) Yet b) bid still yet c) still yet d) and 20) You promise to be better next time?
	a) Isn't b) not so c) won't you d) don't you?
•	21) John regretted serah to join the millitary; she died during the
	training
۰.	a) To persuade b) having persuaded c) persuading d) to persuade
	22) He gave his teacher an apple
	a) subject verb object compliment
•	b) subject verb direct objet indirect pbject
	c) subject verb indirect object direct object
	d) subject verb object complement
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	oose the word which is appropriate in meaning
	1) The tourist want to go into the hinderlands in search of <u>souvenirs</u>
•	a) relics b) keepsake c) antiquities D) gifts
	2) The government's attempt to destabilise the opposition has <u>boomeranged</u>
	3) Russia has declared the American cultural attache <u>persona non grata</u> in its country
. ,	a) An unwelcome guest c) an unofficial b) An impersonator d) a dangerous guest
. •	4) The man failed to turn up for the <u>rendez-vous</u>
÷	a) Arrangement b) meeting c) affair d) occasion
	5) Speaking at the assembly, the principal advised the pupils to <u>cut their coat according</u>
	to their cloth
٠	a) Limit their expenditures c) Suit their expenditue to their income
	b) Avoid over-sized clothes d) to avoid expensive things
•	6) The woman wanted a highfor her groundnut
	a) Price b) prize c) praise d) prizes

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7) Anna complained that she slept on coarse floor b) rought d) harsh a) Smooth c) bad 8) She is such a sophisticated girl a) Complex b) naive c) innocent d) igorant 9) Most students do not do their assignments meticulously ·a) Exhaustively b) carelessly c) rightly d) diligently The boss handled the strike in a very imprudent manner 10) a) Rational b) dicreet c) rash d) foolish Choose the word which is similar in meaning in the sentences below 11) Many graduates are looking for white collar jobs a) Coat and fie jobs b) clean jobs d) non manual jobs c) skilled job Some citizens claim that they are marginalised 12) c) treatd as unimportant a) Trated with disrespect d) undermined. b) Treated as worthless