

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES



COMMON ENTRANCE EXAMINATION

2010

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

TEST CODE: 011B

Time allowed: 1 Hour & 15 minutes

Instructions:

1. This examination has **only** multiple choice questions.
2. There are fifty (50) items. Each item has four possible answers: **A, B, C, or D**. Choose the correct answer.
3. On your answer sheet, shade the circle which has the letter **A, B, C, or D** that is next to the answer you have chosen. You have **seventy-five (75)** minutes to answer **all** the questions.

Please use a No. 2 or HB pencil.

4. **Do not take any paper out of the examination room.**

Return this booklet, your answer sheet and all scrap paper to the invigilator before you leave the room.

For items 1-5, choose the correct synonym (word nearest in meaning) to the underlined word to complete the sentence.

1

The politician said that rich people in society should pay more taxes.

- A. poor
- B. greedy
- C. wealthy
- D. important

2

She deleted some words from her story

- A. rewrote
- B. removed
- C. completed
- D. researched

3

We tried to push the car but it remained immobile.

- A. moving
- B. driving
- C. restless
- D. stationary

4

The bright lights and loud noise made him bewildered.

- A. bored
- B. angry
- C. excited
- D. confused

5

The employer had to coerce the watchman to work at nights.

- A. call
- B. control
- C. compel
- D. convince

Items 6-9. For each underlined word, choose the correct part of speech.

6

Jane enjoys fried chicken and bread on weekdays.

- A. adjective
- B. pronoun
- C. adverb
- D. verb

7

Tonya was angry with us and did not hesitate to let her feelings known.

- A. noun
- B. adverb
- C. pronoun
- D. conjunction

8

The West Indies cricket team played well yesterday.

- A. adverb
- B. pronoun
- C. adjective
- D. conjunction

9

David looks forward to quiet afternoons but Hannah prefers noise and excitement.

- A. noun
- B. pronoun
- C. adjective
- D. conjunction

Items 10 - 14 are based on the advertisement below. Read it carefully and answer the questions which follow.

Island Fruit Juice



As exquisite and unique as the islands themselves-Island Fruit Juice. It comes in a variety of exciting flavours: orange, mango and grape. Island Fruit Juice makes you as strong as a lion and adds years to your life! Enjoy a bottle today for only

\$ 1.00

10

What is being advertised?

- A. A bottle
- B. Islands
- C. Fruit from the islands
- D. A type of drink

11

What figure of speech is used in the line 'makes you as strong as a lion?'

- A. simile
- B. metaphor
- C. onomatopoeia
- D. personification

12

Which sentence is closest in meaning to the line "adds years to your life?"

- A. Island Fruit Juice can make you live longer.
- B. Island Fruit Juice will make your life exciting.
- C. Island Fruit Juice will make you look younger.
- D. Island Fruit Juice will make you stronger.

13

Which flavour is **NOT** offered by Island Fruit Juice?

- A. orange
- B. apple
- C. grape
- D. mango

14

Who do you think would want to purchase Island Fruit Juice?

- A. People who live on islands
- B. People who are strong
- C. People who like lions
- D. People who like fruit juice

For items 15-19 choose the correct antonym (word most opposite in meaning) to the underlined word to complete the sentence.

15

The politician said that rich people in society should pay more taxes.

- A. poor
- B. greedy
- C. wealthy
- D. important

16

The glass doors of the bank are all opaque.

- A. thin
- B. heavy
- C. transparent
- D. translucent

17

The water boy was alienated by the footballers

- A. welcomed
- B. harassed
- C. shunned
- D. exhilarated

18

The thieves were seized by the police.

- A. returned
- B. released
- C. captured
- D. arrested

19

The students went into the exam room with timidity.

- A. shyness
- B. happiness
- C. confidence
- D. nervousness

For items 20-23 choose the sentence with the correct punctuation.

20

- A. Norma bought items as follows. a pair of socks, a hat and a candy bar.
- B. .Norma bought items as follows: a pair of socks , a hat and a candy bar.
- C. Norma bought items as follows; a pair of socks , a hat and a candy bar.
- D. Norma bought items as follows! a pair of socks, a hat and a candy bar.

21

- A. "I found my textbook!" shouted Ryan.
- B. "I found my textbook" shouted Ryan!
- C. "I found my textbook" shouted ! Ryan.
- D. "I! found my textbook" shouted Ryan.

22

- A. "Are you eating in class" asked Miss White?
- B. "Are you eating in class" asked Miss White.
- C. "Are you eating in class?" asked Miss White.
- D. Are you eating in class? asked Miss White.

- A. My classmates are donald and sheila.
- B. My classmates are donald and Sheila.
- C. My classmates are Donald and Sheila.
- D. My classmates are Donald and sheila.

For items 24-28 read the poem and answer the questions which follow.

The Library

- 1** It looks like any building
When you pass it on the street,
Made of stone and glass and marble
Made of iron and concrete.
- 5** But once inside you can ride
A camel or a train,
Visit Rome, Siam, or Nome,
Feel a hurricane,
Meet a king, learn to sing,
- 10** How to bake a pie,
Go to sea, plant a tree,
Find how airplanes fly,
Train a horse, and of course
Have all dogs you'd like,
- 15** See the moon, a sandy dune,
Or catch a whooping pike.
Everything that books can bring
You'll find inside those walls.
A world is there for you to share

20 When adventure calls.
You cannot tell its magic
By the way the building looks,
But there's wonderment within it,

24 The wonderment of books.

Barbara A. Huff

24 Which aspect of the library do the words 'stone and glass and marble, Made of iron and concrete' (lines 3 and 4), describe?

- A. social
- B. mental
- C. physical
- D. educational

25 Which word **BEST** describes Barbara A. Huff?

- A. Narrator
- B. Author
- C. Poet
- D. Writer

26 Which word **BEST** describes the poet's feelings about the library?

- A. fear
- B. distaste
- C. indifference
- D. appreciation

27 Which of the following is used in lines 10-12?

- A. simile
- B. rhyme
- C. metaphor
- D. onomatopoeia

28

According to the poem, what is the difference between the outside and inside of the library?

- A. The outside is made of stone and glass while the inside is made of iron and concrete.
- B. There is magic outside but no magic inside.
- C. Although the outside looks ordinary, you can experience extraordinary things inside through the books
- D. Although the outside is made of glass and marble you can still have all the dogs you want.

For items 29-32, identify the error in each sentence.

29

She should of brought along two pencils.

A B C D

30

Between you and I, it seems clear that we will not get paid until Tuesday.

A B C D

31

A mammal is a warm blooded creature which cares for it's young.

A B C D

32

He sits besides his cousin and her children in church.

A B C D

For items 33-38 choose the verb which best completes the sentence.

33

A terrible earthquake _____ Haiti a few months ago.

- A. struck
- B. strikes
- C. is striking
- D. was striking

34

John _____ the fire which started in the kitchen.

- A. out
- B. outted
- C. put out
- D. putted out

35

She was sleeping when the telephone _____

- A. rings
- B. rang
- C. rung
- D. ring

36

The victorious netball team _____ travelling to Georgetown.

- A. are
- B. were
- C. is
- D. will

37

The grade six teacher _____ to his students every day .

- A. reads
- B. read
- C. reading
- D. were reading

38

I had _____ and hurt myself but my friend helped me up.

- A. fell
- B. fallen
- C. fall
- D. falls

Items 39-41 are based on the sentence below. Read the sentence and answer the questions that follow.

Jamal studies very hard because he wants to do well in school.

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That sentence is an example of what type of sentence?

- A. compound
- B. simple
- C. complex
- D. question

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The part of the sentence that is underlined is called the:

- A. predicate
- B. conjunction
- C. subject
- D. adjective

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The part of the sentence which is not underlined is called the:

- A. conjunction
- B. predicate
- C. subject
- D. adjective

Items 42-47 are based on the passage below. Read the passage and answer the questions which follow.

Many students enjoy reading a good book. They understand that reading provides many benefits. However, there are a few students who do not appreciate books at all! “Why read?” they ask, “when there is so much to watch on television?” For them the television is more interesting than any book. The screen flickers and changes often, the characters move and speak and the colours add appeal. Books on the other hand, may not even have pictures. You have to use your imagination, which they say “is hard work!”

However, reading offers several advantages over television. First, you can take a book with you anywhere you want. Anywhere means anywhere: on the bus, to the kitchen, in the street, to church, on vacation and even to the bathroom! It would not be so easy to take a television set with you everywhere you go.

Secondly, a book requires no electricity or batteries to provide it with power. There are no plugs, no switches to turn off or on, nothing to be recharged. You will never be stranded if the electricity goes or if you don't have money to buy batteries. Your book will work as soon as you open it.

Finally, books allow you to use your imagination. You don't need to depend on the ideas of a movie or television show producer. You can **generate** your own movie or television show in your head based on the words in your book. You can hear the splash and crash of the Essequibo river in Guyana, touch lions in Africa and smell the market place in Mexico.

So what are you waiting for? Pick up a book today, you can take it anywhere with you, it needs no power and best of all you can create your own ideas.

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According to the passage, which statement is **TRUE**?

- A. All students enjoy reading
- B. All students prefer to watch television
- C. Few students do not appreciate television
- D. Some students do not appreciate books

43	<p>According to the passage which of the following is NOT a characteristic of books?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Books help you to be more creative. B. Books do not require any energy source. C. There is no limit to where you can carry a book. D. There must be pictures in order to understand a book.
44	<p>Which figure of speech is used in the line “you can hear the splash and crash of the Essequibo river (line 19)?”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. simile B. metaphor C. personification D. onomatopoeia
45	<p>What is the main point of the passage?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. The advantages of books B. Television is better than books C. Places you can see on television D. Places you can read about in books
46	<p>The word generate (line 17) most likely means:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. great B. create C. watch D. power
47	<p>According to the passage what do some students think is hard work?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Reading boring books B. Understanding pictures in books C. Making the characters move and speak D. Creating pictures in your mind

For items 48-50 read the topic sentence and the supporting sentences which follow, then choose the supporting sentence which does NOT belong.

48

The hurricane season begins in June and ends in November.

- A. During this time people are advised to stock up on non perishable food items.
- B. It is also useful to have extra batteries and flashlights.
- C. Flashlights are made of a variety of materials, such as plastic and metal.
- D. Bottled water is also an essential item to have during the hurricane season.

49

A drought is a period of prolonged dryness and absence of rain.

- A. Forest fires are often a result of these dry periods.
- B. It is important to conserve water during a drought.
- C. Closing taps when not in use is one way of saving water during a drought
- D. The Sahara desert is one area of the world which experiences no rainfall.

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Children who have no brothers or sisters may face some disadvantages.

- A. An only child may become selfish and self-centered.
- B. An only child may become self-confident and have high self esteem.
- C. Having no siblings may cause some children to be extremely shy and reserved.
- D. Some children with no siblings do not know how to interact with others.

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