



Selection Test for Higher National Diploma in English course -2018

Paper (A) - 2018

Instructions for candidates:

Answer all questions in the candidate answer sheet (A) provided.

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Time: 02 (Two) Hrs

Question 01 (1.5X10= 15 marks/15 minutes)

Fill in the blanks with the most suitable word. Cross (X) the corresponding letter for each blank in the candidate answer sheet.

1. My daughter just _____ her one and only son.
a. protects b. cares c. adores d. envies
2. The little girl was _____ when her teacher complemented on her handicraft.
a. a enchanted b. enthusiastic c. annoyed d. delighted
3. The children gasped in _____ when a monster speared on the stage.
a. fright b. shock c. tremor d. shudder
4. Don't worry! He's a very _____ driver.
a. gentle b. cautious c. thoughtful d. vicious
5. At about 20 billionkilometers away, the Andromeda galaxy is the most distant object visible to the _____ eye.
a. blind b. naked c. protected d. bare
6. Sunil is an excellent mechanic, and can _____ a lot of engine problems simply by listening to the motor while it is running.
a. diagnose b. identify c. detect d. sense
7. Raja is a very _____ volleyball player, with a powerful smash, and an excellent serve.
a. dedicated b. enterprising c. sensible d. skilful
8. Studies show that women continue to assume most of the _____ involved in rearing children.
a. duties b. responsibilities c. liabilities d. burdens
9. His English language skills are a great _____ in his job in international trade.
a. resource b. asset c. gift d. source
10. Deep-sea diving from oil rigs is among the world's most _____ occupations, averaging a death rate of 1 out of every 100 workers each year.
a. difficult b. disastrous c. hazardous d. harmful

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QUESTION 02 (1.5X30= 45 marks/60 minutes)

Fill in the blanks with the most suitable word. Cross (X) the corresponding letter for each blank in the candidate answer sheet.

11. She usually _____ the baby down for sleep at this time.
a) lies b)lied c). lay d) lays

12. My sister _____ out to the cinema with me
a) has taken b) was taken c) is taken d) is going

13. The doctor _____ the patient with a smile and told him that he _____ better.
a) approached / is looking
b) approached / was looking
c) approaches / is looking
d) had approached / look

14. He _____ his English in the morning, he _____ it in the evening.
a) doesn't have/is having
b) don't have/had
c) doesn't have/had
d) didn't have/have

15. The children _____ out of town last Sunday and _____ a good time there.
a) were going/had b) went/are having c) went/had d) are going/were having

16. In 1969 two manned spaceships _____ into space from the first space station.
a) launch b) launched c) launches d) were launching

17. I _____ the piano since the age of five.
a) played b) am playing c) play d) have played

18. All the fish _____ by the cat last night.
a) was eaten b) has been eaten c) is eaten d) will be eaten

19. My sister _____ out to the cinema by Sunil yesterday.
a) has taken b) was taken c) is taken d) is going

20. If he had prepared his lesson, he _____ his examination.
a. passed b. would have passed c. would be passed d. would pass

21. That film on TV is by the children.
a) gone to be seen b) gone to be see c) going to be seeing d) going to be seen

22. The fire an electrical fault.
a) caused b) caused by c)was caused by d) was caused for

23. These boys the missing child.
 a) found b) was found by c) find d) was founded by

24. This car by Jagath in the race.
 a) will drive b) will be driven c) is driven d) has driven

25. How long English?
 a) are you learning b) have you been learning c) do you learn d) you learn

26. If they next to each other on the plane, they wouldn't have got married.
 a) hadn't sat b) had sat c) sat d) didn't sit

27. Physics a subject that has grown enormously in importance during this century.
 a) are b) was c) is d) have been

28. A: Mrs. Silva was found dead with a wire around her neck.
 B: She strangled.
 a) had to be c) should have
 b) ought to have been d) must have been

29. When I was a child my father read me a story every night before bed.
 a) was going to b) used to c) would d) get used to

30. Wreckage from the plane was scattered a wide area.
 a) over b) from c) on d) at

31. The toilet is straight that door, then the stairs on the left.
 a) through / up b) opposite / from c) next to / over d) across / down

32. He makes reading-lamps old wine bottles.
 a) with b) by c) out of d) of

33. She is afraid of the dentist, so she always puts off till the last possible moment.
 a) to go b) going c) go d) gone

34. Next August, while you for your exams, I on a Mediterranean beach.
 a) are preparing / will be b) were preparing / would be
 c) prepare / will be d) were preparing / was

35. If my friend to our town next year I him the sights of the city.
 a) shall come / show c) has come / is showing
 b) comes / shall show d) coming / will show

36. Mark Twain, one of and American writers, lived in a small town in his childhood.
 a) greater / most popular c) the greatest / most popular
 b) great / more popular d) more great / the most popular

37. The Remembrance Day and the Veteran's Day, both on the 11th of November every year.
a) was celebrated

38. When I that morning the sun high in the sky.

- a) will wake up / had shone
- b) have waken up / shines
- c) shall wake up / was shining
- d) woke up / was shining

39. Tom: "Don't forget to bring my book, Ann".

Tom asked Ann: _____.

- a) that she didn't forget to bring his book
- b) that she doesn't bring his book
- c) not to forget to bring his book
- d) not to forget to bring her book

40. Marlin: "Where are you staying?"

Christ : "At Sahid Hotel."

Marlin asked Christ

a). he was staying where
b). where he was staying
c). was staying where he.
~~d). where was he staying~~

QUESTION 03 (02X10= 20 marks/25 minutes)

Read the passage below and cross (X) the most suitable answer in the candidate answer sheet

Aquaculture, also known as aqua farming, is the farming of aquatic organisms such as fish, crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic plants. Aquaculture involves cultivating freshwater and saltwater fish populations under controlled conditions, and can be contrasted with commercial fishing, which is the harvesting of wild fish. Mariculture refers to aquaculture practiced in marine environments.

Particular kinds of aquaculture include fish farming, shrimp farming, oyster farming, algaculture (such as seaweed farming), and the cultivation of ornamental fish. Particular methods include aquaponics, which integrates fish farming and plant farming.

The indigenous Gunditjmara people in Victoria, Australia may have raised eels as early as 6000 BC. There is evidence that they developed about 100 square kilometres (39 sq.m.) of volcanic floodplains in the vicinity of Lake Condah into a complex of channels and dams, that they used woven traps to capture eels, and that capturing and smoking eels supported them year round.

Aquaculture was operating in China in 2500 BC. When the waters subsided after riverfloods, some fishes, mainly carp, were trapped in lakes. Early aquaculturists fed their brood using nymphs and silkworms, and ate them. A fortunate genetic mutation of carp led to the emergence of goldfish during the Tang Dynasty.

In central Europe, early Christian monasteries adopted Roman aquacultural practices. Aquaculture spread in Europe during the Middle Ages, since away from the seacoasts and the big rivers, fish were expensive. Improvements in transportation during the 19th century made fish easily available and inexpensive, even in inland areas, making aquaculture less popular.

Hawaiians constructed oceanic fish ponds. A remarkable example is a fish pond dating from at least 1,000 years ago, at Alekoko. Legend says that it was constructed by the mythical Menehune dwarf people.

41. Aquaculture refers to

- a. farming of marine animals.
- b. cultivation of fresh water and sea water fish.
- c. cultivation of organisms related to water.
- d. farming of aquatic plants.

42. The difference between aqua-culture and commercial fishing is

- e. aquaculture focuses on growing aqua organisms under controlled conditions.
- f. commercial fishing does not occur in both fresh and sea water.
- g. aquaculture occurs in only few countries.
- h. commercial fishing is an established industry.

43. Aquaculture became less popular in the 19th century because

- a. it did not spread wide.
- b. fish was easily available and inexpensive even in inland areas.
- c. it was limited only into few countries.
- d. of the bad weather conditions.

44. Out of the facts given below which statement is correct regarding the eel cultivation in Australia.

- a. They cultivated eels in the lakes of the volcanic floodplains.
- b. They trap the eels as a leisure time activity.
- c. Smoked eels could survive through bad weather conditions too.
- d. Smoking the eels was a practice introduced by the Europeans.

45. The oldest records of aquaculture is reported from

- a. q. China
- b. r. Australia
- c. s. Hawaii
- d. t. Rome

Cross (X) the most suitable answer (TRUE- T/ FALSE -F) in the candidate answer sheet.

46. Algaculture refers to the cultivation of ornamental fish. T/F

47. Integrating of fish cultivation in par with plant farming can be referred to as aquaponics. T/F

48. Goldfish is a new breed that emerged with a genetic mutation of carps. T/F

49. Aquacultural practices spread in Europe in the 19th century. T/F

50. According to legends Menchunc dwarf people first started aquacultural practices. T/F

QUESTION 04 (20 marks/20 minutes)

Write an essay consisting of 100 words on the following topic.

Importance of Racial Harmony in Sri Lanka