

**SLIATE**

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SELECTION TEST - 2019
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Instructions for Candidates:
Answer all questions.

Answer all questions on the answer sheet provided.
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Paper A (9.30AM- 11AM)

No. of questions : 60

No. of pages : 06

Time : 1 1/2 hrs

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Select the suitable answers to fill in the blanks of questions from 1-48 and select the suitable answers for questions 49 and 50.

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10. The third car the racetrack belongs the new girl who is apparently a fantastic driver.
- a. among, for c. on, to
b. in, for d. in, to
11. Crocodiles are than sea snakes.
- a. dangerous c. the most dangerous
b. more dangerous d. least dangerous
12. Are you a student than your sister?
- a. good c. the best
b. better d. best
13. There are many famous singers in the world. Who is singer in your country?
- a. famous c. most famous
b. more famous d. the most famous
14. I go to the library as most reading is available online.
- a. fairly c. oftenly
b. rarely d. frequently
15. Mrs. Fernando is punctual. She is late for her lectures.
- a. always c. never
b. regularly d. considerably
16. Everybody is wearing khaki boots but I just noticed that shoes are black.
- a. Shirans c. Shirans'
b. Shiran's d. Shiran
17. These are our dogs. Don't worry they are well-behaved.
- a. neighbours c. neighbours's
b. neighbour d. neighbours'
18. The elderly woman wanted to know where the toilet is.
- a. lady c. ladies
b. ladies' d. lady's
19. We like American films; they like British
- a. one c. ones
b. ones' d. one's

20. His brother designs as his pastime.
 a. logos c. logo's
 b. logoes d. logoes'
21. The company hired to carry out on a new fairness cream.
 a. research, researchings c. researchers, research
 b. researches, researched d. researches, research
22. Arunima wanted a piece of So she went to her parents as they well.
 a. advise, advice c. advises, advices
 b. advice, advise d. advices, advises
23. The two countries have recently exchanged ambassadors.
 a. they're b. theirs c. theirs d. thier
24. Everything is in place for the exhibition, I hope?
 a. it's b. its c. its' d. its's
25. Mevan claims this book to be but I can tell he is lying.
 a. his b. him c. hes d. he's
26. You should call your father. He too much.
 a. worry c. worries
 b. worried d. worrys
27. Parents their children no matter what they do.
 a. cherished c. cherishing
 b. cherishes d. cherish
28. This is the most beautiful painting I
 a. had ever seen c. have ever seen
 b. have ever saw d. had ever saw
29. No, I don't want to eat anything because I lunch.
 a. just had c. just having
 b. have just d. had just
30. Shiela and Ruzka late yesterday.
 a. are b. was c. is d. were
31. The smallest cat in the world in India and Sri Lanka.
 a. is found only c. are found only
 b. were only found d. has found only

32. If I come to Gampala, I you after I finish all my work.
 a. sees c. would see
 b. will see d. saw
33. If I had had enough money, I that dress.
 a. would buy c. would have bought
 b. had bought d. bought
34. I a taxi because I don't want to be late for the examination.
 a. could take c. took
 b. will take d. taken
35. Active: The company tests new cars. Passive: New cars
 a. is tested c. have tested
 b. are tested d. have been tested
36. Active: They the glasses. Passive: The glasses had been washed.
 a. have washed c. had washed
 b. has washed d. had been washed
37. When he we dinner.
 a. arriving, having c. has arrived, had
 b. arrived, were having d. arrived, had been having
38. He in learning English as he never gave up.
 a. was able c. managed
 b. succeeded d. wanted
39. He that our meeting was cancelled due to unavoidable circumstance.
 a. wanted c. stated
 b. preferred d. asked
40. She seldom to play the guitar though I have no idea to impress whom.
 a. would rather c. had better
 b. knows d. pretends
41. Although the king was a great ruler, his came to an end in a tragedy.
 a. rain c. reign
 b. rein d. raen
42. In the battle, the archers were on the ground.
 a. for c. fore
 b. foe d. four

One spider that was recently discovered even flings itself at prey like a slingshot! Most spiders eat insects, but tarantulas and larger spiders will eat small lizards and mammals as well. Many people fear spiders. In fact, a fear of spiders has its own name: arachnophobia. Most spiders, however, are totally harmless to humans and are actually beneficial because they eat insect pests. Even the largest tarantula in existence, the Goliath bird-eating spider, is harmless to humans. A tarantula bite is said to be about as painful as a bee sting. Some spiders, however, such as the black widow spider, are dangerous to humans. Bites from these spiders usually require immediate medical attention.

51. What are spiders?
 - a. mammals
 - b. insects
 - c. arachnids
 - d. tarantulas
52. What does the author suggest in the first sentence of the passage?
 - a. That arachnids are a kind of insect
 - b. That spiders do not have backbones
 - c. That spiders do not have eight legs
 - d. That many people think spiders are insects
53. Select the statement that best describes spiders?
 - a. Most are not harmful to humans.
 - b. None are harmful to humans.
 - c. Most are harmful to humans.
 - d. Spiders are harmful to humans.
54. Where are spiders NOT found?
 - a. in Antarctica
 - b. in cold climates
 - c. in deserts
 - d. in homes
55. What would be the best title for the third paragraph?
 - a. The Diet of Spiders
 - b. Spider Webs
 - c. Spider Bites
 - d. The Habitats of Spiders
56. What does "unique" mean in the first sentence of second paragraph?
 - a. old
 - b. fun
 - c. similar to
 - d. different
57. Which is NOT true about spiders?
 - a. They inject venom.
 - b. They have eight legs.
 - c. Some eat lizards and small mammals.
 - d. All spin webs.
58. Which of the following questions is NOT answered in the passage?
 - a. How large is the largest spider in the world?
 - b. How painful is a tarantula bite?
 - c. Is the black widow spider harmful to humans?
 - d. What is the largest tarantula in existence?
59. Black widow bites are...
 - a. painful, but not serious.
 - b. very serious.
 - c. not too serious.
 - d. harmless.
60. Which of the following sentences has a comparison?
 - a. A tarantula bite is said to be about as painful as a bee sting.
 - b. The webs trap insects and other prey to be eaten later.
 - c. Many people fear spiders.
 - d. Bites from these spiders usually require immediate medical attention.

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1.	a	b		d	21.	a	b		d	41.	a	b		d
2.		b	c	d	22.	a		c	d	42.	a	b		d
3.	a	b	c		23.	a	b	c		43.	a		c	d
4.	a		c	d	24.	a		c	d	44.	a		c	d
5.	a	b		d	25.		b	c	d	45.	a	b		d
6.	a	b		d	26.	a	b		d	46.	a	b		d
7.	a		c	d	27.	a	b	c		47.		b	c	d
8.		b	c	d	28.	a	b		d	48.	a	b	c	
9.	a	b	c		29.		b	c	d	49.		b	c	d
10.	a	b		d	30.	a	b	c		50.	a		c	d
11.	a		c	d	31.		b	c	d	51.	a	b		d
12.	a		c	d	32.	a		c	d	52.	a		c	d
13.	a	b	c		33.	a	b		d	53.		b	c	d
14.	a		c	d	34.	a		c	d	54.		b	c	d
15.	a	b		d	35.	a		c	d	55.	a	b		d
16.	a		c	d	36.	a	b		d	56.	a	b	c	
17.	a	b	c		37.	a		c	d	57.	a	b	c	
18.	a		c	d	38.	a		c	d	58.		b	c	d
19.	a	b		d	39.	a	b		d	59.	a		c	d
20.		b	c	d	40.	a	b	c		60.		b	c	d