



SELECTION TEST - 2019
Higher National Diploma in English (HND in English)

Instructions for Candidates:

Answer all questions on the answer sheet provided.

Cross out (X) the corresponding letter in the answer sheet.

Answers written on this paper will not be assessed.

Paper A (9.30AM- 11AM)

No. of questions : 60

No. of pages : 06

Time : 1 1/2 hrs

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

1. Late Michael Jackson, who was one of the most successful musicians of all time, is known as King of Pop.

a.	a	b.	an
c.	the	d.	no article
2. I would like to have word with you regarding to your last report on taxation.

a.	a	b.	an
c.	the	d.	no article
3. pentagons have five sides.

a.	a	b.	an
c.	the	d.	no article
4. I've heard so much about you sir. It is honor to finally meet you.

a.	a	b.	an
c.	the	d.	no article
5. Sri Lanka is home to biggest brick structure in the world.

a.	a	b.	an
c.	the	d.	no article
6. My sister painted a zoo the walls her bedroom.

a.	in, on	b.	with, of
c.	on, in	d.	on, at
7. The mangoes that box are the trees my grandmother's garden.

a.	on, by, of	b.	in, from, in
c.	into, of, on	d.	in, to, from
8. The tourists Spain are arriving the airport three hours.

a.	from, at, in	b.	at, to, for
c.	from, into, at	d.	in, outside
9. The cars driving the street my bedroom window keep me awake.

a.	on, out	b.	at, outside
c.	in, out	d.	in, outside

10. The third car the racetrack belongs the new girl who is apparently a fantastic driver.

a. among, for
b. in, for

c. on, to
d. in, to

11. Crocodiles are than sea snakes.

a. dangerous
b. more dangerous

c. the most dangerous
d. least dangerous

12. Are you a student than your sister?

a. good
b. better

c. the best
d. best

13. There are many famous singers in the world. Who is singer in your country?

a. famous
b. more famous

c. most famous
d. the most famous

14. I go to the library as most reading is available online.

a. fairly
b. rarely

c. oftenly
d. frequently

15. Mrs. Fernando is punctual. She is late for her lectures.

a. always
b. regularly

c. never
d. considerably

16. Everybody is wearing khaki boots but I just noticed that shoes are black.

a. Shirans
b. Shiran's

c. Shirans'
d. Shiran

17. These are our dogs. Don't worry they are well-behaved.

a. neighbours
b. neighbour

c. neighbours's
d. neighbours'

18. The elderly woman wanted to know where the toilet is.

a. lady
b. ladies'

c. ladies
d. lady's

19. We like American films; they like British

a. one
b. ones'

c. ones
d. one's

20. His brother designs as his pastime.
a. logos
b. logoes
c. logo's
d. logoes'

21. The company hired to carry out on a new fairness cream.
a. research, researchings
b. researches, researched
c. researchers, research
d. researches, research

22. Arunima wanted a piece of So she went to her parents as they well.
a. advise, advice
b. advice, advise
c. advises, advices
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
b. worried
c. worries
d. worrys

27. Parents their children no matter what they do.
a. cherished
b. cherishes
c. cherishing
d. cherish

28. This is the most beautiful painting I
a. had ever seen
b. have ever saw
c. have ever seen
d. had ever saw

29. No, I don't want to eat anything because I lunch.
a. just had
b. have just
c. just having
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
b. were only found
c. are found only
d. has found only

32. If I come to Gampala, I you after I finish all my work.

- a. sees
- b. will see
- c. would see
- d. saw

33. If I had had enough money, I that dress.

- a. would buy
- b. had bought
- c. would have bought
- d. bought

34. I a taxi because I don't want to be late for the examination.

- a. could take
- b. will take
- c. took
- d. taken

35. Active: The company tests new cars. Passive: New cars

- a. is tested
- b. are tested
- c. have tested
- d. have been tested

36. Active: They the glasses. Passive: The glasses had been washed.

- a. have washed
- b. has washed
- c. had washed
- d. had been washed

37. When he, we dinner.

- a. arriving, having
- b. arrived, were having
- c. has arrived, had
- d. arrived, had been having

38. He in learning English as he never gave up.

- a. was able
- b. succeeded
- c. managed
- d. wanted

39. He that our meeting was cancelled due to unavoidable circumstance.

- a. wanted
- b. preferred
- c. stated
- d. asked

40. She seldom to play the guitar though I have no idea to impress whom.

- a. would rather
- b. knows
- c. had better
- d. pretends

41. Although the king was a great ruler, his came to an end in a tragedy.

- a. rain
- b. rein
- c. reign
- d. raen

42. In the battle, the archers were on the ground.

- a. for
- b. foe
- c. fore
- d. four

43. "Hey, did you wash my favourite of white jeans with a red shirt? It has red stains."
a. pare
b. pair
c. pear
d. paer

44. While their mother was out working, the children a mess in the kitchen.
a. did
b. made
c. had
d. makes

45. My little brother is very so we don't let him touch anything
a. irresponsable, brekable
b. irresponsiable, breakble
c. irresponsible, breakable
d. irresponsile, brakeable

46. The actor made one mistake in the line and has to start from the
a. begining
b. beggining
c. beginning
d. biggining

47. She bought all items for college.
a. necessary
b. neccesary
c. neccessary
d. neccesery

48. Kamil was when he was asked to dance in front of the audience.
a. embarrased
b. embarassed
c. embarrassed
d. embarrassed

49. Which phrase is for giving instructions in a **formal** way?
a. The first step would be to make a plan.
b. First you need to make a plan.
c. Now make a plan.
d. Just hatch a plan.

50. Which phrase expresses thanks in an **informal** way?
a. I would like to express my sincerest gratitude.
b. You shouldn't have bothered.
c. Thanks a lot. I'm much obliged.
d. I am grateful for your favour.

Read the passage and select the best possible answers to the questions from 51- 60.

Spiders are not insects! They are actually arachnids — invertebrates (animals without backbones) that have eight legs and which inject venom. Spiders are found on every continent except Antarctica. There are over 44,000 known kinds of spiders. Spiders are found in every kind of habitat and are often found in homes! Spiders are **unique** among animals in that many spin webs out of silk. The webs trap bugs and other prey to be eaten later. Larger spiders, such as wolf spiders, huntsman, and tarantulas, attack prey rather than spin webs.

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. 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?

- mammals
- insects
- arachnids
- tarantulas

52. What does the author suggest in the first sentence of the passage?

- That arachnids are a kind of insect
- That spiders do not have backbones
- That spiders do not have eight legs
- That many people think spiders are insects

53. Select the statement that best describes spiders?

- Most are not harmful to humans.
- None are harmful to humans.
- Most are harmful to humans.
- Spiders are harmful to humans.

54. Where are spiders NOT found?

- in Antarctica
- in cold climates
- in deserts
- in homes

55. What would be the best title for the third paragraph?

- The Diet of Spiders
- Spider Webs
- Spider Bites
- The Habitats of Spiders

56. What does "unique" mean in the first sentence of second paragraph?

- old
- fun
- similar to
- different

57. Which is NOT true about spiders?

- They inject venom.
- They have eight legs.
- Some eat lizards and small mammals.
- All spin webs.

58. Which of the following questions is NOT answered in the passage?

- How large is the largest spider in the world?
- How painful is a tarantula bite?
- Is the black widow spider harmful to humans?
- What is the largest tarantula in existence?

59. Black widow bites are...

- painful, but not serious.
- very serious.
- not too serious.
- harmless.

60. Which of the following sentences has a comparison?

- A tarantula bite is said to be about as painful as a bee sting.
- The webs trap insects and other prey to be eaten later.
- Many people fear spiders.
- Bites from these spiders usually require immediate medical attention.

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Paper A - Answer Key

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	d	60.		b	c	d