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GOVERNMENT OF SĀMOA
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YEAR 8 NATIONAL EXAMINATION

ENGLISH

2007

QUESTION and ANSWER BOOKLET

TIME ALLOWED: 2 HOURS

TOTAL MARKS: 100

This Examination is in **FIVE Sections**. **ALL** Sections are **COMPULSORY**.

- ◆ SECTION A - COMPREHENSION 25 MARKS
- ◆ SECTION B - LANGUAGE 20 MARKS
- ◆ SECTION C - CLOZE TEST 10 MARKS
- ◆ SECTION D - EXTENDED ANSWERS 35 MARKS
- ◆ SECTION E - WRITING 10 MARKS

INSTRUCTIONS:

- ◆ DO NOT TURN THIS PAGE UNTIL YOU ARE TOLD TO DO SO.
- ◆ Write your **CANDIDATE CODE** in the right-hand box above and the flap page at the back.
- ◆ Write the **MARKER CODE** in the left-hand box above.
- ◆ Answer **ALL** questions in this Booklet.
- ◆ Check that this Booklet contains pages **1 to 18** plus the flap page.

SECTIONS	MARKS
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SECTION A:

COMPREHENSION

(25 MARKS)

Instructions:

- Answer Questions 1 to 25 on the flap page at the back of this booklet.
- Choose the **best answer** then write the letter in the box opposite the question number on the flap page.
- If you want to change your answer, put a **CROSS** on your first answer then write your second choice near the box like this: ~~B~~ C.

Story One:**Read the story carefully then answer Questions 1 – 7.**

The whole village was dark and **peaceful** except Vita's room. Nari, Vita's sister, was out with her friends, dancing at the night clubs. Vita was home doing his homework, and his mother was still at work in the hospital.

Suddenly, he heard a noise coming from his sister's room. He stood up, grabbed his softball bat which was leaning against the corner of his room and tiptoed quietly towards Nari's room. Vita stopped at the door, listening to what was going on inside. He opened the door slowly, turned on the light quickly and raised his bat, prepared to attack.

To his surprise, he saw his cat Lopi trying to jump up and down in his sister's closet. He quickly lowered his bat and laughed.

Anonymous

1. The only light in the village came from _____ .
 - A. the night clubs
 - B. Vita's room
 - C. Nari's room
 - D. Mother's room

2. Vita's mother is a _____ .
 - A. teacher
 - B. patient
 - C. student
 - D. nurse

3. Vita took a softball bat to Nari's room _____.
 - A. as a weapon
 - B. to open the door
 - C. as a walking stick
 - D. to chase the cat away

4. Where were Nari and her friends?

Nari and her friends were out _____.

- A. working at the night club
- B. walking on the sea wall
- C. studying in the library
- D. enjoying themselves

5. Vita was _____ when he heard a noise coming from Nari's room.

- A. eating
- B. sleeping
- C. doing his homework
- D. listening to the radio

6. What did Vita do when he turned on the light and saw his cat?

He _____.

- A. chased Lopi
- B. lowered his bat
- C. hit Lopi
- D. sat down

7. The word '**peaceful**' in the story means _____.

- A. quiet
- B. noisy
- C. bright
- D. exciting

Story Two:

Read the story carefully then answer Questions 8 – 14.

Lofi's father and mother were very poor. They lived in a small wooden house covered with palm leaves. There was no stove but only a fireplace. Lofi did not go to school. He stayed home to help his father on the farm. They often had corn for their supper.

Lofi's mother was not strong. She became very ill and later died. She was buried near the house. Lofi used to sit on the grave and cried, because he missed her so much. His father remarried and his new mother was a very cruel woman. This often made Lofi cry because she made him do all the hard work. He talked to his father about this but did not say anything because he too, was scared of his new wife.

One day while Lofi was crying and calling his mother's name, he heard a noise. "Sh-sh-sh, don't cry. Stand up and follow me," said the butterfly. Lofi stood up and followed. That was the last day Lofi's father and his new wife saw him. The butterfly took him deeper into the forest where an old couple lived. Lofi then lived with the old couple and they took very good care of him.

Anonymous

8. Lofi's house was made of _____.
- A. wood
 - B. iron
 - C. plastic
 - D. bricks
9. Lofi stayed home to _____.
- A. wash the clothes
 - B. cook the food
 - C. help his father
 - D. go fishing
10. They had corn for their supper from the _____.
- A. market
 - B. store
 - C. hospital
 - D. farm
11. Why did Lofi cry most of the time?
- A. He missed his mother.
 - B. He had no food.
 - C. He hated his father.
 - D. He was sick.

12. Lofi's father did not say anything because he _____.
- A. did not care about his son
 - B. was afraid of his new wife
 - C. loved his wife very much
 - D. was afraid of his dead wife
13. How did the old couple find Lofi?
- A. His new mother took him to the forest.
 - B. He was led to them by a butterfly.
 - C. He was kidnapped by the couple.
 - D. His father chased him away.
14. Lofi's mother died because she _____.
- A. worked too hard
 - B. was hungry
 - C. lost her son
 - D. was sick

Story 3:

Read this dialogue carefully then answer Questions 15 – 20.

Natu is worried about his son Uili who is very sick.

Natu Stop crying Meta. Your tears will not help our son get any better. Call the doctor and tell him that we are on our way to the hospital. Hurry up!

Meta No Natu, we are not taking Uili to the hospital. We are taking him to 'Ese, the Sāmoan healer.

Natu Are you crazy? He has a high fever. That's why he is talking and shouting in his sleep.

Meta Natu, Uili's illness is caused by demons. Why? Because he keeps on whispering his dead uncle Liki's name again and again.

Natu You always believe in demons. Why don't we take him first to see a doctor?

Meta The doctor has no medicine to cure this type of illness. Let's take him to Ese. She is a well known Sāmoan healer. She knows the right herbs and leaves to use. She can make him talk.

Natu Talk about what? I'm telling you, 'Ese will talk instead of Uili.

All right we will take Uili to 'Ese but if anything happens to my son, I will never forgive you.

15. Natu is worried because _____.
- A. the doctor is sick
 - B. Meta is sick
 - C. Uili is sick
 - D. he is sick
16. Where did Natu really want to take his son for treatment?
- To the _____.
- A. hospital
 - B. demons
 - C. neighbours
 - D. Sāmoan healer
17. Meta wanted to take her son to a Sāmoan healer because he kept _____.
- A. talking about his dead uncle
 - B. jumping up and down
 - C. dreaming bad dreams
 - D. having a high fever
18. What does 'Ese use to treat her patients with?
- A. Tablets.
 - B. Leaves.
 - C. Juice.
 - D. Injections.
19. Liki is Uili's _____.
- A. doctor
 - B. mother
 - C. father
 - D. uncle
20. What is the best title for this dialogue?
- A. The Sāmoan healer.
 - B. The Hospital.
 - C. Uili is sick.
 - D. The Doctor.

Read this poem carefully then answer Questions 21 – 25.

When I was young
my mother used to hold my foot
and shake it while I was asleep
wake now, wake now, she whispered.

Early **dawn** we used to go to church
and pray for my father who was sound asleep

We are there no more –
My father wakes up at dawn
and prays for us.

By Emma Kruse Va'ai

21. Who used to go to church with the writer?
The writer's _____.
- A. friend
 - B. mother
 - C. father
 - D. family
22. The word **dawn** in the poem means _____.
- A. after sunrise
 - B. after sunset
 - C. before sunrise
 - D. before sunset
23. Father was _____ when mother and the writer went to church.
- A. sleeping
 - B. eating
 - C. cooking
 - D. reading
24. The poem reminds the writer of her _____.
- A. friends
 - B. relatives
 - C. school life
 - D. childhood
25. The poet is _____.
- A. Robert Louis Stevenson
 - B. Emma Kruse Va'ai
 - C. Ruperake Petaia
 - D. Noumea Simi

SECTION B:

LANGUAGE

(20 MARKS)

Instructions:

- Answer Questions 26 – 45 on the flap page at the back of this booklet.
- Choose the letter of the best answer.

26. The _____ dog in the whole village is my dog Popo.
- A. friend
 - B. friendly
 - C. friendlier
 - D. friendliest
27. On her last birthday, Mata _____ twelve.
- A. turns
 - B. turned
 - C. turn
 - D. turning
28. The bus is on _____ way to the airport.
- A. its
 - B. it's
 - C. our
 - D. ours
29. A horse neighs but a lion _____.
- A. meows
 - B. moos
 - C. roars
 - D. barks
30. The _____ books are already marked.
- A. children
 - B. children's
 - C. childrens'
 - D. childrens
31. The fisherman had to _____ his strings of fish around the village.
- A. sell
 - B. sold
 - C. sells
 - D. selling

32. I did not want to know about her behaviour in the _____.
- A. pass
 - B. past
 - C. passes
 - D. passed
33. The hurricane had _____ a lot of damage to our village.
- A. do
 - B. did
 - C. done
 - D. doing
34. My grandmother _____ died last year was a great loss to all of us.
- A. which
 - B. whom
 - C. whose
 - D. who
35. Mother duck and her _____ are swimming in the pond.
- A. ducklings
 - B. kittens
 - C. chicks
 - D. puppies
36. Taleni was _____ to sing the first hymn in church.
- A. telling
 - B. tells
 - C. tell
 - D. told
37. The carpenter climbed up _____ the top of the building.
- A. in
 - B. by
 - C. to
 - D. from
38. The old man could not decide _____ to stay home or go fishing.
- A. weather
 - B. for
 - C. whether
 - D. that

39. The people admire the young singers of the Star Search competition for their _____.
- A. confidence
 - B. confident
 - C. confidential
 - D. confidentially
40. Keeping our school clean could be _____ done if we work together.
- A. softly
 - B. badly
 - C. slowly
 - D. easily
41. Every child _____ a story to tell.
- A. is
 - B. are
 - C. has
 - D. have
42. The pair of glasses on your table is _____.
- A. me
 - B. my
 - C. mines
 - D. mine
43. A bird builds its _____ for its young.
- A. nest
 - B. cabin
 - C. stable
 - D. kennel
44. A _____ of thieves robbed the ANZ Bank last Saturday night.
- A. crew
 - B. gang
 - C. team
 - D. pack
45. Toni's grandfather is in a good mood, means he is _____.
- A. angry
 - B. happy
 - C. sad
 - D. grumpy

SECTION C:

CLOZE TEST

(10 MARKS)

Instruction:

- Write one suitable word for each space provided.

One night, Atu's people sat around the fire. There was singing and dancing as the headman of the tribe gave Atu his first man-sized spear, his bow and his first poisoned arrows.

The next morning before the sun (46) _____ up, Atu's father called him. "Atu", (47) _____ said, "the time has come for

(48) _____ to be a hunter". Atu was (49) _____

his way with the others. The (50) _____ was cool for the sun was

(51) _____ asleep. The men moved through the

(52) _____ without a sound, Atu's father in (53) _____

lead and Atu not far behind. (54) _____ did as the others did, they

slipped through (55) _____ grass across the plain and into the

forest.

As the Bushmen stole quietly through the woods, Atu's father suddenly

stopped. There in the clearing, was the elephant herd.

*Source: 'Atu the Silent One'
By Frank Jupio*

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SECTION D:

EXTENDED ANSWERS

(35 MARKS)

Instructions:

- Read the instructions carefully then write your answers in the spaces provided.

- Write the correct question tag for this sentence.

56. The boys slept during the lesson, _____?
(1 mark)

- Use the words below to fill the spaces provided.

(advice, advised, advising)

57. My mother _____ me on how to dress up.

58. What is your _____ on this problem?
(2 marks)

- Rewrite this statement in the Negative Form.

59. Your answer makes sense.

(1 mark)

- Change this statement to Active Voice.

60. The ball was hit over the fence by Nila.

(2 marks)

- Rewrite this statement in the Plural Form.

61. He is the best player of the year.

(3 marks)

- Rewrite this statement in **Reported Speech**.

62. “I am going to wash the car,” said Lopa.

(2 marks)

- Write words similar in meaning with the **words underlined** in the following sentences.

63. Tavita was accused of stealing taro from my father’s plantation.

(1 mark)

64. My sister’s homework was very difficult.

(1 mark)

- Add the correct **suffix** or **prefix** to the following words.
- Rewrite the new words in the spaces.

- ment
- ful
dis –
mis –

65. connect _____

66. arrange _____

(2 marks)

- Write one word to replace the **underlined** words.

67. My father’s sister gave me a golden watch. _____

68. The Head of State passed away in May this year. _____

(2 marks)

- **Punctuate the sentence below.**

69. that is tepas book.

(3 marks)

- **Choose the correct words to complete the sentence below.**

(hardly, silently, excitedly)

70. Mati opened his presents _____, while his friends watched

(2 marks)

- **Write a question for this statement.**

71. The Manu Sāmoa rugby team is leaving for New Zealand tonight.

(2 marks)

- **Join this pair of sentences using the correct word from the brackets.**

(unless, when, until)

72. The ship will sail tomorrow. The weather is fine.

(2 marks)

- **Re-arrange this sentence in the correct order.**

73. The walk too dark for a night go to was.

(2 marks)

- Draw lines to match the phrases in List A with their endings in List B.

74. List A

(a) Peta received her prize

(b) Whenever he passed by

(c) You must study hard

List B

to gain good grades.

since his father died.

with tears of joy.

he would always give a friendly smile.

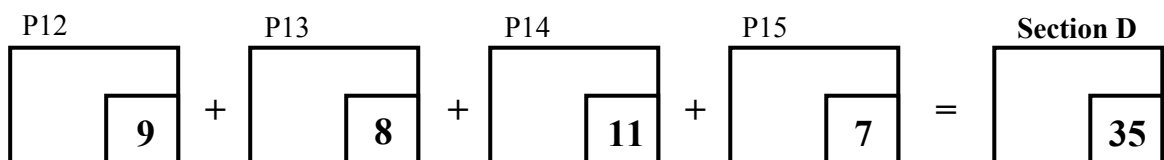
(3 marks)

- Choose any two words from the list below and use them in sentences.

(gathering, fresh, funeral, celebration)

75.

76.

(4 marks)

SECTION E:**WRITING****(10 MARKS)****Choose A or B****A.**

Choose one of the topics listed below to write an interesting story of about three to four paragraphs.

Remember to write:

- An Introduction
- Body
- A conclusion

TOPICS:

1. The Sāmoa Star Search Competition
2. The 2007 South Pacific Games
3. The Teuila Festival
4. The Head of State's Funeral
5. Our Picnic

OR**B.**

Write a DIALOGUE of about one page between:

1. Sala and her brother Iosefa.
2. You and your sister.
3. Elisa and her friend.
4. The pastor and your father.

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SECTIONS A & B:

RESTRICTED RESPONSES

(45 MARKS)

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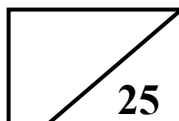
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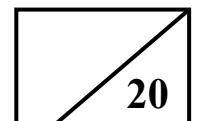
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