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GOVERNMENT OF SĀMOA
 MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SPORTS & CULTURE

YEAR 8 NATIONAL EXAMINATION

ENGLISH

2008

QUESTION and ANSWER

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 17** plus the flap page.

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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 answer near the box like this: B C.

Story One**Read the story carefully then answer Questions 1 – 6.**

It was the day of the Apia Netball Association Championship. We all gathered at the Apia Park Gymnasium when Tagi, our best goal shooter, sat down on a bench and said, “I don’t feel very well, Coach.”

“What’s wrong?” asked Moana our team leader. “Maybe you are nervous. Cheer up Tagi, we will all work together to get the cup.”

The coach looked at Tagi and shook her head. “You definitely look pale,” she said. “You better go home and have a rest.” The captain looked worried and asked, “Who is going to play in Tagi’s place?” “Maria,” answered the coach. “Lina, tell Maria to start **warming up** now, and you will play from the defending side to make up seven. Hurry up girls,” she said. It was time for the game to start. We stood around our Coach, listening to her last words of encouragement. “Come on girls, you can do it.”

Source: Anonymous

1. The people who watch this game are called _____.
 - A. congregation
 - B. spectators
 - C. athletes
 - D. choir
2. What was the problem faced by the team?
 - A. The goal shooter was sick.
 - B. The court was slippery.
 - C. They had no reserves.
 - D. The coach was sick.
3. The second choice for the team’s goal shooter was _____.
 - A. Rita
 - B. Lina
 - C. Maria
 - D. Moana

4. The netball referee always uses a _____ to control the game.
- A. bell
 - B. horn
 - C. drum
 - D. whistle
5. The words “warming up” in the story mean to get _____.
- A. warm
 - B. trained
 - C. ready
 - D. dressed
6. The person training the netball team is called the _____.
- A. goal shooter
 - B. captain
 - C. referee
 - D. coach

Story Two

Read the story carefully then answer Questions 7 – 14.

Peni waited until he and his uncle had gone too far to turn back. Then he asked, “Uncle Tone, do wild pigs live up here?” Peni’s uncle turned in his saddle. “Yes,” he answered. They climbed a gentle slope. Peni could hear a creek flowing below. Suddenly, he **spotted** two brown shapes in the distance. He stood still.

“Wild pigs!” said his uncle. “Get ready to attack, Peni. Prepare your bow and arrows,” said Tone. Peni’s uncle was a very brave hunter. He always went hunting twice a month. They moved closer and closer to the wild pigs. Tone shot the first arrow and killed one of the pigs. Peni was also moving quickly to get the second one. He let his arrow out and killed the second pig. Tone was very proud of his nephew because of the way he used his bow and arrow.

They took the pigs to the place where they camped for the night. “Let’s hurry and cut firewood before dark,” said Peni’s uncle. “We need a hot drink and some food before we cut up the pigs into pieces, so that we could easily take them home.

Source: Invitation to literacy by Sheila Valencia

7. When did Peni ask his uncle about wild pigs?
- A. The night before they went hunting.
 - B. While they were on their way.
 - C. After killing the pigs.
 - D. Just before they ate.

8. Which word in the story tells you that Peni and his uncle were travelling on horses?
- A. Slope.
 - B. Creek.
 - C. Saddle.
 - D. Shape.
9. What sound did Peni hear when they climbed the slope?
- A. Leaves falling.
 - B. Water flowing.
 - C. Birds singing.
 - D. Pigs grunting.
10. Peni's uncle wanted to cut the firewood first when they arrived at the campsite because _____.
- A. they were running out of sunlight
 - B. the rain was getting the wood wet
 - C. they wanted to cook the pigs
 - D. Peni was badly injured
11. The weapons that Peni and his uncle used for hunting the pigs were the _____.
- A. bows and arrows
 - B. spears and arrows
 - C. knives and bows
 - D. guns and arrows
12. How did Peni learn to hunt?
He _____.
- A. learnt from his friends
 - B. attended hunting school
 - C. watched hunting video tapes
 - D. observed his uncle's hunting skills
13. The word **spotted** in the story means _____.
- A. dropped
 - B. climbed
 - C. heard
 - D. saw
14. How did Tone feel when his nephew killed the pig?
- A. Sad.
 - B. Proud.
 - C. Angry.
 - D. Worried.

Story Three

Read this dialogue carefully then answer Questions 15 – 20.

Lome took Nila's sports shoes without asking her. They were arguing.

Nila I can't believe you just walked into my room and took my sports shoes!

Lome I didn't take them. I borrowed them.

Nila You took them without even asking.

Lome Oh, come on, you had let me used them before.

Nila Only because you asked. And then you didn't wash them after using.

Lome Well, sorry.

Nila I'm serious. Don't ever come into my room again unless I'm here.

Lome OK, and don't ever touch any of my stuff again.

Nila That goes for you too. Leave your hands off my stuff.

Lome Why would I even want to touch any of your stupid stuff?

Nila Get out of my room now before I tell mum about the window you broke.

Lome Go on, tell her. I saved enough money to buy a new window.

Nila Where did you get the money from?

Lome It's none of your business.

And Lome left his sister's room.

Source: Anonymous

15. Nila and Lome argued because Lome _____.

- A. broke the window of Nila's room
- B. took Nila's shoes without asking
- C. took money from Nila's room
- D. washed Nila's shoes

16. The argument took place in _____ room.

- A. father's
- B. mother's
- C. Nila's
- D. Lome's

17. Lome and Nila are _____.

- A. mother and daughter
- B. father and son
- C. mother and father
- D. brother and sister

18. How did Nila feel about Lome using her stuff?

- A. Angry.
- B. Happy.
- C. Worried.
- D. Excited.

19. Nila did not tell mother that Lome broke the window because _____.

- A. Lome paid her to keep quiet
- B. she didn't want to tell on Lome
- C. she was saving money to pay for it
- D. mother knew about the broken window

20. The best title for this dialogue would be _____.

- A. Lome's sports shoes
- B. Broken window
- C. Nila's mother
- D. An argument

Story Four

Read the story carefully then answer Questions 21 – 25.

The engines roared in Ana's ears as the plane rolled forward. She heard a bell chime. Then the intercom crackled and a cheerful voice said, "This is your captain speaking"

After the plane was in the air, a woman with a cart asked Ana if she would like a cold drink and a bag of peanuts. "I'll have both," Ana said. Later the woman set a tray before Ana. Through the plastic cover, Ana could see three small sandwiches, a salad of lettuce and tomato, a package of round crackers and a square piece of yellow cake. A plastic knife, fork and spoon were sealed in a wrapper and tucked into a paper napkin. Ana knew it would take her until supper time to unwrap and eat her lunch.

Source: Invitation to literacy by Sheila Valencie

21. Intercom, bell and engine according to the passage were things that Ana _____.

- A. saw
- B. heard
- C. smelled
- D. touched

22. The cart that the woman in the plane pushed was used to carry _____.

- A. magazines
- B. luggage
- C. people
- D. food

23. The last sentence in the passage meant that Ana would most likely _____.
- A. skip her lunch
 - B. eat her lunch on the plane
 - C. have both dinner and supper
 - D. have lunch, dinner and supper
24. The woman who serves food on the plane is also known as the _____.
- A. flight attendant
 - B. passenger
 - C. astronaut
 - D. autopilot
25. Ana could see the food through the plastic cover because it _____.
- A. was opened
 - B. had holes
 - C. was thin
 - D. was clear

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. Every one _____ that what she did was wrong.
- A. know
 - B. knows
 - C. known
 - D. knowing
27. The tree that my father cut had _____ across the road.
- A. fall
 - B. falls
 - C. fell
 - D. fallen
28. The teacher _____ comes from Lefaga won the Star Search Competition.
- A. who
 - B. whom
 - C. which
 - D. whose
29. _____ I had written twice, he had never replied.
- A. But
 - B. Unless
 - C. Although
 - D. Until
30. Snakes make _____ hidings in wooded areas.
- A. their
 - B. there
 - C. they're
 - D. they
31. Jennifer was my favourite _____ in the story.
- A. characteristic
 - B. characterize
 - C. characters
 - D. character

32. Of the two sisters, Tai is _____ than Piti.
- A. beautiful
 - B. beautifully
 - C. more beautiful
 - D. most beautiful
33. Each of the boys rode _____ bicycle to school.
- A. his
 - B. him
 - C. her
 - D. its
34. We were able to share ten tala _____ the five of us.
- A. between
 - B. besides
 - C. among
 - D. about
35. The house _____ was destroyed by fire was built by my great grandfather.
- A. who
 - B. whom
 - C. whose
 - D. which
36. Tewa draws **well** with both hands.
The antonym for the underlined word is _____.
- A. poorly
 - B. slowly
 - C. skilfully
 - D. carefully
37. Each of the candidates gave a **short** speech about conservation.
The synonym for the underlined word is _____.
- A. tiny
 - B. stern
 - C. long
 - D. brief
38. The _____ of the door woke us up.
- A. slam
 - B. rustle
 - C. throb
 - D. roar

39. My father told my older brother that he was **good for nothing**.
The underlined words mean _____.
- A. useless
 - B. useful
 - C. cheerful
 - D. active
40. **It's** been raining since this afternoon. The long form for the underlined word is _____.
- A. Its
 - B. It is
 - C. It has
 - D. It was
41. The models walked _____ in front of the judges.
- A. smart
 - B. smarter
 - C. smartest
 - D. smartly
42. A _____ of flowers was nicely arranged by my aunty.
- A. school
 - B. swarm
 - C. bouquet
 - D. fleet
43. The naughty boy ran _____ the speeding car.
- A. of
 - B. after
 - C. above
 - D. under
44. The detective discovered a very important _____ to solve the case.
- A. crew
 - B. grew
 - C. glue
 - D. clue
45. A doctor used a _____ to examine sick people.
- A. kaleidoscope
 - B. stethoscope
 - C. microscope
 - D. telescope

SECTION C:

CLOZE TEST

(10 MARKS)

Instruction:

- Write one suitable word for each space provided.

The excitement was hard to contain as the Manu, led by their popular captain Uale Mai ran onto the field in Wellington, the capital city of New Zealand. Alongside ran their old rivals Fiji, led by the Sevens wizard, Waisale Serevi.

It was to be the final game (46)_____ the 2007 Wellington Sevens Tournament. (47)_____ clapping was thunderous as the words (48)_____ encouragement were shouted out. “Go Manu. (49)_____ on Pesa.”

Everybody settled down to await (50)_____ start of the match. Concentration was clearly (51)_____ on everyone’s face, as the starting whistle (52)_____ with Fiji the first to kick (53)_____. To everyone’s amazement, the minute our boys (54)_____ the ball in hand, they touched down (55)_____ score the first try. The house erupted and the loud applause from the spectators drowned out the sound of the television.

Again another try was scored, followed by another and another, with a total of six tries.

It was unbelievable!

Everyone was taken completely by surprise.

SECTION C

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SECTION D:

EXTENDED ANSWERS

(35 MARKS)

Instructions:

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

- Choose the correct word from each bracket to fill in the gaps.

56. The farmers worked all night without a _____. (break, brake)

57. Tile will not make _____ until he wins his son's heart back. (piece, peace)

2 marks

- Write one word to replace the underlined words.

58. Samu was not prepared for the sudden death of his friend. _____

59. The men working on the ship helped the passengers when the sea was very rough.

2 marks

- Write the correct question tag for this sentence.

60. He was not at his mother's funeral, _____.

2 marks

- Rewrite this sentence in the Singular form.

61. The children's books are kept neatly on the shelf in the room.

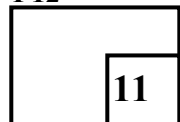
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- Rewrite this statement in the Negative form.

62. Pati worked hard to support his family.

2 marks

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- Write one word that **does not belong** to each group of words below.

63. miserable, excited, unhappy, sad, upset. _____

64. pastor, bishop, reverend, nun, pilot. _____

2 marks

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

65. Peta asked me if I had completed my work.

3 marks

- Add the correct **suffix or prefix** to the words in brackets to complete the sentences correctly. Rewrite the new words on the spaces provided.

66. The bank teller was arrested for his (honesty) in performing his duties.

67. Peti could not understand Vita's (excite) about the soccer.

2 marks

- Change this statement to the **Passive Voice**.

68. The class will take a field trip to the mountain next week.

2 marks

- Punctuate the sentence below.

69. doctor peni examined my sick brothers chest last night.

3 marks

- **Rearrange the following sentence in the correct order.**

70. will effective of 2009 September law be hand right drive The in.

_____ **2 marks**

- **Break these words into syllables.**

71. Comfortable _____
Hospital _____

2 marks

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

72. The chocolates were very expensive that mother could not buy them for her children.

_____ **2 marks**

- **Complete this sentence with your own words.**

73. My grandmother was taken to the _____ because
_____.

2 marks

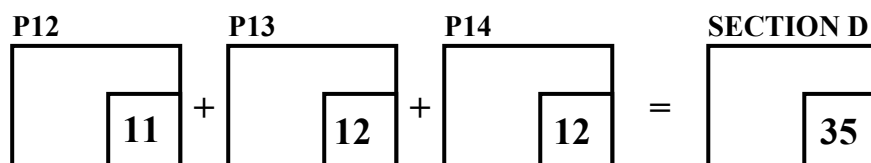
- **Choose any two words from the list below and use them in sentences.**

(examined, travelled, experiment, culture, communication, measurement)

74. _____

75. _____

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 Pacific Arts Festival in American Samoa
2. Our school's Culture Day
3. The Right Hand Drive Law
4. The 2008 Beijing Olympics
5. The Mango Season

OR**B.**

Choose ONE of the story beginnings listed below to start your story.

Give your story a TITLE.

1. The night was very dark and peaceful
2. The people marched down the street
3. Everyone waited patiently for the doctor to come out
4. "Poe, Poe, wake up," said Natu

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SECTIONS A & B:

RESTRICTED RESPONSES

(45 MARKS)

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Answer Questions 1 – 45 on this 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.

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SECTION B

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