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ENGLISH

Time Allowed: 90 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. You have 10 minutes reading time before you start writing.
2. Check that you have a separate Answer Sheet.
3. Check that all your information on the Answer Sheet is correct.
4. Check your **SEN** is the same for the **Answer Sheet** AND the **English Writing**.
5. Use the Answer Sheet for **ALL MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS**. Read each question carefully before using the Answer Sheet to mark your response (A, B, C or D).
6. Completely shade the circle like this: ● and **NOT** like this: ⊗ ⊘ ⊙ ⊚
7. **WRITE ONLY YOUR STORY** IN THE ENGLISH WRITING BOOKLET PROVIDED.
8. This paper has 50 multiple choice questions and one story writing.

| ENGLISH CURRICULUM | | Page | Number of Questions |
|--------------------|------------------------|-------|---------------------|
| STRAND 1 | LISTENING AND SPEAKING | 2 | 28 |
| STRAND 2 | READING AND VIEWING | 10 | 22 |
| | | TOTAL | 50 |

CHECK that this booklet contains pages 2-15 in the right order.

AT THE END OF THE EXAMINATION GIVE THIS BOOKLET AND ANSWER SHEET TO THE SUPERVISOR.

USE THE ANSWER SHEET FOR ALL MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS.

STRAND 1: LISTENING AND SPEAKING

Read the letter below and then select the BEST answer for Questions 1 to 4.

A letter to my best friend

Dear Tala,

Thank you for your last letter. I hope you're doing fine. Are you excited about the end of the school year? It's always lovely to hear about what's going on at our village.

I'm writing to invite you to come for a holiday. I would like to take you to the movies and spend some time at the friendship park. My school friends would also like to meet you in person.

It would be great to spend a few days with you here in the city. We'll have a lot of fun! I know how much you love the city and you can stay with me.

Let me know your thoughts. If you agree to come, we can start making more plans.

I hope to hear from you soon.

Your best friend,

Lusila

1. Tala is the writer's:
 - A. sister.
 - B. friend.
 - C. classmate.
 - D. best friend.

2. The writer's friend lives in the:
 - A. city.
 - B. park.
 - C. village.
 - D. school.

3. The letter is an example of a/an:
- A. formal letter.
 - B. informal letter.
 - C. thank you letter.
 - D. application letter.
4. 'Let me know your thoughts.' What does this mean?
- A. Tell me everything.
 - B. Tell me what you like.
 - C. Don't tell anyone.
 - D. Tell me what you think.

Read the dialogue below and select the best answer for Questions 5 to 7.

Solving a Math problem

Anna: "Hey Sione! Do you have a minute? I'm really struggling with my Math homework."

Sione: "Sure, I can try to help. What part are you stuck with?"

Anna: "It's those word problems. I don't understand how to solve them."

Sione: "Okay, let's take a look. We need to break them down first."

Anna: "Ahh! That's how you do it! You're a genius."

Sione: "Remember, read the problem carefully!"

5. What is Anna trying to do?
- A. She is trying to go to class.
 - B. She is trying to help Sione.
 - C. She is trying to remember carefully.
 - D. She is trying to solve a word problem.

6. What does it mean by 'We need to break them down first'?
- A. Put ideas together.
 - B. To fall down and cry.
 - C. To pick up and move on.
 - D. Divide ideas into smaller parts.
7. At the end of the conversation, we can conclude by saying that Anna:
- A. still needs to practise solving word problems.
 - B. will never understand word problems.
 - C. is now an expert in solving word problems.
 - D. does not like word problems.

NOUNS: Select the best word to complete the sentences in Questions 8 and 9.

8. Sanita disappeared into the _____ of people.
- A. pack
 - B. herd
 - C. flock
 - D. swarm
9. I was shocked to see the _____ of cats in the street.
- A. pack
 - B. group
 - C. bunch
 - D. school

VERBS: Choose the best word to complete the sentences in Questions 10 and 11.

10. The kids are _____ on the trampoline.
- A. jump
 - B. jumps
 - C. jumped
 - D. jumping
11. Every time the secretary _____ up the phone, the line disconnects.
- A. pick
 - B. picks
 - C. picked
 - D. picking

PREPOSITIONS: Choose the best word to complete the sentences in Questions 12 and 13.

12. We are _____ of our work schedule this week.
- A. apart
 - B. along
 - C. ahead
 - D. among
13. The baby slept right _____ the night.
- A. till
 - B. into
 - C. over
 - D. through

PRONOUNS: Choose the best word to complete the sentences in Questions 14 and 15.

14. This book belongs to Sera. It is:

- A. his.
- B. hers.
- C. ours.
- D. theirs.

15. Mary has many friends waiting for _____.

- A. them
- B. him
- C. her
- D. she

QUESTION TAGS: Choose the correct question tag for Questions 16 and 17.

16. They could hear me, _____

- A. could they?
- B. would they?
- C. couldn't they?
- D. wouldn't they?

17. The bus had already left, _____?

- A. didn't it?
- B. hadn't it?
- C. did it?
- D. had it?

TENSES: Select the correct tense of the word in brackets to complete the sentences in Questions 18 to 23.

Simple Present Tense

18. He _____ (cook) dinner for his family every night.
- A. is cooking
 - B. cooking
 - C. cooked
 - D. cooks

Past Perfect Tense

19. We _____ (think) the test was going to be difficult.
- A. had thought
 - B. has thought
 - C. has been thinking
 - D. will have thought

Future Perfect Tense

20. She _____ (leave) for the wharf by the time you arrived.
- A. will leave
 - B. will have left
 - C. will be leaving
 - D. would have left

Past Continuous Tense

21. I _____ (read) a book before the phone rang.
- A. reads
 - B. will read
 - C. would read
 - D. was reading

Present Continuous Tense

22. The teacher _____ (talk) to the students.

- A. talks
- B. is talking
- C. was talking
- D. were talking

Future Continuous Tense

23. We _____ (eat) our lunch outside every school day.

- A. will eat
- B. have eaten
- C. will be eating
- D. would be eating

ROOTWORDS: Choose the root word for the underlined word in Questions 24 and 25.

24. People may think you are impolite if you forget to say, "Thank you."

- A. polite
- B. im
- C. imp
- D. lite

25. Samoa Airways landed at the Faleolo International Airport.

- A. intern
- B. inter
- C. national
- D. nation

Change the statement into a question.

26. They all belong to the same class.
- A. Are you in the same class?
 - B. Are they in the same class?
 - C. Do you belong to the same class?
 - D. Do they all belong to the same class?

Change the following into a command.

27. Can you please shut the door on your way out?
- A. Shut the door please.
 - B. Please shut the door on your way out.
 - C. On your way in, shut the door.
 - D. The door must be shut on your way out.

Change the following into a request.

28. I want to go to my room.
- A. I will go to my room.
 - B. May I go to my room?
 - C. I must go to my room.
 - D. Should I go to my room?

Read the following advertisement carefully and answer the Questions 29 to 33.

Samoa Observer

VACANCY

PRINTER / PRE-PRESS OPERATIONS

We are looking for two keen **fast** learners and **committed** individuals to join our Production Team. These are full time positions working in a **busy** and fast paced environment producing Samoa's daily newspaper. The job requires you to start at 7.00pm until early hours of the morning when the newspaper is produced.

Your roles and responsibilities are:

- Assist master printer with folder operation management.
- Understand and able to operate press controls.
- Understand colour registration.
- Understand press layouts.

Qualification and experience

- Computer and Mechanical experience is required
- Trade certificate in machinery
- Valid and clean driver's license
- Able to work night shifts into the early hours of the morning

If you feel that this job is for you, please send your CV to our main office at Vaitele or email jobs@observer.ws

Source: Samoa Observer (August 2019)-adapted for use by LHF

29. What is the purpose of the text?
- A. To report an event.
 - B. To advertise a position.
 - C. To inform people of an event.
 - D. To promote the newspaper.

30. '*...until early hours of the morning...*' as used in the text means,
- A. Before 7.00pm.
 - B. After 1.00pm in the afternoon.
 - C. Before 1.00am in the morning.
 - D. Between 1.00am to 6.00am.
31. Which team will be working with the successful candidate?
- A. Sales team.
 - B. Training team.
 - C. Production team.
 - D. Delivery team.
32. Words such as **committed individuals** means that the applicant:
- A. takes a lot of breaks.
 - B. must be an early riser.
 - C. must be a dedicated worker.
 - D. starts working in the evening.
33. What experience is required in the vacant position?
- A. Must be a strong person.
 - B. Must know colour mixing.
 - C. Able to work during the day.
 - D. Have computer and mechanical knowledge.

ANTONYMS: Choose the antonym of the underlined word in the sentences in Questions 34 and 35.

34. My dog played in the mud and is very dirty.
- A. old
 - B. clean
 - C. filthy
 - D. hungry

35. Mum allows my sister to go with her friends to the beach.
- A. lets
 - B. encourages
 - C. advises
 - D. forbids

HOMOPHONES: Choose the correct word to complete the sentences in Questions 36 and 37.

36. Today was _____ hot for us to go to the beach.
- A. to
 - B. too
 - C. two
 - D. tow
37. The _____ of the flowers spread everywhere when they bloom.
- A. cent
 - B. sent
 - C. sense
 - D. scent

SENTENCE ORDER:

38. Select the correct order of the following sentences.
- 1) Finally, put the tray in the oven to bake.
 - 2) Then mix the ingredients.
 - 3) First preheat the oven.
 - 4) Next, pour the mix into the baking tray.
- A. 1,2,4,3
 - B. 4,3,2,1
 - C. 3,2,4,1
 - D. 4,3,1,2

SINGULAR: Select the singular form of the sentences in Questions 39 and 40.

39. We were given books to read.
- A. I was given a book to read.
 - B. We were given a book to read.
 - C. They were given a book to read.
 - D. I was given books to read.
40. They walk to school every day.
- A. They walks to school every day.
 - B. We walk to school every day.
 - C. He walks to school every day.
 - D. I walk to school every day.

PLURAL: Select the plural form of the sentences in Questions 41 and 42.

41. Our dog gave birth to a healthy puppy.
- A. Our dogs gave birth to a healthy puppy.
 - B. My dog gave birth to a healthy puppy.
 - C. Our dogs gave birth to healthy puppies.
 - D. My dogs gave birth to healthy puppies.
42. She eats breakfast every morning.
- A. He eats breakfast every morning.
 - B. They eat breakfast every morning.
 - C. We eat breakfast every morning.
 - D. She ate breakfast every morning.

WORDS AND MEANING: Which definition best fits the use of the word 'knot' in the following sentences in Questions 43 and 44.

43. I can't untie the **knot**.

- A. Definition 1
- B. Definition 2
- C. Definition 3
- D. Definition 4

44. She carefully **knots** her scarf to create a bow.

- A. Definition 1
- B. Definition 2
- C. Definition 3
- D. Definition 4

Definitions:

Knot

n. 1. A fastening made by looping string.

v. 2. To tie in.

n. 3. A small hard spot in piece of wood.

n. 4. A unit for measuring the speed of a ship.

FIGURATIVE SPEECH: Select what the sentence means in Questions 45 and 46.

45. The horse runs like the wind. It means the horse runs:

- A. gradually.
- B. heavily.
- C. very fast.
- D. too slow.

46. Your bag is as light as a feather. It means the bag is:

- A. very heavy.
- B. slightly heavy.
- C. extremely light.
- D. moderately weighted.

PREFIX AND SUFFIX: Choose the correct word to complete the sentences in Questions 47 and 48.

47. My son's room was very messy. It was _____. (describe)

- A. described
- B. describing
- C. describable
- D. indescribable

48. I had to _____ the wires to save our electricity. (connect)

- A. reconnect
- B. disconnect
- C. connection
- D. connecting

ACTIVE AND PASSIVE:

49. **Change the sentence to Active Voice.**

The window was broken by the ball.

- A. The ball broke the window.
- B. The ball breaks the window.
- C. The window broke the ball.
- D. The window is breaking the ball.

50. **Change the sentence to Passive Voice.**

The show surprised the women's committee.

- A. The show was surprising to the women's committee.
- B. The women's committee was surprised by the show.
- C. The show were surprising the women's committee.
- D. The women's committee will be surprised by the show.