



**Roseville Secondary School, Enugu.  
Entrance Examination 2023/2024 Session**

**SUBJECT: English Language**  
**TIME ALLOWED: 100 Minutes**

**INSTRUCTIONS**

1. This paper consists of two sections, Section A- Objectives and Section B- Theory. **Attempt All** questions in Section A. In section B is Essay, answer **one** from the two questions.
2. Use HB pencil only for Section A. Answer each question by shading the box that corresponds to the option you have chosen.
3. Avoid making any stray mark on your objective answer sheet.
4. There must **not** be more than one shading for an answer. Any answer with shading of more than one box will be marked wrong.
5. Clearly write your name, examination number and date on your question paper and answer sheet.
6. Do not start until the supervisor tells you to do so.
7. Submit this question paper with the objective sheet at end of the examination.

**YOU ARE ADVISED TO WORK COMPLETELY ON YOUR OWN.**

**NAME:** .....

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**SECTION A- OBJECTIVES**  
**COMPREHENSION- Passage 1**

**Read the passages and choose the best answers for the questions**

Jackie Robinson was the first African-American to break the race barrier in major league baseball. In 1946, the Brooklyn Dodgers general manager, Branch Rickey, selected Robinson as he initially assigned him to the Dodgers' minor league, Montreal Royals. Robinson's play was impressive enough that he was called up to the major league the following year.

Throughout the 1947 season, he suffered harassment from both his own teammates and opposing players as well as well as torrents of racist abuse from fans. The Brooklyn clubhouse eventually rallied around Robinson when managements suggested that players find other employment if dissatisfied with the situation. The young infielder had an outstanding first season, leading the national league in stolen bases, and winning the rookie of the year award.

Two years later, Robinson was named the NL most valuable player, and in 1955, he led the Dodgers to a world series over the hated New York Yankees. He left the game on 1957, rather than accept a trade that would have sent him from Brooklyn to the rival New York Giants. His career statistics placed him as a peer among the best who have ever played the game of baseball. In 1997, at the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Robinson's debut, his jersey number, 42, was retired by all MLD teams. Jackie Robinson, who once stated he cared not whether he was liked or disliked, received the simple respect he'd demanded as a brave and wonderful human being.

**QUESTIONS**

1. For which team did Jackie Robinson play when he was first selected to play major league baseball?
  - A. The Brooklyn Dodgers
  - B. The Dodgers
  - C. The Montreal Royals
  - D. The New York Giants
  - E. The New York Yankees
2. How many years did Robinson spend in the minor leagues before moving up to the major leagues?
  - A. Four years
  - B. None, as he went straight to the major leagues
  - C. One years
  - D. Three years
  - E. Two years
3. Why were Robinson's Team initially dissatisfied with his presence in the clubhouse?
  - A. Because he was a rookie
  - B. Because he was African-American
  - C. Because he was favoured by management
  - D. Because he was slow in the base paths
  - E. Because he wasn't good
4. What was Jackie Robinson's jersey number?
  - A. 42
  - B. 44
  - C. 45
  - D. 46
  - E. 47
5. Jackie Robinson ended his stellar professional career with which team?
  - A. The New York Giants
  - B. The Brooklyn Dodgers
  - C. The Los Angeles Dodgers
  - D. The New York Yankees
  - E. The montreal

**PASSAGE 2**

**Read the passages and choose the best answers for the questions**

Throughout the first few decades of American first diplomacy, the first and foremost principle of American foreign policy was isolationism. As laid down by George Washington in his speech of 1796,

isolationism meant that the United States should form no permanent alliance and should forge as "little political connection as possible" with foreign powers. However, this Policy applies only to diplomatic relations, since trade with other nations was an essential element of the American economy.

In the early 1800s, the United States expanded its isolationist policies to the entire western Hemisphere. President Monroe in his now famous address to Congress, stated that the United States would stay out of European affairs, and that in turn, Europe should not intervene in affairs of the Americas. This policy known as the Monroe Doctrine, was designed to signal a clear break between the new world and the old. However, it was also used to assert American influence in Latin America.

### QUESTIONS

6. The best title of this selection would be-----

- A. African
- B. American Diplomacy, past and present.
- C. American Neutrality
- D. Evolution of the Monroe Doctrine
- E. President Monroe

7. As used in the passage, the word *policy* most nearly means----

- A. exact measurement
- B. guiding principles
- C. political arguments
- D. singers
- E. strict regulations

8. In the 1800s, isolationism came to mean---

- A. a break between the United States and Latin America
- B. a break in norm
- C. interference in European affairs

D. the influence of the United States over the western hemisphere

E. the refusal of the United States to trade with other nations

9. Isolation does not mean---

- A. American refusal to side with any one European Nation
- B. banning of all trades.
- C. minimized political affiliations
- D. None of the above
- E. reluctance to form permanent alliance

10. As used in the passage, the word *affairs* most nearly means-----

- A. business
- B. church
- C. festivities
- D. meetings
- E. wars

### PASSAGE 3

#### Read the passages and choose the best answers for the questions

Whenever we hear the name of Napoleon mentioned, or see it printed in a book, it is usually in connection with a hard-fought victory on the battlefield. He certainly spent most of his life in the camp, and enjoyed the society of soldiers more than that of courtiers. The thunder of guns, the charge of cavalry, and the flash of bayonets as they glittered in the sun, appealed to him with much the same force as music to more ordinary folk. Indeed, he himself tells us that "the cries of the dying, the tears of the hopeless, surrounded my cradle from the moment of my birth."

We are *apt* to forget that this mighty conqueror, whom Carlyle calls "our last great man," had a childhood at all. He was born on the 15th August 1769 to be exact, in the little town of Ajaccio, the capital of picturesque Corsica. This miniature island rises a bold tree-covered rock in the blue waters of the Mediterranean, fifty miles west of the coast of Italy. It had been sold to France by the Republic of Genoa the previous year, but the inhabitants had fought for their independence with praiseworthy determination. Then civil war broke out, and the struggle finally ended three months before the birth of the boy who was to become the ruler of the conquering nation. The Corsicans had their revenge in time, although in a way very different from what they could have expected.

Letizia Bonaparte. Napoleon's mother, was as beautiful as she was energetic, and her famous son never allowed anyone to speak ill of her "My excellent mother," said he, not long before his death, "is a woman of courage and of great talent she is capable of doing everything for me." and he added that the high position which he attained was due largely to the careful way in which she brought him up.

Napoleon was Letizia's fourth child, two having died in infancy, while Joseph, the surviving son, was still unable to toddle when the latest addition to the family was in his cradle. His father was a happy-go-lucky kind of man of good ancestry, a lawyer by profession, who on the landing of the French had resigned the pen for the sword. He enlisted in the army raised by Pascal Paoli to defend the island, for the Corsicans were then a very warlike people and much sought after as soldiers, and it is supposed by some that he acted as Paoli's secretary. It is certain that the patriot showed him marked favour, which was never repaid.

### QUESTIONS

11. The main contrast in the passage is between
  - A. Napoleon's adult life and the person he was in his personal life.
  - B. Napoleon's mother and Napoleon's father
  - C. the soldiers Napoleon commanded and the people in his family
  - D. the soldiers party
  - E. what Napoleon said about his mother and how he actually treated her
12. According to the passage, how many miles was Corsica from the west coast of Italy?
  - A. 10
  - B. 20
  - C. 40
  - D. 50
  - E. 60
13. The passage states that Corsica was formerly the property of
  - A. Ajaccio.
  - B. Carlyle.
  - C. France.
  - D. Germany
  - E. the Republic of Genoa
14. According to the passage, Napoleon's victories on the battlefield were generally
  - A. difficult to achieve.
  - B. easily won.
  - C. few and far between.
  - D. impossible to count.
  - E. simple to count
15. In the last sentence of the final paragraph, "*It is certain that the patriot showed him marked favour, which was never repaid,*" the word **patriot** refers to
  - A. Letizia Bonaparte.
  - B. Napoleon Bonaparte.
  - C. Napoleon's father.
  - D. Napoleons mother
  - E. Pascal Paoli.
16. As used in the passage, the word '**apt**' in paragraph 2 most nearly means
  - A. appropriate.
  - B. clever.
  - C. first
  - D. quick.
  - E. right.
17. Based on the information provided in the passage, we can infer that the author would most likely compare Napoleon to
  - A. Carlyle.
  - B. his brother.
  - C. his mother.
  - D. other Corsicans.
  - E. styles
18. Based on the information provided in the passage, what is the most likely explanation why Napoleon misrepresented his childhood?
  - A. He could not remember what his childhood was actually like.
  - B. He wanted to present the idea that he was always a fierce warrior.

C. He was a weak soldier and wanted his enemies to think he was stronger than he was.  
D. He was embarrassed about his mother and father.

E. He was good

19. Based on the information provided in the passage, the "*high position*" mentioned in paragraph 3 most likely refers to a

- A. butler
- B. king
- C. ruler,
- D. secretary.
- E. soldier.

20. The main idea of the passage is

- A. Napoleon spent most of his life on the battlefield where he won many battles.
- B. Napoleon was born on August 15, 1769, in the town of Ajaccio.
- C. Napoleon was his parents' fourth child, and two of his siblings died in infancy
- D. the years before Napoleon became a conqueror are not usually discussed.
- E. There is no main idea

**VOCABULARY- Choose the word that means the same as or about the same as the underlined words for Nos 21-30**

21. a display of affluence

- A. glibness
- B. junction
- C. junk
- D. power
- E. wealth

22. to teem with humanity

- A. abound
- B. Adolescent
- C. children
- D. Group
- E. Play

23. the gloss of her lips

- A. blush
- B. goblet
- C. happy
- D. shadow

E. shine

24. to permit to attend

- A. allow
- B. card
- C. discourage
- D. drive
- E. mentee

25. a wary neighbor

- A. boastful
- B. cautious
- C. flexible
- D. good
- E. weak

26. an indifferent politician

- A. Charismatic
- B. Confused
- C. Involved
- D. Neutral
- E. shame

27. a thrilling encounter

- A. bar
- B. interest
- C. ledge
- D. meeting
- E. spaceship

28. to concede one's guilt

- A. admit
- B. contradict
- C. hide
- D. invent
- E. stop

29. a recurrent theme

- A. electrifying
- B. fake
- C. refined
- D. resultant
- E. returning

30. to emerge from hiding

- A. bury
- B. come out
- C. faint
- D. join
- E. show anger

**GRAMMAR- Choose the word or group of words that should go into the blank to make a correct sentence for Nos 31-50**

31. If Duncan had joined the soccer team, he \_\_\_\_\_ been the star.

- A. could have
- B. could of
- C. shall have
- D. should have
- E. would of

32. Even before the wind stopped, the rain \_\_\_\_\_ down.

- A. had been slowed
- B. had slowed
- C. has been slowing
- D. is slowing
- E. was slowed

33. \_\_\_\_\_ a stain on your shirt.

- A. Their's
- B. Theirs'
- C. There
- D. There's
- E. There's

34. This house belongs to \_\_\_\_\_ father.

- A. Akpan'
- B. Akpan's
- C. Akpan's'
- D. Akpans
- E. Akpans'

35. The house belongs to us. It is \_\_\_\_\_

- A. his
- B. mine
- C. ours
- D. theirs
- E. yours

36. My brother plans to study \_\_\_\_\_ at the university.

- A. Pcychology
- B. Psychology
- C. Psycology
- D. Sychology
- E. Sychology

37. Mosquitoes will disappear as soon as the rainy season \_\_\_\_\_

- A. began
- B. begins
- C. is beginning
- D. was beginning
- E. will begin

38. Always \_\_\_\_\_ on my door before you open it.

- A. fit
- B. kick
- C. knock
- D. pull
- E. shake

39. Mr. and Mrs. Raibu have \_\_\_\_\_ their quarrel.

- A. closed
- B. confirmed
- C. decided
- D. removed
- E. settled

40. I don't wash my clothes myself, my sister \_\_\_\_\_ them for me.

- A. is washing
- B. was washing
- C. washes
- D. washing
- E. watches

41. I am told the boy is a friend of \_\_\_\_\_

- A. he
- B. him
- C. his
- D. he's
- E. her

42. He's your friend, \_\_\_\_\_?

- A. doesn't he
- B. does he
- C. isn't he
- D. isn't it
- E. isn't she?

43. The woman refused to sell me \_\_\_\_\_ kerosene.

- A. any
- B. cups
- C. little
- D. plenty

E. some

44. 'Yes, \_\_\_\_\_ a book,' he said.

A. is

B. its

C. it's

D. it

E. its'

45. Last week, I had lunch with the girl \_\_\_\_\_ won the prize

A. who

B. whom

C. which

D. what

E. when

46. The little girl next door \_\_\_\_\_ on her swings everyday

A. swings

B. swang

C. swung

D. has swinged

E. had swang

47. In choosing between, chocolate and vanilla ice cream, I like chocolate ice cream \_\_\_\_\_

A. most

B. best

C. better

D. more better

E. most better

48. Most athletes find that it is essential \_\_\_\_\_

A. daily practicing

B. for practicing daily

C. to practice daily

D. daily to practice

E. of practicing daily

49. The book was \_\_\_\_\_ to me.

A. gave

B. give

C. given

D. giving

E. to give

50. A thief was caught \_\_\_\_\_ the house yesterday

A. on

B. outside

C. over

D. through

E. up

## VERBAL REASONING

51. Pick the word that best describes the other four.

A. Bird

B. Fowl

C. Owl

D. Peacock

E. Penguin

52. Pick the word that best describes the other four.

A. Dog

B. Mammal

C. Pig

D. Tiger

E. Whale

53. Pick the word that best describes the other four.

A. Fat

B. Short

C. Size

D. Tall

E. Thin

54. Pick the word that best describes the other four.

A. Alligator

B. Crocodile

C. Lizard

D. Reptile

E. Snake

55. Pick the word that best describes the other four.

A. Audience

B. Crowd

C. Mob

D. People

E. Spectators

**In each of the following questions, a word is missing. Choose from the words given, the most suitable one to fill the space.**

56. Car and land; boat and \_\_\_\_\_

A. paddle

B. raft

- C. ship
- D. swim
- E. water

57. Ship and harbor; train and \_\_\_\_\_

- A. coaches
- B. goods
- C. passengers
- D. rail
- E. station

58. Pick the three-letter creature that would most sensibly complete the word in capitals in the sentence.

There don't seem to be any more eggs in the **KITC**.

- A. EWE
- B. ANT
- C. HEN
- D. HOG
- E. HUN

**In each of the following questions, pick out the one that is not connected to the one in capital letter**

59. PROFESSION

- A. Bible
- B. Dentist
- C. Footballer
- D. Lawyer
- E. Musician

60. HIGHWAY

- A. Bicycle
- B. Car
- C. Motorcycle
- D. Patient
- E. Pedestrian

**PHONICS - Answer the following questions by choosing the option that is most appropriate from the options lettered A-E below.**

61. The English sound system has \_\_\_\_\_ number of speech sounds.

- A. 20
- B. 24
- C. 34
- D. 44

E. 45

62. The speech sounds are broadly divided into consonants and \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Bowels
- B. Plain sounds
- C. Voiced sounds
- D. Voiceless sounds
- E. Vowels

63. Which word makes the sound /æ/ at the initial position.

- A. Aeon
- B. Aerial
- C. Airplane
- D. Alight
- E. Apple

64. Identify the word that contains a silent letter *b* below.

- A. Bloat
- B. Bloom
- C. Bomb
- D. Book
- E. Boost

65. Which of the words below does not contain silent letter *b*

- A. Bloom
- B. Climb
- C. Comb
- D. Plumber
- E. Tomb

66. Identify the word that does not have a long vowel sound below.

- A. Apart
- B. Bat
- C. Bait
- D. Part
- E. Play

**Which word has the silent letter 'w' in the sentences 67 & 68 below.**

67. She broke her right hand trying to write a letter.

- A. Broke
- B. Right
- C. Hand



- D. Write
  - E. Letter
68. Have you ever reviewed a wristwatch receipt?
- A. Reviewed
  - B. Watch
  - C. Receipt
  - D. Ever
  - E. Have
69. Which word has a silent letter *w* in the group of words below
- A. Awake
  - B. Wake
  - C. Wink
  - D. Wish
  - E. Write
70. Which letter is silent in the word honest?
- A. E
  - B. H
  - C. N
  - D. S
  - E. T

**LITERATURE- Answer the following questions by choosing the option that is most appropriate from the options lettered A-E below.**

71. The three genres of literature are prose, drama and \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. Autobiography
  - B. Novel
  - C. Play
  - D. Poetry
  - E. Poem
72. A work of art that falls under the drama genre of literature is called \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. Biography
  - B. Novella
  - C. Pamphlet
  - D. Play
  - E. Poem
73. The central idea portrayed in a work of art is referred to as \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. Center
  - B. Idea

- C. Pointer
  - D. Theme
  - E. Topic
74. A novel falls under \_\_\_\_\_ genre of literature.
- A. Drama
  - B. Performance
  - C. Play
  - D. Poetry
  - E. Prose
75. Poetry is written in \_\_\_\_\_ and stanzas.
- A. Chapters
  - B. Length
  - C. Lines
  - D. Scenes
  - E. Sentences
76. Someone who writes novels is called \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. Novella
  - B. Novelist
  - C. Novelia
  - D. Noveist
  - E. Novice
77. The figure of speech that gives human attributes to non-humans is called \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. Alliteration
  - B. Hyperbole
  - C. Metaphor
  - D. Personification
  - E. Simile
78. What figure of speech is represented below?  
*Wura is as graceful as a gazelle.*
- A. Alliteration
  - B. Hyperbole
  - C. Litotes
  - D. Metaphor
  - E. Simile
79. Which of the following expressions is an example of personification?
- A. Ade is a lion in the ring.
  - B. His performance stole the day.
  - C. The day is as slow as a tortoise.
  - D. The sun smiled at me immediately I stepped out of my room.

E. There are numerous skirts and trousers on the road.

B. Assonance

C. Metaphor

D. Personification

E. Simile

80. The expression below is an example of \_\_\_\_\_.

*Life is a grey-haired woman*

A. Allusion

### SECTION B- ESSAY

**Instruction: You are expected to answer ONE question from any of the two. Your composition should not be less than 200 words and not less than three paragraphs**

1. Write a narrative essay on the topic “The day I will never forget”

#### **Guidelines**

- Title
- Introduction
- The main actions to illustrate this expression
- Conclusion

2. Write a letter to your best friend describing your ideal teacher whom you hope will work you through your journey as a student in Roseville school.

#### **Guidelines**

- Address
- Introduction and pleasantries
- The ideal teacher and her attributes
- Conclusion

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## Mark Scheme

1. C	28. A	55. D
2. C	29. E	56. E
3. B	30. B	57. E
4. A	31. A	58. C
5. B	32. B	59. A
6. D	33. D	60. D
7. B	34. B	61. D
8. D	35. C	62. E
9. B	36. B	63. E
10. A	37. B	64. C
11. A	38. C	65. A
12. D	39. E	66. B
13. E	40. C	67. D
14. A	41. C	68. A
15. E	42. C	69. E
16. D	43. A	70. B
17. D	44. C	71. D
18. B	45. A	72. D
19. C	46. A	73. D
20. D	47. C	74. E
21. E	48. C	75. C
22. A	49. C	76. B
23. C	50. B	77. D
24. A	51. A	78. E
25. B	52. B	79. D
26. D	53. C	80. C
27. D	54. D	

## ESSAY

-Content- 4

-Mechanical expression-4

-Organisation-4

-Expression-8

**Total- 20 marks**