

18. As used in line 1, the word "attraction" is likely to mean

- a) a sense
- b) a park
- c) a ride
- d) a vision.

19. It can be understood that Coney Island, Navy Pier, and the Santa Monica Pier are all examples of

- a) amusement parks
- b) Ferris Wheels
- c) vacation spots
- d) oat docks.

20. A Ferris Wheel is a

- a) spare wheel for a car
- b) wheel for fireworks
- c) ride in the amusement park
- d) ride on a wheel cart.

21. As used in line 4, which is the best opposite word for "complex"?

- a) impressive
- b) beautiful
- c) exciting
- d) simple.

22. What does the author like best about Ferris Wheels?

- a) The impressive size and height of them.
- b) They are more exciting than a rollercoaster.
- c) The beautiful sights and relaxation they allow.
- d) The fact that most amusement parks have one.

23. This passage was most likely written to

- a) describe the author's favourite amusement park rides
- b) explain the original design of Ferris wheels and how they work today
- c) describe the history of Ferris wheels and why they are so popular
- d) explain the history of Ferris wheels and why the author likes them.

24. In line 6, the author says that the rim _____ vertically around an axis.

- a) is pulled
- b) works under
- c) goes round
- d) moves along.

25. Every time the author rides a Ferris Wheel, he finds it very relaxing. Yesterday the author _____ the ride very relaxing.

- a) finds
- b) find
- c) found
- d) is finding.

26. The original Ferris wheel was designed as much to be seen as to be ridden. How would you like _____ the Ferris Wheel?

- a) to ride
- b) to riding
- c) rides
- d) ridden.

27. "While the Ferris Wheel is not as thrilling as a rollercoaster". This means that

- a) the Ferris wheel is more thrilling than the rollercoaster
- b) the Ferris wheel is just as thrilling as the rollercoaster
- c) the rollercoaster is more thrilling than the Ferris wheel
- d) the rollercoaster is less thrilling than the Ferris wheel.

28. Ferris wheels are also gorgeous to look at when they are lit up _____ (lines 13-14)

- a) in the morning
- b) in the shade
- c) after dark
- d) after midday.

29. The author does not seek Ferris Wheels out because of their excitement. "To seek out" means the same as

- a) to look up
- b) to look away
- c) to look for
- d) to look down.

30. Which adjective describes the Ferris Wheel when it is lit up?

- a) additionally
- b) hustle and bustle
- c) to look at
- d) gorgeous.

15 x 2 = 30 marks

SECTION C

Read the passage carefully and then answer ALL the questions (from 31 to 50) that follow:

A large number of teenagers got ensnared in Liberia's civil war without thinking much about why. With children all over the country enlisting in militias one soldier told the reporter that when he was 15 it just seemed the right thing to do.

When asked how many people he had personally killed, the young man with a gentle face said he didn't really recollect the number.

"I killed many on the battlefield, but never any civilians," he insisted. "When I killed my enemies, it felt good. But right now, I pray God to forgive me."

One day a boy soldier was arrested. Later, after a payment was made, he was released. A reporter gave him some cash to flee the city. Asked what he would try to do, he answered with the only thing life had taught him. "My mother is in the United States," he said. "I will try to get to the United States and join the marines."

Mostly unschooled and inarticulate, these young fighters rarely seem clear about why they joined the militia in the first place. One young fighter told of how his militia killed his family. "But I joined them because they were the best."

Another soldier readily admits his impressionability. Wounded in the hand and foot in his very first combat, he told of how amazed he had been to be taken to a field hospital for a week's treatment, a sign that for once he truly belonged to something. He was quickly sent back to the front and he tells of how they were losing a lot of men. Nonetheless, they killed plenty of the enemy. When one night one of his colleagues died right in front of him he felt really bad.

"But I never stopped fighting. I said to myself, this is war.."

SECTION B

Read the passage carefully and then answer ALL the questions (from 16 to 30) that follow:

The Incredible Machine

Everyone has a favourite attraction at an amusement park, and I am no different. However, unlike most people who seem to prefer roller coasters, my favourite ride is a little gentler. Every time I go to Coney Island, Navy Pier, or the Santa Monica Pier, I absolutely must ride the Ferris Wheel. The Ferris Wheel is simple and yet also quite complex. That is, riding it is easy, but how it works is complicated. A series of carts are attached to a wheel, which is attached to a rim. That rim rotates vertically around an axis, and gravity keeps the carts upright. As simple as the ride seems, only advanced engineers can make safe and fun Ferris Wheels.

While the Ferris wheel is not as thrilling as a rollercoaster, it is still very exciting. The fact of being high in the air makes it so much more entertaining than a lot of rides. I mean, how often do you hang from that high up in daily life? Nevertheless, I must admit, I do not seek Ferris Wheels out because of their excitement. Rather, I find them very relaxing. At the top of the Ferris Wheel, you get beautiful sights of the park. You also get a sense of calm that you do not get in the hustle and bustle of the park below. Additionally, Ferris wheels are also gorgeous to look at when they are lit up at night. In fact, the original Ferris wheel was designed as much to be seen as to be ridden.

Questions:

16. Why does the author feel no different from other people?
- a) He prefers roller coasters.
 - b) He has his favourite attraction at the amusement park.
 - c) He likes dangerous excitement.
 - d) He likes engineering.
17. Every time he visits an amusement park, the author
- a) rides the bumping cars
 - b) shoots at a target
 - c) rides the Ferris Wheel
 - d) rides the bus to Coney Island.

10. Which of these nouns is found in the first paragraph in the passage above?

- a) a horse
- b) a pond
- c) a stand
- d) sky.

11. Which of the following adjectives is used to describe Franklin?

- a) smart
- b) strong
- c) tall
- d) naughty

12. Where did Robby and Ronny play?

- a) on the sand
- b) in the forest
- c) by the pond
- d) on the mountain.

13. What did the boys do to get Franklin's attention?

- a) they spoke some magical words
- b) they threw pebbles in the pond
- c) they shouted
- d) they waved their hands in the water.

14. The frog thought that Franklin was ...

- a) an original name
- b) an ugly name
- c) a funny name
- d) a nice name.

15. Which of these titles would suit the passage above?

- a) Dobbin
- b) In the nursery
- c) The toys come to life
- d) Robby, Ronny and Franklin.

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Questions:

31. Many teenagers got caught in the civil war

- a) because they loved fighting
- b) because they were influenced by war films
- c) without having a particular reason
- d) because they were interested in politics.

32. Children from all over the country ...

- a) enlisted in militias
- b) did not join up
- c) joined regular, official regiments
- d) joined the nation's air force.

33. What is a civil war?

- a) It is a war between different nations.
- b) It is a war between people living in the same country.
- c) It is a conflict between coloured people and white people.
- d) It is conflict without the use of heavy arms.

34. The young men joined militias. What are they?

- a) regular professional soldiers
- b) retired soldiers
- c) groups engaged in voluntary work
- d) groups of fighters made up of ordinary citizens.

35. The Liberian Civil War was fought in ...

- a) West Africa
- b) the Middle East
- c) in Spain
- d) in Italy.

36. Which other country besides Liberia is mentioned in the extract?

- a) United Kingdom
- b) United States
- c) Mongolia
- d) The Dominican Republic.

37. One young soldier could be easily influenced. Which word shows this?

- a) enlist
- b) colleagues
- c) ensnared
- d) impressionable.

38. A soldier said that he never killed

- a) civilians
- b) other soldiers
- c) old people
- d) marines.

39. On seeing a colleague dying in front of him, a soldier ...

- a) tried to help him
- b) called an ambulance
- c) felt bad
- d) didn't know what to do.

40. When the militia killed a soldier's family,

- a) he escaped to save himself
- b) he joined the same militia
- c) he felt lonely
- d) he was comforted by friends.

41. "Enlisting" as used in the passage means

- a) making a list
- b) joining a group
- c) resigning
- d) escaping from

42. A young man with a gentle face said he didn't "recollect". This means

- a) he didn't remember
- b) he had nothing to collect
- c) he didn't understand the question
- d) he didn't like remembering.

4. What was Franklin before he became a frog?

- a) a fish
- b) a rabbit
- c) a horse
- d) a tadpole.

5. Where did the frog live?

- a) in a pond
- b) in the sea
- c) in the sky
- d) under a tree.

6. What did the boys try to do to Franklin?

- a) They tried to put it in a jar.
- b) They tried to catch it.
- c) They tried to feed it.
- d) They tried to draw it.

7. When Franklin became a frog, he could ...

- a) run into the forest
- b) walk round the pond
- c) fly on to the trees
- d) jump in and out of the water.

8. Franklin was ...

- a) a fat frog
- b) a funny frog
- c) a smart frog
- d) a stupid frog.

9. Where did the story take place?

- a) in the sky
- b) in a small pond
- c) in the nursery
- d) in the playground.

SECTION A

Read the passage carefully and then answer ALL the questions (from 1 to 15) that follow:

Franklin was a very smart frog. He not only knew frog language, he knew people language. He started out in a small pond behind a house where two little boys lived. Their names were Robby and Ronny. They were twins. The two boys loved to hang out down by the pond. They were only allowed to play by the edge where it was shallow. They played there as often as they could.

I was a little tadpole when they began coming down to the pond to see me. They waved their hands in the water to get my attention and I would always swim away. They tried to catch me, but they never could. We had a good time. I learned a lot from them.

As I grew older, I became a frog and would jump in and out of the water. One day I was sitting on a rock a few feet away from the pond. They came close to the rock where I was sitting. They wanted to get a good look at me. Robby started talking and I listened to every word. He would say a word and I would croak. I would croak and he would say a word. Well, days and weeks went on and both Robby and Ronny would talk to me for hours. I finally caught on to what they were saying. They named me Franklin. I thought that was a nice name for a frog.

Franklin the Frog by Sharon Krager

Questions:

1. Who was Franklin?
 - a) an old man
 - b) a little girl
 - c) the nursery horse
 - d) a frog.
2. Where did Franklin live?
 - a) in a house
 - b) in a pond
 - c) in a castle
 - d) in a jar.
3. Robby and Ronny were ...
 - a) friends
 - b) neighbours
 - c) twins
 - d) cousins.

43. Killing enemies made one of the soldiers "feel good". This means
 - a) he hated killing enemy soldiers
 - b) for him it was just a job
 - c) killing his enemies was a satisfying experience
 - d) he felt sorry for the ones he killed.
44. The word "unschooled" shows
 - a) that the young men didn't like the school building
 - b) they didn't attend school because there were none
 - c) they had very little or no education
 - d) teachers were too strict.
45. "Rarely" is the opposite of
 - a) frequently
 - b) quickly
 - c) uncertainly
 - d) incomprehensibly.
46. One of the following sentences is **incorrect**. Choose it:
 - a) Most of the soldiers could talk fluently.
 - b) One soldier's mother was living in America.
 - c) A reporter gave some cash to one of the soldiers.
 - d) A soldier said that he was wounded in his first combat.
47. As used in the extract, "flee" is functioning as
 - a) a noun
 - b) an adjective
 - c) an adverb
 - d) a verb.
48. "Nonetheless" is
 - a) a noun
 - b) a verb
 - c) an adverb
 - d) a superlative.



49. One of the following is in a different tense from the others. Which?

- a) told
- b) joins
- c) wounded
- d) died.

50. Which word is the opposite of "best"?

- a) bad
- b) back
- c) most
- d) worst.

20 x 2 = 40 marks

Total: 100 marks

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Instructions to candidates:

- This examination paper consists of THREE sections: A, B and C. Read carefully each passage and then answer ALL the questions within each passage (there is a total of 50 questions).
- Each question contains four possible answers, but only ONE is correct.
- Enter your answers on the Answer Sheet provided. Mark ONLY the correct answer by using a pencil.

e.g. If answer C is selected, fill in the appropriate circle as shown below.

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