

English, 2011 EC, entrance exam

Grade 12 · English · 2011 E.C.

Time allowed: 120 minutes

Questions: 103

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1. a take half it one days to may and cure. (1)
 - A. It may take one and a half days to cure.
 - B. It may take one and half days to a cure.
 - C. It may take to cure one and a half days.
 - D. It may take a one and half days to cure.
2. his bet would I heart she win. (1)
 - A. I win his heart she would bet.
 - B. I would win she bet his heart.
 - C. I bet she would win his heart.
 - D. She would win I bet his heart.
3. before were in they a all packed room interrogation tiny started. (1)
 - A. Before they were packed started all interrogation in a tiny room.
 - B. They were all packed in a tiny room before interrogation started.
 - C. Interrogation were started before they all packed in a tiny room.
 - D. All packed in a tiny room before they were started interrogation.
4. the elsewhere is of unfriendly town people full from. (1)
 - A. The town is unfriendly full of people from elsewhere.
 - B. From elsewhere is the town full of unfriendly people.
 - C. Unfriendly people from elsewhere is full of the town.
 - D. The town is full of unfriendly people from elsewhere.
5. they who are know do you? (1)
 - A. Do they know who are you?
 - B. Do they know who you are?
 - C. Who are you do they know?
 - D. Who do you know they are?
6. a. You should appreciate this perfect system for cleaning your room. (1)
 - b. Now find a location for the items you had placed in the center of the room.
 - c. Then, take out all of the trash and any other thing you have not used recently.
 - d. For any remaining items, see if you can stuff them into the back of your closet.
 - e. Start with moving items that do not have a proper place to the center of the room.
 - A. a e b c d
 - B. a e c b d
 - C. e b c d a
 - D. a e d b c
7. a. But that has never been true at all. (1)
 - b. Lately, however, I decided to get more serious.
 - c. People think I am smart because I do well in school.
 - d. To tell you the truth, I usually struggled in my school life.
 - e. First, I decided to become interested in whatever I was taught.
 - A. c e d a b
 - B. e a d b c
 - C. c a d b e
 - D. d e a c b

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8. *not have the same advantage as the ones that are, they did the hard work, and they are going to be the ones that get the short end of the stick. The consequences for not reporting a cheater should not be as severe as the ones for cheating. In fact, the consequences are mostly personal because it's nearly impossible to tell if someone knows someone else cheated. The consequences are that you put in a lot of time and effort to study and you have less of a chance of getting a good grade.* (1)

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According to the first paragraph, what consequence do cheaters in schools face?

- A. reprimand
B. withdrawal
C. expulsion
D. dishonesty
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9. *not have the same advantage as the ones that are, they did the hard work, and they are going to be the ones that get the short end of the stick. The consequences for not reporting a cheater should not be as severe as the ones for cheating. In fact, the consequences are mostly personal because it's nearly impossible to tell if someone knows someone else cheated. The consequences are that you put in a lot of time and effort to study and you have less of a chance of getting a good grade.* (1)

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What would be the possible situation of students who get the short end of the stick (Para.5)?

- A. They score higher than those who cheat..
B. They score lower than those who cheat
C. They score equally with those who cheat.
D. They are compensated for their hard work.
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10. Which one of the paragraphs below emphasizes the need for showing one's own competence in tests? (1)
- A. Paragraph 2
B. Paragraph 3
C. Paragraph 5
D. Paragraph 4

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11. What did the writer in his study want to find out (Para.1)? (1)
- A. Dogs' ability to find hidden things
B. Dogs' ability to read human body language
C. Dogs' ability to read the human mind
D. Dogs' single skill that makes them different

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12. In Paragraph 5, what variable were the Hungarian scientists trying to control? (1)
- A. The difference in age of both the wolves and the dogs
B. The amount of time both animals can stay with humans in a day
C. The extent of anxiety both animals show as they grow up
D. The degree of exposure of both animals to human beings

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13. Which one of the following sentences is true about wolves and dogs? (1)
- A. They equally interact with human beings.
B. Wolves avoid people's faces while dogs don't.
C. Their difference is less vivid in mind than in physique.
D. Wolves emerged from dogs thousands of years ago.

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14. What is the idea that the writer of this article doesn't seem to agree to (Para. 9)? (1)
- A. Adult dogs are more like baby wolves.
B. Wolves are more aggressive than dogs.
C. Dogs exhibit submissive behavior.
D. The wolves do not look at their owners.

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15. Which one of the following was an unexpected finding in the experiments reported in November 2002? (1)
- A. That both the wolves and the dogs exhibited similar abilities
B. That the dogs outperformed the chimps in the experiment
C. That both the wolves and the chimps seemed to have similar abilities
D. That both the wolves and the chimps failed to understand the experimenters
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16. Previously, he was a fulltime manager at the Sheraton Hotel, but now he earns a living working as a _____ (1)
giving training to managers in various companies.
- A. staff
B. freelancer
C. personnel
D. pensioner
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17. The new prime minister seems to have the _____ of a natural leader. But to be successful, he needs the (1)
cooperation of all the people.
- A. dynamism
B. dynamicity
C. dynamist
D. dynamics
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18. Corrupt officials might think they could rob public property and _____ it, but sooner or later, they would get (1)
caught.
- A. get out of
B. get down to
C. get away with
D. get down on
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19. I believe the machine was _____ by the operator. How can it stop working in just three months? (1)
- A. unused
B. disused
C. misused
D. underused
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20. Apparently there are lots of buildings in Addis Ababa that should be, _____ because of their inferior quality. (1)
If left alone, they could be risky to the occupants.
- A. pulled down
B. pulled away
C. pulled off
D. pulled out
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21. She likes to try extraordinary things. In other words, she usually comes up with _____ ideas that most of us (1)
cannot think of.
- A. good
B. strange
C. further
D. mundane
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22. We should teach children to _____ when they cross roads. There could be speeding vehicles coming from (1)
either direction.
- A. look back
B. look ahead
C. look on
D. look out
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23. Countries which are members of the African Union are _____ states. (1)
- A. monolithic
B. member
C. riparian
D. sovereign
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24. If we carefully listen to the advice of our medical personnel, I am sure we can easily prevent some of the (1)
infectious diseases in Ethiopia. But people don't seem to be serious about them.
- A. dangerous
B. contagious
C. fatal
D. serious

25. A substantial number of refugees from the Middle East have drowned in the Mediterranean Sea while trying to cross to Europe. (1)

- A. record-breaking B. considerable
C. verified D. innumerable

26. This task calls for careful investigation and scrutiny. (1)

- A. looks for B. names
C. demands D. visits

27. We are so regretful that we didn't take necessary measures to stop the tyranny that went on in prisons of this country. No doubt, we would be held responsible. (1)

- A. gleeful B. shameful
C. disgraceful D. remorseful

28. The whole family looked up to my mother as their ideal example. (1)

- A. respected B. told
C. spoke D. took

29. Despite all attempts to bring about peace and stability, things are going very slow and in some places, they are even getting worse. (1)

- A. Because of B. Even though
C. Regardless of D. With regard to

30. Contrary to what I heard about her, she is such a cute girl difficult to part with. She has a huge sense of humor. (1)

- A. Though** **B. Unlike**
C. In contrast **D. Opposite**

31. The doctor told the nurse to have all the gadgets sterilized and make them ready for the operation this morning. (1)

- A. well organized B. speck-free
C. disassembled D. germ-free

32. _____ in the town could you find any safe haven. I ask you to leave before it is too late. (1)

- A. Nowhere B. No one
C. Nothing D. Neither

33. _____ of you is responsible for what had happened. It was this Nigerian guy that stole everything. (1)

- A. Neither
B. Either
C. One
D. Both

34. Hebran _____ there since last October, but she wants to come back very soon. She says she is missing her little daughter. (1)

- A.** is **B.** was
C. has been **D.** had been

35. I _____ this job for the last 35 years and I don't think I would even think of changing it. It is my world and I (1) feel there is no better world for me.

- A.** was doing **B.** am doing
C. had done **D.** have done

36. We were worried that everybody had very little money left. It was even more frustrating that Abdu, our group leader, had the _____ compared to the rest of us. (1)
- A. less
B. most little
C. more little
D. least
37. Despite the provocative comments made by some of her audience, she chose her words very carefully _____ not to go out of topic and make the issue personal. I really admired her patience. (1)
- A. so that
B. because of
C. in order that
D. so as
38. The fact is that I didn't know she was in such a serious problem. Now you calm down and I _____ do everything possible. OK? (1)
- A. may
B. am going to
C. can
D. will
39. By the time you come for your next holiday, they _____ the construction of the hotel. Surely, you will be staying there. (1)
- A. will have completed
B. already completed
C. would complete
D. will complete
40. There might be skirmishes here and there in the country. _____, the system is more democratic than ever before and the majority seems to be happier. (1)
- A. But
B. Even so
C. Despite
D. Even though
41. Aren't you Mr. Karimu's daughter? _____, I thought someone introduced you to me. (1)
- A. Yes, I'm not
B. Yes, I am..
C. No, I am.
D. No, he didn't.
42. Gebre didn't come to the meeting _____ fear of being labeled as a puppet. But it could have been better to go and see what people think about the system. (1)
- A. for
B. in case of
C. as
D. because
43. She was rude _____ all of us, so the president should take an immediate measure- in fact, see her off for good. (1)
- A. with
B. on
C. at
D. to
44. Nearly _____ of the invited guests appeared for the theatre and the manager was fuming about this. I said nothing, but chose to keep silent. (1)
- A. some
B. neither
C. all
D. none
45. I understand _____ could replace the trouble you took to make us live comfortably. All we could do is say thank you from the bottom of our heart. (1)
- A. something
B. everything
C. nothing
D. no anything

46. _____ need further clarification, give us a call or pay us a visit. We will be happy to assist. (1)

- A.** You may **B.** You will
C. Would you **D.** Should you

47. She showed such _____ gestures that the boy thought she loved him. We shouldn't totally blame him for his actions. (1)

- A. pleasing B. relaxing
C. misleading D. daring

48. When we arrived in Addis Ababa, Bubu _____ the money yet. You can't imagine how cross I was as we had no cash on hand. (1)

- A. hasn't sent B. hadn't sent
C. didn't send D. wouldn't send

49. Everybody reacted in a strange way. It was a really _____ blast that I could hear almost nothing of the screams and yells around. It took me five minutes to realize what was going on. (1)

- A.** devastating **B.** disheartening
C. exploding **D.** deafening

50. They still argue that the quality of education is steadily improving. Obviously they are trying to fool us, but we _____ the idea. (1)

- A. don't expect B. neither agree to
C. either take D. never buy

51. I _____ with you, Abel; irregular class attendance isn't the cause of your failure. (1)

- A.** have disagreement **B.** am disagreeing
C. disagreed **D.** disagree

52. I am giving up the idea of starting an MA programme at Jombola University. Admission with them is in August, but I _____ from here by then. I will still have one more course to do. (1)

- A. won't have graduated B. won't be graduating
C. wouldn't graduate D. won't graduate

53. _____ had we finished the cooking than he knocked at the door wanting something to eat. His noses (1)
should be very dependable.

- A.** So soon **B.** As soon as
C. No sooner **D.** Very soon

54. You would easily get a good job if you _____ your spoken English. (1)

- A. improve B. improved
C. were improving D. are improving

55. There are wide-spread _____ rumors of exempting students who score over 600 from educational cost-sharing. (1)

- A. inspired B. inspiration
C. inspirational D. inspiring

56. Boss: What was their argument in brief? (1)
Subordinate: _____
A. Yes, they always like to argue. B. They just kept talking. Nothing brief.
C. Majority were not arguing strongly. D. They want the group to leave now.
57. Chemed: Excuse me. Can you tell me the way to the nearest station? (1)
Zemedkun: _____
A. Stations are big in this city. B. Sorry. I'm a stranger here myself.
C. Many people line up in the station. D. Why would you like to go to the station?
58. Marta: This is the pair of shoes I bought last week. (1)
Ariat: _____
A. Did you really need one? B. So fashionable, isn't it?
C. Leather shoes last very long. D. What size do you usually wear?
59. Mammo: Are you coming to the party? (1)
Mamitu: _____
A. You like going to parties. B. Who told you I am throwing a party?
C. Only if I finish the assignment. D. How many parties have I got that day?
60. Ujulu: I heard that girl is very hard-working. She always stands first. (1)
Hagos: _____
A. Girls are mostly like that. B. What is more, she is well-behaved.
C. Do you know her younger sister? D. Where does she come from?
61. Shaket: They lost their grandma only a month ago. (1)
Sosina: _____
A. Sad! Their uncle is also critically ill. B. They used to talk about her.
C. Who is their grandma? D. Grandmas spoil their grand children.
62. Yihun: Poor Lili! She lost all her money. (1)
Jember: _____
A. What a pity! How come? B. She is not very poor.
C. Was she walking around? D. How much money was it?
63. Demeku: How is the weather? (1)
Azalech: _____
A. What is the weather forecast? B. It's summer here.
C. Phew! It's hot. D. Wow, they are enjoying the sun.
64. Nigusu: The wot was too spicy. I just couldn't eat it. (1)
Nibrete: _____
A. Was it shiro wot or something else?
B. Are you hungry now? Let's go out for dinner.
C. We didn't need any wot, as a matter of fact.
D. Gosh! Wasn't the taste also horrible?

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- 65.** Tesfa: Who walks on all fours in the morning, two in the afternoon and three in the evening? (1)
Soliana: _____
- A. A cow
B. A man
C. A hyena
D. An amputee
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- 66.** Tourist: The roads in the city are dilapidated. (1)
Friend: _____
- A. Yeah, they should have at least been patched.
B. There are more pressing problems, though.
C. They are better in the countryside.
D. You know, the world economy is in a problem.
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- 67.** Lelisa: Shall we walk or take a bus? (1)
Jigsa: _____
- A. Come on! We'd rather take a bus.
B. Do you always take buses?
C. Have you walked all morning?
D. Tell me. Why do you ask?
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- 68.** Neima: I'm worried. I'm performing awfully poor this year. (1)
Kulani: _____
- A. What courses did you fail?
B. Yes, I know a lot of students are.
C. Did you tell me that your dorm mate also flunked?
D. Night clubs don't help. Get down and study!
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- 69.** Shumi: Exams are round the corner. We have to work hard. (1)
Meseret: _____
- A. This semester is too short.
B. I couldn't agree more, Shumi.
C. Most of the students are lazy.
D. I'll sit in the corner and study.
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- 70.** Student: (1)
Friend: If I were you, I would report to the campus police.
- A. Where are my books? I left them all here.
B. I saw them fighting. Anything serious?
C. My ID is missing. What shall I do?
D. There is a mob dancing down there. So strange!
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- 71.** Bertukan: My new boyfriend loves me a lot. (1)
Mamitu: _____
- A. Isn't that rather too soon to say?
B. He is very handsome, isn't he?
C. What is his name, please?
D. Did you break up with Temesgen?
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- 72.** Elsa: What shall we do about our politicians? They are all corrupt. (1)
Frehiwot: _____
- A. Corruption has now become rampant.
B. I don't think politicians in the West are corrupt.
C. Politics and corruption are the same in third world. Don't you think?
D. You don't have to say that. There are some honest ones.

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- 73.** Didi: I heard you won the scholarship. (1)
Dunka: _____
A. I won't be bothered if I don't.
B. Twenty of us applied for it.
C. Sure. I knew I would.
D. This is one of the best scholarships.
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- 74.** Alemu: Sounds like you had a boring day. Did anything interesting happen? (1)
Feyissa: _____
A. What's interesting?
B. Many things happen in this city.
C. Not really. Don't think so.
D. Often many things happen, but few may take our attention.
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- 75.** Aster: Jim and Jane are marrying next week. (1)
Beli: _____
A. I know Jim loves her, but she was going out with someone else.
B. Jane is so beautiful that all the boys around like her.
C. There are so many weddings to take place next week.
D. I don't think they would make a good couple.
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- 76.** You: Guess what! I bought a car. (1)
Friend: _____
A. Are you serious? You must be joking! B. I also want to buy a new one.
C. Where are cars sold in this city? D. Cars are very important.
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- 77.** Husband: We have to be stringent in using our home provision. (1)
Wife: What do you mean by that? How? You know we are spending the minimum possible.
Husband: I know. However, our income is diminishing and the cost of living sky-rocketing.
Wife: So, what should we do?
Husband: We've to change our style of living. Economize.
Wife: I concur; however, I disagree with your solution. _____
A. Where did you put your money?
B. Generally, the cost of living is rising.
C. We have to work more and harder.
D. Whether we like it or not we have to accept it.
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- 78.** Driver: My Toyota car is still perfect after 10 years on the road. (1)
Mechanic: _____
A. I have a Volkswagen. B. Do they also drive Toyota?
C. My brother also has one. D. Toyota cars are the best.
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- 79.** Abay: They shouldn't have released all those prisoners. (1)
Mulatu: _____
A. Well, probably those who robbed public resources!
B. Everybody wants the freedom out of prison.
C. Most of the prisoners had been unjustly tortured.
D. Who would like to stay in jail?

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- 80.** Ashu: There are positive changes all over the country. (1)
Zenebe: _____
- A. Some people do not seem to like it.
 - B. Yeah, but there is some instability here and there.
 - C. Positive changes are good for the people.
 - D. So many years have lapsed before we saw changes.
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- 81.** Gonfe: I don't agree to her idea of perfectionism. (1)
Lakech: _____
- A. Driving needs accuracy. Doesn't it?
 - B. You mean it is not possible to be exact?
 - C. Are you saying she is after precision?
 - D. I know her brother makes a lot of mistakes.
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- 82.** Tsegaye: _____. What would you do? (1)
Gutema: What comes to mind – calling the police or friends? I don't know.
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| A. Wow ! moons and stars. | B. Suppose you had an accident. |
| C. Alas, what a tough luck! | D. What is the cause of the accident? |
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- 83.** Friend: _____. (1)
Ergicho: Alright, but only for five minutes.
- A. Do you need the computer for long?
 - B. How about helping me with the computer?
 - C. Are they perhaps fixing my computer?
 - D. I'll need time to buy a new computer.
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- 84.** Student 1: I'm sorry. I don't remember. Have you seen them? (1)
Student 2: _____
- A. I was busy doing my homework.
 - B. Probably, It was an empty room.
 - C. What were they doing? They must be our friends.
 - D. Sure. I've seen them with my naked eyes.
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- 85.** Beruktawit: I got the position I applied for. (1)
Shashitu: _____
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| A. For how long will you be serving? | B. I knew it was a well paid job. |
| C. Really? What good news! | D. Getting a job here is not very easy. |
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- 86.** Manager: What happened to those new machines? (1)
Technician: _____
- A. Very frustrating! None of them is working.
 - B. May be, they are not good machines.
 - C. Shall we put them on auction?
 - D. Amazing! They are new and well-designed.

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- 87.** Doctor: How would it matter if the patients do not turn up on time? (1)
Nurse: _____
A. There is no patient here.
B. Well. I think this would oblige us to stay longer.
C. No, patients do not arrive on time.
D. On the contrary, patients are usually apprehensive.
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- 88.** Hamza: I'm sorry. I've broken your glasses. (1)
Mother: _____
A. You know glasses are so fragile.
B. How disappointing! I got them only yesterday
C. These are very expensive, twenty birr each.
D. You will need to handle them carefully.
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- 89.** Which one of the following sentences is **WRONGLY** punctuated? (1)
A. We uttered, "Just calm down!"
B. I asked, "Why don't you pick her up?"
C. "Sodere", I replied. 'I was there for a year.'
D. She said, "We'll be there in five minutes."
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- 90.** Which one of the following sentences is most likely taken from a narrative piece of writing? (1)
A. She radically changed and was overwhelmed by the idea of feminism.
B. Feminism is an outlook claiming equality of women with men.
C. Women should enjoy the same opportunity as men, she believes.
D. Her life history shows that she was born in 1987.
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- 91.** Which one of the following could be an opening to a letter a company manager is writing to you with regard to the job you applied for? (1)
A. How are you doing? I am writing to let you know that you have not
B. I regret to inform you that you have not been chosen
C. I'm dropping you a few lines just to bring to your attention that you have not....
D. Dear Sir, Remember you applied to our company for a job? Unfortunately you...
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- 92.** Which one of the following sentences is correctly punctuated? (1)
A. Last week—I think it was Monday—I sent them a complete report.
B. Last week, I think, it was Monday—I sent them a complete report.
C. Last week; I think it was Monday, I sent them a complete report.
D. Last week—I think, it was Monday, I sent them a complete report.
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- 93.** Which one of the following could be an ending you would possibly use to a letter you wrote to your best friend in Nazareth? (1)
A. Best wishes,
B. Good bye!
C. Sincerely,
D. Bye!

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- 94.** Early morning, I went for a walk and came back to the hotel to have breakfast with her and go out. Our plan for the day was to visit an old castle from the 17th century. As we finished breakfast, we packed our stuff and called a taxi. ... These lines are taken from a piece of writing that is most likely: (1)
- A. Expository
B. Narrative
C. Descriptive
D. Argumentative
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- 95.** Which one of the following is an example of a sentence extracted from a descriptive piece of writing? (1)
- A. There was no point in getting together to discuss the issue.
B. We could hear from distance a huge crowd chanting and singing.
C. First, we met the Deputy President right in front of his office.
D. Officials like ministers in many countries have their own schedules.
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- 96.** Which one of the following sentences has a correct punctuation? (1)
- A. "Is that so?", Buli remarked politely. "Just to save you!"
B. "Is that so?" Buli remarked politely; "Just to save you!"
C. "Is that so" Buli remarked politely? "Just to save you!"
D. "Is that so?" Buli remarked politely. "Just to save you!"
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- 97.** He was a real miser. Giving out a penny even to his old mum hurt him like a knife in the body. ... This is taken from a piece of writing that is most likely: (1)
- A. Expository
B. Argumentative
C. Narrative
D. Descriptive
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- 98.** After graduation from a college, he went straight into the army and took training for three years. Apparently, it was towards the end of the training that he decided to join the front, so he established contact with the leaders. After that.... What kind of writing are the above lines most likely taken from? (1)
- A. Descriptive
B. Argumentative
C. Narrative
D. Expository
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- 99.** Which one of the following words has a correct spelling? (1)
- A. grafitti
B. arguement
C. license
D. acquaintance
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- 100.** Questions 111-115: Suppose there are 18 other students than you in your class. The youngest is Eldana, 14, and the oldest is Biruk, 19. The breakdown in age of the remaining students is that six are 15, four are 16, three are 17 and four are 18. Answer the following questions based on the information above. (1)
- What is the range of the distribution?
- A. 3
B. 5
C. 4
D. 6
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- What is the mode of the distribution?
- A. 18
B. 16
C. 17
D. 15

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What is the median of the age distribution?

- A. 16
C. 17
- B. 15
D. 18

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What conclusion can we draw from the age distribution of these students?

- A. Most children in the country begin school at early age.
B. Female children in the country start school earlier than the males.
C. Children in the country do not seem to start school at the same age.
D. The age of the child is an important variable to start primary school.

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