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**Examination for the Enlistment of Soldiers in the
Armed Forces of Malta
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Subject: English

Time: 09.00 – 10.00 (One hour)

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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- Each question carries two (2) marks.

SECTION A

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

For the next two days Ned and Tim were engaged in making a raft of empty water casks: and having laden it with food and water set sail to the west, making for the African coast. As they approached it on the following morning they captured and killed a shark. As Ned looked towards the shore he saw hurrying towards them six canoes, about a mile distant.

As the leading boat approached, Ned and Tim made signs of friendship and as the latter was as dark skinned as themselves the natives did not hesitate to come alongside. Tim now called to them in their own language, which they could not understand, but a small amount of pantomime quickly explained the capture of the shark, and as they caught sight of the huge fish floating in the water, they paddled rapidly towards the raft.

Many of them leapt aboard the raft, seized upon the shark, and with their sharp knives began to separate the fish from the bones. In a very short time they had divided the flesh into large pieces, which were distributed among the canoes; then cutting off the head for the sake of the teeth, which they prized as ornaments, they allowed the bones to sink and taking the raft in tow, they paddled to the shore in high spirits.

Questions:

1. What were the names of the characters in the passage?
 - a) Tom and Jerry
 - b) Ned and Tim
 - c) Peter and Paul
 - d) Jack and Jill.
2. What did they manage to capture and kill?
 - a) A whale
 - b) A shark
 - c) A snake
 - d) A mermaid.
3. What was the raft made of?
 - a) Wooden logs
 - b) Metal barrels
 - c) Plastic sheets
 - d) Empty water casks.
4. How long did it take to build the raft?
 - a) Two days
 - b) Seven days
 - c) Ten days
 - d) One month.
5. Was the place from which Ned and Tim set off to the north, south, east or west of Africa?
 - a) North
 - b) West
 - c) East
 - d) South.

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44. The phrase "Something passed him in a flash" shows
- that David did not see his dog coming from behind him
 - that there was a flash of lightning
 - that Jup must have attacked from the bear's side
 - that it wanted to play with the bear.
45. "Raised" is the opposite of
- lowered
 - jumped
 - ran
 - cuddled.
46. One of the following sentences is incorrect. Choose it.
- The boy wasn't afraid of the bear
 - The bear was huge
 - The dog reacted swiftly
 - The boy didn't immediately shoot at the bear.
47. As used in the extract, "charge" is functioning as
- a noun
 - an adjective
 - an adverb
 - a verb.
48. The word "loudest" is
- a noun
 - a verb
 - an adverb
 - a superlative.
49. One of the following is in a different tense from the others. Which?
- told
 - joins
 - wounded
 - died.
50. Which word is a synonym of "curious" as used in the extract?
- Bad
 - Back
 - Most
 - Inquisitive.

20 x 2 marks = 40 marks

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6. How would you describe the duration of the voyage?
- Very slow
 - Very fast
 - Very long
 - Very short.
7. What did Ned see as he looked towards the shore?
- Six eagles
 - Six dolphins
 - Six canoes
 - Six battle ships.
8. Who of the two boys had a dark complexion?
- Tommy
 - Tim
 - Danny
 - Ned.
9. How far away were the six canoes from the raft?
- About a mile distant
 - About ten kilometers distant
 - About a hundred miles away
 - About fifty meters away.
10. What did Tim and Ned do as the leading boat approached?
- Started shouting
 - Made signs of friendship
 - Waived at the natives
 - Started singing.
11. What did the natives do as soon as they came alongside the raft?
- Many of them shook hands with Tim and Ned
 - Many of them started speaking in English
 - Many of them started shouting for joy
 - Many of them leapt aboard the raft.
12. Once on the raft, what did the natives do?
- They seized upon the shark
 - They were given a tour of the raft
 - They sat on the deckchairs
 - They asked for a towel to dry themselves.
13. How did they begin to separate the sharks flesh from the bones?
- With their bare hands
 - With their teeth
 - With their sharp knives
 - With a razor.
14. What adjective describes the knives use to separate the flesh of the shark from the bones?
- Blunt
 - Rusty
 - Long
 - Sharp.

15. Which of these verbs is found in the last paragraph?
- a) Caused
 - b) Leapt
 - c) Attended
 - d) Noticed.

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35. Which of the following is NOT CORRECT?
- a) The bear was black
 - b) The bear's eyes stared at him
 - c) Its head was weaving from side to side
 - d) Its fur was thick.
36. What did David aim at?
- a) The eyes
 - b) The shoulder
 - c) The head
 - d) The feet.
37. The bear roared with anger and pain. Which word shows this?
- a) Bared
 - b) Raised
 - c) Lashed
 - d) Bellowed.
38. Why did David not fire at the bear?
- a) He was afraid that he might hit his dog
 - b) The bear was too far away
 - c) His rifle was not working properly
 - d) He was terrified.
39. Jup bit the bear ...
- a) in his left leg
 - b) in his stomach
 - c) between the eyes
 - d) in the left ear.
40. The bear raked the side of Jup. What does this mean? Choose One.
- a) He bit him
 - b) He tore Jup's side with his paws
 - c) He took hold of him
 - d) He ate the dog's sides.
41. "Rage" as used in the passage means
- a) Desire
 - b) Anger
 - c) Resignation
 - d) Tranquility.
42. Its body was a mountain of flesh. What does this sentence tell the reader?
- a) The bear was a huge animal
 - b) The bear lived in the mountains
 - c) The bear was rather skinny
 - d) The bear wasn't so enormous.
43. Why do you think that the bear would drop on all four feet when it attacks?
- a) So as not to get tired too quickly
 - b) So that it could jump better
 - c) On all fours it can run fast and catch its prey
 - d) It can devour its prey better.

SECTION C

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

David saw the bear. It was returning to its kill. The bear saw him at the same time. Rising on its hind feet, it stared at him, its small near-sighted eyes curious, its head weaving from side to side. It was the biggest animal David had ever seen. The brown fur, tipped with grey, was shaggy and thick. Its body was a mountain of flesh with a large lump between the shoulders. He remembered what his father had told him - when the bear was ready to charge he would drop on all four feet. He cocked his rifle and put his finger on the trigger. He would aim for the shoulder and hope.

Something passed him in a flash, to lunge at the bear. It was his dog Jup, his black-and-white coat bristling. His teeth bared wickedly.

Jup flung himself upwards, his sharp teeth digging into the skin between the bear's eyes. The bear's great jaws were opened wide and he bellowed in surprise and rage. David felt his hair rise. It was the loudest, most horrible noise he had ever heard. The grizzly stepped backwards, Jup's body lashing through the air as he kept his hold on the bear. Maddened, the bear raised his paw and raked the side of the dog with his claws, but Jup held on. The boy didn't dare shoot for fear of hitting Jup.

Questions:

31. The bear saw David when it
- was coming to gather berries
 - was digging a hole with its paws
 - came for the prey it had killed before the encounter with David
 - was eating.
32. David remembered
- his father's words of warning
 - the day his father was really upset
 - the fun he used to have with his father
 - the time he went looking for bears with his father.
33. Jup's teeth were bared wickedly. Does this mean ...
- the dog wanted to show them off
 - he was attacking the bear with his teeth
 - he was in a good mood
 - he was glad to see his master?
34. David cocked his rifle. Which of the following statements is CORRECT?
- He cleaned it
 - He put it in front of him
 - He wasn't going to use it
 - He got it ready to fire.

SECTION B

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

The Dogs of Chile.

When I go to a new place the first thing I like to do is walk around the streets, to explore and get lost in the city. When I first arrived in Santiago, Chile, and took a walk around the city centre, one of the first things I noticed was how many stray dogs there were. The phrase 'street dog' or 'stray dog' is used to describe a dog with no home, who lives on the streets.

On every corner there was a sleeping dog. At every traffic light there was a dog waiting to cross. By every shop there was a dog waiting for food. At first I was nervous as I thought they might be aggressive or unfriendly. However, I have been here for more than a year now and every stray dog I have seen has been passive, quiet and friendly.

The dogs are accepted and welcomed here in Chile. I have never seen a street dog being mistreated. In fact, they are often given food and water by the public. Some people even make jackets for the dogs or put out beds or kennels for them to sleep in.

The dogs do not have an easy life: they are often hungry, cold or injured. The government does not provide much care for these dogs.

Some people believe that the situation is getting out of control and that it is unacceptable to have so many dogs on the streets. The dogs can sometimes cause problems such as car accidents if they run into the road. There are an estimated 2.5 million stray dogs in Chile and the canine population is growing faster than the human population. Many Chileans think that all the stray dogs should be sterilised so that they cannot breed. Others think that the stray dog population should be culled (i.e. reducing the population by killing them).

The future of street dogs is uncertain but for now it looks like they are here to stay, with their population expanding year by year. (Adapted from *learningenglishteens.com*)

Questions:

16. On arriving in a new country, the author
- likes to visit a museum
 - visits an animal sanctuary
 - explores the city on foot
 - eats at the best restaurant.
17. In Santiago, Chile, the author was surprised by
- the poor people in the streets
 - the amount of street dogs around
 - the hospitality of the people
 - the beautiful surroundings of the hotel.
18. In the text, 'stray dogs' refers to dogs
- without a home
 - well-kept and taken care of
 - of a special breed
 - found only in Santiago, Chile.

19. When the dogs came to a traffic light, they
a) rushed to cross the busy street
b) waited for the lights to change before crossing
c) slept near the poles of the lights
d) were chased off by the police.
20. After a year living in Santiago, the author feels that the city dogs are
a) aggressive and unfriendly
b) full of diseases and illnesses
c) dangerous and ferocious
d) quiet and passive.
21. We know from the text that the people of Santiago love dogs because they
a) treat them well and give them food and water
b) have been taught to love dogs in schools
c) believe that dogs are spirits of their ancestors
d) regard them as good guards to their shops and houses.
22. The Chilean government
a) provides jackets for these dogs in winter
b) does not care for these dogs
c) ensures that these dogs have an easy life
d) puts up kennels in the street corners for these dogs to sleep in.
23. In the text we find that some people are complaining that
a) the population of street dogs is growing too fast
b) they are feeling unsafe in the streets because of the dogs
c) the dogs are invading their houses
d) the dogs are littering the city.
24. According to the author, some people suggest that to control the growing dog population, it is necessary that dogs
a) be locked in cages
b) be placed in a zoo
c) undergo surgery so as not to breed anymore
d) be sold for meat.
25. Which of the following is a **verb**:
a) when
b) I
c) first
d) arrived.
26. For the singular, we use '**there was**'; for the plural we use '**they**...'
a) where
b) were
c) we're
d) wear.
27. The opposite of '**acceptable**' is '**unacceptable**'; that of '**honest**' is
a) dishonest
b) dishonest
c) mishonest
d) inhonest.

28. We say a '**herd of cows**'; for '**dogs**' we use
a) litter
b) school
c) bunch
d) pack.
29. The superlative of '**faster**' is
a) fastest
b) the fastest
c) the very faster
d) faster faster.
30. The past tense of 'I go' is 'I...'
a) gone
b) went
c) whent
d) goes.

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