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ENGLISH : LANGUAGE

Time: 1 Hr 40 Min.

Read the passage below. It contains blank spaces numbered 1-15. For each blank space choose the best alternative from the choices given.

The cost of food 1 gone up 2 some towns as floods have 3 roads from farms to markets 4. Tomatoes are being sold 5 sh. 200 for a kilogramme up from sh. 50, 6 traders adding that the heavy rains and hailstones 7 destroyed plantations at the Narosura area 8 the largest tomato producing zone. The ones grown in green-houses are not 9 for consumption. The 10 will continue to go 11 until the rains subside. Then it will take four to six months after the rains stop for 12 to meet market demand. There is a lot of food in some parts of the country 13 vehicles and tractors cannot move the produce from farms to markets because of the 14 state of roads. Therefore there is a 15 that produce will rot in farms.

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| 1. | A. have | B. has | C. had | D. has been |
| 2. | A. in | B. on | C. at | D. with |
| 3. | A. allowed | B. hindered | C. complicated | D. rendered |
| 4. | A. impossible | B. impassable | C. unseen | D. spoiled |
| 5. | A. for | B. with | C. at | D. by |
| 6. | A. with | B. on | C. at | D. of |
| 7. | A. was | B. ought | C. has | D. have |
| 8. | A. . | B. , | C. ? | D. : |
| 9. | A. abundant | B. plentiful | C. enough | D. beautiful |
| 10. | A. reward | B. prizes | C. prices | D. award |
| 11. | A. down | B. away | C. sideways | D. up |
| 12. | A. harvesting | B. plantations | C. seeds | D. production |
| 13. | A. but | B. and | C. or | D. so |
| 14. | A. good | B. amazing | C. poor | D. wonderful |
| 15. | A. thought | B. danger | C. way | D. confirmation |

For questions 16, select the best alternative to complete the sentence.

16. The drug trafficker was not allowed to _____ with his crime.
- A. get by B. get on
C. get into D. get away

For questions 17, choose the correct order of adjective.

17. Her birthday present was a _____ shawl.
- A. red small pretty silk
B. small pretty red silk
C. pretty small red silk
D. red silk small pretty

For questions 18 and 19 choose the correct question tag.

18. Please pass the sugar, _____ ?
- A. do you B. won't you
C. will you D. don't you
19. Let's work hard, _____ ?
- A. shall we B. shouldn't we
C. shan't we D. can't we

For questions 20 choose the correctly punctuated sentence.

20. A. He said, "Bravo! You have done well!"
B. He said, "Bravo! You have done well:
C. He said, "Bravo: "You have done well."
D. He said, "Bravo! You have done well."

For question 21, complete the sentence correctly.

21. This is _____ an interesting match.
A. quite B. really
C. rather D. very

For question 22, choose the alternative that best completes the statement.

22. Only after you have eaten supper _____
A. then you will leave
B. and you will leave
C. when you leave
D. will you leave

For question 23, choose the correct word to fill the blank spaces.

23. Neither the head teacher nor the deputy _____ arrived.
A. have B. is
C. are D. has

For questions 24, choose the best alternative that completes the sentence given.

24. Her grandmother gave her _____ potatoes to share with her friends.
A. a little
B. little
C. a few
D. another

For questions 25, choose the correct word to fill in the blank space.

25. Do you prefer swimming _____ basketball?
A. to
B. and
C. or
D. than

Read the passage below and then answer questions 26 - 38.

Maria and Kaka were grazing their father's flock of sheep near their home that particular evening before dusk, some visitors made their way silently like thieves on an important mission to the chief's homestead.

One tall woman stood and stopped for a moment seemingly to adjust the basket on her head. She pulled on the fibre rope which served as a handle to the basket. She wiped her sweat-drenched forehead owing to the weight of the contents in the bulging basket.

Maria had kept her head raised and tried to keep sight of the strangers. Suddenly her brother called out loudly since he was in dire need of help. Clumsily, he had knocked one of his toes and blood was oozing out. The whole incident left Kaka reeling in pain. Maria, her voice vibrant with warm and kindness, ran to her brother's aid. The skin around the wound had become as thick as an elephant's skin. The brother, as flat as a pancake on the ground, was in excruciating pain. Their dog, Dogba, was now wagging its tail and stood ready for action.

The chief's compound was sparkling clean since he had wives who were not only industrious but also excellent housekeepers. The chief was a cheerful person who behaved with great gentleness on both man and beast, and for this reason, he was well liked. On the contrary and in equal measure, when drunk, chief became a different person. People would be sensible enough to keep out of his way when he was in this state. His wives, who would be beaten mercilessly, had a very good reason for hiding from him until he became himself again. While in drunken clumsiness, he was said to be more dangerous than a wounded buffalo which actually necessitated the immediate hiding of the children in their neighbour's hut.

Hardly had the visitors made their way into the compound when Maria's uncle arrived whistling softly. "What could be the occasion?" Maria asked Kaka curiously. Kaka wondered this too and almost forgot about the earlier self-inflicted pain. Maria remembered the bracelet that her mother had made the previous week. It was no doubt that one of the three men in the company presence of the three ladies would be her husband. They looked old enough to be called grandfathers. But how could her mother keep her in the dark about what was happening and yet they were the best of friends?

Maria and Kaka quickly led the sheep to the pen and before they could be safely locked up, Maria's mother rushed out of the hut. She pulled Maria aside and whispered words which were not distinct enough to be heard. The brother, with the curiosity of a cat, stealthily tip-toed to eavesdrop on their private conversation. Their mother was a person who maintained decorum even under the worst provocation. Soon,

Kaka saw his sister disappear into thin air. He watched her disappear in the distance. His heart thumped like a steam hammer and every moment wished to see her come back. His mother had taught them the importance of emotional intelligence and thus he remained calm. A befitting reception had secretly been arranged for the chief's one and only daughter. The council got wind of the happenings when Maria's aunt was sent to the hut to bring the bride. To her utter surprise, she was nowhere to be found. She had gone to a destination only known to her mother alone. The chief breath fire but it was time he learnt that times had changed and the girl child had so much to offer the community apart from being a wife and a mother.

difficulties well is important in that it will make the end results much more helpful to you. This is as opposed to when you dwell too much on the problem at hand.

Positive thinkers are always at ease with everyone. They do not get stressed with what life gives them. They cope better than pessimists who are always out to make things seem worse. But to achieve this you must actively practice being positive or looking on the brighter side of life. This is seeing the glass as half full and not as half empty.

You must be kind to yourself and never fall into the temptation of taking blame for things that are not your fault or are not in your control. You need to treat yourself with kindness, just as you would treat other people. It is unacceptable, for instance, to abuse other people because they have made mistakes. This should apply to you too. You should view yourself as a human being capable of making mistakes but willing to correct them.

39. From the first paragraph, we learn that you should _____ when you make a mistake.
- A. learn
 - B. keep yourself with bitterness
 - C. engage in self-blame
 - D. regret
40. ".....every Tom, Dick and Harry" has been used in the passage to mean
- A. close friends
 - B. any ordinary person
 - C. nobody in particular
 - D. everybody in the vicinity
41. After a heart-wrenching experience. What should you do?
- A. Keep on blaming yourself
 - B. Maximize on negative self-talk
 - C. Cultivate positive thoughts
 - D. Continue being bitter
42. Why is it wrong to be pessimist in life?
- A. You never come out of the cocoon.
 - B. You begin to limit yourself.
 - C. You have no self-control.
 - D. None of the above.
43. What do most people do when they are faced with problems in life?
- A. They just sit and mourn
 - B. They have negative thoughts
 - C. They try to work their problems out
 - D. They ask for help from their friends
44. When your family and friends reject you, what is the best thing to do?
- A. Move out of their lives
 - B. Engage in self criticism
 - C. Just limit yourself
 - D. Accept your situation and continue with your life
45. Winners do not dwell too much on the problem but
- A. handle the difficulty well
 - B. ignore the mistake
 - C. assume the mistake never happened
 - D. keep on regretting
46. The word pessimist has been used in the passage. What is its opposite?
- A. Diligent
 - B. Optimist
 - C. Corrupt
 - D. Diligent
47. A pessimist is known to always
- A. make things seem worse than they are
 - B. see the positive side of something
 - C. practice positive things
 - D. stress other people
48. According to the passage, when should we never take blame?
- A. When we are kind to ourselves
 - B. When we treat other people with kindness
 - C. When things are not our fault
 - D. When we see a cup as half empty
49. 'is unacceptable, for instance to abuse other people because they have made mistake.' This statement means that
- A. sometimes it is not acceptable to abuse other people.
 - B. sometimes we can abuse others.
 - C. when people make mistakes they can be abused.
 - D. even when people make mistakes they should not be abused.
50. What is the best title for this passage?
- A. Lamenting when we make mistakes.
 - B. How to live after making mistakes.
 - C. The life of a pessimist.
 - D. Life is not one sweet song.