



EXAMINATION FOR THE ENLISTMENT OF SOLDIERS IN THE ARMED FORCES OF MALTA

SAMPLE PAPER

ENGLISH

TIME: 1 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:

Whoop is in his kennel every night at ten and out of it every morning at six. During these night hours Whoops is on the chain. I fought against the chain for some time, but in the Spring, when there were lambs, we were sternly warned by the neighbouring farmers that unless we kept him on a chain he would be shot, and so we had no alternative.

And now, he seems actually to like it. At any rate, when one says good night to him, he refuses to go into his kennel unless the chain has been fastened to his collar. I think he regards it as his badge of office, because as soon as it is fastened on he sniffs it, shakes himself violently so that it clatters on the brick pavement, and then stalks into the kennel very solemnly.

Questions

1. Who or what is Whoops?
 - a) a bull
 - b) a slide
 - c) a dog
 - d) a fish

2. Choose a suitable title for the above passage from the following.
 - a) Whoops the Friendly Dog
 - b) The Farmer's Dog
 - c) A Wild Dog
 - d) The Dog in the Kennel

3. Why was it necessary to chain Whoops in Springtime?
 - a) in Springtime Whoops could scare the lambs and the neighbouring farmers would shoot him
 - b) it was very wild
 - c) it could run away
 - d) it liked chains

4. What is a kennel?
 - a) the house of the farmer
 - b) the place where a dog rests
 - c) a big football ground
 - d) the house of a special person

5. What is a chain used for?
- to paint with
 - to tie a dog to his kennel
 - to cut cheese
 - to cook with it
6. Which of the following words is a **noun**?
- run
 - kennel
 - swim
 - eat
7. Which of the following words is a **verb**?
- refuses
 - lamb
 - farmer
 - chain
8. What **adjective** from the following list would you insert in this sentence?
The garden is full of _____ flowers in May.
- ugly
 - beautiful
 - old
 - small
9. Continue the following sentence from the above passage with **one** of the following.
"I think he regards it as his badge of office, because as it is fastened on he _____."
- takes it off
 - sniffs it
 - bites it
 - pulls it
10. Give the opposite of "**night**".
- white
 - tall
 - day
 - soft

11. Fill in the blank with a **verb** from the following list.
Jack and Jill _____ up the hill.
- a) fell
 - b) went
 - c) slept
 - d) swam
12. What do you understand by "**fastened on**" as it appears in the above passage?
- a) put on
 - b) tied securely
 - c) very tight
 - d) clicked on
13. Which of the following words describe what Whoops does after his chain has been fastened?
- a) shakes himself violently
 - b) jumps for joy
 - c) starts barking
 - d) starts howling
14. What was Whoops' badge of office?
- a) a medal
 - b) a chain
 - c) a rope
 - d) an ear ring
15. What words in the above passage show that his master disliked the idea of chaining Whoops up?
- a) I fought against the chain for some time
 - b) I loved to put on the chain for Whoops
 - c) I never put on the chain for Whoops
 - d) I hated the chain

15 x 2 marks = **30 marks**

SECTION B

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

"Go straight in. Mr. Kean is waiting for you," the secretary said. Roger opened the door of Mr. Kean's office and went in. Mr. Kean did not even look up. He was reading some letters and Roger had to stand in front of his desk for several minutes.

"Oh, it's you," Mr. Kean said when he had finally finished. He did not ask Roger to sit down.

"I am afraid I have some bad news for you." He stopped and waited for Roger to ask him for an explanation. Roger did not speak.

"Aren't you going to ask me what the bad news is?" Mr. Kean demanded after a few seconds had gone by. Roger smiled.

"I'm sure that isn't really necessary and that you'll tell me anyway," he answered. Mr. Kean went red in the face again. "Business has not been very good lately and we have too many people working for us. A few will have to go. You are one of them. This will be your last day here. We shall, of course, give you the usual two week's pay. Good bye, Mr. Scott!" he said.

Roger left the store with a heavy heart. He wondered whether he could find another job very soon. The car was all he had now. He had spent all his money on it. Suddenly he stopped in front of the car park. A small, green sports car was just leaving it. It was his Aldis-Miller! Someone was in it and was driving it away!

Questions

16. Roger did not ask Mr. Kean what the bad news was because
 - a) he knew already
 - b) he was afraid to ask
 - c) he did not think Mr. Kean would tell him
 - d) he knew Mr. Kean would tell him anyway

17. The bad news was that
 - a) business was bad
 - b) Roger no longer had a job
 - c) Mr. Kean was angry again
 - d) there were too many people in the store

18. When Roger went into Kean's office, Kean _____
a) was reading
b) has been reading
c) read
d) reads
19. Kean's words were "I have some bad news." He said that he _____
some bad news.
a) have
b) has
c) had
d) would have
20. "Business _____ good lately."
a) is not
b) are not
c) have not been
d) has not been
21. He said that _____ people "will have to go."
a) many
b) several
c) a few
d) too many
22. When Roger saw someone driving his car away, he _____
a) have stopped
b) has stopped
c) was stopping
d) stopped
23. "Go straight in," the secretary said. This meant Roger should go in _____
a) carefully
b) quietly
c) immediately
d) into only Kean's office.
24. Mr. Kean was sitting at his _____
a) table
b) desk
c) seat
d) chair

25. Roger had to stand because Mr. Kean did not ask him to _____
- a) take place
 - b) get a place
 - c) sit down
 - d) sit up
26. Roger no longer had a job. In other words, Kean had _____
- a) driven him away
 - b) given him the sack
 - c) left him
 - d) lifted him
27. The money Roger would get was his _____
- a) expense
 - b) loan
 - c) pay
 - d) cash
28. Aldis-Miller is the name of a _____
- a) store
 - b) town
 - c) car
 - d) airplane
29. **Demanded** means _____
- a) ordered
 - b) asked
 - c) wanted
 - d) shouted
30. Which adjective describes "news" in the above passage?
- a) funny
 - b) boring
 - c) bad
 - d) sad

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SECTION C

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

George watched the man who had just got out of the car. He was almost sure that it was the same man he had seen driving his car away that evening. The man knocked on the front door of the garage which was now closed. A few seconds later the door was opened and the man went in.

George stood there wondering what to do.

"One thing is clear. I will never find anything out unless I get in there somehow," he thought. It was also clear that he could not just walk in through the front door. He went round to the back of the garage. There was a door there, too, but it was locked. Then George noticed a small window at the side. The top half was open just a little. He raised the bottom half carefully and looked in. It was very dark inside except at the far end. There was a small office there and one of the walls was made mostly of glass. Through it he could see three men talking but they were too far away for him to hear what they were saying. George climbed through the window and got nearer without making a noise. There was a car parked very near the office and he hid behind it. The man with red hair was talking.

"You don't give me enough money for the cars I bring you!" he was shouting.

Questions

31. The man with red hair and a broken nose
 - a) drove his car into the garage
 - b) knocked but drove away when nobody answered
 - c) knocked and went into the garage a few seconds later
 - d) knocked and then went walked round the garage
32. George waited for a while and then finally
 - a) went away
 - b) knocked on the front door himself
 - c) walked into the garage
 - d) climbed through a window
33. George watched the man _____ just got out of the car.
 - a) which
 - b) whom
 - c) what
 - d) who

34. The man knocked on the door _____
a) who closed
b) who had closed
c) which was closed
d) who was closed
35. George knew that he would not find out anything _____ he got into the garage.
a) if not
b) without
c) without that
d) unless
36. The garage was very dark _____ at the far end.
a) only not
b) outside
c) except
d) without
37. The men were too far away _____
a) for him to hear
b) for him hearing
c) that he heard
d) that he hears
38. George wondered what to do. He _____
a) did not know
b) was ignorant
c) was surprised
d) was afraid
39. George wanted to find something out. He wanted to _____
a) catch something
b) take something
c) realize something
d) learn something
40. George went round to the _____ of the garage.
a) behind
b) backside
c) side
d) back

41. He did not raise the top half of the window. He raised the _____ half.
- a) bottom
 - b) beneath
 - c) underneath
 - d) down
42. He climbed through the window and got nearer without _____ a noise.
- a) doing
 - b) making
 - c) saying
 - d) telling
43. Select an **adjective** for the word "glass" in the passage.
- a) clear
 - b) opaque
 - c) brittle
 - d) thick
44. Finish the following sentence:
Looking through the window George could not _____
- a) drive the car
 - b) hear the three men talking
 - c) see his car
 - d) see anything
45. There was a car parked near the office and George _____
- a) started the car
 - b) hid behind it
 - c) hid under the car
 - d) pushed the car
46. The man who drove the car in the garage had _____
- a) white hair
 - b) black hair
 - c) blonde hair
 - d) red hair

47. Insert the correct **verb** in this sentence from the passage:
"George _____ through the window and got nearer without making a noise."
a) walked
b) climbed
c) smashed
d) jumped
48. From the following choose a suitable title for this passage.
a) The Mystery Man
b) The man with red hair
c) The Detective
d) George the Hero
49. The car was parked in a _____
a) palace
b) square
c) garage
d) showroom
50. The door at the back of the garage was _____
a) opened
b) locked
c) broken
d) painted

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TOTAL: 100 MARKS

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