

**I- Reading:****A- Read the following text then choose the correct answer a, b, c or d:**

Not all people have the ability to explore their future and build it with more confidence and clarity. Most studies have highlighted the role of parents as active agents in the career development of their children. Parents want their children to opt for a career they know well about, but what their children want or aspire to become can be completely different. Many parents said they had misguided their children into choosing a career of their choice. It is very important not to burden our children with unreal expectations.

There are a few factors that are of great importance in the career selection process. The child's aptitude is a mirror of his/her personality, strengths, and weaknesses. Hence, a designed aptitude test can reveal a lot of information regarding the child. Psychologists said that it was very easy for a child to get swayed by peer pressure into choosing a career that the majority was opting rather than the one which was best for him/her. Although it should not be the most important, remuneration of a career holds value in one's life. A job's earnings should match the child's aspirations and provide a satisfying comfortable life. Parents can work together to gather information about a career and then help the child in deciding whether it is suitable or not.

**Choose the correct answer a, b, c or d: (60 marks)**

- In guiding their children to choose their future career, most parents nowadays ..... what their children want or aspire to be in the future.  
a. ignore                      b. consider                      c. support                      d. approve
- Peer pressure can ..... a child into choosing a career that the majority was opting rather than the one which is best for him/her.  
a. help                      b. support                      c. influence                      d. prevent
- Parents should study very well their children's ..... to decide their future career.  
a. remuneration                      b. natural skills                      c. demotivation                      d. values
- burden means:  
a. load                      b. help                      c. a goal                      d. a skill

**Decide whether the following statements are true or false:**

- When choosing a career for their children, parents take their children's aspirations into consideration. ( )
- Children mostly dream of getting a job with very good pay. ( )

**B- Read the following text then choose the correct answer a, b, c or d:**

Most people think that education is limited to schools only, but the truth is that there are lessons that we can only learn from life, and they may be more important than those learnt at schools. Life lessons are sometimes painful before they are acquired, and in order to avoid this, we must benefit from the experiences of others. We shouldn't pay too much attention to the trivial things that are not important and waste our time and effort.

We must be confident of ourselves, but that does mean we talk about ourselves and our accomplishments all the time, as this inherits vanity. Man by nature makes mistakes, so be tolerant and seek excuses for those around you. The pursuit of success will make you succeed in the end, no matter how long the period is, but keep trying. Failure is a great teacher in life. It teaches us humility and how to correct our course of life. A great example is Thomas Edison. He failed many times, but he did not give up until he succeeded. The golden rule for everybody is to be honest, trustful, useful and generous so that they leave life with a trace that those around them will not forget about.

**Choose the correct answer a, b, c or d: (60 marks)**

- People can avoid life's painful lessons by .....the experiences of others.  
a. ignoring                      b. making use of                      c. rejecting                      d. declining

8. Because Man by nature makes mistakes, we should .....others.

- a. blame                      b. criticize                      c. forgive                      d. hate

9. Edison dealt with failure during his life with..... .

- a. modesty                      b. pain                      c. envy                      d. pride

10. vanity means:

- a. modesty                      b. humility                      c. tolerance                      d. too much pride in one's self

**Decide whether the following statements are true or false:**

11. Silly things are important and teach us great lessons. (      )

12. Thomas Edison is an example of someone who never gives up. (      )

## **II- Use of English**

**Choose the correct answer a, b, c or d: (130 marks)**

13. I went to a counselor for ..... on my career.

- a. guided                      b. guide                      c. guidance                      d. guidely

14. The airline company ..... to passengers for the delay.

- a. apologetic                      b. apology                      c. apologised                      d. apologetically

15. If you.....rotten food, you will get arrested and end up in a prison..... .

- a. sell/cell                      b. cell/sell                      c. eight/ate                      d. ate/eight

16. The group had one successful song but failed to ..... with another hit record.

- a. follow it through                      b. get into it                      c. reach out to it                      d. fit in with it

17. In a few years our company should be able to ..... the world's most developed nations.

- a. be on a roll                      b. be dead in the water                      c. ace the test                      d. join the ranks of

18. After a long tax season, getting on extra week off with pay is .....

- a. at death's door                      b. just what the doctor ordered  
c. on the mend                      d. a taste of your own medicine

19. Dr. Rashed, Leila's ..... came in and noted that her blood pressure and pulse were very high.

- a. cardiologist                      b. ophthalmologist                      c. allergist                      d. naturopath

20. I ..... a writing competition in 2006.

- a. have won                      b. had won                      c. will win                      d. won

21. I ..... him for months.

- a. haven't seen                      b. don't see                      c. haven't been seeing                      d. hadn't seen

22. We ..... at seven o'clock every morning,

- a. are getting up                      b. got up                      c. get up                      d. had got up

23. At the moment, my mother ..... coffee, and my sisters are reading magazines.

- a. is drinking                      b. drank                      c. drinks                      d. will drink

24. .... films?

- a. Are you liking                      b. Do you like                      c. Does you like                      d. Had you liked

25. The lecture ..... by the time they got there.

- a. started                      b. had started                      c. is starting                      d. will start

26. Did anything happen while you ..... TV?

- a. watched                      b. watch                      c. were watching                      d. had watched

27. Henry did very well in his exams, which was a shock because he ..... an exam before.

- a. hadn't been taking                      b. didn't take                      c. wasn't taking                      d. hadn't taken

28. The program that was stopped..... well since 1945.

- a. works                      b. had been working                      c. will work                      d. is working

29. First, they stayed in London for a few days. Then they ..... Cambridge.

- a. visit                      b. had visited                      c. are visiting                      d. visited

30. Are the plates clean? Yes, Rachel ..... them .  
 a. did                      b. will do                      c. do                      d. has done
31. .... your friend when you were at university?  
 a. Do you meet                      b. Will you meet                      c. Have you met                      d. Did you meet
32. I ..... the flat at eight and walk to the university.  
 a. leave                      b. am leaving                      c. have left                      d. leaves
33. Why are you crying? Because my brother ..... an accident.  
 a. had                      b. have                      c. has had                      d. will have
34. An X-ray is a common imaging test that ..... used for decades.  
 a. is being                      b. had been                      c. has been                      d. was being
35. We ..... asked a very difficult question by the teacher when the schoolbell rang.  
 a. were being                      b. are being                      c. have been                      d. will be
36. Mazen doesn't speak English well. He ..... join some English courses to improve his English.  
 a. mustn't                      b. 'd better                      c. shouldn't                      d. instead of
37. In the following sentence, "The **news** is on Channel 1 now" the noun **news** is stressed. Therefore, the most appropriate meaning is:  
 a. not later                      b. not the film                      c. not Channel 3                      d. not me
38. The sound of the past suffix **-ed** in the verb helped is pronounced:  
 a. /t/                      b. /d/                      c. /id/                      d. /ad/

### III- Writing:

#### A- Ask about the underlined word in each sentence: (12 marks)

39. Interviewer: .....?  
 Sofia: We have been here for about a month now.
40. Interviewer: .....?  
 Sofia: We chose Damascus because we have always loved the Arab culture and the language.
41. Interviewer: .....?  
 Sofia: We have been learning Arabic since we arrived in Damascus.
42. Interviewer: .....?  
 Sofia: The best thing about living in Syria is the hospitality of people.

#### B- Rewrite the following paragraph correctly: (8 marks)

A few weeks ago, a woman called to report a robbery at his house. It happened in four in the afternoon when she was watching news on TV. The burglar came in through the front door, picks up the woman's handbag, emptied it out and stole her purse. when she came into the room, the burglar had already left.

#### C- Composition: (30 marks)

Write a paragraph of no less than 80 words on your future career. The following question can help you: Include the following in your composition:

- your future career
- reasons for choosing this future career
- **challenges:** what you need to do to achieve your dream
- **aspirations:** what you want from your future career

***Good Luck***