

DIRECTIONS FOR NATIONAL ENGLISH COMPETITION

- You have got 80 minutes to answer 80 questions.
- Each question has only one correct answer.
- For each right answer you will get one point.
- For each wrong answer 0.25 points will be cut from your total score.
- There is no punishment for unanswered questions.
- Once the test starts you are not allowed to leave the test in the first 30 minutes.
- Telephones are not allowed during the test.

Part A : Reading Comprehension

Read the following passage to answer the following questions.

“The boy Who Didn’t Believe in Spring”

Everyone’s talking about Spring-crops coming up and little eggs in nests. Living in the city, King Shabazz hasn’t seen any of these things, so naturally he doesn’t believe a word people are saying! Finally, he has heard enough of this talk and sets out with his friends, Tony Polito, to find Spring. After venturing out farther than before, they come to a vacant lot which they discover isn’t quite so vacant after all.

- What did King Shabazz believe in?
 - He believed a word people are saying
 - He believed his friend
 - Spring
 - None of them
- How were the days changing?
 - They were getting warm and cool
 - They were getting warmer and longer
 - They were getting warmer and shorter
 - They were getting hot and warm
- What does King decide to do?
 - He decides to go out and find Spring
 - He decides to go out and find his friend
 - He decides to believe in Spring
 - He decides to do nothing
- They discovered that Spring isn’t quite so vacant after all.
 - True
 - False
 - Not Stated
- “King was wearing shades”, Shades mean:
 - Pants
 - Sunglasses
 - Boots
 - Tie

Student Volunteers Needed !

- On Saturday, December 12th, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m., Carverton Middle School will be holding a music festival in the school gymnasium.
- The special even will feature a variety of professional musicians and singers.

Task	Time	Date
Make posters	1 P.M.–4 P.M.	December 5th
Set up gym	11 A.M.–4 P.M.	December 11th
Help performers	9 A.M.–4 P.M.	December 12th
Welcome guests	10 A.M.–2 P.M.	December 12th
Clean up gym	4 P.M.–7 P.M.	December 12th

- Interested students should speak with Ms. Braxton, the music teacher.
- Students who would like to help at the festival have written permission from a parent or guardian.

- What time will the festival begin?
 - 10 A.M.
 - 11 A.M.
 - 1 P.M.
 - 2 P.M.
- In line 3, the word feature is closest in meaning to _____.
 - look
 - keep
 - include
 - entertain
- What job will be done the day before the festival begins?
 - Making posters
 - Setting up the gym
 - Cleaning up the gym
 - Helping the performers
- Who is told to talk to Ms. Braxton?
 - Parents
 - Students
 - Teachers
 - Performers
- In line 6, the word permission is closest in meaning to:
 - the right to do something
 - the right not to do something
 - speak
 - essay

Part B : Filling in the gaps

When Diana got off the train, __11__ was a woman waiting for her __12__ the platform. __13__? 'she asked. __14__ a car waiting for you __15__' Diana was not very surprised, __16__ she thought that her aunt must have been __17__ busy to meet her __18__ the station. __19__ she did not recognize the woman __20__ was dressed very formally, and had an attache' case __21__ her arm, she was __22__ tired after the journey that she was happy to get __23__ the car. The woman, __24__, just said a few words to the driver, and then walked away. Diana wondered __25__ she was. 'It's strange that she didn't even introduce herself', she thought.

11.
A) who B) there
C) whose D) it
12.
A) below B) to
C) on D) in
13.
A) You Diana, are you B) You're Diana, isn't it
C) Are you Diana D) You aren't Diana
14.
A) There's B) Theirs
C) Its D) It's
15.
A) out B) in
C) inside D) outside
16.
A) so B) despite
C) too D) as
17.
A) so B) too
C) enough D) very
18.
A) at B) to
C) in D) for
19.
A) However B) Since
C) In spite of D) Although
20.
A) she B) who
C) and D) whose

21.
A) at B) in
C) under D) by
22.
A) enough B) so
C) too D) very
23.
A) with B) by
C) at D) into
24.
A) however B) despite
C) although D) in spite of
25.
A) whether B) there
C) who D) however

Put one suitable preposition in each space:

There was another woman __26__ the bus, and Kate sat __27__ her and started chatting. She said she was going __28__ Forbes Road too. I've got an interview __29__ a place called Murcott House,' said Kate. Is it __30__ the bus stop? It's not far. It's __31__ the right __32__ the end of the street, the woman replied. In fact, I live __33__. When I look out of the window, I can see people working __34__. When they arrived __35__ the stop, they got off and walked up the street together.

26.
A) beside B) on
C) in D) at
27.
A) to B) besides
C) beside D) on
28.
A) to B) too
C) on D) at
29.
A) at B) on
C) in D) the
30.
A) far B) near
C) next D) on

31. A) at B) in
C) the D) on
32. A) at B) on
C) in D) cross
33. A) in B) opposite
C) at D) to
34. A) at B) in
C) under D) inside
35. A) in B) to
C) on D) at
41. How _____ money have we got?
A) many B) much
C) yet D) some
42. _____ is not permitted during the examination.
A) Speaking B) To speak
C) Speak D) Having spoken
43. I've called the police and _____.
A) it's on its way B) it's on it's way
C) they are on their way D) they are on its way
44. The assembly hall was full of _____.
A) a noise B) noise
C) noises D) a lot of noise
45. The information we were given _____.
A) was very useful
B) were very useful
C) was a lot of useful
D) were not very useful

Part C : Grammar

36. I have lived here _____.
A) since six years B) for six year
C) for a day D) six hours ago
37. _____ are not as polite as they used to be.
A) Nowadays B) Now days
C) Now day D) Now adays
38. I waited him _____ 4.00 and then I left.
A) since B) for
C) while D) until
39. The plane took off exactly _____ time.
A) in B) at
C) on D) by
40. _____ of the film we all cried.
A) At the end B) In the end
C) At the and D) In the and
46. If it hadn't been raining, _____.
A) I would have played tennis
B) I would gone to school
C) I would continue playing tennis
D) the sun would shine
47. That's an easy question! _____ knows the answer!
A) nobody B) somebody
C) everybody D) someone

Circle the sentence which is punctuated correctly. (, ; !)

48. " All day we cleaned the floors washed the walls and tidied the house".
A) All day we cleaned the floors, washed the walls and tidied the house.
B) All day we cleaned the floors, washed the walls, and tidied the house.
C) All day we cleaned the floors; washed the walls and tidied the house.
D) All day we cleaned the floors, washed the walls and tidied the house!

49. "First of all who is going to carry the suitcase asked Sue"
 A) 'First of all who is going to carry the suitcase?' asked Sue.
 B) First of all, who is going to carry the suitcase? asked Sue.
 C) 'First of all, who is going to carry the suitcase?' asked Sue.
 D) First of all, Who is going to carry the suitcase? Asked Sue.
50. "Tell Susan its Marys turn not hers".
 A) Tell Susan it's Mary's turn, not hers.
 B) Tell Susan its Marys' turn not hers.
 C) Tell Susan it's Marys' turn not hers.
 D) Tell Susan its Mary's turn, not hers.
- Part D : Vocabulary**
51. Please stop looking me like that! It's very rude to _____.
 A) stair B) stare
 C) star D) store
52. Sorry I didn't come to your party, but I just felt _____ tired.
 A) two B) to
 C) too D) nothing
53. Could you give me some _____ about language course?
 A) advise B) advises
 C) advices D) advice
54. I think you should _____ diving every day.
 A) practice B) practise
 C) practises D) practical
55. Paula keeps talking about that new bike of _____.
 A) hers B) her
 C) her's D) hers'
56. I didn't read all of the book because I found it un _____.
 A) advantage B) agree
 C) interesting D) understanding
57. Every _____ in this company has received a pay rise.
 A) person B) inhabitants
 C) employ D) people
58. Make sure you walk on the foot _____, because the road is dangerous.
 A) central B) stick
 C) path D) roars
59. Someone who is in charge of the branch of a bank.
 A) keeper B) manager
 C) assistant D) maker
60. Dora _____ more money in her job than I do.
 A) earns B) gain
 C) wins D) earn
61. A _____ of biscuits.
 A) box B) packet
 C) tube D) tin
62. A _____ of chocolate.
 A) loaf B) bar
 C) tin D) box
63. The trousers are the right length, but the _____ is too small.
 A) stomach B) waist
 C) palm D) neck
64. This dress doesn't _____ me. It's far too big.
 A) look B) put on
 C) go with D) fit
65. The doctor gave Sue _____ for some medicine.
 A) recipe B) prescription
 C) pain D) flu

Part E : Finding the mistakes

66. When I turned on the light, the bulb have broken.

- A) turned B) on
C) the D) have

67. I would like to lie on the beach right now.

- A) to lie B) the
C) right D) now

68. Jack usually have a cup of hot milk before he goes to bed.

- A) usually B) have
C) goes D) to

69. It's impossible for her to come.

- A) It's B) impossible
C) her D) come

70. It's nice to get up in the morning, but it's nice to stay in bed.

- A) It's B) the
C) nice D) in

Preposition with passives

71. I don't like being _____ behind my back.

- A) spoken to B) spoken at
C) spoken in D) spoken it

72. It's not really our house yet. It hasn't been _____.

- A) paid of B) paid for
C) paid with D) paid

73. The cats love being _____.

- A) played B) played at
C) played of D) played with

74. He's so shy: it even upsets him to be _____.

- A) looked in B) looked at
C) looked out D) looked

75. Please talk calmly. I don't like being _____.

- A) shout on B) shouted for
C) shout about D) shouted at

Circle the best passive sentences

76. Shakespeare wrote 'Hamlet' in 1601.

- A) 'Hamlet' was written by Shakespeare on 1601
B) 'Hamlet' was written in 1601 from Shakespeare.
C) 'Hamlet' was written by Shakespeare in 1601.
D) Shakespeare was written by 'Hamlet' in 1601.

77. Polly's mother made this sweater.

- A) This sweater was done by Polly's mother.
B) This sweater have made by Poly's mother.
C) This sweater was made by Polly's mother.
D) This sweater was made by Pollys' mother.

78. Carla paid the electricity bill last week.

- A) The electricity was payed by Carla
B) The electricity bill were paid last week by Carla
C) The electricity was payed by Carla last week.
D) The electricity bill was paid by Carla last week.

79. J.L.Baird built the first television in 1924.

- A) The first television was built by J.L.Bird in 1924.
B) The first television was build by J.L.Bird in 1924.
C) In 1924 were built the first television.
D) In 1924 were built the first television by J.L.Bird.

80. They gave her a prize.

- A) She was given a prize
B) A prize was gave to her
C) A prize was given to her
D) She was give a prize