

**YEKA SUB CITY GOVERNMENT OF EDUCATION BUREAU**

**ENGLISH MODEL EXAMINATION FOR GRADE 8**

Time Allowed 60 minutes

Number of items 60

**SECTION ONE; Reading Comprehension (1-10)**

**Direction : - For questions 1-10, read the following passage carefully and answer the questions below accordingly to the information given in the passage**

The African rainforests cover a very large area – from the west coast of Africa to the mountains in the East in Kenya and Tanzania. In the forest, you'll see that more than 80 per cent of the rainforest is in the Congo basin. This time we're going to mention a few larger mammals living in this area and a small animal from Madagascar. Madagascar, the world's fourth largest island, lies off the southeast coast of Africa in the Indian Ocean. Some animals which live there can only be found in this part of the world.

One such animal is the lemur. There are 25 **species** of lemur on Madagascar and all of them are endangered. The lemur is a monkey-like animal with large round eyes, a pointed nose, a long tail and soft woolly fur. The largest lemur, the indri, is about 95 cm long, the smallest, the mouse lemur, is only 15 cm long. All lemurs are vegetarians. They like wild figs, bananas and other forest fruits.

The mountain gorillas live on the slopes of volcanoes in Rwanda, Zaire and Uganda. They live in small groups led by a **dominant** male. They are too big and heavy to climb trees and so they wander slowly through the forest eating fruits, leaves and berries. **They** are the largest of the great apes and look very dangerous. But scientists say they are gentle, intelligent and very friendly.

The forest elephant lives in the Congo basin. It is much smaller than the African elephant, **which** is the biggest animal on Earth. Nevertheless, even this "small" elephant can be up to 250 cm tall. Its **ivory** is thinner, short and a bit yellowish.

The African forest is home to different kinds of chimpanzees. Most chimpanzees use twigs to get tasty food from difficult places. Some can open nuts with stones and branches. Groups of about twenty chimpanzees travel together looking for fruit and leaves to eat. At night they rest in tall trees in branches.

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- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Depending on the passage, what do gorillas look like?  
A. largest of the great apes                      C. short ivory  
B. soft, woolly fur                                      D. the mouse lemur
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. According to the passage, which statement is **true** about Chimpanzees and Lemurs?  
A. Either Chimpanzees or Lemurs live in Africa.  
B. Neither Chimpanzees nor Lemurs African animals.  
C. Both Chimpanzees and Lemurs eat fruits.  
D. Not only Chimpanzees but also Lemurs live on the slopes of volcanoes.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. As stated the above passage, paragraph **two** is an example of \_\_\_\_\_ paragraph.  
A. Expository    C. argumentative  
B. descriptive    D. narrative
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Which one of the following can be the appropriate **topic sentences** for paragraph **5**?  
A. At night they rest in tall trees in branches.  
B. The African forest is home to different kinds of chimpanzees.  
C. Most chimpanzees use twigs to get tasty food from difficult places.  
D. Some can open nuts with stones and branches.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Which one of the following can be the appropriate title of the passage?  
A. African forest    C. African mountain  
B. Madagascar    D. Animals in the African forest
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. When an animal is strong and can kill you easily, it is \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. Large animal    C. dangerous animal  
B. Kind animal    D. friendly animal
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. The word “**which**” in line **2** paragraph **4** refers to \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. biggest animal                      B. Congo                      C. Africa                      D. elephant
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. The pronoun “**they**” in line **3** paragraph **3** refers to \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. Mountain                      B. volcanoes                      C. gorillas                      D. Rwanda
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. The word “**ivory**” in line **3** paragraph **4** has similar meaning to \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. Elephant’s eye                      B. elephant’s tusk                      C. elephant’s leg                      D. elephant’s ear
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. The word “**dominant**” in line **2** paragraph **3** has similar meaning to \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. Chief                      B. least                      C. tiny                      D. last

**SECTION TWO ; Grammar and usage (11- 28)**

**DIRECTIONS: Questions 11 – 28 are incomplete sentences. There are four alternative words or phrases, A-D, given below each question. Choose the word or phrase that best completes the sentences and write the letter of your choice on the answer sheet.**

- \_\_\_\_\_ 11. The shepherds are watching the animals and the farmers' \_\_\_\_\_ many trees now.  
A. are planting      B. plant      C. were planting      D. planted
- \_\_\_\_\_ 12. I saw them two days ago. They watered the flowers and \_\_\_\_\_ their compound.  
A. Clean      B. cleans      C. cleaned      D. are cleaning
- \_\_\_\_\_ 13. \_\_\_\_\_ old woman arrived \_\_\_\_\_ 8: 40 last week.  
A. At /on      B. The/on      C. An /on      D. The/at
- \_\_\_\_\_ 14. She is a clever student. She \_\_\_\_\_ speak \_\_\_\_\_ Amharic \_\_\_\_\_ Tigrigna.  
A. Can / both / but      C. can't /both/ but  
B. can/ both / and      D. can't /both/or
- \_\_\_\_\_ 15. This activity is very easy. I hope we \_\_\_\_\_ it very quickly.  
A. Will do      B. will not do      C. are not going to do      D. are going to do
- \_\_\_\_\_ 16. When Beyene was walking along the road, a dog \_\_\_\_\_ him.  
A. bite      B. bites      C. bit      D. is biting
- \_\_\_\_\_ 17. Many indigenous trees \_\_\_\_\_ by Ethiopian in different places.  
A. have planted      B. planted      C. plant      D. have been planted
- \_\_\_\_\_ 18. The students have studied different subjects at home for \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. two months      B. 10 o'clock      C. 2012      D. March
- \_\_\_\_\_ 19. If all Ethiopians don't protect themselves, corona virus \_\_\_\_\_ many people.  
A. will kill      B. will not kill      C. would kill      D. would have killed
- \_\_\_\_\_ 20. The manager \_\_\_\_\_ just \_\_\_\_\_ from the office when the lady's phone rang.  
A. have/ come      B. has/come      C. had/come      D. is came
- \_\_\_\_\_ 21. The photographer told \_\_\_\_\_ to sit in front of the decorated flower.  
A. hers      B. them      C. themselves      D. his
- \_\_\_\_\_ 22. Corona virus is the most dangerous disease in the world. So we \_\_\_\_\_ go carelessly.  
A. had better      B. need to      C. must      D. ought not to
- \_\_\_\_\_ 23. The soldiers \_\_\_\_\_ they wear colorful uniforms are strong.  
A. Which      B. whose      C. whom      D. what
- \_\_\_\_\_ 24. He \_\_\_\_\_ give her some if she \_\_\_\_\_ strawberries.  
A. Would/ likes      C. would have/ liked  
B. will / liked      D. Would/ liked
- \_\_\_\_\_ 25. A few girls in our school \_\_\_\_\_ piano every Saturday.  
A. play      B. are playing      C. plays      D. have played
- \_\_\_\_\_ 26. Yonas is \_\_\_\_\_ tall boy \_\_\_\_\_ he can play handball and football very well.  
A. so /that      B. so /so      C. such/that      D. Such a/that
- \_\_\_\_\_ 27. Africa is larger than Antarctica. However, it is \_\_\_\_\_ Asia.  
A. as large as      B. not so large as      C. not so small as      D. so small as
- \_\_\_\_\_ 28. I know the teacher. He spoke \_\_\_\_\_ and clearly.  
A. loud      B. louder      C. loudly      D. louds

**SECTION THREE; Vocabulary (29- 34)**

**DIRECTIONS;** Questions 29-34 are incomplete sentences. Choose the correct answer from the given four alternatives and write the letter of your choice on the answer sheet.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 29. The man went to the butcher and bought \_\_\_\_\_ for his lunch.  
A. meat                      B. meet                      C. mead                      D. shoes
- \_\_\_\_\_ 30. Although the summer season is very cold in Addis Ababa, the \_\_\_\_\_ has been very good this month.  
A. Whether                      B. whetting                      C. weather                      D. wealthy
- \_\_\_\_\_ 31. Which one of the following word is **attaching derivational suffixes**?  
A. Mangoes                      B. boys                      C. eaten                      D. worker
- \_\_\_\_\_ 32. There are many \_\_\_\_\_ in this town.  
A. Lorry                      B. lorrys                      C. lorries                      D. lorryies
- \_\_\_\_\_ 33. Which one of the following word has **three syllables**?  
A. Expensive                      B. police                      C. can                      D. necessary
- \_\_\_\_\_ 34. Which one of the following word is **segmented correctly**?  
A. I-ma-gi-na-tive                      C. i-magin-ative  
B. Ima-gin-ative                      D. I -m-a-g-i-n-a-t-iv-e

Questions; 35-38 find the word or phrases that is “**opposite**” in meaning as the underlined part in each sentences and write the letter of your choice on the answer sheet.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 35. Many athletes were **disqualified** from running the race last year.  
A. Unfair                      B. qualified                      C. enjoin                      D. forbid
- \_\_\_\_\_ 36. While the pretty girl was going to market, the gang of boys **snatched** her shopping basket.  
A. Catch                      B. stole                      C. take                      D. give
- \_\_\_\_\_ 37. The woman has gotten a **strange** illness since I was grade six.  
A. familiar                      B. odd                      C. unfamiliar                      D. unusual
- \_\_\_\_\_ 38. The teacher usually **appreciates** the clever students.  
A. recognize                      B. admire                      C. ignore                      D. acknowledge

**SECTION FOUR; missing words (39-42)**

**DIRECTIONS;** Questions 39-42 are filling the gaps. So complete the following short text by using the alternatives given below it and write the letter of your choice on the answer sheet.

Most human beings are awake during the day and sleep all \_\_\_\_\_ 39 \_\_\_\_\_. Owls live the opposite way. Owls are nocturnal. This means that they sleep all day and stay awake at night. Because owls are nocturnal, this means they must eat \_\_\_\_\_ 40 \_\_\_\_\_ night. But finding food in the dark is \_\_\_\_\_ 41 \_\_\_\_\_. To help them, they have special eyes and ears. Owls have very large eyes. These eyes absorb more light than normal. Since there is little light during the night, it is helpful to be able to absorb more of it. This helps owls find food in the dark.

Owls also have very good hearing. Even when owls are in the trees, they can \_\_\_\_\_ 42 \_\_\_\_\_ small animals moving in the grass below. This helps owls catch their prey even when it is very dark.

\_\_\_\_\_ 39. A. morning      B. night      C. afternoon      D. midday

\_\_\_\_\_ 40. A. on      B. in      C. at      D. to

\_\_\_\_\_ 41. A. easy      B. simple      C. effortlessly      D. difficult

\_\_\_\_\_ 42. A. smell      B. see      C. hear      D. sing

**SECTION FIVE; Conversation (43-52)**

Questions 43-52 are presented in the form of dialogue. The part said by one of the speaker is given, and a blank space is left for the other. Choose the correct answer from the given four alternatives that complete the following dialogues and write the letter of your choice on the answer sheet.

\_\_\_\_\_ 43. Boy ; \_\_\_\_\_ did he start and \_\_\_\_\_ did he complete?

Girl ; He started three days ago and he completed yesterday.

A. Who/when      B. why/when      C. when/ when      D. where/where

\_\_\_\_\_ 44. Teacher; Alem plays different game every Sunday.

Student; \_\_\_\_\_

A. So do I      B. neither do I      C. so did I      D. so am I

\_\_\_\_\_ 45. Yared: Tola said, “ I was climbing the hill yesterday.”

Roman: Tola said that \_\_\_\_\_

A. he was climbing the hill the day before.  
B. he had been climbing the hill the day before.  
C. he had climbing the hill the day before.  
D. he is climbing the hill the previous day.

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- \_\_\_\_\_ 46. X: How often does Degefegn visit the country side?  
Y: He \_\_\_\_\_ the country side.  
A. always visits      B. visited      C. will go      D. is visiting
- \_\_\_\_\_ 47. A: Have you done your assignment yet?  
B; \_\_\_\_\_. I am going to do it after lunch.  
A. Yes, I have      B. No, I have      C. Not, yet      D. Yes, I did
- \_\_\_\_\_ 48. Fanos: \_\_\_\_\_ did he \_\_\_\_\_ his bag last week?  
Yonas: on the table  
A. When / find      C. which /find  
B. Where / find      D. whose / find
- \_\_\_\_\_ 49. man: \_\_\_\_\_  
Woman: Yes, of course.  
A. You can use it.      C. Is it your bag?  
B. You may read story book.      D. May I use your ruler?
- \_\_\_\_\_ 50. Sister: I will have ministry exam next month. What do you advise me?  
Brother: \_\_\_\_\_  
A. You should have studied      C. you had better study hard  
B. You ought to have studied      D. You could have studied
- \_\_\_\_\_ 51. The daughter: Did you visit Axum obelisk?  
The Son: No, but \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. I wish I had visited      C. I wish don't visit  
B. I wish I had not visited      D. I wish I visit
- \_\_\_\_\_ 52. A; what was Ayalew doing when his teacher interred the classroom?  
B; when the teacher interred the classroom, he \_\_\_\_\_ with monitor.  
A. is fighting      C. has fought  
B. was fighting      D. fought

### SESECTION SIX; Work order /word order (53-55)

**DIRECTIONS: The following words are NOT in the proper order. When you put it in the right order, they make correct English sentences. Choose the correct sentences made from the jumbled words and write the letter of your choice on the answer sheet.**

- \_\_\_\_\_ 53. she break /did / the window/ why ?  
A. Why did she break the window?      C. Why did the window she break?  
B. She break the window Why did?      D. The window she break Why did?
- \_\_\_\_\_ 54. washed /the cloth /is / the girl /by.  
A. The girl is washed by the cloth.      C. The girl cloth is washed by the.  
B. The cloth by is washed the girl.      D. The cloth is washed by the girl.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 55. is /too / hot for / the porridge/ him to /eat.  
A. The porridge is hot for too him to eat.  
B. The porridge is eat too hot for him to.  
C. The porridge is too hot for him to eat.  
D. The porridge is hot for him to eat too.

**SECTION SEVEN; Mechanics / writing (56-60)**

Questions 56-60 are related to different types of writing. Read each of them very carefully and choose the best answer from the four alternatives answers, A-D, given and write the letter of your choice on the answer sheet.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 56. Which one of the following sentence is **correctly** punctuated?
- A. The woman asked, "Is it her pen."
  - B. The woman asked, "Is it her pen?"
  - C. The woman asked, "is it her pen?"
  - D. The woman asked, "Is it her pen"?
- \_\_\_\_\_ 57. Which one of the following sentence is **wrongly** punctuated?
- A. Although he is researcher he doesn't solve any problem.
  - B. Belay, I think you're correct.
  - C. Aman is brilliant student, and he is open.
  - D. she was born On Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, 1990.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 58. Which one of the following sentences has **correct capitalization**?
- A. Fanos lives in Addis Ababa, ethiopia.
  - B. Fanos lives in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.
  - C. Fanos lives in addis ababa, Ethiopia.
  - D. Fanos lives in Addis ababa, Ethiopia.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 59. Which one of the following sentence is **correctly** punctuated?
- A. Alem doesn't clean the home, Does she?
  - B. Alem has a new bag, has she?
  - C. Alem will go to America, will she?
  - D. Alem has a new bag, hasn't she?
- \_\_\_\_\_ 60. Which one of the following word is **correctly** spelled?
- A. enjoment                      B. injoyment                      C. enjoyment                      D. enjoymant