13+ Entrance 2016

English

45 Minutes

Both questions should be answered in the spaces provided on the question paper.

Spend equal time on both of your answers.

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Question One

Close friends of your parents are about to have a baby. Write a letter to the baby giving advice about how to be happy in the world. Use about 250 words.

[25 marks]
Question Two

You are a policeman or policewoman. Write a diary entry for one day, using about 250 words.

[25 marks]
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English Comprehension

20 Minutes

Start at the beginning and do as many questions as you can in the time allowed. All questions should be answered in the spaces provided on the question paper.

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Cover sheet
COMPREHENSION.

Fill in the blanks with a suitable word or a couple of words.

Please write neatly.

1. An airplane and a bird both have wings so that they can ________.
2. In the morning the sun comes up. In the evening the sun goes ________.
3. Sasha went outside wearing her hat and coat. A strong wind blew Sasha's hat off her ________.
4. Looking like giant balls of cotton, the clouds floated across the blue ________.
5. Leroy was in a hurry. He walked very ________.
6. Abby decided to change the color of her bedroom walls, so she bought a brush and a can of blue ________.
7. Some people lie on the beach under an umbrella to protect themselves from the rays of the hot ________.
8. The television was so loud that the children could not ________ their sister calling them.
9. The boy's feet hurt because his new ________ did not fit well.

10. Ernesto drinks milk every morning for breakfast. This morning he again drank ________ for breakfast.
11. The student had to use a magnifying glass to see the insects because they were very ________.
12. When the farmer noticed the dark clouds gathering overhead, he thought to himself, "It's going to ________ very soon."
13. The band marched, and clowns rode on little bicycles in the ________.
14. George doubted that he had the strength to lift the large box of encyclopedias and carry it to the library because the box was very ________.
15. Piggy banks, made in the shape of a pig, have slots into which you can drop ________.
16. The hiker checked her compass to make sure that she was headed in the right ________ to go south.
17. When the teacher explained the rules of the game, the students had to ________ carefully so that they would know how to play it.
18. The drawings that had once been on the old stone wall were no longer there, since the rain had ________ them away.
19. Dressed in a white hat and apron and with flour on his face, the ________ put more sugar cookies into the oven.
20. The night was very dark and still. Pablo heard only the ________ of a dog barking far away.

21. Today there was no fog covering the park. The brightly colored flowers growing there could easily be ________ by the children as they gazed outside.
22. Because the historian wanted to preserve the documents for future researchers, she handled them with great ________.
23. The rising temperatures and extreme weather events that once seemed rare now appear to occur more ________.
24. Donating blood to the sick or injured is a noble ________.
25. Patrick was not considered a responsible person, because he was consistently ________ for appointments.
26. As is the case for many reptiles, some leatherback turtle hatchlings die soon after birth, but since a female leatherback lays 60 to 70 eggs at a time, only a few of the young need to ________ in order to maintain the species.
27. When they feel threatened, some birds pretend to be hurt so that an enemy, such as a fox, will follow them and be lured ________ from their nests.
28. Much to Margo’s surprise, the sweater, whose texture was somewhat rough, did not cause her sensitive ________ to develop a rash.
29. The question has often been raised as to whether genetics or the environment plays a more important ________ in human development.
30. Forests have been destroyed to make room for people and their homes, so it is often ________ for wild animals to find enough to eat.
31. While we all share certain similarities as members of the ________ species, no two people are completely alike.
32. The northern side of the island has a few hills and valleys; otherwise, it is completely ________.
33. The cheerful, enthusiastic manner in which the scientist discussed her laboratory experiments revealed how much she _______ her chosen profession.

34. In order for one to enter an athletic event and win, both talent and determination are _______.

35. Some small dogs can run as fast as dogs with long legs, even though small dogs have legs that are _______.

36. In her science report, Mavis wrote, “Even frogs are better looking than toads, which are usually very _______.”

37. When citizens go to the polls to elect a new mayor this week, they will be asked to _______ between two candidates with contrasting views of the city’s future.

38. Of the four poisonous snakes that inhabit North America, the coral snake is not only the most deadly, but, with its bands of red, yellow, and black, it is also the most easily _______.

39. With the boy tugging at its string, the _______ was highly visible as its long tail dipped, swirled, and danced in the wind.

40. Most of the coach’s students needed to study at least two years with her before they were qualified to skate in local and regional events; however, Diane, whose skills were less well developed than those of the typical student, required one _______ year before she was ready for such events.

41. Each street-level store space has two apartments on the floor above so that the owners can live, work, and rent out an apartment all in the same _______.

42. Although a cursory examination of the pair of sandals discovered in the archaeological dig of a long-extinct civilization appeared well worn, a more thorough examination undertaken by archaeologists revealed them to be still sturdy, indicating that their ancient creators had _______ them extremely well.

43. Although the humpback is one of the most studied of the great whales, _______ about its social behavior remain unanswered.

44. The organizers of two local fund-raising events realized that if they held them on the same day, they would _______ with each other for donations.

45. Animals unable to manufacture certain substances needed for their survival must _______ such substances through their food.

46. Given the extremely dilapidated condition of his car, the owner was not surprised to find out that it was _______ only a fraction of its original cost.

47. Hoping to discover what factors caused one population to contract the disease while another remained _______ of it, the biologists looked for empirical evidence of any characteristics that were unique to each population.

48. The assistant librarian, who typically treated visitors very cordially, was surprisingly _______ when the architect requested help.

49. The long hours worked by the employees, who were frequently required to put in twelve-hour shifts, sometimes adversely _______ the quality of their work.

50. It was not until Mario learned that surfing had been invented hundreds of years ago that he realized how _______ the popular sport really is.
END OF EXAMINATION
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English Writing

40 Minutes

All questions should be answered in the spaces provided on the question paper.

Spend 20 minutes on each answer.

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Question One

You are a newspaper reporter. A murder happens in your local town and the Editor sends you to cover the story. Write between 250 and 300 words, and remember to include in your report who, what, when, where, how and possibly why.

(25 marks)
Question Two

Would you rather be young or old? Write between 250 and 300 words. (25 marks)