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SHAPE DISCIPLINES - ENGLISH

CATEGORY 1 (GRADES 3–4)

PRELIMINARY ROUND

SAMPLE 1



50 questions; 75 minutes; 100 points; no negative marking.

All questions are multiple-choice or multiple-response questions and are automatically marked. The number in square brackets after each question number indicates the point value of the question: [1] Easy, [2] Normal, [3] Difficult.

Part A: Grammar in Context (Questions 1–15) — 30 points

Section A1.

Choose the correct answer.

1. [1] I can see _____ elephant.

a) many b) two c) a d) an

2. [1] She _____ to school every day.

a) went b) going c) goes d) go

3. [1] One child, two _____.

a) childes b) children c) childs d) child

4. [1] My brother and I _____ in one room.

a) sleeps b) sleeping c) is sleeping d) sleep

5. [2] Put your books _____ your bag, please.

a) to b) at c) in d) under

6. [2] _____ you like milk? — Yes, I do.

a) Do b) Is c) Are d) Does

7. [2] There are three _____ in the picture.

a) mans b) mens c) men d) man

8. [3] The old dog walks very _____.

a) slowly b) slowness c) slow d) slower

9. [3] She has got _____ apples, but she hasn't got _____ bananas.

a) any / some b) some / some c) any / any d) some / any

Section A2.

Read the story and choose the correct answer for each gap.

> My name is Omar. I (10) _____ nine years old. I live (11) _____ my mother, father, and little sister. We (12) _____ a small white dog. His name is Bobik. Every morning I (13) _____ to school with my friend. Yesterday at school we (14) _____ a picture of our families. My teacher looked at my picture and (15) _____, "Very good, Omar!"

10. [1] a) is b) are c) am d) be

11. [2] a) at b) with c) from d) of

12. [2] a) has b) haves c) have d) having

13. [3] a) walk b) walks c) am walking d) walked

14. [3] a) make b) made c) makes d) making

15. [3] a) say b) says c) saying d) said

Part B: Vocabulary and Collocation (Questions 16–31) — 32 points

Section B1.

Choose the correct answer.

16. [1] What is the opposite of big?

a) old b) long c) small d) tall

17. [1] Which word is a colour?

a) apple b) little c) table d) purple

18. [1] Which word is a fruit?

a) banana b) chair c) river d) green

19. [1] Which word is an animal?

a) table b) tiger c) tall d) train

20. [2] I want to _____ a photo of my dog.

a) take b) do c) make d) give

21. [2] Which word is different?

a) nose b) ear c) hand d) shoe

22. [2] I am very _____. Can I have some water, please?

a) tall b) thirsty c) old d) clean

23. [2] We wear a _____ on our head.

a) sock b) shirt c) hat d) skirt

24. [3] Which pair of words are opposites?

a) happy – good b) small – little c) old – new d) nice – funny

25. [3] Please be _____! The baby is sleeping.

a) quiet b) loud c) happy d) quick

26. [3] My sister always gets the right answer. She is very _____.

a) funny b) quiet c) clever d) tired

Section B2.

Choose the correct meaning of each word.

27. [1] hungry

a) wanting to eat b) wanting to sleep c) wanting to play d) wanting to run

28. [2] brave

a) not happy b) not afraid c) not clean d) not tired

29. [2] careful

a) very clean b) very new c) thinking about what you do d) very tall

30. [3] wait

a) to leave a place very quickly

b) to stay in one place until later

c) to return home after school

d) to begin something again from the start

31. [3] grow

a) get smaller b) get colder c) go away d) get bigger

Part C: Reading — Locating Detail (Questions 32–40) — 16 points

Read the story and answer the questions.

> Mina has a cat. The cat's name is Boots because he has four white feet. Boots is three years old. He is black, but his feet are white like little shoes. Boots likes to sleep on Mina's bed. Every morning, Boots wakes Mina up, and then they have breakfast. Mina eats bread and drinks milk, but Boots only drinks milk. After breakfast, Mina goes to school. Boots sits in the window and waits for her all day. On Sundays, Mina plays with Boots in the garden. Boots doesn't like water, so Mina never washes him! Mina's mother says that Boots sleeps and sleeps. Mina says he is not tired — he is happy!

32. [1] What is the cat's name?

a) Mina b) Feet c) Sunday d) Boots

33. [1] Where does Boots like to sleep?

a) on Mina's bed b) in the kitchen c) on a chair d) in the garden

34. [1] What does Mina drink for breakfast?

a) water b) tea c) milk d) juice

35. [2] Why is the cat called Boots?

a) He likes boots. b) He is white. c) He sleeps in a boot. d) He has white feet.

36. [2] What does Boots have for breakfast?

a) bread and milk b) only milk c) only bread d) bread and water

37. [2] When does Mina play with Boots in the garden?

a) every morning b) on Sundays c) on Saturdays d) never

38. [2] How many white feet does Boots have?

a) four b) two c) three d) five

39. [2] Who wakes Mina up every morning?

a) her mother b) Boots c) her sister d) her father

40. [3] What does Boots NOT like?

a) water b) milk c) the garden d) sleeping

Part D: Reading — Main Idea and Inference (Questions 41–50) — 22 points

Read the story and answer the questions.

Multiple Response: Select all correct choices. Points are awarded only if all correct answers and no incorrect answers are selected.

> Last year, our teacher Miss Hala had a good idea. Behind our school there was a small garden, but it was not a nice place. There were only old boxes and paper on the ground. "Let's make a new garden," she said. Some children laughed, because the work was not easy and it rained on the first day. But after two weeks we planted carrots, flowers and beans. Every class gave the plants water for one week. Then our flowers were taller than our teacher! We gave our carrots to the school kitchen, and now our soup has vegetables from the garden. All the children like our garden now.

41. [1] What is the best name for this story?

a) The Class Garden b) A Day at the River c) How to Cook Soup d) Our New Teacher

42. [1] How long was it before the children planted the carrots and flowers?

a) two days b) two weeks c) two years d) one day

43. [2] What was behind the school before?

a) a big garden b) the school kitchen c) old boxes and paper d) a playground

44. [2] Why did some children laugh at first?

a) The teacher and children were funny.

b) The garden was too big.

c) They did not like carrots.

d) The work was not easy and it rained.

45. [2] Multiple Response — Choose ALL the plants the children planted.

a) carrots b) potatoes c) beans d) bananas

46. [2] How long did each class give the plants water?

a) every day b) for one year c) never d) for one week

47. [3] How do we know the flowers grew very well?

a) They were taller than the teacher.

b) They were yellow.

c) The children counted them everyday.

d) The kitchen cooked them.

48. [3] Multiple Response — Choose ALL the things that are true at the end of the story.

a) The school soup has vegetables from the garden.

b) All the children like the garden now.

c) The garden has old boxes and paper on it.

d) The garden is a nice place now.

e) The children stopped using the garden.

49. [3] What do the children think about the garden now?

a) They do not like it. b) They are happy with it. c) They think it is too small. d) They want a new teacher.

50. [3] Multiple Response — Choose ALL the things that happened in the story.

a) It rained on the first day.

b) The flowers grew taller than the teacher.

c) The children took the carrots home.

d) The children planted trees in the garden.

e) The carrots went to the school kitchen.

Answer Key – Preliminary Round

Preliminary Round — Questions 1–50

Questions	Answer	Questions	Answer
1	d	26	c
2	c	27	a
3	b	28	b
4	d	29	c
5	c	30	b
6	a	31	d
7	c	32	d
8	a	33	a
9	d	34	c
10	c	35	d
11	b	36	b
12	c	37	b
13	a	38	a
14	b	39	b
15	d	40	a
16	c	41	a
17	d	42	b
18	a	43	c
19	b	44	d
20	a	45	a c
21	d	46	d
22	b	47	a
23	c	48	a b d
24	c	49	b
25	a	50	a b e