

EMPLACE COLLEGE

JSS1 Entrance Exam Practice Questions

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Read the passage below carefully and answer the question on them. Shade the answer space which bears the same letter as the answer you have chosen.

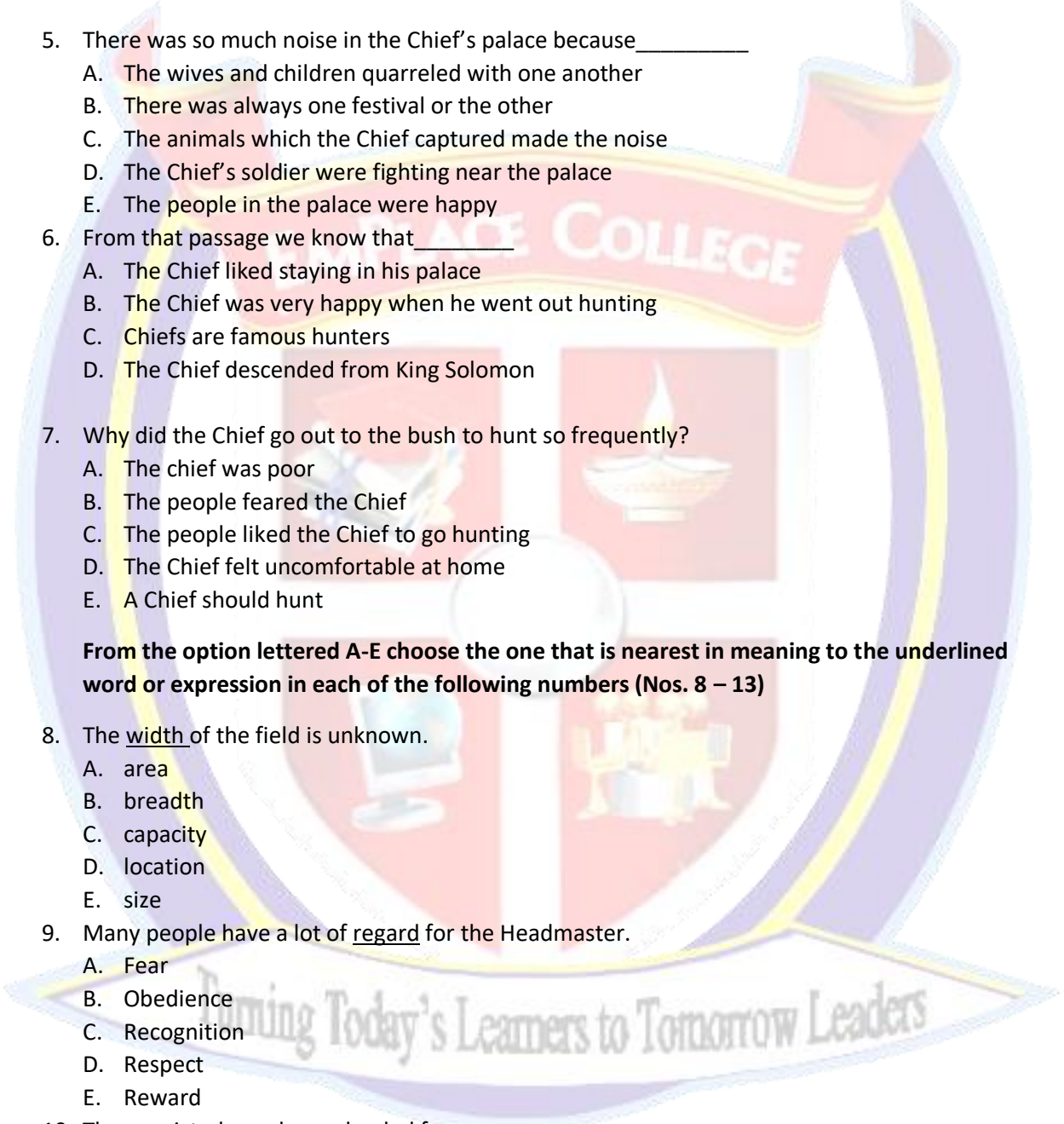
The Chief of our town in those days was a great man. He was a very powerful ruler, and so he had many wives. He was also famous as a very mighty hunter and he had killed so many wild animals that people stopped counting. He killed antelope and small game, leopards and elephant. His craftsmen took the tusks of the elephants and carved them into ornaments for the chief to wear. You can see some of those ornaments in the palace today.

Like King Solomon in the Bible, who had many wives, the Chief too was much troubled by his wives, for they fought and quarreled and shouted so much that they filled the palace with the noise.

Their children were so bad, and they fought and quarreled and argued and shouted in the same way, from the elder princes old enough to take part in battles, right down to the little children who could barely walk. No wonder the poor Chief was happiest when he was hunting in the bush.

Questions

1. The Chief had many wives because_____
A. He was very strong ruler
B. He was a famous hunter
C. He had many ornaments
D. He had killed many wild animals
E. The woman were attracted by the chief ornaments
2. Why did people stop counting the animals the Chief had killed?
A. The chief did not like it
B. The people were too lazy to count
C. A chief should not hunt animals
D. The animals were getting too many to be counted
E. They thought it was stupid
3. The Chiefs craftsmen carved tusks of elephants into ornaments because_____
A. they wanted to sell the ornaments
B. they meant to keep them in the palace for visitors
C. the king ordered them to do so
D. they wanted the chief to wear them
E. the chief killed elephants
4. The Chief was like King Solomon in the Bible because_____

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- A. He was famous
B. He was wise
C. He hunted animals
D. He had many quarrelsome wives
E. He wore ornaments
5. There was so much noise in the Chief's palace because _____
A. The wives and children quarreled with one another
B. There was always one festival or the other
C. The animals which the Chief captured made the noise
D. The Chief's soldier were fighting near the palace
E. The people in the palace were happy
6. From that passage we know that _____
A. The Chief liked staying in his palace
B. The Chief was very happy when he went out hunting
C. Chiefs are famous hunters
D. The Chief descended from King Solomon
7. Why did the Chief go out to the bush to hunt so frequently?
A. The chief was poor
B. The people feared the Chief
C. The people liked the Chief to go hunting
D. The Chief felt uncomfortable at home
E. A Chief should hunt

From the option lettered A-E choose the one that is nearest in meaning to the underlined word or expression in each of the following numbers (Nos. 8 – 13)

8. The width of the field is unknown.
A. area
B. breadth
C. capacity
D. location
E. size
9. Many people have a lot of regard for the Headmaster.
A. Fear
B. Obedience
C. Recognition
D. Respect
E. Reward
10. The convicted murderer pleaded for mercy
A. Accuse
B. Detained
C. Guilty
D. Jailed

- E. Notorious
11. We assembled there last Sunday
- A. climbed
 - B. arrived
 - C. gathered
 - D. founded
12. She hid the book under the carpet
- A. beneath
 - B. over
 - C. across
 - D. along

Complete each of the following statements with the option that is most nearly opposite in meaning to the underlined word or expression (Nos. 13-17)

12. The boy quietly entered the classroom
- A. Gently
 - B. Immediately
 - C. Noisily
 - D. Slowly
 - E. Suddenly
13. The spectators are all expected to depart after the closing ceremony
- A. Arrive
 - B. Disappear
 - C. Leave
 - D. Remain
 - E. Rise
14. He hurriedly ran into lake
- A. Happily
 - B. Bravely
 - C. Slowly
 - D. Quickly
15. Many of the pupils were stupid.
- A. Much
 - B. More
 - C. Most
 - D. Few
16. The girl's prefect was arrogant
- A. Sad
 - B. Humble
 - C. proud

D. kind

17. Our house is always noisy on Saturdays

- A. Restless
- B. Busy
- C. Quiet
- D. Quite

Below each of the following sentences are four interpretations lettered A – D, choose the one that most correctly explains the meaning of the sentence.

18. He was too poor to buy a new school uniform. This means that _____

- A. He bought a new school uniform.
- B. He couldn't buy a new school uniform.
- C. He hoped to buy a new school uniform.
- D. He once bought a new school uniform

19. The head master described our last inter – house sport competition as a red-letter day. This means that the sports day was _____

- A. Very rough
- B. Very memorable
- C. Very dull
- D. Very bloody

20. We trooped out to the field as soon as the headmaster came in. This means that _____

- A. We went out immediately the headmaster came in.
- B. We went before the headmaster came in.
- C. We went out before the headmaster came in.
- D. We stood up as soon as the headmaster came in.

21. My brother is too old to learn to drive. This means that _____

- A. Has always been able to drive.
- B. Cannot learn to drive.
- C. May learn to drive in future.
- D. Will not learn to drive.

22. Dele could have accompanied you but he isn't well enough. This means that Dele _____

- A. Is going
- B. Has gone
- C. May go
- D. Cannot go

In each of the following problems a word is missing. Choose from the given alternatives lettered A – D the word that most suitably fills the space.

Example: Feather and bird

Fin and _____

- A. Fish
- B. Hen
- C. Lizard
- D. Elephant

The missing word is 'fish', we therefore shade space A.

23. Sheep and lamb

Goat and _____

- A. Kitten
- B. Cub
- C. Calf
- D. Kid

24. Dollar and U.S.A

- A. C.F.A
- B. Yen
- C. Cedis
- D. Pounds

25. Success and diligence

Failure and _____

- A. Learning
- B. Disgrace
- C. Indolence
- D. Perception

26. Grains and maize

Tubers and _____

- A. Plantain
- B. Yam
- C. Mango
- D. Groundnut

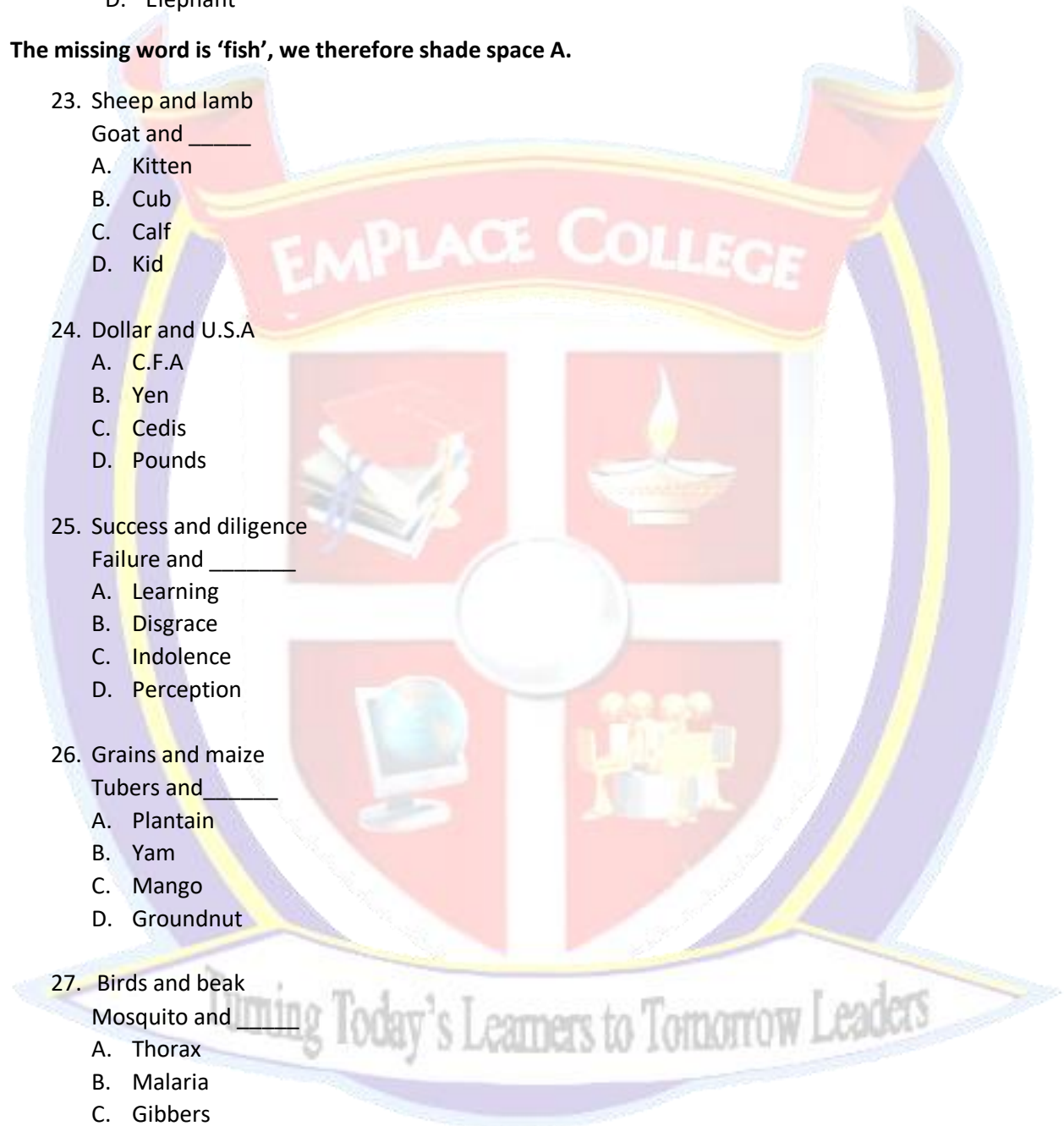
27. Birds and beak

Mosquito and _____

- A. Thorax
- B. Malaria
- C. Gibbers
- D. Proboscis

Choose from the letters labelled A to D the one that can end the first word and begins the second

Example: lim (-) ure



- A. c
- B. b
- C. P
- D. s

28. ple(--)unt

- A. d
- B. r
- C. s
- D. a

29. coug(-)oney

- A. m
- B. g
- C. h
- D. f

30. po(-)ent

- A. p
- B. k
- C. t
- D. m

31. kin(-)ong

- A. e
- B. i
- C. p
- D. g

32. pin(-)ite

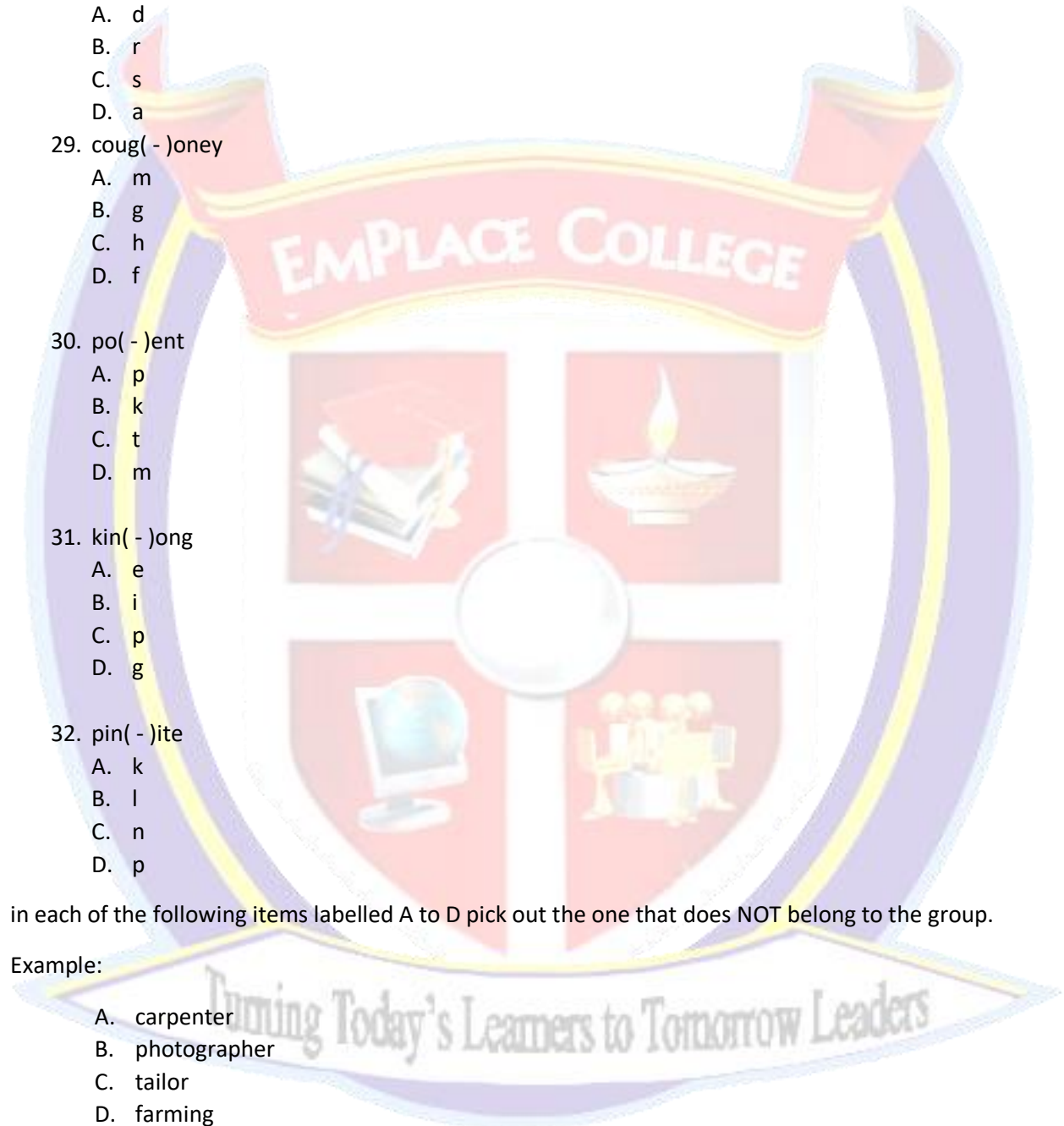
- A. k
- B. l
- C. n
- D. p

in each of the following items labelled A to D pick out the one that does NOT belong to the group.

Example:

- A. carpenter
- B. photographer
- C. tailor
- D. farming

The word “farming” does not belong to the group. It is a profession, the others are people. We therefore shade space D.



33.

- A. Onion
- B. Pepper
- C. Waterleaf
- D. Mango

34.

- A. Huge
- B. Tiny
- C. Small
- D. Little

35.

- A. Crayon
- B. Pencil
- C. Table
- D. Chalk

36.

- A. cocoa
- B. cocoyam
- C. coffee
- D. groundnut

37.

- A. Petroleum
- B. Copper
- C. Zinc
- D. Iron

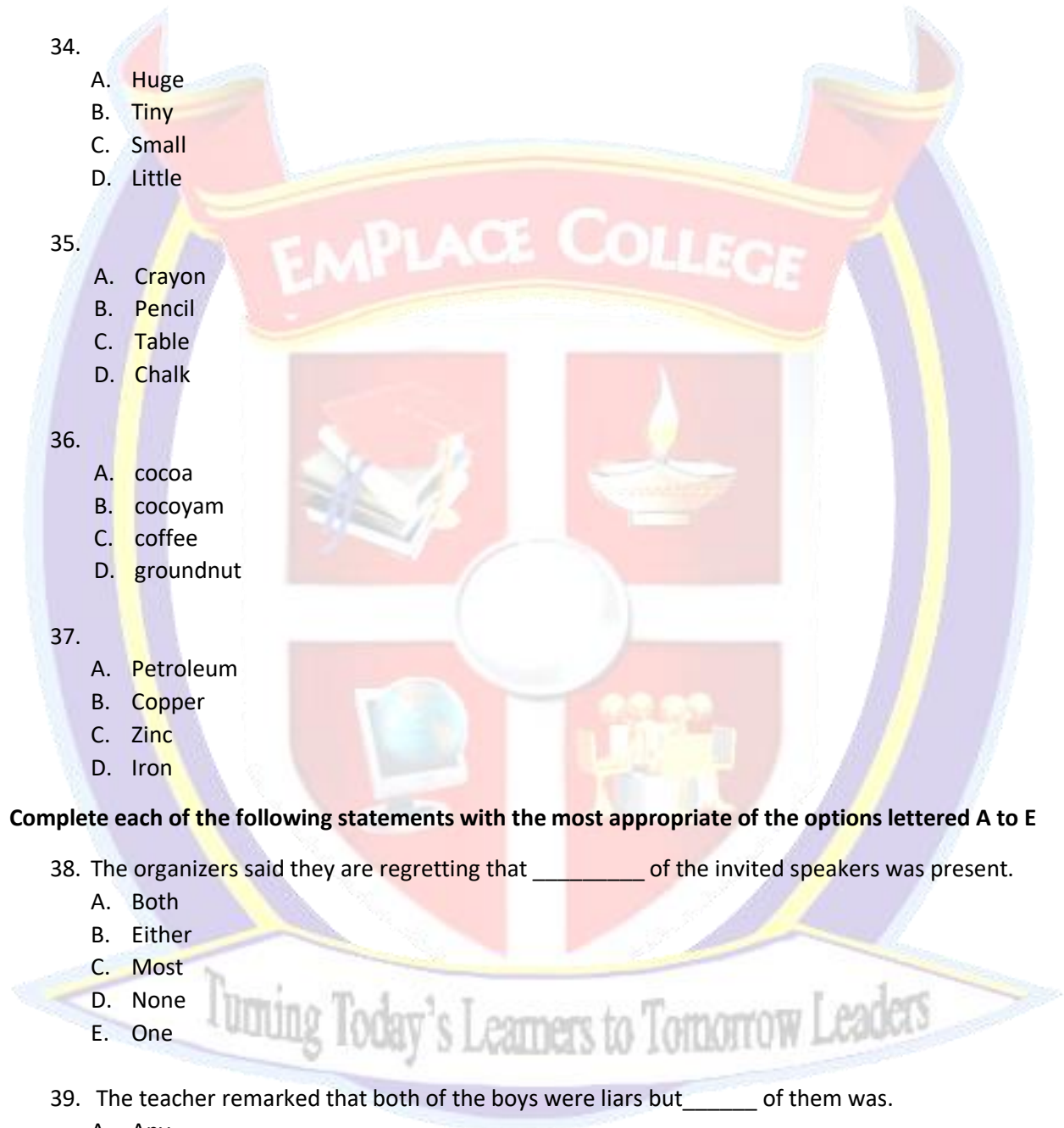
Complete each of the following statements with the most appropriate of the options lettered A to E

38. The organizers said they are regretting that _____ of the invited speakers was present.

- A. Both
- B. Either
- C. Most
- D. None
- E. One

39. The teacher remarked that both of the boys were liars but _____ of them was.

- A. Any
- B. Either
- C. Neither
- D. None
- E. Some



40. Many dogs in our area are gentle but _____ are fierce.

- A. All
- B. Both
- C. Most
- D. Few
- E. Some

Choose from the options lettered A – D the correct words that best complete each of the following sentences.

41. The principal decided to _____ an emergency staff meeting

- A. Convened
- B. Has convened
- C. Convening
- D. convey

42. I am _____ with his work.

- A. Familiarly
- B. Familiar
- C. Familiarity
- D. familiarize

43. His daughter is very _____ to his heart.

- A. Dear
- B. Dearer
- C. Close
- D. closer

44. He had almost died of hunger when help came at the _____ minute.

- A. Least
- B. Less
- C. Latest
- D. last

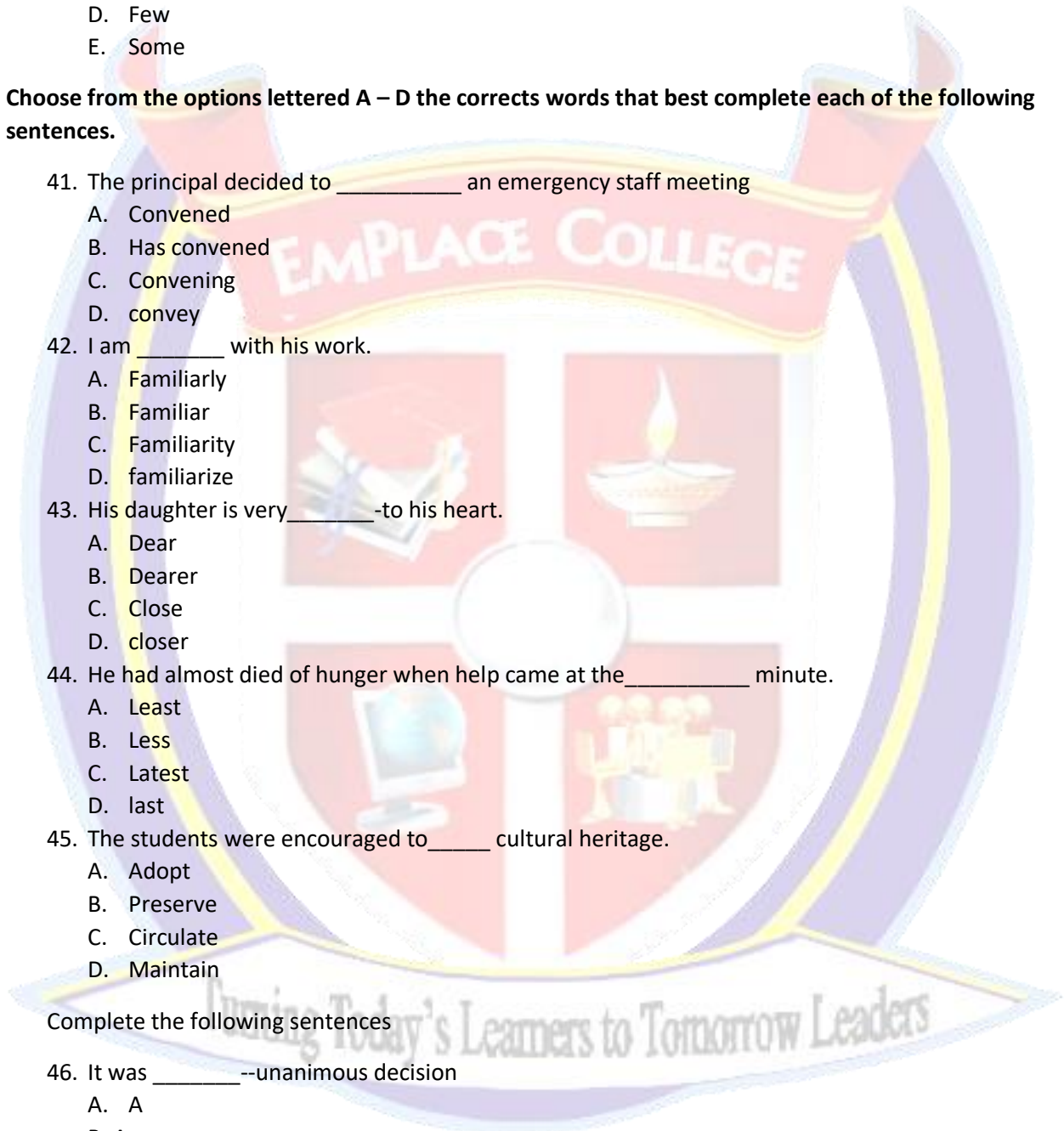
45. The students were encouraged to _____ cultural heritage.

- A. Adopt
- B. Preserve
- C. Circulate
- D. Maintain

Complete the following sentences

46. It was _____ --unanimous decision

- A. A
- B. An
- C. The
- D. One of



47. I _____ king last year

- A. Was seen
- B. Had seen
- C. Saw
- D. Will see

48. The thief was caught _____

- A. Green handed
- B. Red handed
- C. Blue handed
- D. White handed

49. There is a _____ mice in the drawer

- A. nest
- B. herd
- C. flock
- D. flick

50. Discretion is the _____ part of valour

- A. best
- B. better
- C. good
- D. well

