

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.

From my experience, I have come to believe that there is nothing one cannot achieve if there is the will to do it. I had thought I would never go to college in my life. For one thing my parents were poor; for another I didn't seem to be getting on very well with my lessons. Our teachers were neither regular nor punctual, and when they came to classes, they preferred to call us names, me in particular. I became indifferent or rather hostile. Consequently, I absented myself from school at will; and when I reported, it was only to cause trouble. My parent, though poor were eager that I should be well educated. They became unhappy at what I was becoming: a candidate for a remand home. The third term of the school year started with a new set of teachers. Having observed me for some weeks, the new head teacher called me. He said I was underrating my ability that I could do better if only I made up my mind to do it. That was the turning point. Fortunately, the new teachers became regular in their lessons and taught them very well. At the end of the year, I was among the ten pupils in our year who gained admission to various colleges.

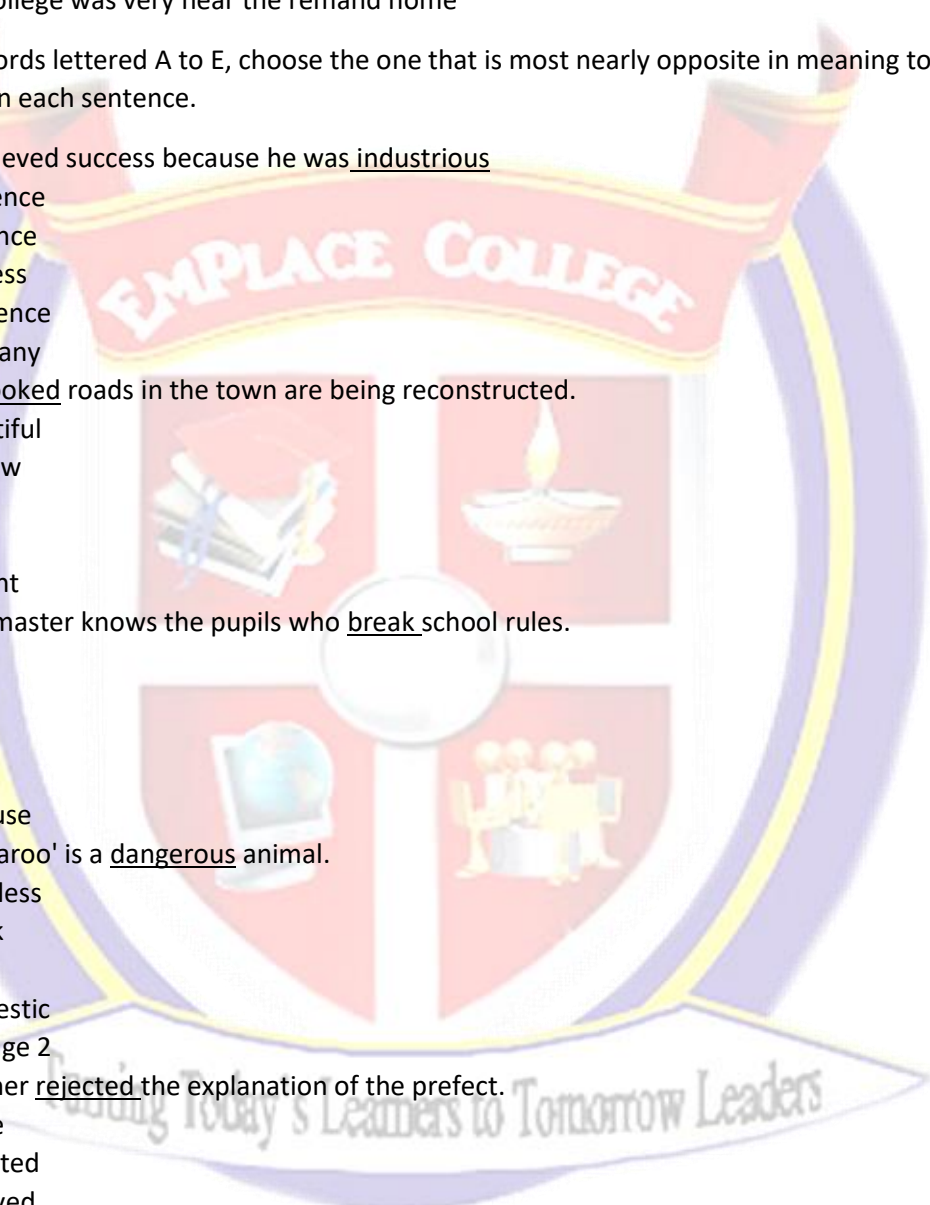
Questions.

1. Why did he think he wouldn't go to college?
 - A. He had not sat for any entrance examinations.
 - B. His parents said he shouldn't go.
 - C. He didn't want to go.
 - D. His parents were poor and he didn't learn his lessons.
 - E. His teachers did not like his name.
2. The writer said he became indifferent. How did he show this?
 - A. He became disobedient at home.
 - B. He did not attend his classes regularly.
 - C. He beat up his teachers.
 - D. He was not happy.
 - E. He quarreled with his parents.
3. A remand home is
 - A. An institution for young offenders
 - B. The college the writer wanted to go to
 - C. A home for the deaf and dumb
 - D. A police station
 - E. Where the new set of teachers came from.
4. Having observed me.....' who observed the writer?
 - A. The writer himself
 - B. The writer's parent
 - C. His fellow pupils in the school.
 - D. The new head teacher.

- E. All the new teachers.
5. Why do you think the writer gained admission to a college?
- A. He took his head teacher's advice and worked hard.
 - B. The head teacher recommended him to a college.
 - C. His parent wanted him to go.
 - D. The college wanted him at all costs.
 - E. The college was very near the remand home

From the list of words lettered A to E, choose the one that is most nearly opposite in meaning to the underlined word in each sentence.

6. Musa achieved success because he was industrious
- A. Indolence
 - B. Diligence
 - C. Sickness
 - D. Innocence
 - E. Company
7. All the crooked roads in the town are being reconstructed.
- A. beautiful
 - B. narrow
 - C. rough
 - D. old
 - E. straight
8. The headmaster knows the pupils who break school rules.
- A. mend
 - B. make
 - C. obey
 - D. bend
 - E. Confuse
9. The 'Kangaroo' is a dangerous animal.
- A. harmless
 - B. weak
 - C. wild
 - D. domestic
 - E. strange 2
10. The teacher rejected the explanation of the prefect.
- A. Wrote
 - B. Accepted
 - C. Received
 - D. Saw
 - E. Praised
11. The innocent lamb was sacrificed to appease the gods.
- A. Admonish
 - B. Offend
 - C. obey



- D. Pacify
- E. Amuse

In each of the following numbers, a pair of words is given, study the relationship between the two words and choose the most appropriate of the options lettered A-E to complete each number.

12. Pork and pig, mutton and _____

- A. cow
- B. dog
- C. goat
- D. horse
- E. sheep

13. Primary school and headmaster, secondary school and _____

- A. counselor
- B. dean of studies
- C. prefect
- D. principal
- E. vice chancellor

14. tailor and tape, farmer and _____

- A. book
- B. car
- C. chisel
- D. sickle
- E. spanner

15. Cock and crow, elephant and _____

- A. chatter
- B. neigh
- C. quack
- D. Trumpet
- E. hiss

16. State and governor, country and _____

- A. Commissioner
- B. Minister
- C. President
- D. Secretary
- E. Worker

Each of the following questions consists of five words lettered A-E. Four of them have at least something in common while one is odd. Pick out the one that does not belong to the group

17. A. Doctor

- B. Ball
- C. Nurse
- D. Pharmacist
- E. Radiographer

18. A. ball



- B. canvas
- C. chalk
- D. racket

19. A. exercise books

- B. gun
- C. pencil
- D. pen
- E. ruler

20. A. cashier

- B. cheque
- C. money
- D. teller
- E. wig

From the list of words lettered A-E, choose the one that is nearest in meaning to the words underlined in the sentence.

21. The fisherman was ordered to dive into the sea and rescue the drowning prince.

- A. Encouraged
- B. Said
- C. Advised
- D. Commanded
- E. Told

22. Mother and father should always work together for the benefit of the child

- A. Unite
- B. Cooperate
- C. Settle
- D. Help
- E. Meet

23. We should always visit the sick and comfort them by sharing in their pains and misery.

- A. Hold
- B. Happy
- C. Pat
- D. Laugh
- E. Cheer

24. Our teacher left out English Literature from the list he submitted to the headmaster.

- A. Included
- B. Underlined
- C. Omitted
- D. Disagreed
- E. Spelt out

25. He refused to tell us again the causes of malaria.

- A. Defend
- B. Write
- C. Repeat

- D. Narrate
- E. Describe

From the list of words lettered A to E, choose the words that best fills each of the spaces numbered 33 to 37, and then shade the correct answer on your answer sheet.

_____26_____ his son died, the old man lost all hope. He sat ____27_ an old chair all day long, looking
28 the window and peering _____29_____ the outside world as _____30_____ he was a stranger.

- A. If
- B. Out of
- C. At
- D. In
- E. When

From the list of words or groups of words given below choose the one which correctly and most suitably fills the gaps in the sentence and record your answer in the usual way.

30. I have seen the mad man before, so I do not wish _____ him again

- A. For see
- B. In seeing
- C. By see
- D. Seeing
- E. To see

31. We waited _____ him at the railway station until it was dark.

- A. At
- B. To
- C. From
- D. For
- E. By

32. I do not know _____ he decided to be rude.

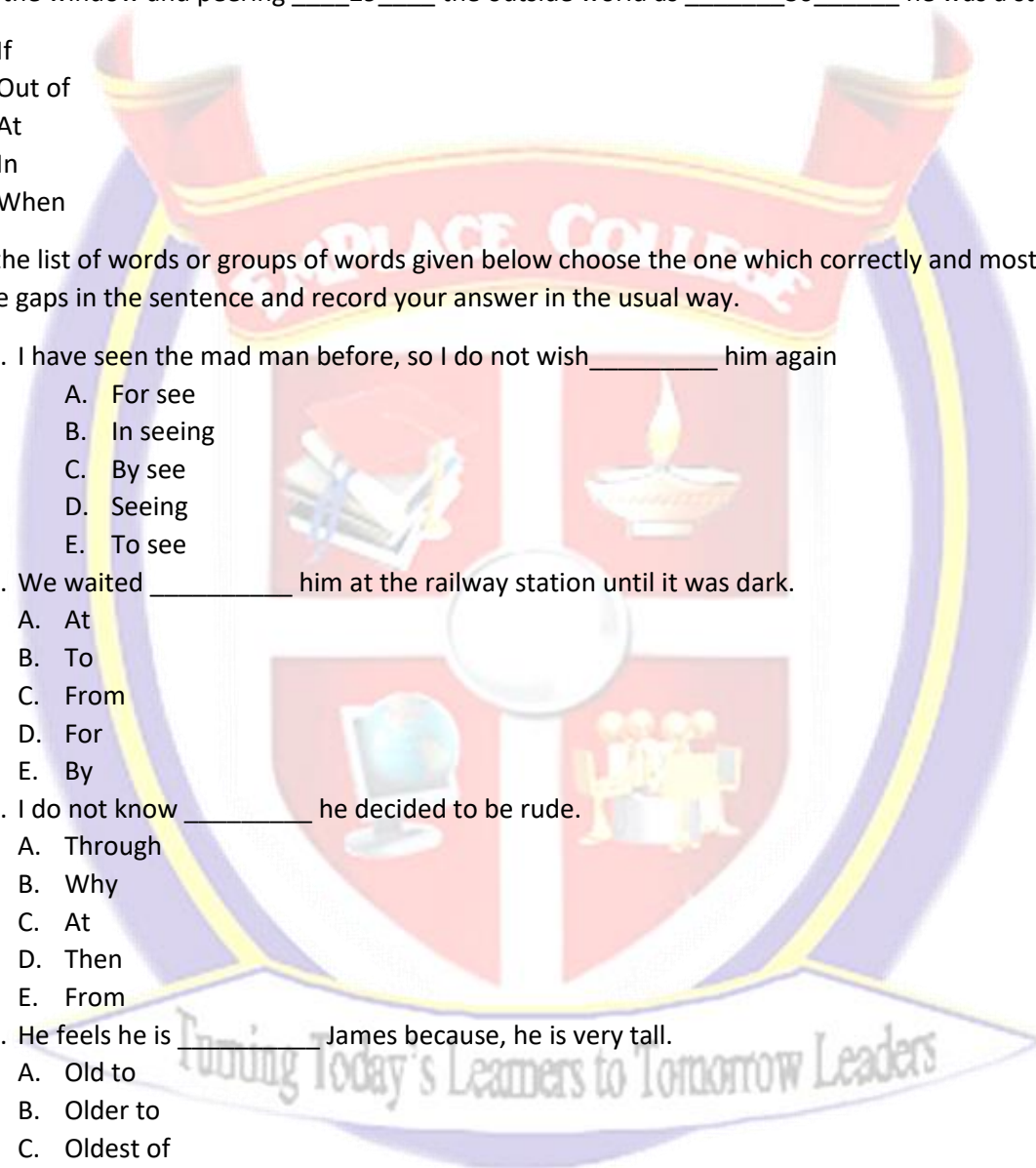
- A. Through
- B. Why
- C. At
- D. Then
- E. From

33. He feels he is _____ James because, he is very tall.

- A. Old to
- B. Older to
- C. Oldest of
- D. Older than
- E. Older by

34. He sits _____ her in class.

- A. Besides
- B. Beside
- C. Between
- D. Among



- E. amidst
35. I could have been the happiest of men if my sisters were _____ then Aisha, Ade and Ibukun.
- A. Tall
 - B. More tall
 - C. Taller
 - D. Tallest
 - E. The taller
36. He is an honest man who would never tell _____
- A. Liar
 - B. Lies
 - C. Lied
 - D. Truth
 - E. liars
37. I know him very well, he has been a good friend of _____
- A. Myself
 - B. Mine
 - C. I
 - D. My
 - E. Me
38. I _____ for you for many days.
- A. Have waited
 - B. Will waiting
 - C. Being waiting
 - D. Am waiting
 - E. Have waiting
39. The greedy cat tried to pounce on the three _____ at once, but ended up getting none.
- A. Mice
 - B. Mouse
 - C. Mousers
 - D. Mice's
 - E. Mouse's
40. It is not mine, it is _____
- A. There
 - B. Theirs
 - C. Theirs
 - D. There's
 - E. Dears
41. I was frightened by the roaring lions, the bleating sheep and the _____ snakes.
- A. Mewing
 - B. Sighing
 - C. Blowing
 - D. Hissing
 - E. Singing
42. _____ I bought these dogs, thieves have stopped disturbing my house

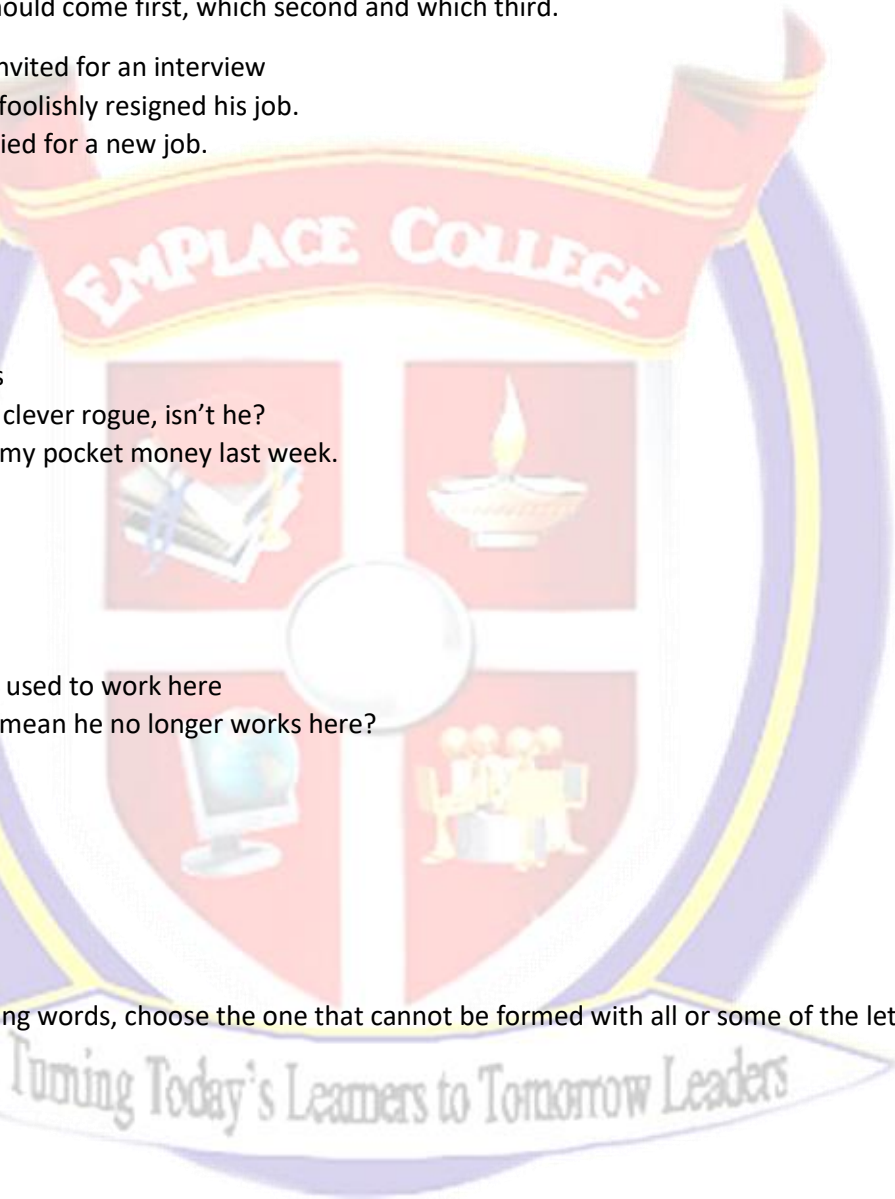
- A. When
- B. While
- C. For
- D. Since
- E. Than

In each of the following questions, there are three sentences. Read them carefully and decide which one should come first, which second and which third.

43. 1. He was invited for an interview
2. Then he foolishly resigned his job.
3. Ade applied for a new job.
A. 2, 1, 3
B. 3, 2, 1
C. 2, 3, 1
D. 3, 1, 2
E. 1, 2, 3
44. 1. Yes, he is
2. John is a clever rogue, isn't he?
3. He stole my pocket money last week.
A. 1, 2, 3
B. 3, 2, 1
C. 1, 3, 2
D. 2, 1, 3
E. 3, 1, 2
45. 1. Mr. Oni used to work here
2. Do you mean he no longer works here?
3. Exactly
A. 2, 3, 1
B. 1, 3, 2
C. 2, 1, 3
D. 3, 1, 2
E. 1, 2, 3

In each of the following words, choose the one that cannot be formed with all or some of the letters of the word in capital.

46. FALSEHOOD
A. fade
B. hood
C. flash
D. harsh
E. sea
47. HUMANITY
A. Man
B. Hunter



- C. Human
- D. Unity
- E. tin

48. CRACKLE

- A. Cake
- B. Rake
- C. Lake
- D. Ankle
- E. are

49. RAILWAYS

- A. Way
- B. Sway
- C. May
- D. Rail
- E. raw

50. TRUSTWORTHY

- A. Trust
- B. Worth
- C. Worthy
- D. Rust
- E. True

