

ENSPT 2007

Dear Mr. Ekpang,

My father mentioned you in his last letter to me and said that you be pleased to hear from me. How are you and your family?

Has Kekong recovered from the minor accident with his bicycle?

This term's work is quite enjoyable, although the term began with a student demonstration about the poor food we are served here. At breakfast time on Tuesday morning, one of my classmates said he could detect the smell of kerosene in his food. Within a few minutes news that the cooks had served us kerosene with our food had spread throughout the refectory. Very soon plates began to fly in the air and some through windows were heard breaking. It took the entire staff to calm everyone down. The students got a firm promise from the principal that he would see to it that the quality of the food improved. The meals are still awful though there has been a slight improvement.

I came fifth in the class test we had in English, and our teacher read out my essay to the rest of the class. I felt quite proud. Dad has assured me that if I maintain my present standard or improved on it, he will get me a present during the holidays.

One thing my father did not mention to me in his letter was his health. Do you know how well he is recovering from the operation for a hernia? Is he able to walk again normally? I wonder if I ought to come home early to help him and mother, though I know it would interrupt my studies. I'm sure you are the best person to advice me on this, because I think my father would say "no, don't come", even if he needed me.

The harmattan is slowly settling in now and my lips are beginning to get very dry. Give my love to Kekong and write to me soon.

Yours Sincerely, Out Bedia

I- Choose the right answer

1. How many students definitely had kerosene in their food?
  - a) None
  - b) One
  - c) Out's class mates
  - d) All the students
2. What is the second paragraph about?
  - a) An incident in the refectory
  - b) Enjoyment of work at school
  - c) Students lack of discipline
  - d) The determination of the school authorities to improve the food.
3. What is the third paragraph about?
  - a) Out's father's generosity
  - b) Out's success in his school subjects

- c) Out's success in English  
d) Out's enjoyment of English
4. What is the purpose of the fourth paragraph  
a) It is an attempt to get away from school early  
b) It is simply an enquiry about his father's health  
c) Out's wishes to prove his love for his father  
d) Out's wishes both to know how his father is and if he should go home early to help him
5. Some people have cats, others  
a) drive slowly                      c) eat a little  
b) have small ones                d) drive badly
6. Some men have big cars, others  
a) drive slowly                      c) eat a little  
b) have small ones                d) drive badly
7. Some people drive well, others  
a) drive slowly                      c) have bicycles  
b) drive badly                      d) get up early
8. Some people eat a lot, others  
a) eat slowly                        c) eat a little  
b) eat noisily                      d) talk slowly
9. Some students read fast, others  
a) drive slowly                      c) read slowly  
b) eat slowly                        d) talk slowly

II- Choose the appropriate word from the list

10. Mrs. Lee is the most \_\_\_\_\_ personal assistant I've ever had. She knows where everything is.  
a) effective    b) efficient    c) effectual    d) efficiently
11. Inflation is down from eight percent to less than two percent so the Government's measures have been pretty \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) effective    b) efficient    c) effectual    d) efficiently
12. After a very \_\_\_\_\_ marketing campaign sales were up by 15 percent.  
a) effective    b) efficient    c) effectual    d) efficiently

13. Our dispatch department is very \_\_\_\_\_ : orders are sent off the same day as they are received  
a) effective    b) efficient    c) effectual    d) efficiently
14. I have \_\_\_\_\_ one is a \_\_\_\_\_ are \_\_\_\_\_  
a) the other    b) the others    c) others    d) other
15. Some snakes are poisonous and \_\_\_\_\_ are harmless.  
a) the other    b) the others    c) others    d) other
16. According to the curfew everyone \_\_\_\_\_ be indoors by 6.30p.m.  
a) must    b) must not    c) ought to    d) should not
17. This cloth is not \_\_\_\_\_ expensive  
a) quite    b) every    c) very    d) only
18. This plant is not \_\_\_\_\_ dead  
a) quite    b) every    c) very    d) only
19. This tool is not \_\_\_\_\_ useful any longer  
a) quite    b) every    c) very    d) only

III- Choose the word or group of words which is opposite in meaning to the underlined

20. It is difficult to satisfy human beings.  
a) saturate    b) please  
c) starve    d) deny
21. The student was castigated for his role in the sporting event.  
a) encouraged    b) praised  
c) punished    d) recommended
22. Henchard's tacit nature aroused curiosity  
a) open    b) peaceful  
c) silent    d) graceful
23. Not even a sacrifice of rams could placate the gods  
a) beautify    b) purify  
c) provoke    d) appease
24. She remained adamant irrespective of continuous pleading  
a) stubborn    b) supple  
c) angry    d) yielding

IV- Fill in the blank spaces with the appropriate word or group in the following sentences:

25. The student tried to play fast and loose with the rules. The student \_\_\_\_\_  
a) disliked the rules  
b) tried to dodge the rules  
c) did not obey the rules  
d) obeyed some of the rules
26. Our teacher advised us to look before we leaped. It was that we \_\_\_\_\_  
a) liked leaping  
b) were not often cautious  
c) did not look very often  
d) obeyed some of the rules.
27. Children are blamed for looking askance at elderly people. Children \_\_\_\_\_  
a) insult elderly people  
b) look with distrust at elderly people  
c) look too frequently at elderly people  
d) don't like elderly people
28. In order to pass, Achidi burned the midnight oil. Achidi \_\_\_\_\_  
a) studied hard because of his zeal to succeed  
b) burned oil at midnight  
c) liked to pass so he burned all his oil  
d) was a book-worm
29. Delinquents are usually on the wrong on the side of the law. Delinquents \_\_\_\_\_  
a) are hardened criminals  
b) are those who disobey the law  
c) usually break the law  
d) are wrong in their thinking.

V- Complete each sentence with the most appropriate word or expression.

30. The boy had left \_\_\_\_\_ Lagos when the accident occurred.

- a) after      b) before      c) to
31. "Please, I would like to know the exact time for the concert". "I believe it begins \_\_\_\_\_ 10 o' clock.  
a) at      b) by      c) around      d) about
32. He is a joint-partner \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. ATANGANA  
a) in      b) for      c) with      d) beneath
33. It's better to carry \_\_\_\_\_ one plan before going on to another.  
a) out      b) through      c) off      d) over
34. He finds it difficult to put his views \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) forth      b) in      c) over      d) across
35. He puts his family \_\_\_\_\_ any other responsibilities.  
a) over      b) before      c) into      d) beyond
36. His debt has accumulated \_\_\_\_\_ a long period.  
a) over      b) into      c) before      d) beyond
37. His argument about opening a new \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_ the point.  
a) beyond      b) beside      c) against      d) on
38. Her fiancé's house is \_\_\_\_\_ those beautiful bungalows.  
a) between      b) beneath      c) aside      d) among
39. I got to know my client \_\_\_\_\_ an old friend.  
a) from      b) in connection with      c) through      d) on a visit  
to