



## PAPER 1: USE OF ENGLISH (40 marks)

### 1. Choose the best answer: a), b), c), or d). (30 marks)

1. Teenager driving at great speed kills an old lady and \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) drives on      b) drives up      c) drives off      d) drives out
2. Where husbands fully support their wives' employment by \_\_\_\_\_ their share of cleaning and childcare, the couples are usually happy.  
a) taking      b) making      c) doing      d) giving
3. Gary is very busy with his job. He has \_\_\_\_\_ time for other things.  
a) small      b) few      c) much      d) little
4. Which of the following definitions a), b), c), or d) matches the word "household"?  
a) A group of people, often a family, who live together.  
b) The work of keeping a house clean and tidy.  
c) Buildings for people to live in.  
d) The activity of looking for a house to live in.
5. "Because women usually \_\_\_\_\_ custody of children in divorce cases, most stepfamilies consist of mothers, their biological children, and stepfathers." Which word cannot be used to complete this sentence?  
a) earn      b) gain      c) win      d) get
6. People between 24 and 27 years old can be said to be in their \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) mid-twenties      b) half-twenties  
c) mid-twenty      d) half-twenty
7. These days there is very little social disapproval of living together. \_\_\_\_\_, it is still quite rare for couples to live together permanently without marrying.  
a) But      b) Nevertheless      c) Although      d) Rather
8. The leaves \_\_\_\_\_ that tree are a beautiful color.  
a) in      b) on      c) at      d) up
9. In the sentence "Some people who live single claim that they do not marry because marriage involves too much commitment," the word "commitment" can be substituted by just one of the following words. Which one?  
a) housework      b) responsibility  
c) chore      d) disagreement
10. The family, the school, and the \_\_\_\_\_ group (that is, people of the same age) are the most important socializing agents.  
a) pier      b) peer      c) peep      d) peak
11. Physical traits such as skin color are clearly inherited, but people also

appear to inherit \_\_\_\_\_ —a natural tendency to behave and react in a certain way.

- a) aptitude      b) intelligence      c) temperament      d) humor
12. \_\_\_\_\_ children have supposedly been brought up by animals in the wild.  
a) Fierce      b) Ferocious      c) Feral      d) Feline
13. A young woman named Edith finished grammar school in four years, \_\_\_\_\_ high school and went \_\_\_\_\_ to college.  
a) jumped / straight      c) jumped / fairly  
b) skipped / fairly      d) skipped / straight
14. Which of the following definitions corresponds to the verb "enforce"?  
a) To break or act against something, especially a law, agreement, principle or something that should be treated with respect.  
b) To make people obey a law.  
c) To defend or maintain a principle or law.  
d) To punish someone for breaking a rule.
15. She \_\_\_\_\_ the baby and eventually it stopped crying.  
a) pushed      b) crawled      c) cuddled      d) woke
16. Tom said he would contact me, but he \_\_\_\_\_ wrote \_\_\_\_\_ phoned.  
a) either / nor      b) neither / or      c) neither / nor      d) either / or
17. Mothers are usually less \_\_\_\_\_ with the appearance of their sons than with that of their little daughters.  
a) committed      b) concerned      c) worried      d) interested
18. Which of the words in a), b), c), or d) does not fit in the sentence "There are two \_\_\_\_\_ types of marriage: monogamy and polygamy"?  
a) main      b) principle      c) major      d) key
19. But these problems do not result \_\_\_\_\_ the absence of a father.  
a) of      b) for      c) from      d) out of
20. Because humans live in groups and communicate with each other, they \_\_\_\_\_ what they know to their children and to each other.  
a) pass up      b) pass on      c) pass over      d) pass through
21. \_\_\_\_\_ parents and teachers tend to place great importance on school achievement, peer groups are likely to think that popularity and social leadership are more important.  
a) Because      b) Whereas      c) Where      d) Given
22. In the sentence "Teachers used to allow boys to shout out answers in class, but scolded girls for doing so", "scold" can be substituted by only one of the following verbs. Find it.  
a) Prohibited      b) Disapproved      c) Told off      d) Failed

23. The pronunciation /per/ corresponds to all but one of the following spellings. Which one?

- a) pare                      b) pier                      c) pair                      d) pear

24. An assertive person is one that

- a) is uncomfortably or unnaturally aware of himself and his actions.  
b) is shy and nervous; lacking confidence; easily frightened.  
c) behaves confidently and is not frightened to say what he wants.  
d) behaves in an unpleasant way by trying too much to get something or to make someone do something.

25. The happiness of stepfamilies depends largely on how well the stepfather \_\_\_\_\_ with the children.

- a) gets along              b) gets over              c) gets by              d) gets away

26. They have thought about \_\_\_\_\_ married but have no plans just yet.

- a) get                      b) getting                      c) to get                      d) to getting

27. In the sentence "Most people who live alone are young adults who defer marriage into their late twenties, but some are in their thirties and forties," the verb "defer" can be substituted by all the following verbs but one. Which one?

- a) Delay                      b) Postpone                      c) Hold                      d) Stop

28. Liz, \_\_\_\_\_ car had broken down, was in a very bad mood.

- a) whom                      b) to whom her                      c) whose                      d) that

29. Compared with two-parent families, female-headed families \_\_\_\_\_ more \_\_\_\_\_ to experience unemployment, lack of social support, problems at school, and so on.

- a) are / like                      b) will / likely                      c) will be / like                      d) are / likely

30. Because of the high \_\_\_\_\_ of divorce and remarriage, stepfamilies have also become quite common.

- a) numbers                      b) amount                      c) rate                      d) figures

31. Studies of other cultures, \_\_\_\_\_, show that children are socialized differently depending on the culture they are raised in.

- a) eventually                      b) but                      c) however                      d) although

32. In the sentence "Children were expected to take care of younger children and do some of the household chores", the word "chores" means

- a) "a job or piece of work which is often boring or unpleasant but needs to be done regularly."  
b) "work which teachers give their students to do at home."  
c) "a short journey either to take a message or to deliver or collect something."  
d) "a skilled activity in which something is made in a traditional way with the hands rather than being produced by machines in a factory, or an

object made by such an activity."

33. "Anna was born in 1932 in Pennsylvania to a young unwed mother." The word "unwed" means the same as

- a) sad                      b) sick                      c) single                      d) silly

34. Ryan Corey, 20, had to be cut from his wrecked car after it crashed into the truck parked in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the southbound lanes at 5:05 am.

- a) gutter                      b) freeway                      c) shoulder                      d) sidewalk

35. He graduated with a degree \_\_\_\_\_ mathematics at age 11. When he was a few months old, his father \_\_\_\_\_ his career as a science writer to educate him.

- a) on / left                      b) in / gave up  
c) about / gave up                      d) at / left

36. \_\_\_\_\_ now, very \_\_\_\_\_ couples lived together in the past without a formal wedding ceremony or marriage license.

- a) As / few                      b) Like / many  
c) Unlike / few                      d) Different / many

37. The firefighters arrived quickly after the alarm went off and \_\_\_\_\_ the flames really fast.

- a) blew out                      b) blew off                      c) put off                      d) put out

38. More than 600 communes are registered members of the organization. \_\_\_\_\_ these vary in type and size, all are based on a principle of cooperation among members.

- a) Even                      b) While                      c) Because                      d) Since

39. When the truth \_\_\_\_\_, there was public outrage.

- a) came off                      b) came out                      c) came of                      d) came up

40. Nine billion litres of Coca-Cola \_\_\_\_\_ in Britain last year.

- a) have been sold                      b) were being sold  
c) were sold                      d) were to be sold

41. In the sentence "The lead singer in the group is great", the word "lead" is pronounced \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) /li:d/                      b) /led/                      c) /lId/                      d) /le:d/

42. He's very good looking. \_\_\_\_\_, he has no trouble finding girl-friends.

- a) However                      b) Although                      c) Therefore                      d) Even though

43. Which of the following sentences is incorrect?

- a) An important message by the school secretary was given to Sam.  
b) Sam was given an important message by the school secretary.  
c) The school secretary gave Sam an important message.  
d) An important message was given to Sam by the school secretary.

44. \_\_\_\_\_ a salary, he also has a private income.

- a) In addition                      b) Moreover                      c) Furthermore                      d) Besides

45. Which of the following sentences mean the same as "Jane suggested that I should buy a car?"

- a) Jane suggested that I buy a car.
- b) Jane suggested that I bought her a car.
- c) Jane suggested "buy me a car".
- d) Jane suggested that I will buy a car.

46. Traffic \_\_\_\_\_ will be kept to a minimum throughout the festival.

- a) diversions      b) roundabouts      c) road signs      d) clutches

47. To \_\_\_\_\_ means to drive backwards.

- a) overtake      b) tow      c) reverse      d) give way

48. In Am. English, \_\_\_\_\_ means the same as "tap" in Brit. English.

- a) deck      b) trash      c) faucet      d) cab

49. \_\_\_\_\_ is the opposite of "adore."

- a) criticize      b) loathe      c) disobey      d) discourage

50. It's a fantastic book. All the reviews have \_\_\_\_\_ it.

- a) improved      b) praised      c) encouraged      d) spoilt

**2. Rewrite the following sentences so that the meaning of the second one stays very much the same as the meaning of the original one.** (10 marks)

1. Fierce though the fire was, it claimed no lives.

Although \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Nowadays, doctors can obtain the latest information about a new drug using a computer.

Nowadays, \_\_\_\_\_.

3. I would like to speak English as well as you do.

I wish \_\_\_\_\_.

4. He couldn't attend the ceremony because he suddenly fell ill.

Because \_\_\_\_\_.

NOTE: "Because he suddenly fell ill, he couldn't attend the ceremony" is not a possible answer, since it's the same sentence as the original.

5. John is younger than he looks.

John \_\_\_\_\_.

NOTE: I won't accept "John looks older than he (actually) is" as an answer to this question, although this one would be correct.

6. I can't wear this coat in winter. It's not warm enough.

It's \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_.

7. It isn't necessary to bring skis as they are included in the package.

You \_\_\_\_\_.

8. Tom said, "I will be playing tennis when you arrive."

Tom \_\_\_\_\_.

9. When I was a child, we would go to the local park every Saturday afternoon.

When \_\_\_\_\_.

10. I didn't understand what he was saying because I hadn't read his book.

If \_\_\_\_\_.



## PAPER 2. READING COMPREHENSION (20 marks)

### BALANCING HOME AND WORK

Here is one woman's story of balancing home and career. Rachel always dreamed of having a large family and an interesting career. She now has four children and works full-time.

I really have two full-time jobs. My job in the city is in investment banking and I really like it. It's interesting and important. My other job is at home –raising four kids and keeping the household going. I like this job too, and though it's not always interesting, I know it's important. But when I'm not cleaning up the kitchen after a meal, or picking up the kid's things from the floor for the millionth time, or feeding the dog, then I'm falling asleep during my youngest daughter's piano practice. When I do have some free time, I've usually got a headache. The reality is that, most of the time, it's just too much.

#### Role overload

Rachel has role overload. That is, she has difficulty combining the roles of worker and of wife and mother. Role overload is one of the disadvantages that today's women face. While both parents are more "stretched" when the woman of the household works, it is usually the woman who does most of the

housework and childcare. Most studies investigating housework conclude that women (whether employed or not) do “the lion’s share” of housework and childcare. An Australian study, for example, found that employed wives did 69.3 hours of unpaid work around the house during a two-week period while employed husbands did approximately 31.2 hours. A study by Bird (1999) shows a similar picture for U.S. households. In this study of 1,256 adults, Bird showed that while working women certainly want an equal share of housework, they “shoulder the main burden” by doing approximately twice as much as their spouses. Her study showed that after marriage, women gain 14 hours of household chores per week, while their husbands gain only 90 minutes.

### **Value of housework**

There have been some attempts in the United States, Europe, and Australia over the past few decades to encourage governments to pay people for the housework they do. A U.S. organization called the Wages for Housework Campaign argued for many years that housework was boring and degrading because it was unpaid, and that payment would improve the status of women in society overall. More recently they have argued for housewives to be included in the labor force and for unpaid housework to be included in calculations of a nation’s wealth, for example, the gross national product (GNP). They have argued that this would make housework more visible, and could possibly lead to greater investment in programs to help women.

So far, no government has seriously considered paying people for housework. This is not surprising when you consider how difficult it would be to implement such a scheme. The first problem would be to determine how much people would be paid. In 1995 the United Nations estimated the annual value of women’s unpaid work at \$11 trillion worldwide. An Australian government study in 1991 calculated that if someone was to be paid to do all the housework in one home it would be worth 400 Australian dollars a week (equivalent to about 250 U.S. dollars at that time). However, there would be more problems to “iron out.” Would everyone get the same amount? Which tasks would and would not be paid for? How would the government know if the work was done?

### **Other consequences of being a woman**

Role overload is not the only disadvantage women of today may experience. A negative self-concept and lack of self-confidence are other disadvantages. In a study in which women and men were told they were incapable of performing a mental task, the women were more likely than the men to believe that they were incapable (Wagner et al. 1986). Another study showed that women are more likely to think their success is due to luck than to their own ability (Heimovics and Herman 1988). A further problem for many mothers is the difficulty they have in finding new interests and activities when their children leave home.

But there are also advantages to being a modern woman. One is the likelihood of living longer. In 1998 in the United States, average life expectancy for men was 73.9, whereas for women it was 79.4. Other advantages are being able to express emotions more easily, having a closer bond with children, and not having one’s identity tied to employment. One big advantage today is that women have so many options. It is socially acceptable to work full-time if you have children, but it is also acceptable to be a full-time mother and stay at home, or to work part-time.

### **Avoiding the housework**

Jokes about men and housework are common in TV shows and newspaper comics. But research shows that there may be at least a little truth in these jokes.

MacKay (Kissane 1990) revealed four tactics that men sometimes use to avoid doing household chores:

- Helplessness – he agrees to cook but asks directions for every step.
- Getting the kids to do it – he insists that they are old enough to help and he is not needed.
- Going slowly – he hopes that his wife will find it more trouble than it is worth to ask him for help again.
- The “black-cloud” strategy – he does the chores, but so ungraciously that the wife feels angry and upset.

Men in this study justified their tactics by claiming that women “want it both ways.” They also argued that they had never agreed to the concept of sharing housework.

**1. Answer the following questions. Try to use your own words as much as possible. (10 marks)**

1.1. What is the point of Rachel’s story? (1 mark)

- a) that you should not work full-time if you are a woman with children
- b) that it can be difficult to combine full-time work and raising a family
- c) that women do most of the housework even if they work full-time

1.2. What does research tell us about the way most men and women share housework? (2 marks)

1.3. What information can you find in the text to suggest that governments will never pay people to do housework? (1 mark)

1.4. Make a list of all the disadvantages and advantages of being a woman mentioned in the text. (3 marks)

1.5. How do some men try to get out of doing housework? (3 marks)

**2. Find the following expressions in the text and work out what they mean from the context and the words themselves.**

- a) stretched (par. 2)
- b) the lion’s share (par. 2)
- c) shoulder the main burden (par. 2)
- d) iron out (par. 2)
- e) want it both ways (boxed text)

2.1. Explain in your own words, with a definition or an example, what each of the words/expressions above means. (5 marks)

2.2. Complete the sentences below using one of the words or expressions. (5 marks)

1. Kathy and Jim fought about the housework again. I hope they can \_\_\_\_\_ their differences.
2. She’s working at two jobs, raising a son, and going to night school. She must feel so \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Julia wants to be successful, and she wants to be a perfect mother. Women like Julia \_\_\_\_\_.
4. In traditional families, the man is expected to \_\_\_\_\_ of supporting his wife and children.
5. Mark and Lola decided to switch roles in their marriages. Now she does most of the gardening and repair tasks, and he does \_\_\_\_\_ of the cooking and cleaning.



## PAPER 3. LISTENING COMPREHENSION (20 marks)

**1. Read the descriptions of the interviewees, listen to parts of their interviews and write down the form of media they are discussing.** (3 marks)

### Interviewee

Eddie is 15 years old. He is interested in sports, music, and traveling.

Leslie is 24 years old. She is currently studying to become a teacher.

Ralph is 40 years old. He is a plumber and electrician.

### Type of media

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**2. Listen to the entire interview now and take notes on the positive and negative effects of the form of media each person is discussing. Write your notes on the chart below.** (12 marks)

Person	Positive effects	Negative effects
Eddie		
Leslie		

Ralph		

**3. Now listen to the interview again and try to find words which correspond to the definitions below.** (5 marks)

Something that makes you use time badly (1 word)

\_\_\_\_\_

Limit (1 word)

\_\_\_\_\_

Less friendly and trying to avoid spending time with other people (1 word)

\_\_\_\_\_

Modern and influenced by the most recent fashions or ideas (1 word)

\_\_\_\_\_

Know where s/one or s/th is; watch s/one or s/th carefully (4 words)

\_\_\_\_\_



## PAPER 4. WRITING (20 marks)

Choose one of the following writing assignments. First, choose Task 1 OR Task 2 and then choose the topic you wish to write about (from Topic 1 to Topic 5 in each case). Write at least 300-350 words (and a maximum of 500 words).

### TASK 1 Comparison/contrast essay writing

**Topic 1:** Compare/contrast life in the country OR the mountains OR an isolated island AND life in the city.

**Topic 2:** Compare/contrast the education of children in a single-parent family and in a traditional family (with both a mother and a father).

**Topic 3:** Compare/contrast being a child or an adolescent with being an adult.

**Topic 4:** Compare/contrast being a man and being a woman at work in today's society.

**Topic 5:** Compare/contrast

- a) newspapers OR magazines AND the Internet,
- b) the radio AND newspapers OR magazines, or
- c) television AND the Internet as sources of information and entertainment in today's society.

### TASK 2 Argumentative essay writing

**Topic 1:** The same rights should be provided to gay and lesbian couples that are currently only afforded to heterosexual couples — the right to marry, adopt and receive social benefits. Do you agree?

**Topic 2:** The only way to achieve justice for the victim is through the death penalty. Discuss.

**Topic 3:** Women and men are both equally able to keep a house and a family. Do you agree?

**Topic 4:** We should all be allowed to decide about our own death. Euthanasia should be legalized. Discuss.

**Topic 5:** Working mothers have a positive effect on the family. Do you agree?



**SUGGESTION:** Remember to find 2 or 3 aspects that you can talk about for both terms of your comparison/contrast, and then write about these aspects in one paragraph each, mentioning in what sense both of them are similar/different regarding that particular aspect.



**SUGGESTION:** Remember that if you choose a "discuss" topic you will be expected to produce arguments both for and against the topic whilst if you choose a "do you agree?" topic you will need to make more emphasis on one side of the argument (the one you choose to defend).