1 Are these sentences true (T) or false (F)?

**The Truly Married Woman**

a ___ Ajayi liked a cup of coffee in the mornings.
b ___ Before her wedding, Ayo had three children.

c ___ The bus conductor found his job interesting.
d ___ Sometimes the passengers had to push the bus out of the mud.

**The Road to Migowi**
e ___ Mercy has an older sister.
f ___ Mercy’s boyfriend Joe is a politician.

**Blood Feuds**
g ___ When he was a young man, Uncle Phala fought against the Americans.
h ___ The crowd outside Uncle Phala’s house was looking for southerners.

**The Miracle Worker**
i ___ Makinde liked talking.
j ___ Reporters wrote about Makinde in the Sunday papers.


20 marks

2 Who said this in the stories? Who did they say it to? A passenger, Ajayi, Ayo, Bisi, Connie, Makinde, Mercy, the bus conductor, the tax assessor

a ‘Your people will frighten my customers away with their crying and shaking.’ .................. to ..................
b ‘I have a bicycle on the roof.’ .................. to ..................
c ‘You are now a husband and not a lover.’ .................. to ..................
d ‘Where are your papers?’ .................. to ..................
e ‘I didn’t do well enough in the exams, so I can’t be a teacher.’ .................. to ..................

20 marks

3 Put the following events in the story **The Miracle Worker** in the right order. Number them 1–5.

a ___ A tax assessor visited Makinde.
b ___ Makinde joined Bisi’s church.
c ___ A lot of people visited Makinde’s lot to see the vision of the Virgin Mary.
d ___ Rasaki lost all Makinde’s money.
e ___ Makinde asked the visitors for money.

20 marks

4 Match a number from A with a letter from B to make complete sentences.

**A**

1 ___ Ayo sometimes . . .
2 ___ The bus conductor thought about . . .
3 ___ After the coup, Mensar-Arthur . . .
4 ___ When he was in Zimbabwe, Uncle Phala dreamed about . . .
5 ___ The money that Makinde had earned . . .

**B**

a . . . getting to the end of the journey quickly.
b . . . was under his bed.
c . . . went to prison.
d . . . returning to Malawi.
e . . . borrowed a ring from her neighbour.

20 marks

5 **The Truly Married Woman.** Fill in the gaps using: alarm, bride, clerk, couples, mistress, pregnant, priest, reached, regularly, traditional

Ajayi was a government ................. . He lived with his ................. Ayo. Every morning, when the ................. clock woke him, he ................. out for his drink. Ayo was ................. with her fourth child. Ajayi and Ayo ................. went to church, and sometimes the ................. would speak out against unmarried ................. who lived together. In the end, Ajayi and Ayo got married. The day before the wedding, Ajayi’s family gave ................. gifts like coins, pins and fruit to the ................. .

20 marks

Total marks
Setting

Choose the best answer.
1 Ajayi and Ayo had been together for _____.
   a three years  b twelve years  c a year  d twenty years
2 Three ____ from America visited Ajayi.
   a doctors  b government clerks  c lawyers  d missionaries
3 The bus conductor had been travelling between Limbe and Migowi for nine _____.
   a years  b months  c weeks  d days
4 The bus conductor left his last job because it was _____.
   a dangerous  b boring  c varied  d difficult
5 Mercy’s new shoes were a present from _____.
   a a taxi driver  b her sister  c an important politician  d her sister’s husband
6 Mercy’s sister was a _____.
   a politician  b typist  c clerk  d teacher
7 Uncle Phala left Malawi to look for work as a ____ in Zimbabwe.
   a miner  b doctor  c pilot  d teacher
8 The National Redemption Movement was an organisation of ____ in Zimbabwe.
   a priests  b students  c exiles  d Europeans
9 Makinde didn’t like ____ very much.
   a cars  b talking  c his wife  d working
10 Makinde gave ____ the money he had earned from visitors.
   a the church  b the tax assessor  c Rasaki  d his wife

Characters

Choose the best answer.
11 ____ took a big drink of bitter medicine every morning.
   a Ajayi  b Omo  c Ayo  d Ayo’s father
12 Ayo sometimes borrowed a wedding ring from her _____.
   a uncle  b sister  c neighbour  d aunt
13 The bus conductor imagined that he saw his ____ on the bus.
   a brother  b sister  c mother  d father
14 Mercy worked as a ___.
   a teacher  b taxi driver  c typist  d government clerk
15 Mensar-Arthur bought a motor for ____ sewing machine.
   a Mercy’s  b Connie’s  c his sister’s  d his mother’s
16 When he was young, Uncle Phala had fought against the _____.
   a Americans  b Zimbabweans  c French  d British
17 Uncle Phala came from the ____ of Malawi.
   a north  b south  c east  d west
18 Makinde was a ____ in Lagos.
   a cleaner  b tax assessor  c mechanic  d taxi driver
19 Bisi sold ____ at a bus station.
   a clothes  b food  c magazines  d tickets
20 Bisi started to eat dirt when she was _____.
   a ill  b angry  c poor  d pregnant

20 marks
Dialogue

Who said this?

21 ‘We are on our way to India and we thought we would come and see you personally.’
   a ■ Omo  b □ Ajayi  c □ Mr Olsen  d □ Ayo

22 ‘Get up and make yourself a cup of tea.’
   a □ Mr Olsen  b □ Ajayi  c □ Omo  d □ Ayo

23 ‘You should be ashamed to wear them.’
   a □ Ajayi  b □ Omo  c □ Ayo  d □ Mr Olsen

24 ‘I have a bicycle on the roof.’
   a □ a passenger  b □ the bus driver  c □ the bus conductor  d □ the bus conductor’s father

25 ‘Those are beautiful shoes. Are they new?’
   a □ Mercy  b □ Mensar-Arthur  c □ Captain Ashley  d □ Connie

26 ‘I have got you one of the government houses.’
   a □ Mensar-Arthur  b □ Connie  c □ Mercy  d □ Captain Ashley

27 ‘Come and tell these brave sons of the north where your useless husband is.’
   a □ Father  b □ Uncle Phala  c □ a priest  d □ Mwali

28 ‘I always told you that northerners are cruel and wild.’
   a □ Uncle Phala  b □ Mwali  c □ Father  d □ a priest

29 ‘I’m sorry. You can’t come and pray on my lot.’
   a □ the tax assessor  b □ Makinde  c □ Rasaki  d □ Bisi

30 ‘Give me your money and I will give you back ten times as much.’
   a □ Rasaki  b □ Bisi  c □ Makinde  d □ the tax assessor

Vocabulary

Choose the best answer.

31 a feeling of great happiness
   a □ respect  b □ affair  c □ rule  d □ joy

32 to damage something badly
   a □ ruin  b □ pray  c □ swing  d □ trick

33 a woman on her wedding day
   a □ bridegroom  b □ darling  c □ bride  d □ mistress

34 a large hole under the ground where people dig for coal or gold
   a □ vision  b □ mine  c □ lot  d □ gourd

35 to talk about other people’s private lives
   a □ trick  b □ gossip  c □ ruin  d □ pray

36 a person who sells or checks tickets on a bus
   a □ conductor  b □ missionary  c □ politician  d □ soothsayer

37 a formal public or religious event
   a □ community  b □ tithe  c □ coup  d □ ceremony

38 to speak privately to God
   a □ gossip  b □ cry  c □ pray  d □ assess

39 a large area of land owned by one family
   a □ estate  b □ regime  c □ mine  d □ park

40 a wonderful event that cannot be explained by the laws of nature
   a □ lot  b □ miracle  c □ coup  d □ research

20 marks
Plot

Choose the best answer.

41 Ayo decided to wear a _____ dress for her wedding.
   a □ red   b □ white   c □ grey   d □ black

42 The morning after the wedding, Ayo _____.
   a □ was ill   b □ got up very early
   c □ made tea for her husband   d □ stayed in bed

43 The bus conductor’s mother died from ____ too much.
   a □ drinking   b □ smoking   c □ working
   d □ eating

44 The passengers often had to get out of the bus and _____ it.
   a □ wash   b □ photograph   c □ push
   d □ carry

45 After the coup, Mensar-Arthur went _____.
   a □ to England   b □ to prison
   c □ to hospital   d □ on holiday

46 At the end of the story, Mercy _____.
   a □ was still with Mensar-Arthur
   b □ was married   c □ was alone
   d □ had a new boyfriend

47 When their country became independent, the people in Malawi called their leader ‘the _____’.
   a □ saviour   b □ boss   c □ priest
   d □ foreigner

48 The people shouting outside Uncle Phala’s house were looking for _____.
   a □ British people   b □ southerners
   c □ Zimbabweans   d □ northerners

49 Makinde’s wife saw a vision of the Virgin Mary in a _____.
   a □ bowl of water   b □ shop window
   c □ bathroom mirror   d □ car windscreen

50 In the end, Makinde _____ Bisi.
   a □ had a fight with   b □ left   c □ went to church with
   d □ bought a present for

20 marks

Total marks