**Once Upon A Time - Gabriel Okara**

**Multiple choice questions**

1. The poem Once Upon A Time is comparison between---.

(a) father and son (b) old and new (c) past and present (d) adults and the young

2. The phrase To Laugh With Teeth means ---.

(a) lack of feeling (b) lack of language (c) lack of intention (d) lack of teeth themselves

3. To whom does They refer to in the poem?

(a) Friends (b) Other members of the family (c) Other brothers (d) People in general

4. Why do they search behind the shadow of the author?

(a) To find hidden guns.

(b) To probe deep into the heart of the author

(c) Because they have no faith

(d) Because they wanted to escape from the author.

5. To shake hands with hearts means ---.

(a) hugging with love (b) shaking hands with love (c) shaking hands vigorously (d) deceiving.

6. The phrase Empty Pockets means ---.

(a) empty hands (b) poverty (c) empty brains (d) hatred.

7. What happens when the author visits his friends frequently?

(a) they invite him love

(b) They close the doors.

(c) They keep away from him.

(d) They send him out unceremoniously.

8. What did the author learn after his experiences with th3 changing world?

(a) To deceive others.

(b) To act according to the situation.

(c) To change face masks.

(d) To fight against them.

9. Which of the following the author did not learn after his experience?

(a) To laugh without emotion.

(b) To shake hands without love.

(c) To say goodbye with a heavy heart.

(d) To say glad to meet you without gladness.

10. What does the poet want to become?

(a) a child (b) A friend (c) A snake (d) An old man.

11. Snake’s bare fangs are compared to ---.

(a) a face without emotion.

(b) Teeth without love.

(c) Teeth with poison.

(d) Heart with love.

12. Gabriel Okara is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ poet and novelist

a) **a Nigerian** b) an American c) a South African d) a Senegalese

13. In “Once Upon a Time” who wears many faces like dresses?

a) **The father** b) The mother c) The son d) The dog

14. In “Once Upon a Time” the father wants to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ all these muting things.

a) **unlearn**b) learn c)understand d) study

15. In “Once Upon a Time”, the Father has learned to laugh with his \_\_\_\_.

a) **teeth** b) heart c)eyes d) soul

16. “Once Upon a Time” explains what happens when a traditional African culture meets \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

a) **the Western way of life** b) a happy way of life c)a controlled way of life d) the slavery

17. In many places the tone of the poem, “Once Upon a Time”, is \_\_\_\_\_.

a) **bitter**b) bright c)sweet d) happy

18. According to the father in “Once Upon a Time”\_\_\_\_\_, “left hands search his\_\_\_\_\_”

a) **empty pockets** b) hefty pockets c) rich bags d) empty bags

19. Okara tells of the false personalities for their\_\_\_\_\_.

a) **many faces** b)false promises c)false speeches d) many tongues

20. The father in “Once Upon a Time”\_\_\_\_\_ has learnt to shake hands without his \_\_\_\_\_\_.

a)**heart** b) teeth c) tongue d) mask

21. According to Okara “Goodbye” means, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

a) **“good-riddance”** b) “bye-bye” c) “see you later” d) “I like you”

22. According to Okara “Glad to meet you” means, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

a) **I am not glad** b) I am very glad c) I am very happy d) Nice to meet you

23. Okara talks about the \_\_\_\_\_\_ which were developed by the father.

a) **fake attitudes** b) good attitudes c) niceties  d) pleasant attitudes

24. According to Okara, the father in “Once Upon a Time” is \_\_\_\_\_\_ of his behaviour.

a) **ashamed** b) happy c) ignorant d) indifferent

25. What era was the short story "Once Upon a Time" written in?

a) Apartheid b)It was make believe c) Renaissance d)Modern