WEST AFRICAN SENIOR SCHOOL CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION

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ENGLISH LANGUAGE

OBJECTIVE TEST – PART A: LEXIS AND STRUCTURE

SECTION I

In each of the following sentences, there is a word underlined and one gap. From the list of words lettered A to D, choose the word that is most nearly opposite in meaning to the underlined word and that will, at the same time, correctly fill the gap in the sentence.

1. Long John fell from affluence to ..... due to his recklessness.
A. misery
B. penury
C. liability
D. starvation

2. Billy said he would do only ..... business and stay away from illegal ones.
A. legitimate
B. profitable
C. justifiable
D. commercial

3. FIFA advised all referees to be impartial and not .....
A. biased
B. considerate
C. careless
D. intolerant

4. New security features on the currency notes differentiate the fake from the ..... ones.
A. old
B. genuine
C. normal
D. clear

5. Though the workers think the manager is callous, he is really .....
A. considerate
B. powerful
C. frank
D. effective

6. The team was hailed when it triumphed but ..... when it lost the cup.
A. abandoned
B. charged
C. booed
D. heckled

7. Older people prefer the serenity of the countryside to the ..... in the city.
A. crowding
B. aggression
C. turmoil
D. bustle

8. While some people laud the government for constructing roads, others ..... it.
A. favour
B. castigate
C. pacify
D. proclaim

9. Though Mansa has an ..... smile, her behaviour is repulsive.
A. enduring
B. elusive
C. alluring
D. amicable

10. While Peter was dismissed for being negligent, his brother was promoted for being .....
A. obedient

B. realistic
C. humble
D. meticulous

SECTION II

From the words lettered A to D, choose the one that best completes each of the following sentences.

11. The president ..... the criminal libel law.
A. repealed
B. cancelled
C. tabled
D. vetoed

12. The government said the measures were meant to ..... inflation.
A. arrest
B. defeat
C. check
D. fight

13. The doctor ..... the disease as measles.
A. diagnosed
B. discovered
C. investigated
D. examined

14. One of the feuding factions has ..... its claim to the throne.
A. repealed
B. revised
C. altered
D. renounced

15. Akos was reduced ..... tears when she lost the election.
A. by
B. to
C. into
D. with

16. Her new novel is ..... interesting than the previous one.
A. more so
B. much more
C. much so
D. so much

17. He had hardly stepped out of the house ..... the news arrived.
A. as
B. and
C. then
D. when

18. You dare not complain, ...?
A. dare you
B. isn't it
C. will you
D. you dare

19. Delanyo and ..... went through hard times in school.
A. her
B. him
C. I
D. me

20. I wouldn't have married you ..... for your humility.
A. but
B. however
C. if not
D. nevertheless

SECTION III

Choose from the alternatives lettered A to D one which is nearest in meaning to the underlined word or expression in each sentence.

21. Araba was voted the most outstanding speaker at the conference.
A. remarkable
B. conspicuous
C. persuasive
D. respected

22. Many indigenous songs were composed by anonymous musicians.
A. unpopular
B. unprofessional
C. archaic
D. unknown

23. All the members gave their candid opinion on the matter.
A. certain
B. kind
C. frank
D. strong

24. At last, the infamous armed robber has been caught by the police.
A. callous
B. notorious
C. dangerous
D. popular

25. We won the match because our defence was impregnable.
A. experienced
B. powerful
C. unbeatable
D. determined

26. He could not be trusted because of his erratic behaviour.
A. inflexible
B. extravagant
C. unstable
D. unfriendly

27. Some bosses are fond of harassing their staff.
A. fighting
B. mocking
C. intimidating
D. condemning

28. The congregation disliked the haughty manner in which the minister spoke.
A. commanding
B. harsh
C. arrogant
D. insulting

29. The man was despondent when the judge sentenced his son to jail.
A. deserted
B. angered
C. alarmed
D. dejected

30. The teacher didn't like it when his students tried to mimic him.
A. paint
B. mock
C. imitate
D. portray

SECTION IV

After each of the following sentences, a list of possible interpretations of all or part of the sentence is given. Choose the interpretation you consider most appropriate for each sentence.

31. Suley's sudden success seems to have gone into his head. This means that he has become
A. intolerant.

B. disrespectful.
C. uncontrollable.
D. proud.

32. After the captain was dismissed from the team, he decided to keep his distance. This means that he
A. decided to travel.
B. avoided company.
C. became hostile.
D. became lonely.

33. Though the man felt the wife was not telling the truth, he decided to give her the benefit of the doubt. This means that he
A. decided to try her for some time.
B. presumed that she was innocent.
C. lost trust in her.
D. doubted her statement.

34. Adamu was admired because he had his heart in the right place. This means that he was
A. humorous.
B. happy and healthy.
C. kind and generous.
D. submissive.

35. Kafui's attack on me in public touched a raw nerve. This means that
A. Kafui physically assaulted me.
B. Kafui upset me.
C. I resented what he said.
D. I was exposed to ridicule.

36. The winner rewarded all those who stood by him during the election. This means that he rewarded those who
A. saved him.
B. comforted him.
C. supported him.
D. respected him.

37. The player was in two minds about playing for his country. This means that he
A. was called up the second time.
B. had doubts about his chances of being selected.
C. had played twice for his country.
D. couldn't decide whether to play or not.

38. The forecast is that trade will pick up in the next few months after the slump. This means that
A. business will thrive soon.
B. trading will peak.
C. trading will commence.
D. business will not suffer.

39. The worker's salary is nothing to write home about. This means that it
A. should be kept secret.
B. is paid to the bank.
C. is very low.
D. has not been paid.

40. Ayeley kept her cards close to her chest. This means that Ayeley
A. was crafty.
B. was selfish.
C. cheated in the game.
D. kept her plans secret.

SECTION V

In the following passage the numbered gaps indicate missing words. Against each number in the list below the passage, four choices are offered in columns lettered A to D. For each numbered gap, choose from the options provided for that number, the word that is most suitable to fill the gap.

In a democracy, political parties are formed and citizens have a ---41--- under the constitution to join any. But that is only the beginning of the process. There are ---42--- to be held as candidates have to ---43--- in order to be elected. This is because they have to win the confidence of the people in their ---44---. Another important factor is the party's ---45--- which spells out its ---46--- for the people. The winner has to swear an ---47--- to serve their country,

at whatever level, for a specified ---48--- after which one may be ---49--- to stand again. But that again depends on the approval of the ---50---.

41.

A. privilege
B. right
C. duty
D. benefit

42.

A. crusades
B. meetings
C. conventions
D. rallies

43.

A. compete
B. campaign
C. contest
D. lobby

44.

A. constituencies
B. localities
C. assemblies
D. districts

45.

A. propaganda
B. manifesto
C. constitution
D. message

46.

A. projection
B. vision
C. proposals
D. activities

47.

A. affidavit
B. agreement
C. undertaking
D. oath

48.

A. term
B. period
C. duration
D. time

49.

A. capable
B. permitted
C. competent
D. eligible

50.

A. electorate
B. citizens
C. masses
D. public

End of Objective Test