# WASSCE ENGLISH LANGUAGE 2011

## PAPER ONE (OBJECTIVE)

### SECTION 1

*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.** The students who had no invitation cards were barred from the party while those with cards were……

A. acknowledged.
B. admitted.
C. served.
D. restricted.

**2.** The general supervisor is good at terminating other people's projects but has not been capable of ……. his own.

A. finishing
B. integrating
C. initiating
D. organizing

**3.** Too many theories will not help us; we need to be……

A. practical
B. active
C. objective
D. critical

**4.** Araba's flamboyant lifestyle contrasts sharply with her husband's…….. attitude.

A. Dull
B. austere
C. unique
D. strange

**5.** Rather than show remorse for his conduct, Musah remained……

A. unrepentant
B. unconcerned
C. calculated
D. apathetic

**6.** Rhoda was vocal in protesting against the high-handedness of the judge, unlike Rita who was……..

A. rude
B. shouting
C. sober
D. quiet

**7.** The comments the secretary made were quite innocuous but her boss considered them…….

A. polite
B. inappropriate
C. antagonistic
D. hurtful

**8.** The young man was advised to be …….. and not rigid if he wanted to make a good career in politics.

A. wavering
B. constant
C. cautious
D. flexible

**9.** The ……. of the few rich in our society contrasts sharply with the poverty of the masses.

A. affluence
B. influence

C. arrogance
D. vigilance

**10.** The rather insignificant effort he made yielded……. results.
A. Exorbitant
B. absolute
C. tremendous
D. prohibitive

## SECTION II

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

**11.** Despite all our pleading, the manager remained ……. in his refusal of our request.
A. unconvinced
B. pliable
C. curious
D. adamant

**12.** Ankama has a……. appetite for fufu.
A. Vivacious
B. voracious
C. conscious
D. serious

**13.** The play was so interesting that the ……. clapped for quite a long time at the end.
A. Spectators
B. watchers
C. congregation
D. audience

**14.** When he made his second speech, he was ……. less nervous.
A. Fairly
B. rather
C. quite
D. little

**15.** The building ……. because of its weak foundation.
A. Collapsed
B. caved
C. succumbed
D. sank

**16.** He ran away from the police, and people ……. that he was guilty.
A. Implied
B. inferred
C. imputed
D. induced

**17.** There are certain…….. between the two versions of the story.
A. Discriminations
B. diversities
C. irrelevancies
D. discrepancies

**18.** The door had no bolt, so he……. one out of an old piece of iron.
A. Renovated
B. constituted
C. improved
D. improvised

**19.** At the border, he hid the watches in his pocket in order to …….. customs duty.
A. Repel
B. evade

C. defer
D. omit

**20.** The treasurer told the committee that he had ……. a plan to reduce cost.
A. Conceded
B. conceived
C. induced
D. composed

## SECTION III

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

**21.** The devastation caused by the flood was rather shocking.
A. Devaluation
B. dilapidation
C. desecration
D. destruction

**22.** He resented any criticism of the way he worked.
A. Always ignored
B. Carefully considered
C. Disagreed with
D. Felt annoyed about

**23.** Several crucial decisions were made at the meeting.
A. Painful
B. important
C. final
D. disastrous

**24.** This is an authentic account of the incident.
A. An exciting
B. a factual
C. an imaginary
D. a traditional

**25.** After accepting his appointment as a History professor, they discovered that he was a complete sham.
A. Imposter
B. mad man
C. failure
D. immoral person

**26.** He approached the snake warily.
A. Aggressively
B. noiselessly
C. cautiously
D. bravely

**27.** Elsie nags her husband ceaselessly.
A. Follows
B. suspects
C. attends to
D. constantly worries

**28.** The military ruler called for a concerted effort in solving the problems of the state.
A. Dramatic
B. joint
C. directed
D. continued

**29.** His financial situation is so precarious that very soon he may be insolvent.
A. Borrowing

B. begging
C. dependent
D. bankrupt

**30.** Climbing Mount Everest is not for a cowardly person.
A. Faint-hearted
B. careless
C. weak
D. shy

## 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.** Rickie was not in court and none of her colleagues was willing to hold brief for her. This means that
A. her colleagues were afraid.
B. she was not trusted.
C. her colleagues did not want to represent her.
D. she had quarrelled with them.

**32.** Telling lies has become second nature to Kurumi. This means that Kurumi
A. rarely tells lies.
B. always tells lies.
C. tells lies only on second thought.
D. she had quarrelled with them.

**33.** She did her best to keep on the right side of her teacher. This means that she
A. tried not to annoy him.
B. pursued him everywhere.
C. hid her bad behaviour.
D. tried not to fall behind in her work.

**34.** Ben used to be my friend but success has turned his head. This means that he has
A. become vain.
B. become busy.
C. turned his back on me.
D. fallen in love with somebody else.

**35.** Her wedding was attended by the cream of society. This means that her wedding was attended by
A. everybody in the society.
B. only those who were invited.
C. very important people.
D. only the educated.

**36.** As he read his wife's letter, his lip curled. This means that he
A. felt sad.
B. felt frightened.
C. felt contemptuous.
D. was amused.

**37.** Dela does not let the grass grow under his feet. This means that Dela
A. does not waste time in doing things.
B. is a very wicked man.
C. cuts the grass in his field regularly.
D. cares only about himself.

**38.** In the absence of the principal, the students had a field day. This means that the students
A. performed woefully.
B. fell down on the field.
C. pleased themselves.
D. withdrew from the field events.

**39.** The performance of the famous actor last month was his swan song. This means that the

A. actor sang beautifully during the play.
B. play was postponed because of the actor's absence.
C. play was the actor's last performance.
D. last play was the actor's best performance.

**40.** Yoyo's plans amount to building castles in the air. This means that Yoyo's plans are
A. beautiful
B. practicable
C. uninteresting
D. unrealistic

## SECTION V

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

**41.** In a modern state, everybody, from the highest to the lowest, …… obey the law.
A. were to
B. have to
C. has to
D. are to

**42.** It is high time we …….. for the party.
A. Leave
B. have to leave
C. left
D. will leave

**43.** Mrs. Ofori purchased……
A. a pure leather bag imported
B. an imported pure leather bag
C. a leather bag imported pure
D. an imported bag pure leather

**44.** It has been rough so far ……?
A. hasn't it
B. hadn't it
C. isn't it
D. haven't it

**45.** The Minister says he is accountable…… the president and nobody else.
A. from
B. to
C. with
D. by

**46.** ……. is the owner of this bag?
A. Who
B. Which
C. Whom
D. Whose

**47.** Nobody was surprised that the King was convicted ……. all the charges.
A. on
B. with
C. of
D. by

**48.** No sooner had the bell gone……. the students assembled.
A. when
B. then
C. than
D. before

**49.** ……. answer the boy gave, his companion nodded in agreement.

A. Any of the
B. Whatever
C. What
D. All

**50.** Catherine is …….. good at Mathematics that everybody expects her to become an engineer.

A. Very
B. too
C. so
D. extremely

**51.** Since the beginning of this term the French teacher ……. in school.

A. Had not been
B. has not been
C. is not been
D. has not being

**52.** One of the most fundamental changes …….. the transition from trading to manufacturing.

A. is
B. have been
C. was being
D. are

**53.** That is the ……. that Thomas recommended.

A. luxurious new car blue
B. car luxurious blue car
C. new luxurious blue car
D. blue car luxurious new

**54.** We had the thrill of seeing our athletes ……. three national records.

A. break
B. to break
C. be broken
D. broken

**55.** In matrilineal communities, women were not made…….

A. heads of families
B. head's of families
C. heads of family
D. head of family

**56.** Mrs. Omari has lost an aunt of …….?

A. hers
B. her
C. she's
D. she

**57.** The assignment given by the teacher is very difficult, …….?

A. Wasn't it
B. isn't it
C. aren't they
D. hasn't it

**58.** The magazine was ……. by the government for an offensive publication.

A. proscribed
B. abandoned
C. persecuted
D. disapproved

**59.** The drug dealers started panicking as the police closed……. on them.

A. at
B. up
C. in

D. round

**60.** We have had ……. of your complaints.

A. those
B. enough
C. any
D. so much

## SECTION VI

*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.*

When she had finished sweeping the sitting-room, she took up the slightly **-61-** cloth and used it to wipe off the **-62-** from the surface of the table, chairs, stools and window **-63-**. After that, she adjusted the curtains on the windows and doors, and **-64-** the few books and other items on the table and stools. She then moved to the **-65-** where the dishes from the evening **-66-** remained piled up, unwashed. She turned on the **-67-** and started washing. It took her thirty minutes to turn the dirty plates and **-68-** into gleaming pieces. She lit the stove, filled up the **-69-** from the running tap and put it on fire. That was for tea. She took a tuber of yam, peeled it clean, and cut it into **-70-**. Then, she commenced the process for making yam-porridge.

**61.**

A. Narrow
B. Moist
C. Sooty
D. Broken

**62.**

A. Mould
B. Mildew
C. Dust
D. Sand

**63.**

A. Frames
B. Bars
C. Boards
D. Panes

**64.**

A. Organized
B. Fixed
C. Rearranged
D. Compiled

**65.**

A. Kitchen
B. Corridor
C. Pantry
D. Store

**66.**

A. Breakfast
B. Meal
C. Lunch
D. Food

**67.**

A. Tap
B. Switch
C. Knob
D. Handle

**68.**

A. Instruments
B. Implements
C. Clothing
D. Utensils

**69.**

A. Plate
B. Kettle
C. Mortar
D. Bucket

**70.**

A. slices
B. parts
C. morsels
D. fractions