WASSCE ENGLISH LANGUAGE 2012

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. Due to his recklessness, he fell from affluence to …….

A. deficit.
B. liability.
C. penury.
D. starvation.

2. Older people prefer the serenity of the countryside to the …….. in the city.

A. aggression
B. crowding
C. struggle
D. turmoil

3. While some people castigate the government, others…… it.

A. boost
B. favour
C. laud
D. proclaim

4. Ababio declared that he would do only… business and stay away from illegal ones.

A. commercial
B. justified
C. legitimate
D. outstanding

5. It's strange that someone with such an …. smile should have such repulsive behaviour.

A. alluring
B. amicable
C. elusive
D. enduring

6. The public has been advised to note the features of the new currency notes so as to differentiate the fake from the…ones.

A. clear
B. genuine
C. official
D. unique

7. Though the workers see the manager as callous, he is really …….

A. considerate
B. effective
C. frank
D. powerful

8. The team was hailed in triumph but….. when it lost the cup.

A. abandoned
B. booed
C. ignored
D. shunned

9. Peter was sacked for being negligent while his brother was promoted because he was …….

A. humble
B. obedient
C. painstaking

D. wicked

10. The FIFA advised all referees to be impartial and not ……

A. biased
B. careless
C. ignorant
D. wicked

SECTION II

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

11. The president … the bill passed by parliament.

A. cancelled
B. repealed
C. tabled
D. vetoed

12. No one could tell why James… that unprovoked attack on his brother.

A. devised
B. launched
C. managed
D. spread

13. One of the factions has… its claim to the throne.

A. altered
B. renounced
C. repealed
D. revised

14. The African Union has decided not to …… any government that comes by way of a coup d'état.

A. face
B. mention
C. recognise
D. vote

15. Though he was a great player, he failed to …. in the tournament.

A. exult
B. flourish
C. rise
D. shine

16. Many people agreed that the …. of office of the president should be four years.

A. length
B. period
C. span
D. term

17. The doctor … the disease as measles.

A. diagnosed
B. discovered
C. examined
D. investigated

18. The manager …. the poor performance of the company to inflation.

A. assigned
B. attributed
C. consigned
D. described

19. It's not advisable to build a house there because the area is … to flooding.

A. agreeable
B. condemned
C. prone

D. resistant

20. The government said the measures were meant to …. inflation.

A. catch
B. check
C. defeat
D. dismiss

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. At last the infamous armed robber has been caught by the police.

A. callous
B. dangerous
C. notorious
D. popular

22. Some bosses are fond of harassing their staff.

A. condemning
B. fighting
C. intimidating
D. mocking

23. The woman became despondent after the judge had sentenced her son to jail.

A. alarmed
B. angered
C. dejected
D. deserted

24. Many listeners disliked the haughty manner in which the minister spoke.

A. arrogant
B. commanding
C. harsh
D. insulting

25. The chairman asked the members to give their candid opinion on the matter.

A. certain
B. frank
C. kind
D. strong

26. Many traditional songs were composed by anonymous authors.

A. insignificant
B. unknown
C. unprofessional
D. unwilling

27. We won the match because our defence was impregnable.

A. experienced
B. loyal
C. powerful
D. unbeatable

28. Mr Adabla couldn't entrust his business to his first son because of the latter's erratic behaviour.

A. careless
B. extravagant
C. inflexible
D. unstable

29. Araba was voted the most outstanding speaker at the conference.

A. conspicuous
B. persuasive

C. remarkable
D. respected

30. Stanley was caught by Mr. Jones when he tried to mimic him.
A. imitate
B. mock
C. paint
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. The chief was admired because he had his heart in the right place. This means that he was
A. happy and healthy.
B. harmonious.
C. submissive.
D. kind and generous.

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

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

34. Though the teacher felt that Aba was not telling the truth, he decided to give her the benefit of the doubt. This means that he
A. lost trust in her.
B. did not miss her at all.
C. refused to believe her.
D. presumed that she was innocent.

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

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

37. Joojo's sudden success seems to have gone into his head. This means that he has become
A. conceited.
B. confused.
C. disrespectful.
D. uncontrollable.

38. Forecasts say that trade will pick up in the next few months after the slump. This means that
A. buyers will buy more goods in the months to come.
B. trading will start in the months to come.
C. trading will take place in just a few months.
D. there will be more shops.

SECTION V

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

39. Afua was reduced……. tears when she lost the election.

A. by
B. into
C. to
D. with

40. The coach flew …….. a passion when the referee ignored a glaring penalty for his team.

A. by
B. into
C. over
D. through

41. The tie sets your shirt… very well.

A. by
B. into
C. off
D. out

42. Will you be here for long? No, I…

A. will
B. won't
C. would
D. wouldn't

43. Kwesi fears dark places, …?

A. hasn't he
B. doesn't he
C. isn't he
D. isn't it

44. The tourists cut short their trip because they were … by the behaviour of the guides.

A. put through
B. put out
C. put off
D. put away

45. James' new novel is…. interesting than the previous one.

A. much so
B. much more
C. more so
D. so much

46. The bus… into the rear of my car when I stopped at the traffic lights.

A. got
B. hit
C. ran
D. run

47. Abu is by far the …… intelligent boy in the class.

A. best
B. more
C. most
D. much

48. You dare not complain…?

A. will you
B. isn't it
C. dare you
D. you dare

49. I wouldn't have employed you… for your humility.

A. but
B. however
C. if not
D. nevertheless

50. He had hardly stepped out of the house… the good news arrived.

A. as
B. than
C. then
D. when

51. ……. some strange reason, the headmaster refused to work with his assistant.

A. By
B. For
C. From
D. With

52. With the ……. of Essien in our team, we are confident of winning the cup.

A. like
B. liking
C. likeness
D. likes

53. He was advised ……. skipping meals.

A. against
B. for
C. in
D. with

54. Kwesi and ……. went through hard times in school.

A. her
B. him
C. I
D. me

55. I told him that the pair of shoes ….. not match his shirt.

A. can
B. should
C. will
D. would

56. ……. knows that Kofi won the best student award.

A. Anybody
B. Anyone
C. Everybody
D. Someone

57. The Judge ruled that Martins must leave the home because it wasn't …….

A. his
B. their
C. that's
D. theirs

58. John had…….. for his grandmother before her death.

A. developed a special liking
B. a special liking developed
C. a liking special developed
D. developed a liking special

59. ….. of the boys wanted to be in the relay team.

A. Any
B. Anyone

C. Neither
D. None

60. Mr. Adams bought an expensive ……

A. custom-made black automatic Benz car
B. black custom-made automatic Benz car
C. black automatic custom-made Benz car
D. automatic custom-made black Benz car

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.

To achieve rapid development, a country needs a strong **-61-** government to manage its affairs. The various political **-62-** that aspire to power should avoid divisive tendencies, see each other as development **-63-** and work in concert to improve the quality of life of the entire **-64-**. The government in **-65-** should create a congenial atmosphere and pursue prudent and transparent **-66-**. It should get its **-67-** right and pursue realistic goals and objectives for economic **-68-**. If the country experiences a **-69-** in its monetary growth, it is desirable that the national **-70-** should be shared equitably by all.

61.

A. Authoritative
B. Central
C. Controlling
D. Sensible

62.

A. Companies
B. Parties
C. Teams
D. Units

63.

A. Associates
B. Colleagues
C. Mates
D. Partners

64.

A. Citizenry
B. Inhabitants
C. Members
D. Nationals

65.

A. Command
B. Force
C. Power
D. Rule

66.

A. Conditions
B. Matters
C. Methods
D. Policies

67.

A. Priorities
B. Duties
C. Measures
D. Uprooted

68.

A. Advancement
B. Improvement
C. Movement
D. Service

69.

A. Bonus
B. Boom
C. Security
D. Surplus

70.

A. Cake
B. Fortune
C. Produce
D. Resources