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. The headmistress is academically ..... but inept as a leader.
A. capable
B. vibrant
C. reliable
D. likeable

2. While most regional capitals are densely populated, a number of them are ..... populated.
A. sparsely
B. rarely
C. scarcely
D. hardly

3. All the ancient schools were demolished to be replaced with ..... ones.
A. new
B. fashionable
C. modern
D. current

4. The judge acquitted Blewu of the murder charge instead of ..... him.
A. prosecuting
B. convicting
C. discharging
D. condemning

5. The students were dispersed yesterday and ordered to ..... the next day.
A. start
B. resume
C. return
D. assemble

6. All the people held in captivity last year are now given the ..... to go home.
A. ability
B. right
C. freedom
D. chance

7. Your tie is crooked; make it .....
A. flat
B. straight
C. neat
D. long

8. For this election, the electorate will prefer transparent ballot boxes to ..... ones.
A. invisible
B. sealed
C. painted
D. opaque

9. While the District Director is incompetent, his deputy is .....
A. efficient
B. strict
C. punctual
D. honest

10. Your answers contain redundant details; next time be .....
A. concise
B. short
C. sincere
D. logical

SECTION II

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

11. If given the chance, I ..... love to live my life all over again, said the convict.
A. shall
B. would
C. will
D. should

12. Every human being has a right ..... life.
A. for
B. to
C. on
D. of

13. The drowning man's scream made people ..... their attention to him.
A. direct
B. to directing
C. to direct
D. directed

14. Ofori ..... through the window to see who was outside.
A. glanced
B. scanned
C. saw
D. peeped

15. The pilot was trapped in the ..... for almost seven days.
A. wreckage
B. damage
C. debris
D. collision

16. The manager has already ..... the leave allowance to the workers.
A. distributed
B. dispatched
C. dispersed
D. disbursed

17. For his constipation, the doctor prescribed a .....
A. sedative
B. preservative
C. purgative
D. palliative

18. The phone is outmoded; you must ..... it and buy a modern one.
A. swap
B. discard
C. eliminate
D. dismantle

19. The more writing one does, the ..... one's chance of becoming a prolific writer.
A. very best
B. better
C. more better
D. best

20. We try always to maintain discipline, ...?
A. won't we
B. haven't we
C. don't we
D. isn't it

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. It has been a <u>pleasant</u> evening; we enjoyed the dinner.
A. unique
B. productive
C. satisfying
D. cool

22. The goal keeper's rude behaviour on the field <u>infuriated</u> the referee.
A. shocked
B. disgraced
C. embarrassed

D. angered

23. The moderator made the panelist retract his offensive statement.
A. withdraw
B. deny
C. reverse
D. change

24. Because of his hard work, the Head of Languages Department is revered by the other teachers.
A. respected
B. praised
C. preferred
D. favoured

25. The government is taking tentative steps towards tackling the country's economic problems.
A. provisional
B. conditional
C. irregular
D. abnormal

26. The witness made inconsequential statements which were dismissed by the judge.
A. unreliable
B. damaging
C. unimportant
D. additional

27. For any partnership to work, respect must be reciprocal.
A. sincere
B. given
C. mutual
D. complementary

28. Doctors warn that smoking is injurious to our health.
A. unprofitable
B. harmful
C. unnecessary
D. expensive

29. The affable host entertained us in his own inimitable way, as expected.
A. unique
B. great
C. hospitable
D. friendly

30. Nobody doubts the fact that the air we breathe is ubiquitous.
A. paramount
B. inevitable
C. natural
D. everywhere

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. What my wife told you about me is a skeleton in the cupboard. This means that what my wife told you about me is something
A. I feel bad about.
B. I do not want revealed.
C. I love to hear.
D. I am proud of.

32. For our party to remain in power, all hands must be on deck. This means that
A. everybody must be at peace with the leaders.
B. members must attend meetings regularly.
C. everybody must get involved.
D. members must pay their dues.

33. Mensah and Ato have been at daggers drawn for the past three months. This means that Mensah and Ato are
A. unfriendly to each other.
B. dependent on each other.
C. caring about each other.
D. envious of each other.

34. Felicia stole the show at the beauty pageant. This means that Felicia
A. was punctual.

B. bribed the judges.
C. was not very disciplined.
D. attracted great attention.

35. The hotel is only a stone's throw from the beach. This means that the hotel is
A. very close to the beach.
B. on the opposite side of the beach.
C. separated from the sea by a mountain.
D. built on a hill near the beach.

36. Kofi was at his wit's end when pressed to answer that sensitive question. This means that Kofi was
A. confused.
B. discouraged.
C. frightened.
D. sad.

37. The evidence did not come to light until after the trial. This means that the evidence was not
A. verified.
B. helpful.
C. accepted.
D. known.

38. Even though his grandson is light fingered, he loves him. This means that the man's grandson is
A. lazy.
B. a thief.
C. careless.
D. a bully.

39. The Manager left Philip off the hook after reviewing the Committee's report. This means that the Manager ..... him.
A. transferred
B. promoted
C. suspended
D. freed

40. Despite his defeat, Opoku put up a brave face. This means that Opoku
A. was disturbed.
B. remained energetic.
C. was cheerful.
D. hid his true feelings.

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.

It is a fact that television is now part and parcel of our lives. Of late, television has become popular with a wide range of ---41--- who have the opportunity to access many ---42---. Largely, its popularity depends on the quality of the ---43--- it offers. Some of these are for entertainment, others concentrate on the ---44---. Talk shows on television are moderated by the ---45--- and the participants who are drawn from all walks of life are the ---46---. Some of the television ---47--- have segments that allow people to ---48--- in to express their opinions. Television runs smoothly on a number of factors, such as ---49--- supply and a stable weather ---50---.

41.
A. fans
B. viewers
C. watchers
D. admirers

42.
A. circuits
B. frequencies
C. channels
D. signals

43.
A. programmes
B. discussions
C. topics
D. agenda

44.
A. broadcast
B. documentation

C. news
D. objectives

45.

A. producer
B. director
C. editor
D. host

46.

A. guests
B. audience
C. talkers
D. invitees

47.

A. locations
B. stations
C. establishments
D. houses

48.

A. phone
B. tap
C. come
D. drive

49.

A. power
B. food
C. stationery
D. water

50.

A. detection
B. condition
C. management
D. forecast

End of Objective Test