WEST AFRICAN SENIOR SCHOOL CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PAPER 1 — OBJECTIVE TEST

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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. While Araba showed great **aptitude** in the test, her sister was quite _____.

A. nervous
B. dissatisfied
C. incapable
D. afraid

2. The students registered their **disapproval** when the self-satisfied SRC thought they would _____ their efforts.

A. accept
B. appreciate
C. remember
D. proclaim

3. Rather than **pacify** the woman, the gift _____ her.

A. disturbed
B. infuriated
C. offended
D. tormented

4. What made you think I was the **master** and he the _____?

A. apprentice
B. maid
C. recruit
D. amateur

5. The thicket was rather **dense**, not the _____ growth we expected from the description we had been given.

A. sparse
B. arid
C. bare
D. wild

6. Kafui's fame as a philanthropist soared as high as his brother's _____ as a swindler.

A. unfamiliarity
B. notoriety
C. disgrace
D. disrespect

7. The litigant was **smart** so he took the land from his _____ friend.

A. timid
B. slow
C. scared
D. dull

8. The investigators reported that they had searched the **entire** compound when they had only searched the area _____.

A. in bits
B. carelessly
C. unevenly
D. partially

9. Seconds later, Aku **emerged** from under the tarpaulin where Akweley had just _____.

A. returned
B. visited
C. set off
D. disappeared

10. If you **hide** the criminal, you will be prosecuted, but if you _____ him you may get a reward.

A. uncover
B. expose
C. reveal
D. betray

SECTION II

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

11. The boys stole the mangoes, _____?

A. do they?
B. didn't they?
C. were they?
D. weren't they?

12. I was advised _____ talking in class.

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

13. All of us saw the man _____ up the bucket.

A. pick
B. picked
C. to pick
D. to have picked

14. Ayariga, with five friends, _____ arriving today.

A. is
B. were
C. are
D. to be

15. The man arrived _____ car.

A. with
B. for
C. by
D. within

16. When I was in London _____.

A. I put up with Jojo
B. Jojo put up by me
C. I was put up by Jojo
D. I was put up with Jojo

17. Ten men sat _____ on the case.

A. by
B. on
C. in
D. up

18. It never rains, but it _____.

A. is pouring
B. poured
C. will pour
D. pours

19. I am speaking on behalf _____ my friend.

A. of

B. for
C. with
D. by

20. Musa took _____ me the first day we met.

A. after
B. in
C. to
D. with

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 visitors were **prevailed upon** to spend another night.

A. allowed
B. persuaded
C. encouraged
D. begged

22. Do not make **derogatory** remarks; they spoil mutual goodwill.

A. crude
B. harsh
C. negative
D. cruel

23. All these problems were **brought about** by your carelessness.

A. originated
B. complicated
C. caused
D. supported

24. The school rules are rather **lax**.

A. powerless
B. weak
C. flexible
D. harmless

25. Joseph is the most disciplined football **enthusiast** I know.

A. patron
B. defender
C. fan
D. sympathiser

26. It is **pressure** of work that has necessitated his early retirement.

A. strain
B. weight
C. volume
D. bitterness

27. After the match it was obvious that the referee was **biased**.

A. generous
B. lenient
C. partial
D. favourable

28. How else could we have **gone through** the spate of harassment?

A. suffered
B. endured
C. sustained
D. escaped

29. Seventeen people indicated by their attendance that they will not resign. *(Nearest meaning of 'indicated')*

A. declared

B. intended
C. showed
D. notified

30. That had been my **fervent** desire.

A. forceful
B. ardent
C. biggest
D. precious

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. If you are not careful, by the time we are through with this you will be laughing on the wrong side of your face. This means that you will soon

A. fall into a coma
B. be in trouble
C. go home early
D. start smiling broadly

32. Before the game, Akologo's team had been considered the underdogs. This means that the team had

A. lost most of its supporters
B. lost the previous match
C. not been rated highly
D. been rated the favourite to win

33. That was a hard nut to crack. This means that it was a

A. difficult problem to solve
B. problem that caused confusion
C. problem we had never faced before
D. purely business problem

34. When you agreed to host the crooks, you signed your death warrant. This means that you

A. placed yourself in imminent danger
B. saved your life narrowly
C. signed your will
D. punished yourself unnecessarily

35. If that is the man's version, we must take it with a pinch of salt. This means that we must

A. eat our food with some salt
B. not believe it completely
C. trust the man's judgement in future
D. ignore whatever the man says

36. He had a close shave with death. This means that he

A. died immediately
B. died later
C. almost died
D. lost a lot of blood

37. Justina is the apple of her father's eye. This means that Justina

A. causes a lot of trouble for her father
B. is her father's favourite daughter
C. may be the worst girl in the family
D. provides apples for her father

38. If you mean it is Ajaara, you are barking up the wrong tree. This means that

A. you have guessed right
B. your dog has misled you
C. your suspicion is wrong
D. you are giving Ajaara the wrong name

39. It is no use sweeping these issues under the carpet. This means that

A. you cannot speak the truth
B. you cannot conceal the truth
C. sweeping under the carpet is unnecessary
D. your attempt to cover these issues will succeed

40. From his behaviour, you could guess that he had a skeleton in the cupboard. This means that he had

A. a frightening behaviour
B. hidden a skeleton in the cupboard
C. an unpleasant secret to hide
D. a lot to say

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.

Two days after the —41— our team returned. They had stayed on to —42— the rest of the —43— after being —44— out by Lions. They had, in the —45— match, —46— five goals against two by the Leopards. But they were later —47— by the Tigers before meeting the Lions. The Lions outplayed our team. Their ball —48— was 65%, and they committed very few —49—. Our team, however, even earned a red card and had to finish playing the match with ten men when they were one goal —50—.

41.

A. Tournament
B. Game
C. Encounter
D. Contest

42.

A. Observe
B. Watch
C. View
D. See

43.

A. Sports
B. Bonus
C. Series
D. Matches

44.

A. Kicked
B. Pushed
C. Thrown
D. Knocked

45.

A. Opening
B. Initial
C. First
D. Beginning

46.

A. Scored
B. Earned
C. Secured
D. Beaten

47.

A. Suppress
B. Overpowered
C. Conquered
D. Beaten

48.

A. Protection
B. Possession
C. Handling
D. Dribbling

49.

A. Mistakes
B. Faults
C. Fouls
D. Penalties

50.

A. Away
B. Down
C. Beaten
D. Out