WASSCE ENGLISH LANGUAGE 2013

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 were angry at his lateness, but were…….. when he apologised.

A. certain
B. reassured
C. pleased
D. quiet

2. The drains have become ……. because the road is now wide.

A. small
B. hidden
C. tight
D. narrow

3. As they explored the caves, they unearthed previously ……. artifacts.

A. known
B. hidden
C. sought
D. visited

4. The serenity of the countryside contrasted sharply with the …….. in the city.

A. anxiety
B. panic
C. struggle
D. turmoil

5. It is easier to destroy than to…….

A. make
B. arrange
C. build
D. manage

6. We are trying to attract them, not to …….. them.

A. dismiss
B. refuse
C. scorn
D. reject

7. We thought that the signature was genuine but it turned out to be…….

A. incorrect
B. fake
C. false
D. wrong

8. Some people live in affluence, others in…….

A. pain
B. poverty
C. difficulty
D. scarcity

9. Sometimes life is stormy but other times it is …….

A. stable
B. calm
C. clear
D. dull

10. We have been advised not to do things that are abominable but things that are…….

A. pleasant
B. strange
C. popular
D. meaningful

SECTION II

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

11. The suspect was acquitted and ……. for lack of evidence.

A. left
B. dismissed
C. discharged
D. cleared

12. All the students suffering from flu have been ……. to the sick bay.

A. limited
B. confined
C. remanded
D. restrained

13. It was…….. on GBC news yesterday that the town had fallen.

A. proclaimed
B. announced
C. declared
D. said

14. The Vice Chancellor was ……. at a colourful ceremony.

A. appointed
B. dressed
C. installed
D. crowned

15. He spoke…… French and so he couldn't help them.

A. some
B. a little
C. small
D. little

16. We detest his…… to alcohol.

A. wish
B. addiction
C. taste
D. commitment

17. Success ……. those who work hard.

A. encourages
B. meets
C. stares at
D. smiles on

18. The midfielder……. many chances for the winning team.

A. produced
B. created
C. made
D. caused

19. What happened to John is so horrible that he cannot easily ……. it.

A. forgo
B. forget
C. forbear
D. forsake

20. Egypt is reputed to be the …… of civilisation.

A. source
B. cradle
C. root
D. place

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 fear in his eyes belies his claim of confidence.

A. boldness
B. firmness
C. self-reliance
D. faith

22. The mob challenged Awuni's audacious behaviour.

A. Capricious
B. lenient
C. daring
D. friendly

23. The economy of the country has remained resilient.

A. robust
B. powerful
C. realistic
D. sure

24. Adjoa pursued prudent financial policies in her company.

A. clear
B. sound
C. cooperative
D. acceptable

25. In order to reach the zenith of your career, you must cultivate the spirit of persistence.

A. consistency
B. repulsive
C. perseverance
D. permissiveness

26. The innocent boy was lured by his peers into drug addiction.

A. dragged
B. forced
C. invited
D. enticed

27. We must resist oppressors' rule at all cost.

A. remove
B. refuse
C. oppose
D. abhor

28. The District Commissioner showed his inefficiency when he was transferred to the new district.

A. ignorance
B. inexperience
C. arrogance
D. incompetence

29. Instead of being aggressive the culprit was conciliatory.

A. violent
B. assertive
C. insistent

D. forceful

30. The court awarded damages against the landlord.

A. costs
B. injury
C. punishment
D. penalties

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. Adoley took exception to the letter I wrote. This means that Adoley

A. was angry at the letter.
B. liked the letter.
C. received only my letter.
D. had all the letters except mine.

32. You must leave your footprints on the sands of time. This means that you should

A. cover your feet with sand.
B. make a name for yourself.
C. walk carefully as you grow.
D. direct your footsteps towards home.

33. It was crystal clear that my adversaries framed me up. This means that my adversaries

A. wasted my fortune.
B. fell into their own trap.
C. liked my misfortune.
D. got me into trouble.

34. I could no longer put up with my friend, so I asked him to leave. This means that I

A. wanted to reconsider our relationship.
B. wanted to change his bad ways.
C. could not do anything about his bad behaviour.
D. could no longer accept his bad ways.

35. Akorfa has got her head in the clouds. This means that she is

A. very good.
B. not practical.
C. foolish.
D. ambitious.

36. The dispute over wages in the factory has now come to a head. This means it has

A. assumed certain proportions.
B. reached a critical stage.
C. been referred to the manager.
D. been settled finally.

37. Abugri nearly jumped down my throat when I suggested going away. This means that he

A. was horrified at the suggestion.
B. leapt up ready to leave at once.
C. was extremely angry with me.
D. showed his eagerness to hear more.

38. Pokuaa has always been soft-hearted. This means that she is

A. delicate.
B. very compassionate.
C. cowardly.
D. very sensitive.

SECTION V

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

39. She gave him aspirin to calm him down, but it seemed to make him all ……. restless.

A. so
B. the most
C. the more
D. most

40. The dog had not had any food….. several days, so it was almost mad with hunger.

A. during
B. for
C. before
D. since

41. I had ……. come in when the telephone rang.

A. no sooner
B. clearly
C. hardly
D. no earlier

42. The headmaster punished Oko for…….. disobedience.

A. wilful
B. wrong
C. willing
D. wishful

43. Adongo left the party heavily drunk…… 'pusher'.

A. through
B. with
C. on
D. by

44. What you said was true;…… it was unkind.

A. despite
B. so
C. since
D. nevertheless

45. He didn't invite us in so……. words; he just asked whether we were coming.

A. much
B. many
C. few
D. plenty

46. I read a book about the ……..

A. Shiloh King's daughter
B. King of Shiloh's daughter
C. Shiloh's King daughter
D. King's daughter of Shiloh

47. The house belongs to …….

A. Darkos
B. the Darko's
C. the Darkos
D. Darkos'

48. I have been doing the exercise …… yesterday.

A. since
B. during
C. for
D. before

49. The trader is ……. Anthony.

A. tall as
B. as taller as

C. more taller than
D. not taller than

50. The author has written many books, …….?
A. hadn't he
B. hasn't he
C. didn't he
D. isn't he

51. People shouldn't drop litter on the pavement,……?
A. don't they
B. should they
C. can they
D. shouldn't they

52. They will volunteer, ……..?
A. won't they
B. don't they
C. can they
D. do they

53. You found your cell phone,…….?
A. is it
B. don't you
C. isn't it
D. didn't you

54. Education enables us to……. difficulties.
A. put out for
B. put up with
C. put in for
D. put on with

55. The tiny car picked…….. speed while overtaking the truck.
A. up
B. on
C. over
D. off

56. The accused admitted ……. four previous armed robberies.
A. for
B. to
C. in
D. at

57. Ekuba is a very calm lady; I have never seen her… a temper.
A. of
B. at
C. on
D. in

58. I have made a lot of investment but I cannot get returns…… it.
A. at
B. for
C. into
D. from

59. You …… worked very hard since you obtained the highest marks in the examination.
A. needed to have
B. could have
C. must have
D. ought to have

60. He came to the meeting …… his serious illness.

A. despite
B. against
C. regarding
D. though

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.

In many countries, hydroelectric power **-61-** have been constructed. This practice has become popular because hydro-power is a major **-62-** of electricity for industrial and **-63-** use. In Ghana, for instance, 80% of the power **-64-** from Akosombo is used by industry, which has become a large consumer of electric **-65-**. In recent years, however, the government has **-66-** electricity to many rural communities which have now been **-67-** to the national power **-68-**. It has become necessary, as a result, for the government to **-69-** a programme aimed at ensuring an effective **-70-** of electricity to all parts of the country.

61.

A. Plants
B. Reservoirs
C. Barricades
D. Dams

62.

A. Giver
B. Source
C. Provider
D. Store

63.

A. Domestic
B. Home
C. Household
D. Family

64.

A. Derived
B. Received
C. Generated
D. Produced

65.

A. Fuel
B. Energy
C. Force
D. Product

66.

A. Spread
B. Extended
C. Given
D. Widened

67.

A. Joined
B. Fixed
C. Connected
D. Tied

68.

A. Centre
B. Station

C. Depot
D. Grid

69.

A. Manufacture
B. Make
C. Produce
D. Develop

70.

A. Allocation
B. Distribution
C. Sharing
D. Delivery