WEST AFRICAN SENIOR SCHOOL CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PAPER 1 — OBJECTIVE TEST

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PART A — LEXIS AND STRUCTURE

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. Though the manager had **forgotten**, Kofi could _____ his ordeal in the company.

A. recollect
B. reflect
C. review
D. reconsider

2. The louvre blades down here are **opaque** while those up are _____.

A. distinct
B. transparent
C. plain
D. bright

3. While Members of Parliament **endorsed** the motion, the Cabinet _____ it.

A. refuted
B. registered
C. rejected
D. condemned

4. The accused **confirmed** his statement at the court but his accomplice _____ his.

A. discredited
B. scrutinised
C. denied
D. declined

5. The water in that pond is **muddy** but that in the overhead tank is _____.

A. plain
B. clear
C. stagnant
D. potable

6. Adama was **admitted** to hospital, but was _____ after three days.

A. relieved
B. freed
C. released
D. discharged

7. Efua looks **moody** this morning but Ama is _____.

A. delighted
B. satisfied
C. cheerful
D. fine

8. It is more difficult to **scale** the hill than to _____ it.

A. descend
B. dismount
C. slide
D. disembark

9. The school authorities could not **rescind** their decision because the Board had _____ it.

A. verified
B. proved
C. confirmed
D. recognized

10. Though they are twins, Panyin is **haughty** whereas Kakra is _____.

A. calm
B. quiet
C. humble
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. Most people are prone _____ conflicting emotions.

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

12. Good traders have a keen eye _____ profit.

A. about
B. over
C. around
D. on

13. The commission has placed a ban _____ all public protests.

A. across
B. down
C. on
D. in

14. There is no point in acquiring a tool unless one means to use it, _____?

A. wasn't there?
B. is there?
C. isn't there?
D. doesn't there?

15. Not many people are capable of _____ intense pain.

A. enduring
B. bearing
C. sustaining
D. suffering

16. The country produces oil in _____ quantities for export.

A. profuse
B. trading
C. abundant
D. commercial

17. The project was _____ for lack of funds.

A. abandoned
B. forgotten
C. rejected
D. postponed

18. The play was a long one but the musical _____ made it very interesting.

A. interplay
B. interim
C. interval
D. interlude

19. Many a great man has risen to fame from humble _____.

A. roots

B. ranks
C. beginnings
D. foundations

20. All the delegates voted in _____ of the motion.

A. agreement
B. compliance
C. favour
D. acceptance

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. Injuries keep many sportsmen from achieving their full **potential**.

A. power
B. pinnacle
C. capacity
D. merit

22. It is possible to draw a **parallel** between the two positions.

A. liking
B. agreement
C. similarity
D. line

23. Writing became the **focal** point of his life after his retirement.

A. singular
B. central
C. actual
D. chosen

24. Abena made **derogatory** remarks about the standard of my work.

A. uncomplimentary
B. senseless
C. ignorant
D. unsupportive

25. We took along with us a gift that is **typical** of our region.

A. presentable
B. remarkable
C. manufactured
D. characteristic

26. The unforgettable learning experience has **fortified** my determination.

A. promoted
B. mounted
C. boosted
D. assisted

27. I wish Catherine would stop **pestering** me about decorating the house.

A. bothering
B. reminding
C. compelling
D. involving

28. New inventions have enabled scientists to **unravel** some long-standing mysteries.

A. realize
B. assess
C. explain
D. explore

29. Many people are now **passionate** about environmental issues.

A. concerned

B. conscious
C. appealing
D. fussy

30. She vowed to **avenge** the inhuman treatment meted out to her.

A. retaliate
B. repay
C. return
D. reciprocate

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. Joanita told Ken fair and square to pack his bags and go. This means that Joanita told him

A. very pleasantly
B. in fair terms
C. several times
D. very clearly

32. She knew beyond a shadow of a doubt that he was lying. This means that she was quite

A. profound
B. blunt
C. wrong
D. certain

33. The once illustrious leader has become a pale shadow of himself. This means that the leader

A. has been chasing shadows
B. is not what he used to be
C. has failed in his purpose
D. is in a wrong career

34. In his determination to succeed, Adam threw caution to the wind. This means that he

A. started to take risks
B. explored every chance
C. threw aside every distraction
D. started to make sincere efforts

35. Stephanie's hard work eventually paid off. This means that her hard work

A. increased her problems
B. made her restless
C. yielded good dividends
D. led her astray

36. The festivities reached a climax when celebrities arrived. This means that the festivities

A. became most solemn
B. became most exciting
C. were full of speeches
D. were full of displays

37. The baker said he was fresh out of flour. This means that the baker

A. ordered a new supply
B. reserved a little for the future
C. recently finished his supply
D. had just made fresh flour

38. The findings are at odds with what is going on in the rest of the country. This means that the findings are

A. under the direction of the government
B. out of the ordinary
C. made public
D. different from reality

39. At the conference yesterday, we covered much ground. This means that we

A. refused to discuss many things

B. forgot many issues
C. treated a lot of issues
D. used a lot of space

40. We arrived at the party late and saw our father, of all people, dancing. This means that we

A. did not know our father was there
B. should have gone to the party earlier
C. found our father dancing with everybody
D. were surprised to find our father dancing

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.

Everyone on the parade ground recognised the —41— of the Promising Future Party. There were enthusiastic cheers all round as the man of the —42— arrived. He had mastered the art of —43— speaking and expected to deliver a powerful speech. When it was time to deliver his well-rehearsed speech to the expectant crowd, he mounted the dais. He started by appealing to the —44— for their mandate in the forthcoming elections. The ongoing —45— campaign was just a reminder of the fact that power belonged to the people. He asked them to look around for clear evidence of the achievements of the —46— party during its tenure. All those successes were made possible as a result of the sound —47— pursued by his administration. He promised that, if voted into power for another —48—, there would be job openings for the youth and prosperity for the entire citizenry. He concluded by appealing to his listeners to vote wisely. Continuity should be the watchword. He then moved to the front of the rostrum and shouted the party —49—: 'VICTORY!' The party —50— chanted in response, 'ALL THE WAY!' The meeting broke up in jubilation.

41.

A. chief
B. flag bearer
C. governor
D. captain

42.

A. moment
B. crowd
C. masses
D. people

43.

A. public
B. social
C. open
D. standard

44.

A. members
B. classes
C. college
D. electorate

45.

A. electioneering
B. polling
C. membership
D. appealing

46.

A. ruling
B. presiding
C. controlling
D. governing

47.

A. policies
B. solutions
C. projections
D. procedures

48.

A. time
B. term
C. period
D. session

49.

A. motto
B. logo
C. slogan
D. greeting

50.

A. loyals
B. backers
C. faithfuls
D. administrators