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ENGLISH LANGUAGE

OBJECTIVE TEST – PART A: LEXIS AND STRUCTURE

[1 Hour]

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. You are too arrogant, you must learn to be .....
A. honest
B. weak
C. timid
D. humble

2. These traders must not mix fake currency notes with ..... ones.
A. genuine
B. good
C. lawful
D. true

3. In her annual report, the CEO scolded the lazy workers but ..... the diligent ones.
A. admired
B. commended
C. recommended
D. remembered

4. The weather is always serene in some countries, but .....
A. volatile
B. turbulent
C. strong
D. unkind

5. Follow the specific instructions and forget about the ..... ones.
A. general
B. familiar
C. detailed
D. reliable

6. We live in a time that unscrupulous people take advantage of the .....
A. upright
B. capable
C. simple
D. cautious

7. Instead of ..... the thief, his kinsmen actually hailed him.
A. protecting
B. despising
C. denouncing
D. attacking

8. Most radio stations broadcast on obsolete equipment; only few use ..... ones.
A. refurbished
B. present
C. modern
D. civilized

9. Some of the people think the murder of the child was premeditated; others think it was .....
A. unintentional
B. unfortunate
C. hidden
D. needless

10. How you passed all your compulsory subjects and failed the ..... one surprises me.
A. popular
B. optional
C. easy
D. basic

SECTION II

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

11. All delegates voted in ..... of the motion.
A. agreement
B. compliance
C. acceptance
D. favour

12. In spite of her busy schedule, the boss was ..... enough to visit the janitor at the hospital.
A. forthright
B. courteous
C. considerate
D. gentle

13. Advertisers use various means to entice ..... buyers to purchase their goods.
A. suitable
B. prospective
C. prosperous
D. expectant

14. The date of many historical artefacts cannot be ..... with certainty.
A. reclaimed
B. determined
C. reviewed
D. deduced

15. I do not have the ..... doubt about Loki's integrity.
A. very
B. less
C. least
D. little

16. Clever students ..... ambitious aspirations for the future.
A. contain
B. programme
C. harbour
D. predict

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

18. Their building project was ..... for lack of funds.
A. forgotten
B. abandoned
C. renounced
D. rejected

19. Good wine is a ..... to a good meal.
A. completion
B. compliment
C. companion
D. complement

20. Many studies have been conducted to ..... the problem of depression.
A. attack
B. address
C. broaden
D. express

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. To get the best from the team, the coach integrated the old players and the young ones.
A. joined
B. fitted
C. added
D. blended

22. Some people parade their wealth in order to gain popularity.
A. give out

B. manage
C. share
D. display

23. Robert succeeded through perseverance.
A. persistence
B. knowledge
C. inspiration
D. accomplishment

24. Though their prefect, I am impotent when it comes to applying the rules.
A. powerless
B. unsuccessful
C. unworthy
D. proud

25. Atinge wonders why Koomi has suddenly become conceited after his promotion.
A. irritating
B. haughty
C. selfish
D. disrespectful

26. Writing articles became the focal point of Abu's life after his retirement.
A. singular
B. actual
C. chosen
D. central

27. Some teenagers are devastated by the slightest criticism.
A. defeated
B. deceived
C. derailed
D. distressed

28. Buba was stubborn in his refusal to meet the delegation.
A. hard
B. changeless
C. unyielding
D. strong

29. I wish Jojo would stop pestering me about decorating the room.
A. bothering
B. reminding
C. involving
D. compelling

30. Whenever avarice rears its ugly head, it should be avoided.
A. antagonism
B. greed
C. anger
D. selfishness

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. Aba spent the day sorting through a box full of odds and ends. This means that the box held
A. assorted items.
B. unusual materials.
C. unimportant items.
D. reserved materials.

32. In spite of the insults from the students, the headmaster kept his balance during the meeting. This means that the headmaster
A. stood still.
B. proved stubborn.
C. remained calm.
D. did not yield.

33. At the conference yesterday, we covered much ground. This means that we
A. refused to discuss many things.
B. forgot many issues.
C. used a lot of space.
D. treated a lot of issues.

34. 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. different from the reality.
D. made public.

35. Alice was tickled pink when her prodigal sister arrived home from Canada. This means that Alice was
A. jealous.
B. very happy.
C. indifferent.
D. very sad.

36. 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. were surprised to find our father dancing.
D. found our father dancing with everybody.

37. Adoko wore his heart on his sleeve. This means that Adoko
A. kept strictly to himself at most times.
B. allowed his feelings to be seen by outsiders.
C. brought his feelings under control.
D. followed his heart's desires.

38. Driving is not difficult once you get the hang of it. This means that it is not difficult once you .....
A. operate it well.
B. display it openly.
C. understand it.
D. live with it.

39. The manager returned to find that his secretary had packed in her job. This means that she had
A. fallen ill.
B. closed the office.
C. resigned her post.
D. run away.

40. The politician rewarded all those who stood by him during the election. This means that they
A. respected him.
B. supported him.
C. comforted him.
D. saved him.

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.

Whenever they hear or listen to good music play, many people are moved to sing or dance. Music affects their ---41--- strongly, and they respond to it in good measure. What runs as undercurrent in all music is ---42--- which can be fast or slow. But people are also attracted to music because of the ---43--- that they relate to or enact their life experiences with in a special way. Thus, good musicians pay attention to how well they ---44--- their songs. And since musicians have uniquely different ---45--- and interests, some may do hip hop, others highlife, reggae and so on. Such ---46--- are bound to have their own appeal and the musicians know that; they use repetition and a variety of images to make their songs exciting and meaningful. If a song hits the ---47---, it shows that a lot of people enjoy it. And the longer it stays, the more money it brings to the ---48---. That is why a musician needs a manager to oversee the ---49--- and marketing of the song. While each artiste has their followers, only a few make it to the top and become ---50---.

41.
A. situations
B. emotions
C. manners
D. affection

42.
A. rhythm
B. rhyme
C. mood
D. tone

43.
A. registers
B. themes

C. contents
D. lyrics

44.

A. design
B. build
C. compose
D. structure

45.

A. attributes
B. skills
C. talents
D. desires

46.

A. genres
B. styles
C. categories
D. approaches

47.

A. leagues
B. handles
C. numbers
D. charts

48.

A. originator
B. artiste
C. director
D. inventor

49.

A. advertising
B. manufacturing
C. production
D. formation

50.

A. celebrities
B. champions
C. personalities
D. winners

End of Objective Test