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 diverse groups became ..... in a common course.
A. assimilated
B. concentrated
C. liberated
D. united

2. Aku's mood changed from the dismal to the .....
A. amorous
B. ecstatic
C. frivolous
D. gentle

3. The invigorating drinks served at the party made us forget how ..... the trip had been.
A. degenerating
B. depressing
C. enervating
D. sagging

4. Whereas tourism is thriving other local businesses are .....
A. declining
B. descending
C. dropping
D. drowning

5. Although now a renowned doctor, Johnny rose from ..... beginnings.
A. humble
B. servile
C. unidentified
D. unrecognizable

6. The efforts to defuse the tension, rather ..... it.
A. aggravated
B. persisted
C. progressed
D. revived

7. Her condition may worsen rather than ..... if she continues to brood over the incident.
A. abate
B. improve
C. reduce
D. subside

8. Charitable actions can influence ..... people to change.
A. cautious
B. indifferent
C. notorious
D. selfish

9. No one knows the origin of this group, but we are sure of its .....
A. demise
B. demolition
C. evasion
D. extinction

10. It is interesting that minute creatures survive alongside ..... ones in the same habitat.
A. cunning
B. large
C. strong
D. violent

SECTION II

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

11. The students tried every means to secure permission, ...?
A. couldn't they
B. didn't they
C. haven't they
D. shouldn't they

12. At the last P.T.A meeting, tempers ..... between the parents and the teachers.
A. arise
B. arose
C. rise
D. rose

13. Every human being has a right ..... education.
A. of
B. on
C. for
D. to

14. The article ..... the attention of scholars everywhere.
A. assured
B. attracted
C. embraced
D. excited

15. The building remains an ..... testimony to the ingenuity of ancient architecture.
A. eloquent
B. imminent
C. inscribed
D. intact

16. The manager said ..... criticisms would work for the good of the company.
A. clarified
B. commendable
C. constructive
D. plausible

17. The pastor's honesty is ..... question.
A. against
B. aside
C. beside
D. without

18. But for the timely intervention of the police, the thief ..... lynched.
A. will have been
B. would have been
C. has been
D. had been

19. People the world ..... are benefiting from technology.
A. across
B. around
C. over
D. upon

20. In a civilized society, one has the chance to express ..... opinion.
A. my
B. one's
C. our
D. your

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. The school was not surprised that Ama felt <u>dejected</u> at seeing her results.
A. disappointed
B. disorganized
C. embittered
D. frustrated

22. Serwaa wonders why Koomson has suddenly become <u>conceited</u> after his promotion.
A. disrespectful
B. haughty
C. irritating

D. selfish

23. The government should arrest quack doctors in the country.
A. fraudulent
B. uneducated
C. unknown
D. unprofessional

24. Many people deserted the area because of armed robbers.
A. abandoned
B. destroyed
C. neglected
D. rejected

25. Issah has shown much dedication to our cause.
A. commitment
B. attachment
C. enthusiasm
D. support

26. The Minister gets angry when you express your candid opinion.
A. firm
B. honest
C. open
D. right

27. Stephen's performance in the game was sterling.
A. famous
B. remarkable
C. surprising
D. visible

28. In 1940, Cape Coast Castle was so fortified that no enemy could attack it.
A. defended
B. fenced
C. preserved
D. reinforced

29. In some secondary schools, new students are harassed by their prefects.
A. embarrassed
B. questioned
C. punished
D. troubled

30. The chief has gained notoriety for his corrupt activities.
A. disrespect
B. enemies
C. infamy
D. ill-will

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. Joan made heavy weather of her new position in the office. This means that Joan
A. behaved arrogantly.
B. experienced difficulty.
C. had no knowledge about her work.
D. intimidated her staff.

32. Ama told her sister not to be afraid for she has her back always. This means that Ama
A. will provide for her sister's needs.
B. will defend her sister.
C. likes her sister.
D. consoles her sister.

33. I have half a mind to apply for this post. This means that I
A. am not sure if I should apply.
B. will not apply now.
C. am not sure if I will be successful.
D. will not like the job.

34. Afi cannot make head or tail of what you are saying. This means that she doesn't
A. accept your view.
B. hear you.

C. condemn you.
D. understand you.

35. No matter what difficulty you are facing now, there's always a silver lining at the end. This means that there is
A. a difficulty to meet.
B. a happy ending.
C. an unknown future.
D. more work to do.

36. In the last year in office, the director became a lame duck. This means that he
A. became a failure.
B. became isolated.
C. was disrespected.
D. was weak.

37. After he lost his election, Thomas withdrew to the village to lick his wounds. This means that he went to the village to
A. console his supporters.
B. recover from his defeat.
C. organize a protest.
D. recover his loss.

38. In less than three months, the new MD has managed to bring the rebellious union members into line. This means that the new MD has succeeded in
A. encouraging the union members to work harder.
B. making the union members conform to his dictates.
C. maintaining cordial relations with the union members.
D. persuading the union members to avoid strikes.

39. Despite his low wages, Mawuli was able to make ends meet. This means that Mawuli
A. lived as a rich man.
B. managed his income.
C. was a happy man.
D. was very generous.

40. The building project failed because the company cut corners. This means that the company
A. did not have enough money.
B. did not use the correct design.
C. spent less resources on the project.
D. was involved in corruption.

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.

Football is a game which pits one ---41--- against the other. At ---42---, each is made up of eleven ---43--- whose aim is to win the game by ensuring that they score more ---44---. In order to ensure fairness, there is the ---45--- whose duty is to insist that the ---46--- of the game are obeyed. On each side of the ---47---, there is a goal post which is guarded by a keeper who stops the ball from entering the net. If any other person touches the ball with the hand, that will be a ---48---. It is even more serious if that person handles the ball in their goal area, for that will certainly be a penalty. There is always a reserve ---49--- which coaches rely on for substitutions. No football match worth its salt is complete without ---50---.

41.
A. squad
B. group
C. side
D. team

42.
A. start off
B. take off
C. kick off
D. set off

43.
A. contestants
B. opponents
C. players
D. participants

44.
A. baskets
B. points

C. runs
D. goals

45.

A. referee
B. manager
C. commissioner
D. umpire

46.

A. orders
B. laws
C. rules
D. regulations

47.

A. area
B. turf
C. ground
D. pitch

48.

A. violation
B. foul
C. misdemeanour
D. mistake

49.

A. arena
B. column
C. place
D. bench

50.

A. viewers
B. supporters
C. spectators
D. audience

End of Objective Test