WASSCE ENGLISH LANGUAGE 2010 (PRIVATE)

PAPER ONE — OBJECTIVE

PART A

LEXIS AND STRUCTURE

SECTION 1

In each of the following sentence, there is one word or group of words underlined word and one gap. From the list of words or group of words lettered A to D, choose the one that is most nearly opposite in meaning to the underlined word or group of words and that will, at the same time, correctly fill the gap in the sentence.

1. The workers acknowledged that there was a split in their ranks but their leaders.....it.

A. criticized

B. prompted

C. denied

condemned.

2. Many of the economic measures taken in most Third World countries rather impoverished their citizens instead of making them.....

A. happy

prosperous.

A. resourceful

independent.

3. Kwame followed up his application for a job persistently but Jojo was... about his.

A. casual

B. inactive

C. unwilling

D. uncertain

4. All the revenue which the former manager accumulated has virtually been.... by his successor.

A. ruined

B. dismantled

C. squandered

D. liquidated

5. The work demands communal rather than..... effort..

A. independent

B. isolated

C. special

individual.

6. Tricksters look for credulous people, not those who are.....

A. hardened

B. sceptical

C. easy-going

sensible.

7. All the students who failed the Mathematics test were..... but those who passed were commended.

A. punished

B. demoted

C. reprimanded

banned.

8. Sabi writes incredible stories while his sister's are often.....

A. ordinary

B. faulty

C. sub-standard

sorrowful.

9. The first comedian was a very jocular fellow, but the rest were rather....

A. boring

B. mean

C. noisy

unfriendly.

10. Though many find Esi reserved, I consider her.....

A. proud

B. sociable

C. positive

intelligent.

SECTION II

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

11. Sampson hardly shows any..... for all that we've been doing for him.

A. consideration

B. sympathy

C. remorse

D. gratitude

12. Philip is very. in his views on religion so he'll not join your new church.

A. strong

B. conservative

C. conscientious

loud.

13. I bear him no ..... in spite of his unfriendly attitude towards me.

A. hostility

B. revenge

C. grudge

grievance.

14. Theo felt..... because his subordinate was appointed the head of the unit.

A. reprimanded

B. abused

C. humiliated

defeated.

15. I considered her explanation.....,so I let her go.

A. permissible

B. necessary

C. considerable

plausible.

16. The factions hold.....positions and so no progress has been made at the peace talks.

A. entrenched

B. marked

C. popular

D. familiar

17. Although we tried very hard, we couldn't ..... Kweeba from the top of the class

A. dismiss

B. smash

C. dislodge

dissuade.

18. Can poverty ever be .....from thiscountry?

A. deleted

B. cancelled

C. eradicated

destroyed.

19. Due to the bad economic situation, the company..... a huge debt.

A. accepted

B. took

C. incurred

D. conceded

20. Jake sued the newspaper for....his reputation

A. tarnishing

B. touching

C. criticizing

D. lessening

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. Many parents often get embroiled in their children's quarrels.

A. entangled

B. involved

C. entrapped

D. annoyed

22. The President intermittently travels out of the country.

A. constantly

B. randomly

C. scarcely

D. periodically

23. Having completed his two-year term, the President is ineligible for re-election.

A. undecided

B. unqualified

C. unopposed

D. unpopular

24. The pastor was concerned about the indifference of his rich members towards the poor.

A. disrespect

B. ignorance

C. impatience

D. apathy

25. The government said that some measures would be taken to alleviate the suffering of the poor.

A. relieve

B. balance

C. release

D. due

26. The stealing of money from the church is a common scandal of our time.

A. malice

B. crime

C. cruelty

D. wickedness

27. Jones is not only hardworking but also scrupulous.

A. ambitious

B. pleasant

C. caring

D. meticulous

28. The United Nations tries to protect the freedoms of the people of the world.

A. wishes

B. liberties

C. obligations

D. demands

29. People admire leaders who are eloquent.

A. charismatic

B. honest

C. articulate

D. pragmatic

30. The woman who was abducted by the rebels two years ago has been released.

A. arrested

B. confined

C. recruited

D. kidnapped

SECTION IV

After each of the following sentences, a list of possible interpretations ofall or part of the sentence is given. Choose the interpretation you consider most appropriate for each sentence.

31. All the students made for the door when the gas cylinder exploded. The means that they

gathered at the door.

opened the door.

ran towards the door.

A. repaired the door

32. I sat down for a moment to gather myself before my turn at the interview. This means that I sat down to

prepare myself.

collect my strength.

lose my nerve.

cool off.

33. The government clamped down on smugglers of petroleum products. This means that the government

identified them.

rejected them.

restricted them..

A. persecuted them

34. Wenever knew that Araba would pull through that malaria fever. This means that we did not know that she would

recover from the sickness.

contract the disease.

die from the sickness.

suffer so long.

35. The interest of the man in the street are often neglected. This means that

beggars are ignored..

hawkers are ignored.

pedestrians are ignored.

ordinary people are ignored.

36. The minister was at pains to explain the food shortage to the demonstrators. This means that the minister

was hurt by the demonstrators.

was confused by the demonstrations.

tried hard to explain the situation to them.

was in pain and so could not talk effectively.

37. The man boasted that his car could stand up to rough conditions. This means that the car

could run only on rough roads.

could withstand all conditions.

was reliable and economical.

could be used in some conditions.

38. Many people raised their eyebrows when they heard the fugitive's story. This means that they

were alarmed by the story.

opened their eyes wide.

shed tears uncontrollably.

did not believe the story.

SECTION V

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

39. The suspect pleaded guilty..... the charge.

A. upon

B. to

C. on

D. by

40. Yoofi cannot be trusted.....a secret, so be careful about what you tell him.

A. within

B. on

C. with

D. by

41. The late president confided.... only his wife.

A. through

B. with

C. on

D. in

42. My sympathies are always...the downtrodden.

A. with

B. in

C. about

D. on

43. John did not only win the hundred metres dash.....also the Best Athlete Award.

A. and

B. with

C. so

D. but

44. The new captain is a friend of.....

A. my

B. me

C. mine

D. myself

45. The chief of Umo is.....best companion.

A. my father's

B. my father

C. my fathers

D. my fathers'

46. We all saw the robber the lady's..... bag.

A. snatched

B. having snatched

C. snatch

D. has snatched

47. He does not want to work, ... he wants to enjoy good life.

A. then

B. otherwise

C. though

D. for

48. The players promised to play the match as.....

A. they could

B. well the could

C. best they could

D. best as they could

49. This policy of..... will not help anyone.

A. them

B. those

C. they

D. theirs

50. Take the donation from..... offers to help.

A. whom

B. whichever

C. whomever

D. whoever

51. Mother asked us to add ..... sugar to our tea.

A. some few

B. a few more

C. many more

D. a little more

52. Please, return the book to Adzo; .... hers.

A. is

B. it's

C. it

D. its

53. .....our present predicament, we're confident of winning the contract.

A. Besides

B. In spite of

C. Because

D. Instead of

54. The few people who attended the party sharedthe drinks.....

A. with themselves

B. among themselves

C. between them

among them.

55. Abena and Amina are ..... suitable for the job.

A. all

B. both

C. either

D. together

56. The witness said he saw the man ..... into a car.

A. been pushed

B. being pushed

C. has been pushed

D. has pushed

SECTION VI

In the following passage, the numbered gaps indicate missing words. Against each number in the list below the passage, four choices are ofered in columns lettered A to D. For gap, choose from the options provided for that number, the word that is most suietaabchle ntuo mfiblle rtehde gap.

People from all walks of life shop at supermarkets which are really vast stores where assorted-57- can be purchased. One attraction of supermarkets is that buyers are always sure to obtain itemns which are not found in other places and at reduced 58-too. Polite -59- are always available to assist -60-to make judicious selections or informed -61 They painstakingly explain the unique advantages of office 62, are sold. News 63- even have -64- for their magazines and newspapers there. Goods are neatly arranged and -65-on well-polished shelves. Perhaps what makes people flock to supermarkets is that they display -66- announcing -67- in prices. n supermarkets, one can always quench one's thirst in a -68- while relaxing on cozy armchairs with soothing music in the background. There is no doubt that customers -69-is -70- in supermarkets.

57.

A. materials

B. things

C. goods

D. brands

58.

A. prices

B. rate

C. discounts

D. offers

59.

A. supervisors

B. managerS

C. agents

D. attendants

60.

A. visitors

B. friends

C. customers

D. ushers

61.

A. judgements

B. choices

C. needs

D. opinions

62.

A. articles

B. facilities

C. stationary

D. property

63.

A. publishers

B. editors

C. casters

D. agents

64.

A. racks

B. cupboards

C. tables

D. baskets

65.

A. painted

B. labelled

C. identified

D. printed

66.

A. notices

B. reminders

C. placards

D. signals

67.

A. fluctuations

B. bonanzasS

C. cuts

D. differences

68.

A. restaurant

B. rooms

C. hall

D. cafeteria

69.

A. joy

B. satisfaction

C. attraction

pleasure.

70.

A. given

B. possible

C. allowed

D. guaranteed

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