WEST AFRICAN SENIOR SCHOOL CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION

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ENGLISH LANGUAGE

OBJECTIVE TEST

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. Hard work lifts one from poverty to .....

A. affluence
B. development
C. generosity
D. happiness

2. Koby's business which was flourishing up to last week is now .....

A. closing
B. declining
C. degrading
D. vanishing

3. Nowadays, computerized services are taking the place of ..... operations.

A. daily
B. efficient
C. electrical
D. manual

4. The king encouraged all his subjects not to be ..... by recent happenings.

A. cautioned
B. controlled
C. disheartened
D. surprised

5. The eyewitness's account is only superficial and not .....

A. accurate
B. complex
C. instructive
D. profound

6. The advantages of reconciliation far outweigh living in .....

A. disharmony
B. indifference
C. opposition
D. violence

7. The poor family cannot afford sumptuous meals, they have to make do with ..... ones.

A. available
B. frugal
C. unpalatable
D. unbalanced

8. The sea which was turbulent an hour ago is now .....

A. calm
B. cool
C. deep
D. motionless

9. It is advisable to avoid apathy and embrace .....

A. bravery
B. enthusiasm
C. leniency
D. satisfaction

10. Ama seldom goes to school because she is ..... afraid of meeting her class teacher.

A. always
B. never
C. quite
D. sometimes

SECTION II

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

11. Many people are prone ..... conflicting emotions.

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

12. You were not supposed to ..... this secret to the police.

A. discuss
B. display
C. divulge
D. disseminate

13. The project was ..... for lack of funds.

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

14. The country produces oil in ..... quantities for export.

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

15. There is no point in acquiring a gadget unless one means to use it, ...?

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

16. Good businessmen have a keen eye ..... profit.

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

17. John, the king's eldest son, is indisputably the ..... to the throne.

A. claimant
B. guard
C. heir
D. owner

18. Poor feeding has caused children of this village to suffer from .....

A. convulsion
B. malaria

C. malnutrition
D. malfunction

19. I told you before the match started that my team would ..... yours.
A. beat
B. lose
C. score
D. win

20. The teacher expects every student to respect .....
A. himself
B. oneself
C. ourselves
D. themselves

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

22. The weather has been serene all day.
A. calm
B. great
C. friendly
D. intense

23. Bribery and corruption are inimical to Ghana's economic advancement.
A. unavoidable
B. negative
C. harmful
D. common

24. Mama is sceptical about Juli's story that she saw a snake at the kitchen.
A. amazed
B. concerned
C. doubtful
D. terrified

25. The student's response further infuriated his already angry teacher.
A. challenged
B. enraged
C. frightened
D. moved

26. The sale of drugs is restricted to adults.
A. confined
B. controlled
C. extended
D. limited

27. The thief's attempts to defend himself proved futile.
A. abortive
B. risky
C. senseless
D. uncertain

28. The headmaster reprimanded John for bullying the new boy.

A. insulted
B. rebuked
C. reported
D. punished

29. Many people were unable to cope with escalating medical expenses.

A. expanding
B. heightening
C. rising
D. striking

30. A swarm of locusts caused widespread damage to the crops.

A. destruction
B. deterioration
C. spoilage
D. wreckage

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. In spite of severe criticisms, he stood his ground. This means that he

A. made remarkable progress.
B. reasoned sensibly.
C. remained firm.
D. remained on the ground.

32. The job seekers were told to keep their fingers crossed. This means they were to

A. crosscheck their documents.
B. hope for the best.
C. pray for success.
D. revise their notes thoroughly.

33. Kofi had his heart in his mouth when he met the interview panel. This means that Kofi

A. felt quite indifferent.
B. lost his voice completely.
C. was more than ready.
D. was very anxious.

34. The police's prompt intervention nipped last week's crisis in the bud. This means that

A. no one was willing to be part of the crisis.
B. the demonstrators were chased away.
C. the crisis was averted.
D. the demonstrators decided to obey the police's orders.

35. The king's birthday party was attended by the cream of society. This means that

A. all his subjects attended the party.
B. only invited guests attended the party.
C. all other kings attended the party.
D. the most important people were at the party.

36. Amina's friends decided to send her to Coventry. This means that

A. Amina was sent to a convent.
B. her friends decided to forgive her.
C. her friends decided to ignore her.
D. she was to be sent away.

37. The headmaster played the ostrich when he got reports of malpractices in the examination hall. This means that he

A. became vigilant.
B. behaved like an ostrich.
C. denied the reports.
D. ignored the problem.

38. Mavis said she would not attend the classes because she smelt a rat. This means that she
A. felt insecure.
B. was disturbed by the smell of a rat.
C. was suspicious.
D. was very angry.

39. The criminals will be made to face the music. This means that they will be
A. arrested and imprisoned.
B. brought before the law.
C. deprived of all music.
D. reconsidered on appeal.

40. The students were asked to obey the rules to the letter. This means that they were to obey the rules
A. according to the letters.
B. as and when requested.
C. in every detail.
D. only in part.

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.

In international law and relations, ---41--- has come to be accepted as the most popular ---42--- of government. Therefore, other ---43--- types have gradually been seen as unacceptable. This affects ---44--- and ---45--- among nations. Consequently, we have consultations with resultant ---46--- based on each government's primary ---47---. Geographical, economic and political ---48--- are very seriously considered with a view to averting the debilitating impacts which ---49--- decisions of nations could cause. Thus, this ---50--- is beneficial to all the nations.

41.
A. autocracy
B. democracy
C. oligarchy
D. theocracy

42.
A. kind
B. process
C. system
D. variety

43.
A. non-aggressive
B. non-conforming
C. non-committal
D. non-governmental

44.
A. alliances
B. combinations
C. mergers
D. talks

45.

A. collaboration
B. conformity
C. consent
D. corroboration

46.

A. allowances
B. compensations
C. concessions
D. options

47.

A. aspirations
B. desires
C. interests
D. views

48.

A. factors
B. indices
C. points
D. reasons

49.

A. collaborative
B. singular
C. unilateral
D. unique

50.

A. avenue
B. method
C. process
D. rule

End of Objective Test