

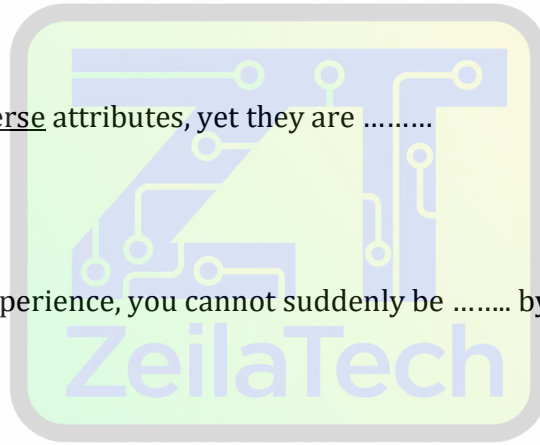
2018 WASSCE PRIVATE ENGLISH LANGUAGE 1

Paper One

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. Even in trying situations, people should react in a courteous, not in a way.
 - A. Violent
 - B. Remorseful
 - C. Vengeful
 - D. Resentful
2. Even though the president gave his assent to the appointments, others expressed
 - A. Disapproval
 - B. Disrespect
 - C. Disregard
 - D. Dismay
3. Climbing that mountain was arduous but the descent was
 - A. Slippery
 - B. Curvy
 - C. Bumpy
 - D. Easy
4. The two products have diverse attributes, yet they are
 - A. Presentable
 - B. Comparable
 - C. Marketable
 - D. Preferable
5. If you are appalled by an experience, you cannot suddenly be by it.
 - A. Encouraged
 - B. Informed
 - C. Excited
 - D. Influenced
6. Skeptics view as fantasy what others hold as
 - A. Normal
 - B. Trivial
 - C. Dear
 - D. Fact
7. As I studied more, my interest in the subject rather intensified; it did not
 - A. Recede
 - B. Reverse
 - C. Wane
 - D. Waive
8. Provocative acts inflame passions; they do not them.
 - A. Prevent
 - B. Soothe
 - C. Distort
 - D. Manage
9. All the fragile items were carefully packed into boxes.
 - A. Compact
 - B. Heavy
 - C. Massive
 - D. Sturdy



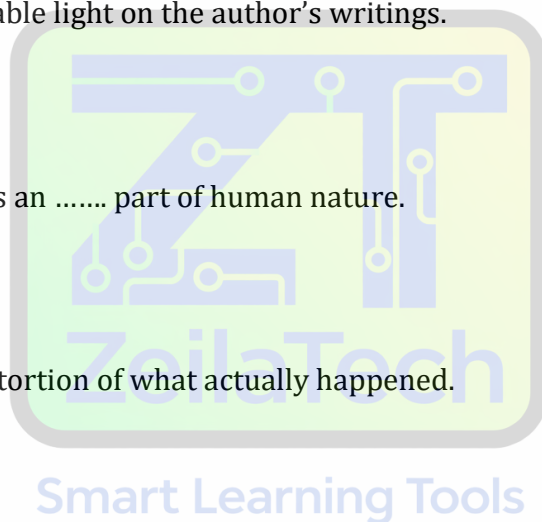
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10. As conditions continue deteriorate, steps should be taken to Them.
- A. Eliminate
 - B. Ameliorate
 - C. Activate
 - D. Elevate

SECTION II

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

11. He has no reason for stealing the gadgets.
- A. Significant
 - B. Relevant
 - C. Plausible
 - D. Remarkable
12. The team won the match to qualify for final stage.
- A. Conditional
 - B. Crucial
 - C. Critical
 - D. Principal
13. The article considerable light on the author's writings.
- A. Sheds
 - B. Convoys
 - C. Expresses
 - D. Exposes
14. The need to feel wanted is an part of human nature.
- A. Appropriate
 - B. Integral
 - C. Assured
 - D. Expected
15. The report was a distortion of what actually happened.
- A. Large
 - B. Major
 - C. Mass
 - D. Gross
16. Political unrest causes millions all over the world to be
- A. Dislocated
 - B. Displaced
 - C. Dismantled
 - D. Disorganized
17. The reference dictionary provided answers to the question.
- A. Constructive
 - B. Qualitative
 - C. Informative
 - D. Satisfactory
18. Mabel's honesty the attention of the superior officers.
- A. Seized
 - B. Grabbed
 - C. Caught
 - D. Caused
19. the experience I went through helped me grow in life.
- A. In retrospect
 - B. In review
 - C. In perspective



- D. In reverse
20. We presented the documents as a
- A. Formality
 - B. Commendation
 - C. Custom
 - D. Necessity

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. Financing huge projects is a daunting task.
- A. Significant
 - B. Formidable
 - C. Heavy
 - D. Harsh
22. The students were cautioned not to succumb to peer pressure.
- A. Cling to
 - B. Participate in
 - C. Associate with
 - D. Give in to
23. Sometimes lack of information can be as fatal as misinformation.
- A. Viral
 - B. Serious
 - C. Deadly
 - D. Vital
24. You should always be receptive to good ideas.
- A. Responsive
 - B. Amenable
 - C. Permissive
 - D. Addicted
25. After ten years, the firm completed the prestigious project.
- A. Outstanding
 - B. Treasured
 - C. Gigantic
 - D. Expensive
26. The King appeared resplendent in his regalia.
- A. Wonderful
 - B. Strange
 - C. Majestic
 - D. Powerful
27. The law imposes certain inhibitions on citizens' behavior.
- A. Conditions
 - B. Sanctions
 - C. Implications
 - D. Restrictions
28. The birth of a child eclipses the pains of labour.
- A. Eliminates
 - B. Lightens
 - C. Soothes
 - D. Overshadows
29. Creative artists mimic nature in their work.
- A. Mould



- B. Irritate
 - C. Record
 - D. Conserve
30. The invention of printing has saved many words from oblivion.
- A. Disuse
 - B. Archaism
 - C. Obscurity
 - D. Misuse

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. It is unfortunate that our natural resources are being exploited for a pittance. This means that
- A. Just enough capital is needed
 - B. They have no market value
 - C. They are not put to good use
 - D. Hardly enough profit is made
32. Halidu supported the team through thick and thin. This means he supported the team
- A. On and off
 - B. As situation demanded
 - C. Even when there were difficulties
 - D. To some extent
33. The instructions were written in black and white. This means that they were
- A. Clear
 - B. Abstract
 - C. Absurd
 - D. Confusing
34. Regi's observations do fly in the face of reason. This means that they
- A. Are too many
 - B. Are not objective
 - C. Do not make sense
 - D. Do not reflect current views
35. The team won the match fair and square. This means that they won
- A. Without much stress
 - B. Without controversy
 - C. By the rules
 - D. By penalties
36. There is danger looming on the horizon. This means that danger is
- A. Everywhere
 - B. Imaginary
 - C. Imminent
 - D. Curtailed
37. Homo's music mirrors the feelings of optimism in country. This means that the music
- A. Touches hearts
 - B. Is worthy of emulation
 - C. Contains modern ideas
 - D. Reflects hope
38. The pursuit of wealth should not be an end in itself. This means that wealth should not be
- A. The desired means of living
 - B. Enjoyed by one person
 - C. The sole objective
 - D. Condemned totally

39. When the alarm went off, the thief a clean pair of heels. This means that the thief
- A. Ran away
 - B. Hid himself
 - C. Surrendered himself
 - D. Fell down
40. Last night's experience made Abena's hair stand on end. This means Abena was
- A. Excited
 - B. Embarrassed
 - C. Annoyed
 - D. Frightened

SECTION V

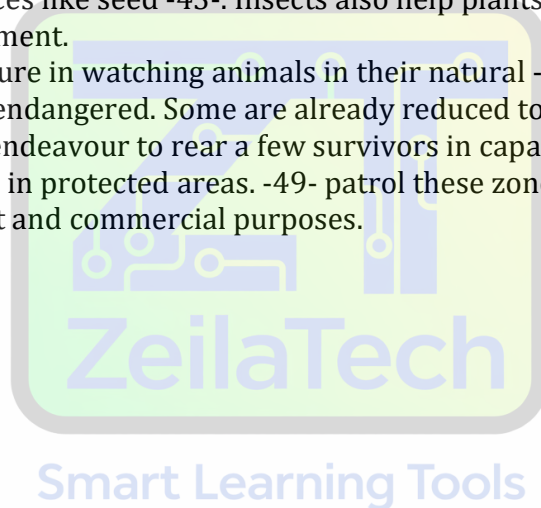
In the following passage the numbered gaps indicate missing words. Against each number in the least below the passage, four choices are offered in columns lettered A to D. For each numbered gap, choose from the options provided for that number, word the is most suitable to fill the gap.

The continued existence of all living things, whether animals or plants depends on the -41- balance of the planet. It is therefore of vital importance to maintain it. This can be done by creating forest reserves which ensures a constant supply of oxygen and other substances that are -42- to humans. Animals provide useful services like seed -43-. Insects also help plants to thrive through -44-, thus creating an enabling environment.

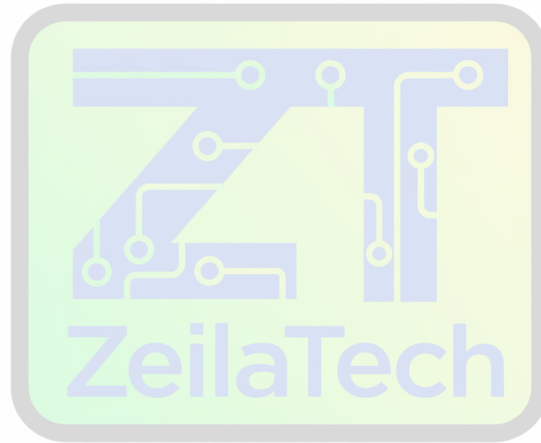
Tourists derive intense pleasure in watching animals in their natural -45-. The problem is that -46- species of animals are being endangered. Some are already reduced to a handful and face -47-.

Conservationists, therefore, endeavour to rear a few survivors in captivity and release them back into the wild where they -48- in protected areas. -49- patrol these zones to check the activities of -50- who kill animals for sport and commercial purposes.

- 41.
- A. Ecological
 - B. Environment
 - C. Biological
 - D. Botanical
- 42.
- A. Lucrative
 - B. Clinical
 - C. Beneficial
 - D. Familiar
- 43.
- A. Germination
 - B. Planting
 - C. Dispersal
 - D. Spreading
- 44.
- A. Cultivation
 - B. Pollination
 - C. Conservation
 - D. Propagation
- 45.
- A. Surroundings
 - B. Localities
 - C. Environs
 - D. Habitats



46.
A. Rare
B. Scarce
C. Unusual
D. Unknown
47.
A. Extinction
B. Cessation
C. Stagnation
D. Hibernation
48.
A. Multiply
B. Produce
C. Breed
D. Increase
49.
A. Activists
B. Rangers
C. Protectors
D. Agents
50.
A. Hunter
B. Butchers
C. Poachers
D. Traders



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