

2023 MOCK FEBRUARY ENGLISH LANGUAGE 1

OBJECTIVE TEST, FEBRUARY, 2023.

SUBJECT: ENGLISH LANGUAGE

FORM: SHS 3

DURATION: 1 HOUR 40 MINUTES

Answer **all** the questions.

PART A LEXIS AND STRUCTURE

SECTION I

*In 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. Mrs. Asamoah spoke to us in impeccable English, while Mr. Asamoah's language was ...
A. delighted
B. faulty
C. rude
D. comprehensive
2. During his prime days, he dealt with fresh themes; now his ideas are rather.....
A. boring
B. lively
C. uninteresting
D. decayed
3. Girls who are scrupulous usually do better in class than ones.
A. intelligent B. dull
C. careless D. stupid
4. Julie appeared to be nonchalant on hearing the news, but her husband was clearly.....
A. disturbed B. plain
C. talkative D. calm
5. At the airport, while some passengers went off the plane, others it.
A. got over B. got from
C. got on D. got down
6. The fragrance of the perfume contrasts greatly with the from the gutter.
A. air B. fume
C. emission D. stench
7. Tell them who perished and who the plane crash.
A. remained B. escaped
C. survived D. lived
8. Referees are expected to be impartial but their decisions are sometimes
A. controversial B. final
C. false D. contradictory

9. Akua expected her husband to be gloomy; but he was
A. angry B. calm
C. restless D. cheerful
10. Everybody thought the teacher was scholarly but they found his arguments
A. brave B. misleading
C. annoying D. naïve
11. Last year, he to be my husband, but now he is rejecting me.
A. agreed B. nodded
C. assessed D. asserted
12. When the staff demanded a comprehensive account, he gave them a estimate.
A. uneven B. fair
C. vetted D. forged
13. You must conceal this from your son, otherwise he will it to his friends.
A. expose B. unveil
C. disclose D. uncover
14. We concluded that what Tina told us was a tall story rather than a/an one.
A. Interesting B. humorous
C. true D. short
15. I have become accustomed to his antics, though I found them at first.
A. foolish B. customary
C. ordinary D. strange

SECTION II

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

16. The house prefect's of the quarrel is different from yours.
A. statement B. account
C. outline D. summary
17. He refused to my statement because it was true.
A. Retract B. make
C. withhold D. voice
18. But for the timely of the police, there would have been a riot.
A. interference B. intrusion
C. intervention D. interruption

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.

19. The girls were about to trade blows, but he managed to hold one of them back while his friend the other.
A. restrained B. subdued
C. coaxed D. captured
20. We are waiting to hear the weather for tomorrow.
A. broadcast B. declaration
C. report D. forecast
21. I will tell you the secret if you promise not to it.
A. divulge B. show
C. scatter D. relay
22. The hilltop was a hundred metres above sea level and from that the whole town could be seen beautifully laid out.
A. magnitude B. altitude
C. latitude D. longitude
23. Until now Eliot has always started the fights, but this time Jesse is clearly the
A. oppressor B. fighter
C. aggressor D. underdog
24. If found guilty, a person may appeal to a higher court in the hope that it will the verdict.
A. discharge B. revise
C. dismiss D. reverse
25. The main in the murder of a taxi driver will appear in court today.
A. attorney B. jury
C. magistrate D. suspect
26. The boys had no evidence to guilt against him.
A. manage B. settle
C. establish D. build
27. Few students were excused for going out without ex eat because they gave a excuse.
A. normal B. strong
C. befitting D. persuasive
28. If Ben had gotten here in time, he would have his flight.
A. caught B. catch
C. catches D. catching
29. It would have been better if you had before now.
A. comes B. come
C. came D. coming
30. The best time to have that dress was before the Christmas.
A. sew B. sown
C. sewn D. sewing

31. The government has approved a new salary structure as an incentive for workers.
A. a reward B. an encouragement
C. a package D. an advance
32. The accident victim was bleeding profusely.
A. slowly B. excessively
C. extremely D. abundantly
33. They have tried to circumvent the restriction on the importation of scarce commodities.
A. Bypass B. confront
C. oppose D. challenge
34. The company had satisfied itself that the project was feasible before embarking on it.
A. easy B. attractive
C. capable D. practicable
35. Though there is no uprising on the campus, the students are restive.
A. quiet B. chaotic
C. restless D. busy
36. The prosecutor was accused of obstructing justice.
A. hindering B. retarding
C. stopping D. interrupting
37. The man preaches humility without matching it with action.
A. salvation B. honesty
C. kindness D. modesty
38. Mr. Hanson plays the piano with dexterity.
A. wisdom B. pride
C. force D. skill
39. The college officer insisted that I show him my credentials before I could be registered.
A. books B. qualifications
C. statements D. identity
40. Fati said she married a doting man.
A. loving B. uncaring
C. funny D. nagging
41. No member of the association is prepared to accept his diabolical plans.
A. evil B. selfish
C. derogatory D. insecure
42. Nobody knows what happens to the soul when it is divorced from the body.
A. turned B. separated
C. broken D. rubbed off
43. He is a roaming prince from a fallen empire, he looks like a tramp.
A. snare B. trap
C. vagabond D. poor man

44. He was made to understand that, he is a contemptuous upstart.
A. respectful B. clever
C. deceitful D. disrespectful
45. Your incessant nagging could lead to the collapse of our cordial relationship.
A. continuous B. irresponsible
C. insensitive D. indifferent

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.*

46. I ran into my college mate when I was in town.
This means that
A. my college mate and I met by accident
B. my college mate and I nearly crush into each other
C. I hurried to catch up with my college mate
D. I saw my college mate in town
47. He addressed the rank-and-file members of the association. This means he spoke to
A. ordinary members
B. recognised members
C. members who have been promoted
D. members who had no file
48. The house is always spick-and-span. This means that the house is
A. nice B. new
C. clean D. planned
49. Mr. Awuku was determined to nip the students' bad behaviour in the bud. This means that he decided to
A. check the bad behaviour later
B. acknowledge the bad behaviour there and then
C. stop the bad behaviour in time
D. appeal to the conscience of the students
50. I took the story with a grain of salt. This means I
A. listened attentively to the story
B. did not read the story
C. criticised the story
D. doubted the story
51. The plea of the suspect fell in deaf ears. This means that the plea was
A. finally granted
B. totally ignored
C. not believed
D. addressed to the wrong quarters

52. I take great exception to your remarks. This means I
A. accept your remarks with exception
B. object strongly to your remarks
C. doubt your remarks
D. enjoy listening to your remarks
53. One pays through the nose to secure accommodation in the city. This means that accommodation in the city is
A. hard to get B. not a problem
C. a necessity D. very expensive
54. Miss Larney raised her eyebrow when she heard the news. This means that she
A. became sad
B. opened her eyes wide
C. was surprised
D. had to adjust her spectacles.
55. The field marshal instructed the soldiers to stay put until he gave them further orders. This means that the soldiers were to
A. remain where they were
B. stay together in a group
C. put all things in order
D. move further away
56. Anderson likes to wear his heart on his sleeves. This means that
A. his heart often beats fast
B. he likes wearing long sleeved shirt
C. he loves showing his feelings
D. he is always happy when he wears his favourite shirt.
57. John's parents were pleased when he was called to the bar. This means the parents were happy because John
A. was found innocent of the charges against him
B. got a job in a bar
C. was commended by the magistrate
D. qualified as a lawyer
58. In these unsmiling times, people are still able to feather their own nests. This means that they
A. try to make themselves rich
B. rear birds for sale
C. wear expensive clothes
D. live very cheaply
59. The minister accused the contractor of dragging his feet over the project. This means that the contractor
A. was spending too much money
B. was taking a long time
C. had not done the job well
D. had abandoned the job

60. In these difficult times everyone is trying to keep his head above water. This means that everybody is

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| A. trying to be more disciplined | B. miserly |
| C. working hard to survive | D. trying to conserve food |

SECTION V

In the following passage 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.

Countries all over the world, rely on their – **61** – resources for development. These resources vary from country to country. The discovery of crude oil – **62** – in any country is greeted with excitement because it is considered a valuable source of – **63** – for the government.

Once it has been discovered by – **64** –, who would have been prospecting for it, an oil – **65** – is drilled until the petroleum reservoir is reached.

Natural – **66** –, another valuable resource, may be found at the same time, – **67** – oil is usually conveyed through a – **68** – directly to the – **69** – where it is processed. Here, petrol, diesel, kerosene, liquefied petroleum gas, and lubricants are produced for domestic and industrial use. Scientists have obtained other – **70** – substances from petroleum, for example, man-made fibres like nylon which may be woven into beautiful fabrics for clothes.

	A	B	C	D
61.	rich	profitable	natural	vast
62.	reserves	stocks	preserves	stores
63.	savings	revenue	salary	accounts
64.	geologists	ecologists	anthropologists	archaeologists
65.	rig	well	plant	hole
66.	liquid	gas	carbon	chemical
67.	undiluted	crude	unfinished	raw
68.	tunnel	tube	hose	pipeline
69.	purifier	factory	industry	refinery
70.	artificial	authentic	synthetic	inferior

PART B

LITERATURE

PROSE

MAMLE WOLO: THE KAYA GIRL

Read the extract below and answer questions **71** and **75**.

As she bent down, I could see that her eye was caught by the gleaming French manicure on Auntie's long, pointy toenails. (pg. 1)

71. Who was being described?
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| A. Abena | B. Auntie Lydia |
| C. Faiza | D. The shop attendant |
72. Why did she bend down?
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| A. To carry things | B. To admire her auntie's feet |
| C. To ask for help | D. To pick her money from the ground |
73. Where did Abena and Faiza meet?
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| A. At church | B. At Makola Market |
| C. At the shopping mall | D. At school |

74. What language does Faiza speak?
 A. Twi B. Dagare
 C. Dangbe D. Dagbanli
75. Who is Auntie Lydia?
 A. Faiza's mistress B. Abena's auntie
 C. Faiza's auntie D. Abena's madam

Read the extract below and answer questions 76 and 77.

Then I heard Faiza's voice in my head – "*Fear is the only thing that can stop you,*". How right she was.

(pg. 98)

76. What dramatic technique is used in the underlined expression?
 A. Flashback
 B. Soliloquy
 C. Aside
 D. Foreshadowing
77. Who is the voice in the extract?
 A. Faiza
 B. Auntie Lydia
 C. Abena
 D. Shop attendant

Read the following extract and answer questions 78 and 80.

"And she was chasing boys too, giving me a lot of trouble," she told me, "so I sacked her."
 "You sacked her?" I asked, feeling sorry for despite everything. (pg.111)

78. At what occasion was this discussion made?
 A. A birthday B. A wedding
 C. A graduation D. A Christmas
79. According to the extract, who was chasing boys?
 A. Faiza B. Abena
 C. Gifty D. Auntie Lydia
80. Who and who were in the duet in the extract?
 A. Abena and Auntie Lydia
 B. Faiza and Abena
 C. Gifty and Auntie Lydia
 D. Abena and Gifty.

DRAMA

BILL MARSHALL: *THE SON OF UMBELE*

Read the following extract and answer questions 81 to 85.

Oh, it's just one of those bad days. Rough sea, rough tempers, no catch. And this is supposed to be the best year. Remember this time last year, father? Grrrr ... the whole village was bursting with stinking fish. But now, not one little fish. When the day isn't right, all the fishes take their flight. (Pg. 21)

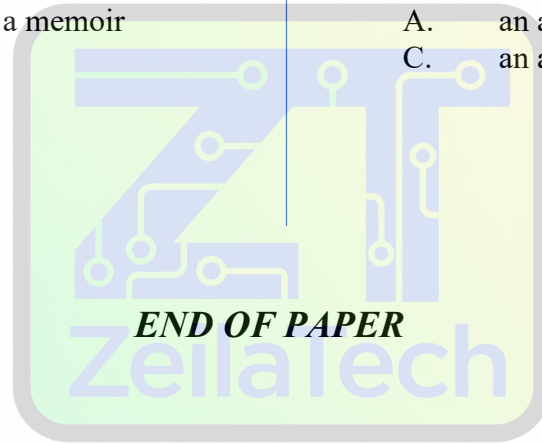
81. Who spoke these words?
 A. Joshua B. Attu
 C. Zekey D. Benko
82. Who was the addressee?
 A. Peasant women B. Sumako
 C. Duella D. Zekey
83. Why did the speaker speak those words?
 A. They had caught enough fish
 B. Their canoe had capsized
 C. The storm had disturbed them.
 D. They did not have a catch.
84. The expression bursting with stinking fish means
 A. There was overflowing of stench
 B. There was less stench
 C. Many people had come to buy fish
 D. Nobody wanted to buy their stinking fish
85. How many people embarked on fishing that day?
 A. Five B. Four
 C. Three D. Two

Read the following extract and answer questions 86 to 90.

No cause, because there wasn't one. I was only made to believe that. It worked for some time till I began to ask the same question – what cause? There was no answer because there was no man. My didn't even know who that man was. How could she? They were many, she was a commodity on the market. She got paid of course. (Pg. 5)

86. Who was the listener to the extract above?
 A. Duella B. Joshua
 C. Sumako D. Benko
87. What is the dominant figure of speech in the extract above?
 A. Personification B. Hyperbole
 C. Metaphor D. Euphemism
88. Who is the speaker in the above extract?
 A. Joshua B. Duella
 C. Attu D. Zekey
89. ... *she was a commodity on the market. She got paid of course.* What do you make of this?
 A. She sold items in the market
 B. She was a harlot
 C. She bought things and paid as well
 D. She sold everything she was asked to sell
90. Who was the "*she*" being talked about?
 A. Duella's mother B. The 1st peasant woman
 C. Madam Umbele D. Duella

91. The innermost idea which a writer shares with his readers is called.....
A. plot B. style
C. theme D. title
92. "Better to light a candle than to curse the darkness" is an example of a.....
A. personification B. proverb
C. metaphor D. motivation
93. Which one of the following is not an element of prose?
A. novel B. setting
C. point of view D. theme
94. The highest emotional point of a story is called the.....
A. resolution B. climax
C. conflict D. dialogue
95. If I write an account on someone's life, I have written
A. a biography B. a novel
C. an autobiography D. a memoir
96. A character who prevents another character from achieving an aim is referred to as
A. a protagonist B. a round character
C. an antagonist D. an extended character
97. "The Lord is my shepherd" is an example of
A. a metaphor
B. a simile
C. an Oxymoron
D. a paradox
98. Greg is "a holy devil" is an example of
A. a personification B. an oxymoron
C. a simile D. a hyperbole
99. "You must be creeping out of your senses". This is a clear example of
A. a euphemism B. an euphemism
C. an alliteration D. an exaggeration
100. "Let the sky see and hear me groan. Let the spirits of the departed see my tears freely flow". This is an example of
A. an allusion B. an apostrophe
C. an alliteration D. an assonance



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