

2024 END-OF-SEMESTER EXAMS – ENGLISH LANGUAGE 1

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

SHS ONE

PAPER 1

SECTION I

LEXIS AND STRUCTURE

Answer all questions.

*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. There are so many false prophets that we don't know which ones are
 - A. devoted
 - B. true
 - C. confirmed
 - D. ordained
2. Sampson has no faith in politicians so all of them.
 - A. rejects
 - B. hates
 - C. disrespects
 - D. mistrust
3. Be.....; don't be too harsh on her.
 - A. righteous
 - B. lenient
 - C. good
 - D. forgiving
4. You will.....your seatbelt when we are airborne, but fasten it now.
 - A. open
 - B. release
 - C. loosen
 - D. free
5. His dart..... the bull's eye but mine missed it.
 - A. knocked
 - B. crashed
 - C. reached
 - D. hit
6. Ayo's business which collapsed last year has started to.....
 - A. flourish
 - B. succeed
 - C. rebuild
 - D. recover
7. Her beauty is fading, while her younger sister's is.....
 - A. blossoming
 - B. shining
 - C. increasing
 - D. growing

8. Lift the.....in your life and be **happy**
- A. darkness
 - B. misery
 - C. bitterness
 - D. burden
9. Theeffect of the balm relieved me of **excruciating** pain.
- A. calming
 - B. charming
 - C. soothing
 - D. softening
10. Don't..... any error. Make sure that you **detect** all of them.
- A. overlook
 - B. excuse
 - C. avoid
 - D. forget

SECTION II

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

11. The fees you owe the school are.....
- A. pending
 - B. late
 - C. overdue
 - D. overstretched
12. Daniel who derives..... from torturing junior students has been expelled.
- A. pleasure
 - B. kindness
 - C. peace
 - D. benefits
13. Dirty clothes..... the boy's dormitory.
- A. covered
 - B. soiled
 - C. littered
 - D. spoiled
14. We..... that we'd arrive at Enchi by 6:00 p.m.
- A. evaluated
 - B. guessed
 - C. proposed
 - D. reckoned
15. Illegal hunters..... elephants for their tusks.
- A. poach
 - B. gather
 - C. kill
 - D. murder
16. minds accept criticisms.
- A. mature
 - B. adult
 - C. old
 - D. Strong
 - E.

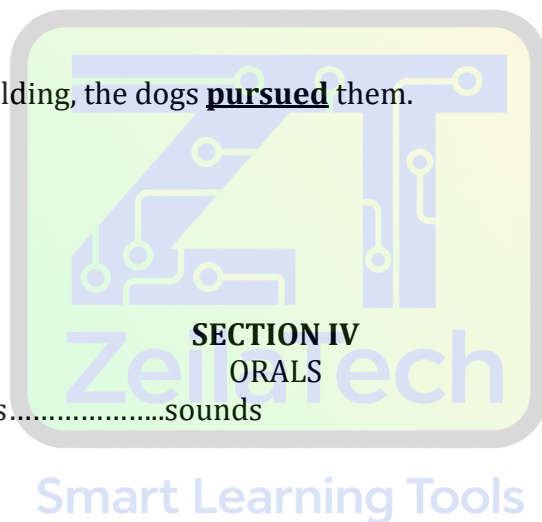
17. Can you..... discuss HIV/AIDS with your children?
A. kindly
B. openly
C. clearly
D. truly
18. The truck has..... blocked access to the house.
A. partially
B. half
C. largely
D. hugely
19. When the firing started, everyone.....for cover.
A. stalked
B. jumped
C. walked
D. scrambled
20. The bodies recovered from the flood were buried in a..... grave.
A. small
B. large
C. mass
D. marked

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. She was so **engrossed** in the story that she forgot it was time for lunch.
A. hidden
B. interested
C. distracted
D. absorbed
22. We condemn Harry's **vindictive** nature.
A. wicked
B. unforgiving
C. criminal
D. uncooperative
23. Be **vigilant** in the market because there are pick-pockets there.
A. alert
B. active
C. awake
D. serious
24. Kojo **swindled** the woman to the tune of One hundred million cedis.
A. cheated
B. fooled
C. deceived
D. lured
25. There is no **tangible** improvement in
A. clear
B. evident
C. acceptable
D. credible

26. The doctor placed a **tender** hand on the baby and she fell asleep.
- A. calm
 - B. gentle
 - C. soothing
 - D. light
27. To take up the ministerial post Aisha **renounced** her membership of the opposition party
- A. denied
 - B. rejected
 - C. relinquished
 - D. condemned
28. After the floods, the market was a **repulsive** sight.
- A. unhealthy
 - B. disgusting
 - C. frightening
 - D. ugly
29. Ill health stopped Ali from active **participation** in the demonstration.
- A. involvement
 - B. association
 - C. discussion
 - D. interest
30. As they ran from the building, the dogs **pursued** them.
- A. followed
 - B. frightened
 - C. chased
 - D. led
31. The English language has.....sounds
- A. 8
 - B. 12
 - C. 20
 - D. 44
32.is another name for diphthongs.
- A. Glides
 - B. Monophthongs
 - C. Diacritics
 - D. Segments
33. The initial sound of the word 'office' is
- A. /0/
 - B. /ʌ/
 - C. /ə/
 - D. /ɔ/
34. How many vowel sounds is the English language?
- A. 20
 - B. 44
 - C. 24
 - D. 34



35. How many consonant sounds is the English language?

- A. 24
- B. 20
- C. 30
- D. 22

36. Which of the following words contain the sound /əʊ/

- A. Sure
- B. frown
- C. duel
- D. go

SECTION V

Literature

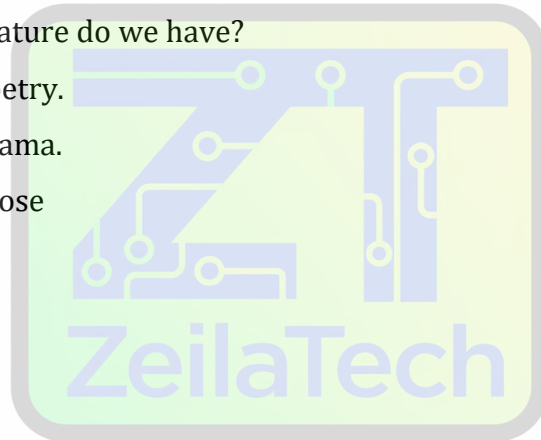
37. How many genres of literature do we have?

38. How many forms of literature do we have?

39. List three elements of poetry.

40. List three elements of drama.

41. List three elements of prose



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