

2024 SHS2 END OF SEMESTER EXAMS – ENGLISH LANGUAGE 1
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PAPER 1

Answer **all** the questions.

Each question is followed by **four** options lettered **A** to **D**. Find the **correct** option for **each** question and shade in **pencil** on your answer sheet, the answer space which bears the same as the option you have chosen. Give only one answer to **each** question. An example is given below.

The three-month notice of resignation which the manager gavein two weeks' time.

- A. lapses B. expires C. disrupts D. develops.

The correct answer is expires, which is lettered **B**, and therefore answer space **B** would be shaded.

[A] **[B]** [C] [D] [E]

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. The once audible ticks of the clock have suddenly become.....
A. regular B. invisible C. muted D. sluggish
2. It is inspiring how the actor rose from obscurity into.....
A. opulence B. prominence C. brightness D. royalty
3. The Supreme Court ratified the results it had earlier.....
A. despised B. suppressed C. discarded D. annulled
4. Far from being provocative, Akoto's remark was seen as rather.....
A. conciliatory B. reasonable C. mild D. appropriate
5. Joan prefers roomy cars to ones.
A. compressed B. heavy C. sizeable D. compact
6. The reception accorded the travellers was neither cordial nor
A. negative B. cold C. impolite D. improper
7. It is difficult to explain why crimes which were rare in the past are now....
A. current B. conspicuous C. visible D. rife
8. The once jovial Mohammed has become too.... for my liking.
A. conceited B. moody C. cautious D. submissive

9. Some people we meet in life are pleasant while some others are....
A. wrong B. indifferent C. disagreeable D. indolent
10. It is more difficult to scale the hill than to.....
A. descend B. dismount C. surmount D. disembark

SECTION II

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

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| <p>11. There was no evidence to.....his guilt.
A. settle B. build
C. manage D. establish</p> <p>12. The offending drivers were pardoned because they gave excuse.
A. a plausible B. a strong
C. a perceived D. obvious</p> <p>13. If Richard had taken advice, he couldn't have..... the disease
A. contacted B. contracted
C. accepted D. suffered</p> <p>14. I suggest that we seek.... medical advice in this case.
A. academic B. professional
C. educated D. trained</p> <p>15. The suspect has been on the for several months.
A. fence B. edge C. go D. run</p> | <p>16. Abena was commended for playing a unique.....in the success of the team.
A. side B. role C. support D. rapport</p> <p>17. The students were advised to.....their assignments before submission.
A. search B. confirm C. review D. judge</p> <p>18. Several monthsbefore applications were invited.
A. past B. rolled C. went D. elapsed</p> <p>19. Justice's latest novel has.....his reputation as a writer.
A. heightened B. boosted
C. sharpened D. soared</p> <p>20. The Minister denied all the allegations.... against him.
A. charged B. pushed
C. levelled D. Preferred.</p> |
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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. You will be considered **astute** if you do not indulge in frivolous pursuits.
A. considerate B. cautious C. wise D. reasonable
22. There is an almost **endless** supply of knowledge on the internet.
A. limitless B. unchecked C. matches D. unbroken
23. Jeremiah gave his **unreserved** apologies.
A. serious B. humble C. right D. sincere
24. Getting stranded in a new environment can be **traumatic**.
A. upsetting B. risky C. embarrassing D. troublesome
25. The Cashier was promoted because of the **outstanding** qualities he displayed.
A. fundamental B. excellent C. correct D. famous
26. Some people derive **exquisite** delight in antiquities.
A. pleasurable B. intense C. genuine D. satisfactory
27. Her kind gesture is a sterling example worthy of **emulation**.
A. commendation B. consideration C. association D. imitation
28. Some experiences in life teach us to always exhibit **appropriate** behaviour.
A. attractive B. exciting C. inspiring D. suitable.
29. The leader advised his followers not to **gauge** success by wealth.
A. consider B. measure C. test D. imagine
30. This approach may be **sound** for certain types of situations.
A. workable B. rewarding C. robust D. solid

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. As we approached our destination, I grinned from ear to ear. This means that I
A. heard desirable news. B. became deeply impressed
C. was extremely happy D. began to have sweet memories
32. The matter is already water under the bridge. This means that it
A. is partially suspended B. cannot be accepted any longer
C. cannot be changed D. is hardly talked about
33. The incident cast a shadow over the rest of the holiday. This means that it
A. fail to produce any excitement. B. stopped the enjoyment.
C. caused a measure of concern. D. gave respite of our activities.
34. Many successes were recorded in the twilight of the chief's reign. This means that she
A. all along his reign B. at the beginning of his reign
C. during the final stages of his reign D. in the middle of reign
35. Retail traders made a pile from the business during the festive period. This means that they
A. charged higher prices B. displayed a lot of goods.
C. joined in the festivities. D. made huge profits.
36. A week to her wedding. Martha got cold feet. This means that she
A. faced a lot of difficulties B. became frightened of failure.
C. ran out of money D. became very ill.
37. The survivors did not lose heart although their rescue was delayed. This means that they
A. refused to give in to threats B. manage to sustain their lives
C. did not despair. D. did not experience any loss.
38. Moro realized too late that associates were fair-weather friends. This his close means that they were
A. very considerate B. friends only in good time C. reliable friends D. hard to please
39. The Manager was taken to task for his role the matter. This means that the manage in was
A condemned B. demoted C. dismissed D. anticized
40. His argument flies in the face of available facts. This means that his argument
A is worrying. B. is uncertain. C. lacks reason D. causes despair.

SECTION V

In the following passage the numbered gaps indicate missing words. Against each number in the lines 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.

Scientific inventions rarely come to us without their attendant risks. One such invention electricity which is put to wide variety of uses. Electricity can be produced in many ways. Before hydroelectricity, for example, can be produced, a-**41**-has to be built across a fast-flowing river. An artificial-**42** is then formed, and its water channelled through- **43**- specially designed and build to **44**- electricity. Electricity is used to power a vast array of electronic -**45**- in homes and for reading at night.

It is when there is power-**46**-that the value of electricity is really felt. Electrical -**47**-are not stable, sometimes there are fluctuations, and this can damage appliances. Amounts of electrical power are measured in **48**-and flow through wires which are -**49**-. This is done to prevent shocks and -**50**-. Faulty wiring can cause fire outbreaks. Indeed, the benefits and risks associated with electricity make it a good servant but a bad master.

A	B	C	D
41. tunnel	barrier	dam	bridge
42. lake	lagoon	reservoir	pond
43. engines	dynamos	machines	propellers
44. manufacture	make	create	generate
45. tools	materials	gadgets	instruments
46. outage	stoppage	shortage	halt
47. waves	currents	charges	surges
48. degree	hertz	ohm	watts
49. insulated	padded	stuffed	covered
50. execution	electrification	electrocution	extermination

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