

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 1
(30 MARKS)

Time: 1 hour

Answer *all* the questions.

Each question is followed by **four (4)** options, **A – D**. Find the correct option for each question and **shade in pencil** on your answer sheet the space which bears the same letter as the option you have chosen.

Give only **one** answer to each question.

Part A: Lexis and Structure

Section 1

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 – D**. For each question, choose the word that is **most suitable** to fill the numbered gap.

There are many common – 1 – among women which often go undetected. One major reason is faulty – 2 – which may bring about some – 3 – and delay in – 4 –. Sometimes, the – 5 – come on gradually and, therefore, make it hard to detect the problem early.

Another factor is the type of – 6 – care women receive. Most women receive – 7 – care from – 8 – rather than from general – 9 – who are likely to find body disorders. The group at highest – 10 – are women over 50 years of age.

	A	B	C	D
1.	disturbances	diseases	complaints	vices
2.	investigation	analyses	diagnosis	examination
3.	hardships	complexion	difficulties	complications
4.	medications	treatment	control	suppression
5.	symptoms	signs	conditions	indication
6.	medicinal	medical	intensive	routine
7.	basic	primary	first	elementary
8.	specialists	consultant	experts	masters
9.	officers	doctors	professionals	practitioners
10.	menace	danger	risk	threat

Section 2

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**.

11. My dad advised me to obey the instructions to the letter. This means that I was to obey the instructions
- A. according to the letters.
B. as and when requested.
C. in every detail.
D. only in part.

12. The principal wrote the instructions in black and white. This means that the instructions were....
- A. abstract.
B. absurd.
C. clear.
D. confusing.

13. Agbodo had her heart in her mouth when she appeared before the committee. This means she
- A. felt quite different.
B. lost her voice completely
C. was more than ready.
D. was very anxious.

14. When he saw the state I was in, he asked me to take the weight off my feet. This means he told me to
- bend down.
 - hang on to the lintel.
 - shift my weight.
 - sit and rest.
15. She told Kwartemaa our story and burst our bubble. This means that
- our balloons all burst.
 - our hopes ended.
 - our story was interesting.
 - our we were praised.
16. His transfer came hard on the heels of his promotion. This means that he
- did not get promotion because he was on transfer.
 - lost his transfer opportunity because he was promoted.
 - promoted soon after his transfer.
 - was transferred soon after his promotion.
17. I feel like death warmed up. This means that I
- am very hungry.
 - feel very tired.
 - lost my temper.
 - wish to sing.
18. She is a chip off the old block. This means that she
- is a sculptor.
 - knows where the old block is.
 - resembles her mother.
 - understands Greek.
19. 'Why are you making a rod for your own back?' Mamudu asked. This means that Mamudu
- assured us that there would be nothing to worry about in future.
 - laughed at us for bringing canes for our own punishment.
 - praised as for doing press-ups.
 - warned us we might cause problems for ourselves in future.
20. Jojo went the extra mile to retrieve Abrewa's pet dog. This means that he
- did nothing about the problem.
 - got tired of looking for the dog.
 - walked a long distance.
 - worked extra hard to get the pet.

Section 3

From the words or groups of words lettered A – D below, choose the word or group of words that is **nearest in meaning** to the underlined word or group of words as used in the sentences.

21. The students say they dislike the senior housemaster because he is despotic.
- dictatorial
 - distrustful
 - harsh
 - uncivilized
22. The police went to the scene of the fire outbreak to appraise the damage done to life and property.
- ask for
 - estimate
 - view
 - witness
23. The topic was abstract and the argument so abstruse that we went home more confused than before.
- boring
 - difficult to understand
 - discouraging
 - winding
24. The accident was really horrifying; both vehicles fell into the river after colliding on the bridge.
- frightening
 - obscure
 - safe
 - terrestrial
25. To ameliorate the poor standard of living of the villagers, the government has decided to provide the village with pipe-borne water.
- decrease
 - improve
 - increase
 - persuade

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26. The minister made an impressive comment about the present economic situation and won the admiration of all the students.
A. dubious
B. remarkable
C. sagacious
D. well-chosen
27. Esi took two tablets of codeine to alleviate the pain in her neck.
A. appreciate
B. divorce
C. reduce
D. release
28. Mr. Boah is a P.N.P. adherent; no wonder he held an impressive get-together when his party won the general elections.
A. addict
B. follower
C. leader
D. member
29. The apathy of many Ghanaians towards their work was the subject of the president's address.
A. disregard
B. indifference
C. sincerity
D. sympathy
30. Owing to his age, Mr Johnson was ineligible for the post.
A. desirable
B. unexpected
C. unlucky
D. unqualified
32. Discord will reign whenever there is no
A. amity
B. consideration
C. contentment
D. harmony
33. If you are appalled by an experience, you cannot suddenly be by it.
A. encouraged
B. excited
C. influenced
D. informed
34. Even in trying situations, people should react in a courteous, not in a, way.
A. haughty
B. remorseful
C. resentful
D. vengeful
35. The natives are leaving the country.
A. citizens
B. country men
C. foreigners
D. friends
36. The modesty of the Catholic nuns cannot be compromised.
A. affection
B. arrogance
C. humility
D. stubbornness
37. The princess dressed elegantly.
A. decently
B. gracefully
C. immaculately
D. vulgarly

Section 4

In each of the following sentences, there is one word underlined and one gap. From the options lettered A – D, choose the word which is most nearly opposite in meaning to the underlined word and which, at the same time, will correctly fill the gap in the sentence.

31. Klu was admitted to hospital, but was after three days.
A. discharged
B. freed
C. released
D. relieved
38. Many Christians often forget the temporal responsibilities of the leaders.
A. materials
B. permanent
C. secular
D. spiritual
39. Rhoda was vocal in protesting against the high-handedness of the judge, unlike Rita who was ...
A. audible
B. loud
C. quite
D. silent

40. Rather than show remorse for his conduct, Musah remained

- A. apathetic
- B. calculated
- C. unconcerned
- D. unrepentant

Section 5

Part B

General Knowledge of Literature

Read the following questions carefully and choose the correct answer from the options lettered A – D to answer the questions.

41. A piece of writing is described as a satire when it

- A. attacks people's follies by making fun of them
- B. imitates the style of another writer
- C. praises human deeds
- D. teaches a moral lesson

42. A speech made by a character that is alone on stage is.....

- A. aside
- B. dialogue
- C. mimic
- D. soliloquy

43. The major divisions of a play is called

- A. acts
- B. interludes
- C. scenes
- D. stings

44. The poet's freedom in the use of language is called

- A. poetic freedom
- B. poetic justice
- C. poetic licence
- D. poet laureate

45. A/An..... is an eight-line stanza.

- A. couplet
- B. octave
- C. quatrain
- D. rhyme

46. If Korkor wrote a story of her life, then that story would be called.....

- A. autobiography
- B. ballad
- C. biography
- D. drama

47. 'He got a free flight from France for his fairness.' Which of the following literary devices is used above?

- A. alliteration
- B. repetition
- C. rhyme
- D. rhythm

48. 'The trees are dancing' is an example of

- A. allusion
- B. apostrophe
- C. metaphor
- D. personification

49. Oral literature includes all the following EXCEPT

- A. folktales
- B. folksongs
- C. prose
- D. riddles

50. The repetition of the same or similar vowel sounds in a line of poetry is called

- A. assonance
- B. alliteration
- C. metaphor
- D. personification

Section 6

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

51. I want to do a course at the university after secondary school.

- A. two year
- B. two-year
- C. two-years
- D. two year's

52. My friend and I saw a car on our way to the Kumasi City Mall

- A. beautifully decorated German saloon
- B. decorated beautifully German saloon
- C. decorated German beautifully saloon
- D. saloon beautifully decorated German

53. If Richard had taken advice, he wouldn't have the disease.

- A. accepted
- B. contacted
- C. contracted
- D. suffered

54. The play was a long one but the musical made it very interesting.

- A. interim
- B. interlude
- C. interplay
- D. interval

55. There is no point in acquiring a tool unless one means to use it,

- A. doesn't there?
- B. isn't there?
- C. is there?
- D. wasn't there?

56. The students went foot to the cemetery.

- A. by
- B. in
- C. on
- D. with

57. Most people are prone conflicting emotions.

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

58. We have more days to go on vacation.

- A. a few
- B. a little
- C. few
- D. little

59. The teacher we talked to teaches in my school.

- A. to whom
- B. who
- C. whom
- D. whom with

60. If the boy works hard, he rewarded.

- A. will be
- B. will been
- C. would be
- D. would being

61. Neither the teacher nor the students the thief.

- A. have seen
- B. has seen
- C. see
- D. seen

62. The building because of its weak foundation.

- A. caved
- B. collapsed
- C. sank
- D. succumbed

63. The play was so interesting that the clapped for quite a long time at the end.

- A. audience
- B. congregation
- C. spectators
- D. watchers

64. The door had no bolt, so he one out of an old piece of iron.

- A. constituted
- B. improved
- C. improvised
- D. renovated

65. At the border, he hid the watches in his pocket in order to customs duty.

- A. defer
- B. evade
- C. omit
- D. repel

66. Despite all our pleading, the manager remained in his refusal of our request.

- A. adamant
- B. curious
- C. pliable
- D. unconvinced

67. In some countries, it is an offence to describe child born out of wedlock as

- A. illegal
- B. illegitimate
- C. illicit
- D. illiterate

68. The teachers as well as the school prefect submitted their report.
A. are
B. has
C. have
D. is
69. Neither Angela nor Eva guilty of the offence.
A. are
B. is
C. has
D. were
70. Everybody has to do homework.
A. his
B. their
C. them
D. there
71. That young girl we thought had left for Agege is still in town.
A. which
B. who
C. whom
D. whose
72. Vivian knew
A. when would come next
B. where would come next
C. who could come next
D. whom would come next
73. The man as their greatest leader was Dr Kwame Nkrumah.
A. what Ghanaians remember
B. which Ghanaians remember
C. who Ghanaians remember
D. whom Ghanaians remember
74. The baby no longer played as it used to do, worried its mother considerably.
A. what
B. when
C. which
D. who
75. Akua wept continuously for a long time, disturbed her mother greatly.
A. for which
B. which
C. who
D. whom
76. He asked me whether I had read book.
A. all
B. both
C. the most
D. the whole
77. Several prisoners escaped, but they were caught.
A. all
B. both
C. either
D. the whole
78. I have only two sisters and of them are married.
A. all
B. both
C. most
D. several
79. Kwame never slept until he finished of it.
A. all
B. little
C. plenty
D. the most
80. They rusticated Hall.
A. a few
B. all
C. both
D. the entire

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