

[50 marks]

Answer **all** the questions.

Each question is followed by **four** options lettered A to D. Find out the correct option for **each** question. Shade in **pencil** on your answer sheet, the answer space which bears the same letter as the option you have chosen. Give only **one** answer to **each** question. Be sure you understand the instructions at the beginning of each section before you try to answer any of the questions that follow them. Do not spend too much time on a question. If you find a question difficult, leave it and go and try it again later.

Use pencil throughout. If you wish to change an answer, erase your first answer completely and shade the appropriate space for the new answer.

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. After an examination, some students are anxious while others are.....
A. happy B. relaxed C. contented D. tired
2. Some members were conversant with the new procedure while others were.....
A. ignorant B. excited C. indifferent D. inefficient
3. Kind words aptly spoken restore feelings that have been.....
A. disturbed B. pained C. belittled D. shattered
4. As a child, Laura was placid whereas Cathy was.....
A. unreasonable B. irresponsible C. high-spirited D. intelligent
5. The price of food stuff escalated while that of clothing.....
A. diminished B. descended C. plummeted D. lowered
6. He tried to ease the thought that had.on his mind for so
A. resided B. waited C. lingered D. rested
7. The leader's presence inspired a measure of tranquillity following period of.....
A. damage B. protest C. action D. unrest
8. The dormant lifestyle of the past contrasts sharply with present day schedules.
A. quickened B. hectic C. turbulent D. boisterous
9. Graciano did not know whether Mary's action was deliberate or.....
A. decisive B. accidental C. impulsive D. sentimental
10. Over the years, he acquired a lot of wealth which he has now.....
A. lost B. abandoned C. missed D. destroyed

SECTION II

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

11. These obnoxious laws have been.....by parliament.
A. adjusted B. annulled C. erased D. controlled
12. The delegates frankly expressed their.....on pressing issues.
A. minds B. thoughts C. opinions D. ideals
13. The problem.....from the way Kofi spoke to Akoto.
A. came B. stemmed C. obtained D. occurred
14. The internet is not the best place to cultivate.....friendship.
A. needed B. tight C. appropriate D. genuine
15. It is not fair to jump to hasty.....
A. results' B. concerns C. experiences D. conclusions
16. Ato and Lamisi would sometimes.....about our school.
A. run B. hang C. troop D. come
17. Some of the institutions have been..... of funds.
A. starved B. refused C. disregarded D. dissipated
18. Employees avoid certain jobs because of.....hazards.
A. managerial B. occupational C. incidental D. behavioural
19. It is important that respect is.....to all and sundry.
A. accorded B. stretched C. recorded D. reserved
20. People should strive to live in.....
A. pleasantness B. harmony C. neighbourliness D. enjoyment

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. The production of fertilizer goes through several painstaking processes.
A. systematic B. risky C. stringent D. thorough
22. Weather predictions are not always accurate.
A. forecasts B. statements C. projections D. measurements
23. He was given the singular honour to welcome the president.
A. familiar B. exceptional C. popular D. permanent
24. They bumped into each other by sheer coincidence.
A. mere B. real C. possible D. lucky

25. The youth will grow and blossom into useful adults later in life.
A. blow B. develop C. change D. proceed
26. Prejudice often distorts people's perception of others.
A. disturbs B. warps C. eliminates D. reduces
27. You will be considered wise if you stay away from lewd discussions.
A. senseless B. immoral C. useless D. controversial
28. Time passes almost imperceptibly.
A. inaudibly B. unadmirably C. unnoticeably D. uncontrollably
29. Some novels offer readers transient pleasure.
A. objective B. passionate C. fleeting D. false
30. Interest in traditional medicine has waned.
A. wasted B. lowered C. shifted D. declined

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. When it comes to the sciences, Ato is quick on the uptake. This means that he.....
A. understands things quickly. B. adjusts quickly to new situations.
C. reasons quite sensibly. D. accepts only proven facts.
32. The new business proposition is something to be sniffed at. This means that it is.....
A. in serious competition. B. about to be reviewed.
C. to be tried only in principle. D. to be considered worth having
33. A successful man should always have his ears to the ground. This means that he should.....
A. have receptive ears. B. be abreast of current issues.
C. be well guided. D. leave nothing to chance.
34. The explanation took a while to sink in. This means that it took a while before it was.....
A. discussed B. accepted. C. forwarded. D. understood.
35. Martin poured cold water on our plans. This means that he.....
A. altered our plans. B. criticised our plans.
C. knew about our plans. D. revised our plans.
36. The officer suddenly caved in and agreed to the measures. This means that he.....
A. had a different course of action. B. failed to prove his point.
C. stopped opposing the measures. D. did more than expected.
37. The suspect was convicted on trumped-up charges. This means that the charges were.....
A. baseless. B. changeless. C. careless. D. mindless.
38. Anapa sat in silence enjoying the ebb and flow of the conversation. This means that she enjoyed the.....

- A. changes in the conversation.
- C. voices of the speakers

- B. vies of the speakers.
- D. actions in the conversation.

39. Ken was replaced on the committee because he had a loose tongue. This means that he.....

- A. told lies.
- B. was quick-tempered.
- C. was disrespectful.
- D. talked too much.

40. Kamara lost the election because he refused to put his hand in his pocket. This means that he.....

- A. was unwilling to spend money.
- B. refused to pay the bills.
- C. was impolite to the electorate.
- D. did not have money to spend.

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.*

Publishing is a fast growing business and this has given rise to the establishment of publishing houses across the country and beyond. When -41- is submitted by an author, the publisher has the responsibility to send it to an -42- to ascertain its veracity. It is important to take this step because the publisher wants to be convinced that the book catches the -43- when it hits the shelves. In a publishing house, there is -44- section whose main preoccupation is with -45- the manuscript and correcting both the spelling and typographical errors. After this, the document is -46- in readiness for -47-

The printed -48- are then kept in the warehouse and a few of them may be sent to the author as -49- copies. Since it is not just the aim of the publisher to offset the cost of production but also to make some profit, there is a vibrant marketing unit that promotes sales. A percentage of the cover price of the book is paid to the author as -50-

A	B	C	D
41. a blurb	an article	an essay	a manuscript
42. expert	assessor	examiner	evaluator
43. market	audience	students	shop
44. an assessment	an editorial	an evaluation	a lithographic
45. skimming	proofreading	scanning	evaluating
46. typeset	copied	re-written	styled
47. reprographing	printing	binding	publishing
48. items	bulletin	copies	specimen
49. complimentary	courtesy	sample	special
50. divided	royalty	honorarium	interest

PART B
LITERATURE

Answer **30** questions in this part: **10** questions on Prose, **10** questions on Drama, and **10** questions on Poetry.

PROSE

Read the following extract and answer questions **51** to **54**.

Auntie was acting as if she must have taken it just because she was poor, but I know that no matter how hard things were for her, she would never have done such a thing.

51. Who is the girl in question?
A. Abena B. Faiza C. Rakiya. D. Gifty
52. Who was speaking and to whom?
A. Abena to Abena's father. B. Abena to Faiza.
C. Abena to Abena's Aunt. D. Gifty to Abena.
53. What was the occupation of the girl in question?
A. Kayayoo. B. Shop attendant. C. Driver's mate. D. None of the above
54. The dominant theme in the extract is.....
A. Greed. B. Love and life. C. Mercy D. Poverty.

Read the following extract and answer questions **55** to **57**.

Well, it was challenging working there at that time. They didn't have a lot of facilities but I have to make the most of it and I had a lot of responsibility even though I was young,

55. Who spoke these words?
A. Rukava's father B. Gifty's father C. Faiza's father D. Abena's father.
56. The underlined word refers to.....
A. Tamale Teaching Hospital B. Kumasi Teaching Hospital
C. Greater Accra Teaching Hospital D. Koribui Teaching Hospital
57. Why was working there challenging?
A. because they were short of doctors B. because they have no caesarean ward.
C. because they have few nurses D. because they were short of Lab Technicians.
58. The "young" refers to.....
A. Rukava's father. B. Abena's father C. Alhaji Brown Teeth D. Asana's father

Read the following extract and answer question 59 to 60.

She would joke and sing and everyone would join in and be in the best of moods. After a certain number of items had been presented, the bride would make her first appearance, amid a procession of women shouting, “Ayefro! Dondo-o!”

59. The dominant mood in the extract is.....
A. anxiety B. sadness. C. anger D. happiness
60. The subject in the extract is.....
A. Marriage ceremony. B. Birthday ceremony
C. Funeral ceremony D. Naming ceremony

DRAMA

Read the following extract and answer questions 61 to 64.

But my dear boy, hers is only a mental agony,
she doesn't mind, so why should that bother you?
You don't even see her

61. The speaker is.....
A. Sumako. B. Joshua C. Benko D. Attu
62. The underlined expression refers to.....
A. Benko B. Attu C. Joshua. D. Zekey
63. The character being described is suffering from.....
A. amnesia. B. palpitation C. shylock. D. despair
64. The speaker was being.....
A. sarcastic B. inconsiderate. C. cunning D. fair.

Read the following extract and answer questions 65 to 67

[Violently] I said I'm not hungry, don't you understand?
There's a new mouth to feed so why should you bother me?

65. The figure of speech in the underlined expression is.....
A. metonym. B. paradox. C. oxymoron. D. synecdoche.
66. The character being described is.....
A. friendly and easy going. B. insensitive and quarrelsome.
C. saucy and respectful. D. proud and arrogant.
67. Who was the addressee?
A. Benko B. Zekey C. Joshua D. Duella

Read the following extract and answer questions **68 to 70**

“Tsu, tsu, tsu such vulgarity is unbecoming. You don’t say such things to a woman. They are not complimentary”

68. The figure of speech found in the extract is.....
A. simile. B. repetition C. metaphor D. antithesis.
69. The addressee could be described as.....
A. civilized B. well-bred C. misogynist D. saucy
70. The speaker could be described as.....
A. cosmopolitan. B. vulgar C. concupiscent D. cunning

POETRY

Answer any set of **10** questions numbered **71 to 80** in **either** Section **I** or Section **II**.

SECTION III

AFRICAN POETRY

Oswald Mbuyiseni Mtshali: Nightfall in Soweto

71. “Nightfall in Soweto” symbolizes.....
A. Slave trade in South Africa. B. economic crisis in South Africa.
C. change in South Africa. D. the apartheid regime in South Africa
72. The major theme in the poem is.....
A. bestial side of man. B. darkness and horror.
C. fear and insecurity. D. inertial or inaction.

“Man has become beast”

73. “Man” in the above line represents.....
A. murderer. B. the oppressors C. maltreatment D. soweto.
74. The poem is written in a free verse without.....
A. meter. B. assonance. C. alliteration D. lyric

Gabriel Okara : Once Upon A time

I have also learned to say, “Goodbye;

75. The use of “goodbye” by the persona means.....
A. safe journey B. farewell. C. good riddance. D. welcome.
76. “I found doors shut on me” is an underlined statement for the theme.....
A. negative behaviours are infectious B. the inhuman nature of
C. modern life. D. hypocrisy

David Rubadiri: An African Thunderstorm

Pregnant cloud

“Ride stately on its back.”

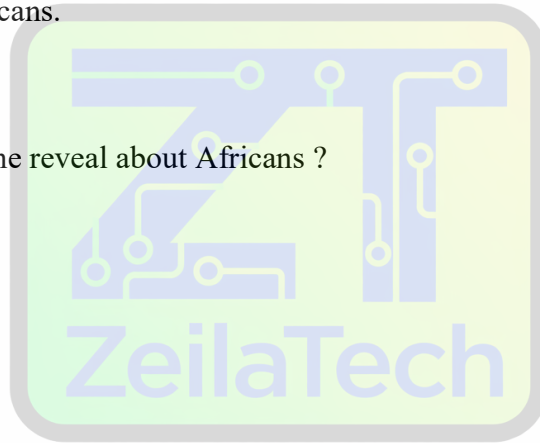
77. The above lines contain two literary devices,
A. metaphor and personification
C. alliteration and assonance
B. personification and oxymoron
D. simile and metaphor
78. “Breast” used in the poem is an example of a.....
A. repetition. B. synecdoche. C. metonym. D. metaphor.

Kofi Awoonor : The Weaver Bird

79. The subject matter of the poem is.....
A. colonialism and its negative effect on the indigenous Africans.
B. the use of force on Africans.
C. the commendation of the Africa Land.
D. the effect of religion on Africans.

“We did not want to send it away”

80. What attitude does the above line reveal about Africans ?
A. courageous.
B. inaction.
C. loyal.
D. faithful



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