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INSTITUTE OF AFRICAN STUDIES

SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION 2015/2016

UGRC: 238 – LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY (3 CREDITS)

TWI

TIME ALLOWED: 2 HOURS

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS: ANSWER SECTIONS 'A' AND 'B' IN ONE ANSWER BOOKLET. WRITE THE LANGUAGE AND THE NAME OF YOUR LECTURER ON YOUR ANSWER BOOKLET.

SECTION A: INTRODUCTION TO AFRICAN LANGUAGES (10 MARKS)

ANSWER TWO QUESTIONS IN THIS SECTION IN YOUR ANSWER BOOKLET. ANSWER QUESTION ONE WHICH IS COMPULSORY, AND ANSWER EITHER QUESTION 2 OR QUESTION 3.

1. What critiques have African scholars made of the language phyla model developed by Euro-American scholars? What is the basis of these critiques? (5 Marks)

EITHER

2. Discuss **vowel harmony**, **syllable structure**, **tone** and **reduplication** with examples of each. (2.5 Marks)

OR

3. Define and give one example of each of the following linguistic concepts. (2.5 Marks)
 - a. Code-switching
 - b. Multilingualism
 - c. Creolization
 - d. Diglossia

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SECTION B (GRAMMAR)
(20 Marks)

THIS SECTION IS IN FOUR PARTS: I, II, III, IV. ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS IN
YOUR ANSWER BOOKLET

PART I
TENSE / ASPECT

In following passage, select the correct forms of the verbs from options A – D that complete sentences 4-13 using the English Version of the passage as a guide.

Osuo4..... nnora. Bere biara osuo5..... a eye akuafoɔ de. Enne nso osuo6....
bio. Akuafoɔ7..... wɔn mfuom. Wɔ8..... dua wɔn mfudeɛ. Kwame wɔ n'afuom.
.....9..... aburoo ne adua. Afe a etwaa mu no10..... nkateɛ. Ne mfudeɛ sɛ no
.....11..... kama. Afe yi12..... sika pii efiri sɛ13..... afuo no kɛsɛɛ.

It rained yesterday. Anytime it rains farmers are happy. It is raining again today.
Farmers will go to their farms. They will plant their crops. Kwame is on his farm. He is
planting maize and beans. Last year, he planted groundnuts. The crops have grown very
well. He will get more money this year because he will expand his farm.

	A	B	C	D
4.	reto	beto	ntɔɔ	tɔɔ
5.	tɔ	tɔɛɛ	tɔɔ	atɔ
6.	tɔɔ	ntɔɔ	reto	tɔ
7.	kɔɔ	rekɔ	bɛkɔ	nkɔɔ
8.	bɛdua	redua	duaɛɛ	dua
9.	ɔdua	ndua	ɔredua	ɔdua
10.	ɔdua	ɔdua	ɔbɛdua	ɔredua
11.	nyinii	renyin	anyin	bɛnyin
12.	Wanya	ɔrenya	ɔnyaa	ɔbɛnya
13.	ɔbɛdɔ	ɔdɛɛ	wadɔ	ɔdɔɔ

PLURAL FORMATION

Select the correct singular forms of the underlined words and phrases from sentences 14-23.

14. Dua akeseɛ no abubu.
a. nkeseɛ b. keseɛ c. mkeseɛ d. kesefoɔ
15. Kofi tɔɔ nnaka fɛfɛ bi.
a. adaka b. adakafoɔ c. nnaka d. ɔdaka
16. Menim polisifoɔ bi.
a. polisi b. polisini c. polisinom d. mpolisi
17. Mpanimfoɔ no wɔ sika.
a. ɔpaninom b. ɔpanin c. npanin d. mpanin
18. Mmaa ahoɔfɛfoɔ no reto dwom.
a. mmaa ɔhoafɛfoɔ b. ɔbaa hoɔfɛfoɔ c. mbaa ahoɔfɛfoɔ d. nbaa hoɔfɛ
19. Akuafoɔ no redɔ afuo.
a. akuani b. akuanom c. nkuani d. okuani
20. Mmɔfra no redua ades.
a. mbɔfra b. abɔfra c. abɔfrafoɔ d. abɔfranom
21. Fa nkonnwa atenten no bra ha.
a. akonnwa tenten b. aknnwa ɔtenten
c. nkonnwafoɔ mtenten d. akonnwa tenten nom
22. Di nnuane no nyinaa.
a. oduane b. nduane c. aduane d. mduane
23. Kofi kɔsraa ne wɔfanom.
a. wɔfa b. nwɔfa c. awɔfa d. owɔfa

PART III 31
NEGATION

From sentences 24 – 28, select the negative form of the verb that is most appropriate from the options A – D.

24. Mmɔfra no resua ades.

- a. Nsua
- b. Nsuaa
- c. Rensua
- d. ansua

25. Kwaku bɛdi fufuo ne abɛnkwan nnɛ.

- a. Rebɛdi
- b. Nni
- c. Nndi
- d. Ndiie

26. Mɛkɔ Sunyane buronya bɛrɛ.

- a. Memkɔ
- b. Merekɔ
- c. Menkɔ
- d. Merɛkɔ

27. Masua ades awie.

- a. Masuaɛɛ
- b. Mensuaɛɛ
- c. Mensuaa
- d. Merensua

28. Kofi ada hatee.

- a. Ndaa
- b. Nnaa
- c. Nnaɛɛ
- d. Renda

QUESTION FORMS

Fill in the blank spaces with the correct WH questions / phrase to complete each question in sentences 29 – 33.

29. Kwame redware.

- a. Ehe na redware?
- b. Hwan na redware?
- c. Deen na redware?
- d. Bere ben na redware?

30. Asantewa di fufuo awia biara.

- a. Bere ben na Asantewa di fufuo?
- b. Hwan na Asantewaa di fufuo?
- c. Deeben na Asantewaa di fufuo?
- d. Sen na Asantewaa di fufuo?

31. Abɔfra no resua borɔfo kasa.

- a. Deen na abɔfra no resua?
- b. Hwan na abɔfra no resua?
- c. Ehefa na abɔfra no resua?
- d. Bere ben na abɔfra no resua?

32. Me wɔfa wɔ Kumaase.

- a. Deen na me wɔfa wɔ?
- b. Hwan na me wɔfa wɔ?
- c. Ehe na me wɔfa wɔ?
- d. Aden na me wɔfa wɔ?

33. Maame Afua kyɛ me ankaa nsia.

- a. Bere ben na Maame Afua kyɛ me ankaa?
- b. Hwan na Maame Afua kyɛ me ankaa?
- c. Ankaa sen na Maame Afua kyɛ me?
- d. Ehefa na Maame Afua kyɛ me ankaa?

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SECTION C: TRANSLATION
(5 MARKS)

From the options A – D, select the best translation of sentences 34- 43.

34. I love you.

- a. Wode sɛn
- b. Wo ho yɛ fɛ
- c. Mepɛ wo
- d. Metan wo

35. I am hungry.

- a. Ɛkɔm de me
- b. Osukɔm de me
- c. Mefɛrɛ
- d. Meyare

36. My mother has eaten fufu.

- a. Me wɔfa adi fufuo
- b. Me ba adi fufuo
- c. Me maame adi fufuo
- d. Me nua adi fufuo

37. My teacher beat Kwame.

- a. Me tikya hwee Kwame
- b. Me tikya rehwe Kwame
- c. Me tikya seree Kwame
- d. Me tikya ahwe Kwame

38. I bought three shoes today.

- a. Mantɔ mpaboa mmiɛnsa ɛnnɛ
- b. Metɔ mpaboa mmiɛnsa ɛnnɛ
- c. Meretɔ mpaboa mmiɛnsa ɛnnɛ
- d. Metɔ ntaadeɛ mmiɛnsa ɛnnɛ

39. My siblings came here.

- a. Yɛn nuanom baa ha
- b. Me nuanom baa ha
- c. Me nuanom aba ha
- d. Me nuanom reba ha

40. We went to Tamale yesterday.

- a. Nnora yerekɔ Tamale
- b. Nnora yeankɔ Tamale
- c. Nnora yekɔ Tamale
- d. Nnora yebekɔ Tamale

41. They are buying oranges.

- a. Wɔretɔ ankaa
- b. Wɔtɔn ankaa
- c. Wɔbetɔn ankaa
- d. Wɔntɔ ankaa

42. It is 12.00 noon.

- a. Abɔ anadwo dumieniu
- b. Abɔ nnɔndumieniu ne fa
- c. Abɔ anɔpa nnɔnsia
- d. Pɛmo ato

43. She has a headache.

- a. Ne ti ye no ya
- b. N'aso ye no ya
- c. N'ani ye no ya
- d. Ne yam ye no ya

SECTION D
INTEGRITY PROCEEDAMUS
READING COMPREHENSION

(5 MARKS)

Read the following passage carefully and answer questions 44 – 48 in your answer booklet. Your answer must be written in Asante Twi.

Se abɔfra sɔre anɔpa a, ɔhohoro n'anɔm na ɔtwitwiri ne se so. Se ɔye abarimaa a, ɔprapra ne papa dan mu. Se ɔye abaayewa nso a, ɔprapra efie ho ne gyaade. Wɔwie a, wɔkɔ nsuo. Eno akyi, abaayewa no noa aduane na abarimaa no nso hohoro nkyensee mu. Aduane no ben a, wɔdidi na wɔkɔ sukuu. Eɔa a aduane nni fie no, wɔma wɔn sika ma wɔde kɔɔ aduane di.

Questions

44. Sɛ abɔfra sɔre anɔpa a deɛn na ɔdi kan yɛ?
45. Bobɔ nnwuma hodoɔ mmienu a abɔfra yɛ no anɔpa no din?
46. Adwuma bɛn na mmɔfra no yɛ bom?
47. Hwan na ɔhohoro nkyɛnsee no mu?
48. Ɛda a aduane nni fie no wɔma mmɔfra no.....

SECTION E: COMPOSITION

(10 MARKS)

Write an essay on one of the following topics. Your essay must be written in Asante Twi. The length of your essay must not be less than 150 words.

49. Me ho aɛm. (Myself)
50. Me maame ho aɛm. (My mother)

