

UMMUL-QURA HIGH SCHOOL

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2020/2021 SECOND TERM EXAMINATION

CLASS: SS 2

SUBJECT: ENGLISH LANG.

TIME: 2hrs 45 Min.

Part A: Objective

Section 1: From the words or groups of words lettered A-E, choose the word or phrase that is *nearest in meaning* to the underlined word phrase in the sentence.

1. Femi's comments were germane to the issue under discussion
A. confidential
B. redundant
C. crucial
D. relevant
2. The testimony of the witness absolved the accused of the charges
A. condemned
B. implicated
C. criticized
D. cleared
3. The supreme Court set-aside the ruling of the high court
A. upheld
B. nullified
C. agreed with
D. justified
4. The ornament should be handled with care because it is fragile
A. uncommon
B. golden
C. delicate
D. expensive
5. As a result of the terrible sufferings he had undergone, he became very despondent about the future
A. mischievous
B. agitated
C. hopeless
D. aggressive
6. The boss has an aversion for smoking
A. an inclination
B. a distaste
C. a list
D. a desire
7. The champion was admired for his doggedness
A. tenacity
B. success
C. humility
D. vigour
8. One of the complaints against the former chairman was that he was inaccessible
A. unapproachable
B. unfriendly
C. strict
D. stubborn

Section 2: From the options lettered A-D, choose the word or group of words that is **opposite** in meaning to the underlined word or phrase.

9. The measures that were introduced to accelerate the process of national development have in actual fact _____ it
A. accentuated
B. retarded
C. promote
D. neutralized

10. I thought that the comments made by the secretary were quiet innocuous but the chairman considered them _____

- A. polite
- B. inappropriate
- C. antagonistic
- D. harmful

11. The _____ of the few rich in our society contrast with the poverty of the masses

- A. Arrogance
- B. Authority
- C. Influence
- D. Affluence

12. Bola was vocal in protesting against the high-handedness of the police unlike Sola who was _____

- A. mute
- B. shouting
- C. arguing
- D. sober

13. My brother adores but he has a very strong _____ for cats

- A. love
- B. annoyance
- C. attitude
- D. dislike

14. On our way to Tarkwa Bay, the sea was turbulent but fortunately it was quite _____ on our way back

- A. pleasant
- B. calm
- C. motionless
- D. placid

15. Though payment of the levy is voluntary, it is _____ for all students to pay tuition fees

- A. essential
- B. important
- C. necessary
- D. mandatory

16. The government was accused of implementing policies that favoured the elite instead of the _____

- A. Masses

- B. oppressed
- C. executive
- D. worker

Section 3. *From the words or groups of words lettered choose the word or group of words that **best completes** each of the following sentences*

17. He preferred travelling by road _____ travelling by air

- A. to
- B. against
- C. over
- D. than

18. The police are _____ trail of the suspect

- A. in
- B. on
- C. after
- D. over

19. Alhaji Musa owns fifty _____

- A. herd of cattles
- B. head of cattle
- C. herd of cattle
- D. heads of cattles

20. Amey _____ to school nowadays

- A. walk
- B. walked
- C. walking
- D. walks

21. If I had heard this earlier, I _____ given him the job

- A. would not have
- B. would have not
- C. will not have
- D. will have not

22. Tunji was _____ hungry that he ate the food meant for his three sisters

- A. so
- B. extremely
- C. very
- D. quite

23. Whenever the baby cried, the mother _____

- A. sighed

- B. sighs
 - C. will sigh
 - D. shall sigh
24. Bode and Tunji are very selfish, they care only about ____
- A. each other
 - B. one another
 - C. themselves
 - D. them
25. The teacher sent for you and the class prefect but ____ of you was in the class
- A. both
 - B. each
 - C. neither
 - D. two
26. The students bought the new Atlas ____ the advice of their Geography teacher
- A. by
 - B. with
 - C. at
 - D. on
27. I've forgotten ____ told me that story
- A. whom
 - B. who
 - C. by whom
 - D. which
28. Have you any objection ____ him to lunch
- A. to invite
 - B. with inviting
 - C. for inviting
 - D. to inviting
29. Benin, ____ is reputed to be an historical city, is the capital of Edo state
- A. what
 - B. where
 - C. that
 - D. which
30. The passive form of "He builds the houses" is ____?
- A. The house is built by him
 - B. The houses are build by him

- C. The houses are built by him
 - D. The houses are being built by him
31. The passive form of "We were mending the rope" is ____?
- A. the rope was being mended by us
 - B. the rope is being mended by us
 - C. the rope is mended by us
 - D. the rope will be mended by us.

Section 4: From the words lettered A-D, choose the one that has the correct stress.

32. recuperate
- A. RE-cu-pe-rate
 - B. re-CU-pe-rate
 - C. re-cu-PE-rate
 - D. re-cu-pe-RATE
33. ambassador
- A. AM-bas-sa-dor
 - B. am-BAS-sa-dor
 - C. am-bas-SA-dor
 - D. am-bas-sa-DOR
34. stupidity
- A. STU-pi-di-ty
 - B. stu-PI-di-ty
 - C. stu-pi-DI-ty
 - D. stu-pi-di-TY
35. resurrection
- A. RE-sur-rec-tion
 - B. re-SUR-rec-tion
 - C. re-sur-REC-tion
 - D. re-sur-rec-TION
36. advertisement
- A. AD-ver-tise-ment
 - B. ad-VER-tise-ment
 - C. ad-ver-TISE-ment
 - D. ad-ver-tise-MENT

Section 5: In each of the following sentences, the word that receives the **emphatic stress** is written in capital letters. From the options lettered A-D, choose the one to which the given sentence is the appropriate answer

37. Does your father's FRIEND hate pets?

- A. Does your mother's boss hate pets?
- B. Does your mother's friend love pets?
- C. Does your mother's friend hate toys?
- D. Does your father's friend hate pets?

38. Last week's football match was very EXCITING

- A. Was yesterday's football match very exciting?
- B. Was last week's football match very exciting?
- C. Was last week's football match very dull?
- D. Was last year's football match very exciting?

39. Mary stole the HISTORY teacher's pen

- A. Did Anne steal the history teacher's pen?
- B. Did Mary borrow the history teacher's pen?
- C. Did Mary steal the Geography teacher's pen?
- D. Did Mary steal the History teacher's book?

40. My FSTHER arrived from London yesterday.

- A. Did my father leave for London yesterday?
- B. Did my mother arrive from London yesterday?
- C. Did my father arrive from Accra yesterday?
- D. Did his father arrive from London yesterday?

41. The judge CAUTIONED the prosecution witness

- A. Who caution the prosecution witness?
- B. Did the judge praise the prosecution witness?

C. Did the judge caution the defense witness?

D. Did the judge caution the prosecution counsel?

Section 6: From the words lettered A-D, choose the word that contains the **sound** represented by the given phonetic symbol

42. /t/

- A. Listen
- B. Carried
- C. Action
- D. Walked

43. /ʃ/

- A. Match
- B. Missive
- C. Harsh
- D. Measure

44. /tʃ/

- A. Shame
- B. Character
- C. Sure
- D. Church

45. /θ/

- A. Therefore
- B. Thompson
- C. Health
- D. Dear

46. /ð/

- A. Them
- B. Through
- C. Tied
- D. Thank

47. /ə/

- A. Doctor
- B. Like
- C. Sack
- D. Plait

From the words lettered A-D, choose the word that has similar sound with the underlined sound in the given word

48. Work

- A. Girl

- B. Wear
C. Walk
D. Pork
49. Gnash
A. Glutton
B. Jury
C. Nap

- D. Gory
50. Ask
A. Gasp
B. Tax
C. Scene
D. Masque

Section 4: *In the following passage the numbered gaps indicate missing words. Against each number in the list below the passage, five choices are offered in the columns lettered A-E. For each question, choose the **most suitable** word to fill the numbered gaps in the passage*

Not all insects are -51- and among those which are, is the honey bees. Besides the honey they -52-, they perform an even more important service by -53- the flowers. The -54- method of obtaining honey in African countries is to allow wild bees to enter a -55-, and then later to smoke out the bees with -56-. The food value of honey is -57- high; it is derived from -58-, which is merely a sugary solution in water. In honey, most of this sugar has been changed into another -59- which, when eaten is very easily -60- into the blood stream.

	A	B	C	D
51	Harmful	Necessary	Useful	Harmless
52	Deliver	Produce	Forge	Create
53	Pollinating	Dispersing	Beautifying	Favouring
54	Scientific	Mechanical	Traditional	Modern
55	Shell	Cell	Hive	Hut
56	Rays	Heat	Touch	Fire
57	Exceptionally	Simultaneously	Constructively	Imaginatively
58	Adrenaline	Sugar	Glucose	Nectar
59	Energy	Liquid	Solid	Form
60	Preserved	Reserved	Digested	Assimilated

Theory

Part B: COMPREHENSION AND SUMMARY

*Section 5: Comprehension (Answer **all** questions)*

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions on it

When Badamosi heard that he had some visitors from Ireti his hometown, he concluded immediately that they must be the usual seekers of financial assistance, or jobs. He decided that this time, he would give them rough edge of his tongue. They had come because earlier callers had not reported what he had stressed: that he was not in Kapitatown for anyone's sake

He took his time to put his office and workshop in order, determined not to leave in a hurry because of some stubborn fortune-seekers. He made sure that all his seventy-two workers had signed out before he signalled to his driver. There, in a huge limousine, he thought of the new multi-million dollar contract for his construction company and how he would get a helicopter from the profit. That would be the ultimate solution to the persistent problem of the traffic congestion which he faced in Kapitatown.

The five-kilometre distance to his mansion was covered in about two hours. On arrival, his youngest wife informed him that his visitors were chiefs from Ireti. He felt with a revulsion as he imagined that they must have come with a king-size request. As he entered the house, he sealed his mind. However, the three chiefs disarmed him with their cheerful smiles. Each met him in the doorway with a bare hug. As soon as the chit-chat ended, they announced that the Ireti ruling council has decided to confer on him the highest traditional title of the land, and that a date has been set for the great event. He was flabbergasted; so they had come with an offer. He immediately accepted.

Thereafter, things moved very fast. He contacted all the great names in the country, among them his state governor, the top politicians in the land and his business associates from far and near. However, he did not even pay a preparatory visit to Ireti. He took everything for granted.

The great day came, hundreds of limousines from far and near streamed into Ireti. As he was not the only awardee, the conferment ceremony began with others. Each took about fifteen minutes; so, before Badamosi's turn, all his invited guests had arrived. Just as he was called, some heavily built youngsters appeared. Shouting into the microphone. Their leader announced "Badamosi doesn't deserve this conferment and cannot have this title. A man who has deserted his community for more than thirty years, who did not think it proper to return home to care for his ailing parents before they died, and who has consistently turned deaf ears to the calls of our youths cannot have the title. Good day, everybody!"

With that, the youth continued to appear in their hundreds, angry and fierce, wielding all sorts of weapons, warning everybody to disappear immediately, otherwise, heads will roll, including theirs if the police wanted it so. Within minutes, the whole arena was deserted.

Questions

- (a) How did Badamosi treat visitors from his hometown?
- (b) Why did Badamosi plan to buy a helicopter?
- (c) What should Badamosi have done before the day of the conferment of the title?
- (d) Give two reason why the youths objected to Badamosi installation.
- (e) Why was Badamosi reluctant to receive visitors from Ireti?
- (f) "As soon as the chit-chat ended..."
 - I. What grammatical name can be given to this expression as it is used in the passage?
 - II. What is Pits function?
- (g) "... give them the rough edge of his tongue"
 - I. What figure of speech is used in this expression

- II. What does it mean?
- (h) For each of the following words, find another word or phrase which means the same and which can replace it as it is used in the passage.
- I. Ultimate
 - II. Flabbergasted
 - III. Deserted
 - IV. Disappear

Summary.

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions on it

The press is a general term for all types of printed newspapers and periodicals. It is an asset as well as a menace to society. Like many things in this world, it has its good and bad sides. Even though it has its bad sides, no society can shut it down and thrive.

The press as its aims and objectives which it follows, come what may. Anyone who wants to be abreast of current affairs or notable events in his society must resort to reading printed materials, apart from watching the television. In fact, the press serves more people than the electronic media do. Newspapers and the periodicals go where the television cannot. Printed materials go even to the remotest areas of a country.

Institutions of learning disseminate information. However, not all cities, towns and villages have these institutions, but the print media can be used to disseminate information to people in these areas.

Government, institutions and Organisations have their policies, programme and activities for the smooth running of their affairs. At times, only those in authority realize the benefits. Subordinates are often afraid to criticize the authorities. Their best bet is to resort to the print media which become their mouthpiece. This, what the oppressed cannot do, the print media do without fear or favour.

The press is also at the Beck and call of anybody who wants its service. Many a times, one sees people going job hunting. They roam the streets of cities and towns, go from one office to the other move from one employing authority to the other only to be told that vacancies do not exist. To be candid, they do not need to waste such time and energy seeking jobs. All they need to do is comb the advertisement columns of newspaper and periodicals and they will be informed about available jobs.

However, the press can be nuisance in a society. How many times have we not found newspapers and periodicals publishing false and unauthenticated stories? Such stories spread like wild fire. They stir trouble and bring about disunity in societies. The publishers are often out to enrich themselves by churning out false information. For some newspapers and periodicals, reckless and dangerous gossips is their stock-in-trade.

No one can deny the fact that moral decadence has gripped our present world. It is true that even adults contribute to this menace in our societies. Many of our children and youths go for that which is morally low. However, the truth is that the press contributes, to a very large extent, to the loss of morality in our societies. There are publishers who specialize in the production of pornographic materials which even our children and youth can afford to buy.

Publishers of newspapers therefore should constantly be conscious of their crucial roles in the society and should always strive to use the medium for the promotion of peace, orderliness, progress and prosperity and not for negative or destructive ends.

Questions

- (a) In four sentences, one for each, state four positive roles of the press according to the writer
- (b) In two sentences, one for each, state two negative roles of the press

Section 6: Writing

*Answer **any one** question. Your essay must not be less than 350 words.*

1. Write a letter to your father who has been on a long course abroad, telling him how the family has been faring in his absence
2. There has been continuous discussion on the evils of unemployment in your country. Write a letter to the Minister of Labour, highlighting at least three effects of unemployment and suggesting ways of addressing the problem.
3. You are a speaker in a debate on the topic “civilian rule is better than military rule.” Write your contribution for or against the motion.
4. You have been chosen to represent your school on an occasion scheduled to celebrate Nigeria's sixty-year independence. Write your speech on the challenges and prospects of Nigeria as the giant of Africa.
5. Write a story to illustrate the saying: strike while the iron is hot.