

UMMUL-QURA HIGH SCHOOL

AROWONA BUS-STOP, AKANRAN ROAD, IBADAN

2020/2021 SECOND TERM EXAMINATION

CLASS: S.S 1

SUBJECT: ENGLISH LANGUAGE TIME:

Answer all questions

Section 1

Choose the one that is **most nearly opposite in meaning** to the underlined word and that will, at the same time correctly fill the gap in the sentences

1. Predecessors have always set out principles that guide their _____
A. heirs
B. mentors
C. successors
D. followers
2. The police thought that the bank manager was guilty but he turned out to be
A. sorry
B. ignorant
C. innocent
D. repentant
3. It is strange that Kofi is ruthless since his parents are _____
A. humane
B. generous
C. educated
D. careful
4. Mary is refined but her brother is _____
A. crude
B. indecisive
C. careless
D. cowardly
5. Though we think our father is quite strict most people see him as _____
A. Aggressive
B. permissive
C. conservative
D. generous
6. Soldiers are expected to give unalloyed and not _____ loyalty to their president
A. credible
B. half-hearted
C. doubtful
D. unconcerned
7. My father is an optimist but his friend is a
A. pacifist
B. racist
C. perfectionist
D. pessimist
8. Joke purchased some items at the store; surprisingly, he _____ them all before he got home
A. lost
B. sold
C. distributed
D. lent
9. The manager, who expected to be given respect was treated with _____
A. contempt
B. arrogance
C. shame
D. cruelty
10. The man refused to accept job offers in the rural areas
A. residential
B. urban
C. municipal
D. township

Section 2

Choose the word that best **completes** each of the following sentences

11. The minister of internal affairs was greatly concerned about the ____ of foreigners into the country
A. running
B. trespass
C. sneaking
D. influx
12. He obtained the goods under false ____
A. agreements
B. feelings
C. pretenses
D. appearances
13. Our principal does not ____ bullying in the school
A. tolerate
B. regard
C. retaliate
D. revenge
14. The police have finally arrested the ____ of robbers
A. mob
B. crowd
C. pack
D. gang
15. The company distributed gifts to its customers as an ____ of patronage
A. induction
B. interest
C. incentive
D. enticement
16. We ____ the meeting indefinitely because we could not form a quorum
A. postponed
B. reconvened
C. adjourned
D. ended
17. Tenants who could not pay the new rents were ____ from their homes
A. dismissed
B. evicted

- C. barred
D. sacked
18. Since the soldiers were no longer needed, the army was
A. retires
B. disbanded
C. suspended
D. fired
19. The vegetation in the desert is ____
A. sparse
B. bare
C. plain
D. poor
20. The shrill voice of the songster ____ in the theatre
A. reverberated
B. filled
C. rebounded
D. plunged

Section 3: Choose the word or group of words that is **nearest in meaning** to the underlined word as used in the sentence

21. There are some drugs that could exacerbate a particular illness
A. impair
B. degrade
C. lengthen
D. worsen
22. He sells genuine spare parts in his shop
A. new
B. automatic
C. valuable
D. authentic
23. Telteh is a man of alluring personality
A. doubtful
B. deceptive
C. charming
D. enormous
24. My father's decision on the matter is irrevocable
A. Irrefutable
B. Inflexible

- C. Invalid
- D. Irreversible
- 25. My choice of a friend will be based on character not looks
 - A. visibility
 - B. feasibility
 - C. appearance
 - D. stories
- 26. The accident victim bled profusely
 - A. extremely
 - B. excessively
 - C. helplessly
 - D. slowly
- 27. It was obvious that the theft happened in his office
 - A. clear
 - B. suspected
 - C. assumed
 - D. known
- 28. Brave New Bank became insolvent three years ago
 - A. serviceable
 - B. poor
 - C. bankrupt
 - D. inefficient
- 29. Buba surmounted all the problems he encountered
 - A. overcome
 - B. accepted
 - C. embraced
 - D. embraced
- 30. Some wealthy people have irritating habit of looking down on the poor
 - A. annoying
 - B. extraordinary
 - C. influencing
 - D. uncompromising

Section 4: Choose the word or group of words that **best completes** each of the following sentences.

- 31. The lady _____ just greeted us is our new boss
 - A. whose
 - B. whom
 - C. who
 - D. Which
- 32. Although John was not born in Spain, _____
 - A. he can't speak Spanish
 - B. he can't write Spanish
 - C. he can speak Spanish
 - D. he could speak Spanish
- 33. The students protested _____ the principal's stringent rules
 - A. on
 - B. for
 - C. by
 - D. against
- 34. The engine is _____ that one
 - A. superior than
 - B. more superior than
 - C. more superior to
 - D. superior to
- 35. He eats rice every morning, _____
 - A. doesn't he
 - B. didn't he
 - C. isn't he
 - D. isn't it
- 36. There was _____ enough food to go round.
 - A. scarcely
 - B. a little
 - C. almost
 - D. little
- 37. The _____ engineer built this bridge
 - A. Nigerian young handsome
 - B. young Nigerian handsome
 - C. handsome young Nigerian
 - D. young handsome Nigerian
- 38. He gave us a quick _____ of the program
 - A. run off
 - B. run by
 - C. run up
 - D. run down
- 39. The children are old enough to take care of _____
 - A. himself
 - B. myself
 - C. themselves

- D. ourselves
40. How can you take _____ appointment while you are still employed by that company?
- A. up
B. on
C. over
D. by

Section 5: Choose the word that contains the sound represented by the given phonetic symbol.

41. / ʃ /
- A. season
B. Vision
C. Church
D. Ocean
42. / eə /
- A. Here
B. Hoarse
C. Fear
D. Heir
43. / ʌ /
- A. Wonder
B. Cork
C. Lawyer
D. Cot
44. / Z /
- A. Worse
B. Bats
C. Loose
D. Whose
45. / tʃ /
- A. Chef
B. Chorus
C. Chic

D. Cherub

Section 6: Choose the one that has the correct stress

46. negligible
- A. NEG-gli-gi-ble
B. ne-GLI-gi-ble
C. ne-gli-GI-ble
D. ne-gli-gi-BLE
47. delicacy
- A. DE-li-ca-cy
B. de-LI-ca-cy
C. de-li-CA-cy
D. de-li-ca-CY
48. Lamentation
- A. LA-men-ta-tion
B. la-MEN-ta-tion
C. la-men-TA-tion
D. la-men-ta-TION
49. democracy
- A. DE-mo-cra-cy
B. de-MO-cra-cy
C. de-mo-CRA-cy
D. de-mo-cra-CY
50. equivalent
- A. E-qui-va-lent
B. e-QUI-va-lent
C. e-qui-VA-lent
D. e-qui-va-LENT

Section 7

When I was ready to build my house, I first consulted an -51-. It took him sometime to design the building. Then I took the design to a renowned -52- who agreed to -53- it after we had negotiated a fee. Some workers were hired to clear the -54- and the markings were done.

The work started in earnest with the laying of the -55-. Later, the -56- began to set blocks. Soon after, the drawings on paper become a reality. The -57- started fixing the roof and the

-58- did the electrical work. Next on line were the -59- who fixed the taps, sinks, water basins, bathtubs and the toilets. Finally, the -50- filled the glass windows in beautiful colours. The house is now ready for my family to move in.

	A	B	C	D
51	artist	architect	Engineer	agent
52	contractor	valuer	bricklayer	expert
53	assemble	raise	construct	fix
54	lawn	site	Yard	area
55	basement	groundwork	foundation	trench
56	mason	mechanics	labourers	survey
57	moulders	carpenters	steel benders	joiners
58	electricians	technicians	Smiths	mechanics
59	repairers	plumber	Tappers	artisan
60	glaziers	tilers	decorators	scraper

Part B

Comprehension

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions on it

We are interested in the various kinds of injury that can occur in road traffic accidents, how to prevent them and their first aid management. Most of us have probably witnessed one form of road traffic accident or another. The universal reaction of eye-witness is panic as the rush to the scene and stand their looking in dismay. Road traffic accidents are great crowd-pullers as everyone wants to stop and have a look. However, the three most useful things you can do if you are at the scene of a road traffic accident are to assist in the rescue of the trapped victims; to render first aid treatment to victims, and to helping conveying injured people to the nearest hospital.

Road traffic accidents have a great potential for causing injury to the human body. The gift velocity at which the motor vehicle is traveling, the sudden deceleration on impact and the hard-rigid nature of the motor car body, all contribute to increase the potentials injury. Probably, the most risk-laden road traffic accidents are those which involve motor-cyclist as they do not have a solid motor-car body to protect them from the direct impact of an oncoming vehicle on the road. Road traffic accidents involving motor-cyclists are the cause of high mortality as the human skull is often fractured on impact with the hard surface of the road.

Road traffic accidents involve cars and their passengers can cause some serious problems as the wreckage of the car may mean that the crumpled car body needs to be cut away before the victims can be saved. Of the road accident results in a fire, then, this can be disastrous as the fire will prevent rescuers from coming near, thus, resulting in the quick demise of the victims from burns. This is why every car-driver must posses a fire extinguisher in his vehicle. This little device may save lives in some situations.

Questions

1. What according to the writer do eye-witnesses usually do as soon as an accident occurs?
2. What three things does he suggest that eye-witness should do?
3. Mention two of the factors that can increase injuries during accidents
4. Why are motor cyclists more at risk when accidents occur?
5. Why does the driver suggest that every car driver should have a fire extinguisher in his vehicle?
6. "If the road accident results in a fire..."
 - I. What is the grammatical name given to the above expression?
 - II. What is its function?
7. For each of the following words or phrase, find another word that means the same and can replace it as it is used in the passage
 - I. Universal
 - II. Conveying

- III. Velocity
- IV. Potential
- V. Disastrous

Summary

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions on it

Every child, whether he comes to his family by birth or adoption, discovers what a family is through the experience of family life. The new-born infant has no way of knowing which of the many faces that hover above him belongs to a parent. He has no way of knowing what a parent is. He only knows that he is comfortable or uncomfortable, hungry or satisfied. Gradually, as the months go by, he begins to know who brings comfort when he is uncomfortable and food when he is hungry. He comes to know the feel of the arm that holds him close when eats and hold him safe in his bath. He knows the voice that soothes him ad songs for him. He grows to know who responds to his needs when he cries out. This is the special person in the whole strange new world who is special to him. This his first recognition of a parent.

The mother and father who care for a child, who listen to his voice and tries to interpret what he means, who comfort him, feed him and play with him, discover for the first time what it is to be parents. They do not become parents by virtue of conception and birth alone. They grow to be parents just as the infants grows to recognize them as such. They come to know the developing personality of their child in a way that no other person really can. They recognize whether he is lusty eater or a nibbler; vicious or reserved, adventurous or cautious. By observing his intellectual and physical abilities, they also get to know what he may become in future. They are concerned with meeting his needs and wants; and fostering his growth to maturity.

Sometimes, because of their responsibility to their child, parents have to do unpleasant things. They have, for instance, to take him for injections. He can have no choice about taking medicine when he is ill. He must learn quickly and not necessarily at his own pace, that fire is not a play-thing. In the intimacy of daily living, the child and the parents learn the bitter and the sweet of family relations. It is through the experience of family life that a child and his parents grow to be a family. For every parent, biological or adoptive, it is the daily loving care of the child and his responsiveness that build up the parents' feelings. For every child, it is being loved and being cared for that produce family closeness.

Questions

1. In two sentences one for each, state how new-born infants perceive his environment
2. In one sentence, state want an infant first learns about its parents.

3. In two sentences, one for each, summarize what parents learn about their child as he grows up
4. In one sentence, summarize what a responsible parent often has to do in the interest of the child.

PART C
ESSAY WRITING

Answer one question only from this section. All questions carry equal marks. Your essay should not be less than 200 words.

1. A friend of yours who has been living in Europe for some years has written to invite you to join him. Write a letter to him, giving, at least, three reasons why you would rather remain in your country
2. Write an article suitable for publication in your school magazine on the need to inculcate good moral values in the youth
3. Write a letter to the minister of education in your country discussing at least three ways by which the quality of education could be improved.
4. You are the main speaker in a debate on the topic: Technology has made the world a better place. Write your argument for or against the motion
5. Write a story to illustrate the saying “An idle hand is devil’s workshop