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PAPER 2

*This paper consists of **three** parts: **A, B** and **C**. Answer **three** questions in **all**; **one** question from Part **A** and all the questions in Part **B** and Part **C**. Answer all the questions in your answer booklet.
Credit will be given for clarity of expression and orderly presentation of material.*

PART A
ESSAY WRITING
[30 marks]

*Answer **one** question **only** from this part.
Your composition should be about **250** words long.*

1. Write a letter to the Minister of Environment discussing the impact of galamsey on the environment and suggest two ways to mitigate its effects.
2. Narrate an interesting story that ends with the statement, “**The crab does not give birth to a bird**”
3. It has been observed that some basic school learners engage in gambling. As the senior prefect of your school, you have been invited to deliver a speech on the topic: "All forms of gambling must be abolished" at the Leavers' Service. Write your speech.

PART B
COMPREHENSION
[20 marks]

Read the following passage carefully and answer all the questions which follow.

The Headmistress of Obeyan Junior High School was impressed with the infrastructure and equipment in the school. She was also pleased with the staff and students population. However, one thing puzzled her. The students' performance was very poor, according to the records. She had a discussion with the staff who complained of students absenteeism due to ill health. A doctor in the community told her that the children were often **under the weather**.

They had malaria, although every family had been given insecticide-treated mosquito nets. It seemed however that the people did not use these nets as they should and therefore, the numerous mosquitoes in the environment continued to bite them. While visiting some of the sick children in the community, the Headmistress **noticed** that there were several pits filled with water. At a general PTA meeting, she explained how mosquitoes could breed in the **stagnant** water in the pits. She also pointed out the effects of the poor health of the children on their academic performance. She then **appealed** for help to destroy the breeding places of the mosquitoes so that the children would become healthier and **perform** better in school.

Although some of the parents did not understand the **connection** between the water in the pits and the performance of the students, they agreed to help her. During the next dry season, work started. **All hands were on deck**. The people worked very hard and the pits were filled. Trees and flowers were planted on the reclaimed land. The community now looked more beautiful than before. Soon, the children's health improved and, later, their performance in the final examinations became better.

- (a) Mention **two** things the Headmistress liked about the school.
- (b) In which two ways did the children's poor health affect them?
- (c) Why did the Headmistress involve the parents in solving the problem?
- (d)
- (i) What made the community succeed in filling the pits?
- (ii) What two benefits did the filling of the pits bring to the community?
- (e) Explain in your own words, the following expressions as used in the passage:
 - (i) one thing puzzled her;
 - (ii) . . . often under the weather;
 - (iii) All hands were on deck.

For each of the following words, give another word or a phrase that means the same and can fit into the passage:

- (i) noticed;
- (ii) stagnant;
- (iii) appealed;
- (iv) perform;
- (v) connection.

(g) In two sentences of not more than ten words each, summarize two problems the parents faced

PART C LITERATURE

[10 marks]

Answer all the questions in this part.

SACKEY J.A. and DARMANI L.(COMP.): The Cockcrow

Read the following extract carefully and answer Questions 5(a) to 5(c)

AMA ATA AIDOO: The Girl Who Can

"They say that I was born in Hasodzi; and it is a very big village in the Central Region of our country, Ghana (Page 142)

- (a) The extract is the of the story.
- (b) "They say that I was born..." shows that

Read the following extract carefully and answer Questions 5(c) to 5(d).

EVELYN TOOLEY HUNT: *Mama Is a Sunrise*

When she comes slip-footing through the door,

she kindles us

like lump coal lighted

and we wake up glowing.

(c) What theme does the extract below brings out ?

. . . she kindles us like lump coal lighted

(d) What is the dominant figure of speech in the lines above ?

Read the following extract carefully and answer Question 5(e) and 5(f)

PETER PAUL ADOLINAMA; *Ripples*

"Abi, which of your sons died recently or was it your business which collapsed?..... You have not been yourself these few days"

5e. Identify the speaker in the extract.

5f. What is Abi worried about?

SACKEY J.A AND DARMINI L(COMP): *The Cockcrow*

Questions 5(a) to 5(c) are based on the abridged and simplified version of Charles Dicken's *Oliver Twist*.

CHARLES DICKENS: *Oliver Twist*

"Oliver was given a slice of bread and a simple outfit with a brown cap to wear outside. He meekly followed him outside the workhouse to his new home. Once there, he was brought before a committee of ten men"

5g. Write the name of the one referred to as "him" in the extract.

5h. One thing Oliver learns from "the committee of ten men" is.....

5i. How does Oliver react to the information he gets from the committee?

Read the following extract carefully and answer Question 5(d) and 5(e)

PETER PAUL ADOLINAMA; *Ripples*

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5j. Identify the speaker in the extract.

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1. Use **2B** pencil throughout.
2. On the answer sheet, write your surname followed by your other names, your index number, subject name, centre number.
3. In the boxes marked Candidate Number, Centre Number and Paper Code, reshade each of the shaded spaces.

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.

PART A

LEXIS AND STRUCTURE

From the alternative lettered A–D, choose the one that is most nearly opposite in meaning to the **underlined** word and will, at the same time, correctly fill the gap in the sentence.

Section A

1. The **posh** hotels were sandwiched between two _____ ones
- a. dented
 - b. rugged
 - c. rickety
 - d. modest

2. A **trivial** matter often becomes _____ when it is not properly handled
- a. valuable
 - b. serious
 - c. unbearable
 - d. ordinary

3. The football star's **stellar** performance contrasted sharply with the _____ showing of the amateur group.
- a. routine
 - b. woeful
 - c. mundane
 - d. awkward

4. James was **sanctioned** for late coming but Kwame was _____
- a. pardoned
 - b. ignored
 - c. exempted
 - d. released

5. Few students are good at **terminating** other students' projects but are not capable of _____ theirs
- a. initiating
 - b. organizing
 - c. executing
 - d. designing

6. The **secure** terraces of the field have been transformed into a _____ walkway

- a. durable
- b. precarious
- c. smooth
- d. narrow

7. If one thing **irritates** you, it might _____ another

- a. delight
- b. concern
- c. invigorate
- d. bother

8. Martha was **loud** as a teenager but she became _____ as an adult

- a. peaceful
- b. reserved
- c. humble
- d. respectful

9. She **accidentally** tore her dress.

- a. intentionally
- b. willingly
- c. carelessly
- d. foolishly

10. The story was written in **simple** language.

- a. foreign
- b. strange
- c. local
- d. complex

Section B

From the alternatives lettered A to D, choose the one which most suitably completes each sentence.

11. Their sister wore a to the party.

- a. beautiful silk pink dress
- b. silk pink beautiful dress
- c. pink beautiful silk dress
- d. beautiful pink silk dress\

12. The nurse made me a lot of water.

- a. drink
- b. drank
- c. drunk
- d. to drink

13. Neither the parents nor the child at home yesterday.
a. are
b. is
c. were
d. was
14. The aggrieved students staged a fierce _____ on the street
a. fight
b. protest
c. argument
d. contest
15. The accused was brought before the jury for a court _____
a. sitting
b. hearing
c. judging
d. proceeding
16. From her _____ one can tell that he is an athlete
a. physique
b. stature
c. gait
d. anatomy
17. The death of that journalist is still _____ in mystery
a. conveyed
b. shadowed
c. shrouded
d. confined
18. The young crop _____ from the soil is a rare experience
a. sprout
b. project
c. creep
d. died
19. The cargo was intercepted on sea by _____
a. pirates
b. thieves
c. terrorists
d. robbers
20. The doctors _____ Kuuku's grandmother after the heart attack
a. regenerated
b. resuscitated
c. resurrected
d. revived

21. The couple cannot agree on many things, because their relationship is now _____
a. stressed
b. uneasy
c. strained
d. tensed

Section C

Choose from the options A to D, the one which is nearest in meaning to the ***underlined*** word in each sentence.

22. Grace ***deceived*** Kwadwo into handing over all his savings
a. cooked
b. betrayed
c. fooled
d. cheated
23. The plaintiff's claim turned out to be ***false***
a. surmise
b. contention
c. allege
d. pronouncement
24. Adentan Pharmacy is the ***sole*** distributor of the antacid drug.
a. creditable
b. only
c. first
d. major
25. The customs officers ***impounded*** the trader's goods.
a. damaged
b. banned
c. seized
d. collected
26. The teacher of English language is always ***cheerful.***
a. satisfied
b. zealous
c. gleeful
d. careful
27. It was she that ***commanded*** me to leave the room
a. encouraged
b. persuaded
c. ordered
d. induced

28. The woman said, "You can only fight off bullies if you are assertive."

- a. muscular
- b. strong
- c. smart
- d. bold

29. The rampant destruction of property must be checked.

- a. common
- b. regular
- c. unpleasant
- d. uncontrolled

30. The salient points of the topic have been thoroughly discussed.

- a. highlighted
- b. chosen
- c. important
- d. interesting

Section D

In the following passage, the numbered gaps indicate missing words. Against each number in the list below the passage are four options lettered A to D. For each numbered gap, choose from the options provided, the word that is most suitable.

Last term was really stressful. I had so many courses to prepare for, but I was determined to (31) _____ all my exam. The night before my English paper, I had no choice but to (32) _____ all the notes I had ignored during the term. My classmate kept laughing at me because I was drinking too much coffee and listening to some (33) _____ motivational songs to stay awake.

After the exam, we decided to celebrate. One of my friends brought some (34) _____, but I chose not to drink because I didn't want to get into trouble. On our way home, a car almost knocked us down, and I shouted, "(35) _____, be careful!"

Options

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|---------------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| 31. A. fail | B. ace | C. miss | D. lose |
| 32. A. relax | B. cram | C. skip | D. cancel |
| 33. A. cheesy | B. cool | C. sharp. | D. rare |
| 34. A. snacks | B. booze | C. juice | D. soda |
| 35. A. Pal | B. Dude | C. Bro | D. Sir |

Part B ORAL LANGUAGE SECTION E [UNIT I]

Choose from the options A to D, the one which has the same consonant sound as the word underlined in the sentence below.

36. Mary has bought a new machine

- A. chord
- B. chair
- C. shield
- D. scheme

37. Which word contains a consonant cluster where two plosives occur together?

- A. Act
- B. Sleep
- C. Break
- D. Shrub

38. Which consonant is produced by forcing air through a narrow passage, creating continuous friction?

- A. /b/
- B. /g/
- C. /v/
- D. /d/

39. Which manner of articulation can the sounds /m/, /n/, and /ŋ/ be classified under ?

- A. Plosives
- B. Nasals
- C. Fricatives
- D. Laterals

40. which of the following sounds contain only fricatives?

- A. /p/ and /k/
- B. /f/ and /ʃ/
- C. /m/ and /n/
- D. /t/ and /d/

END OF PAPER 1