



ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PART 1

OBJECTIVE TEST

45 minutes

SECTION A COMPREHENSION

Read the following passages carefully and answer the questions which follow

PASSAGE I

Mr. Kobi, the next speaker, said that although he had left the school many years ago, he still remembered with thanks all that the headmaster had done to make sure that his pupils were well prepared for life. He was sorry that the headmaster had decided to retire at so early an age. This would deprive the pupils of his assistance long before it was necessary to do so. However, he wished the headmaster the best of luck in his retirement and offered him a silver tray as a sign of the high esteem in which his old pupils held him.

After the tray had been handed over, the retiring headmaster came forward to make his speech of thanks. He began by giving a brief summary of the time he had spent as headmaster of the school. He added that it had always been his aim to do his best for the pupils under his charge. He expressed his gratitude to the masters who had been on his staff for their hard work and sacrifice. Finally, he said how glad he was that he was being succeeded as headmaster by Mr. Smith, who had been teaching in the school for many years. He believed that Mr. Smith was generally admired and respected by all who knew him. He asked all his old pupils to take an interest in the school after he had gone, and promised that he would certainly do so himself.

1. Mr. Kobi was sorry about the headmaster's early retirement because
 - A. it was necessary to do so
 - B. he would deny the pupils of his help
 - C. he had done a lot
 - D. the pupils were well prepared for life
2. Which of the following is not true of the headmaster?
 - A. He was hated by the people
 - B. He had worked hard
 - C. He was happy
 - D. He had worked for a long time
3. Brief in the passage means
 - A. necessary
 - B. good C. true D. short
4. According to the passage, Mr. Smith was
 - A. liked by many people
 - B. liked by the headmaster only
 - C. a disciplinarian
 - D. a gentleman
5. The retiring headmaster said he would continue the school.
 - A. praising
 - B. to teach in
 - C. visiting
 - D. to do his best for

PASSAGE II

It is easy to see why television is so attractive to both children and adults. It is available in the home and we can watch it in comfort whenever we please. Besides, it provides entertainment after a day's work. Television also enables us to see places and people and

their ways of life. Even people with little or no formal education can watch and enjoy the programmes.

Unfortunately, television takes up much of our time. To watch it we must sit in front of it, watch as long as a programme lasts, and do little else. This exclusive aspect of television, the fact that it prevents us from doing other things, poses more serious problems than is commonly realized. While television may provide an acceptable form of relaxation for adults after a day's work, it robs children of the time they must use to learn other things. In addition, not everything that television offers is good. Even when children's programmes are provided, we are not sure that these are the only ones they will watch. In fact, these days children watch more programmes meant for adults than for them.

One likely outcome of this is that children may learn about the adult world too soon, and at a time when they can easily be influenced.

6. People like to watch television because it

- A. is very beautiful
- B. solves serious problems
- C. is available
- D. provides relaxation

7. The writer feels that children should

- A. watch television with their parents
- B. do nothing while watching television
- C. not watch all programmes
- D. learn about adult life

8. Poses in the passage means

- A. solves
- B. increases
- C. presents
- D. determines

9. According to the passage, which of the following is not true about television?

- A. It is a source of entertainment.
- B. It helps us to see unknown places and people
- C. People with little education can also watch it.
- D. Everybody has one

10. From the passage, we realise that the writer

- A. dislikes adult programmes
- B. is not happy about the present situation
- C. produces television programmes
- D. wants television to be banned

SECTION B

Choose from the alternatives lettered A to D the one which is nearest in meaning to the underlined word in each sentence

11. The Headmaster asked the school prefect to summon a meeting of the Student's Council.

- A. chair
- B. call
- C. cancel
- D. postpone

12. The attitude of the security officer was very hostile.

- A. strange
- B. disturbing
- C. unfriendly
- D. interesting

13. After the hard day's work he returned home completely exhausted.

- A. disturbed
- B. worn out
- C. unhappy
- D. broken down

14. The auditor's job was to go over the accounts carefully.

A. present B. calculate C. settle

D. inspect

15. The paint used for the outside of the building was durable.

A. lasting

B. expensive C. attractive D. decorative

SECTION C

In each of the following sentences a group of words has been underlined. Choose from the alternatives lettered

A to D the one that best explains the underlined words.

16. Musa told his friend to mind his own business. This means that Musa's friend should

A. worry about his own work

B. do his own buying and selling

C. not interfere in other people's affairs

D. not help other people

17. Mother buys the best clothes for Patrick because he is the apple of her eye. This means that Patrick is

A. the one she loves most

B. the most hardworking son C. her most respectable son D. her last child

18. It is difficult for most people to make ends meet these days. This means most people

A. live very comfortably.

B. are unable to eat delicious meals.

C. are unable to live within their income

D. buy expensive clothes

19. Esi was so good a leader that we were all encouraged to take a leaf out of her book. This means we were all encouraged to

A. try and beat her record

B. take her advice

- C. follow her example
- D. treat her with respect

20. Before I left for the market, I asked my neighbour to keep an eye on my children. This means my neighbour should

- A. play with the children
- B. look after the children
- C. follow the children around
- D. look at the children

SECTION D

From the list of words lettered A to D, choose the one that is most nearly opposite in meaning to the word underlined in each sentence

21. My friend did everything to hinder my work.

- A. reduce
- B. do
- C. understand
- D. assist

22. It is wise to preserve works of art for the future.

- A. reduce B. destroy C. condemn D. abolish

23. The director engaged Mary as a saleswoman.

- A. disqualified
- B. exempted C. dismissed D. excused

24. This soil is very fertile for the growing of vegetables.

- A. poor
- B. shallow C. porous D. hard

25. Formerly, we walked a very long distance to attend school.

- A. sometimes
- B. now
- C. recently
- D. usually

SECTION E

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

26. When the lights went off, Imy supper.

- A. have eaten
- B. am eating
- C. have been eating
- D. was eating

27. The factory had tomany workers because of the fall in production.

- A. lay down
- B. put off
- C. put away
- D. lay off

28. Weto play a return match last Friday.

- A. have B. were C. ought D. are

29. It was not obvioushe was pointing to.

- A. the one to which
- B. which one C. one which D. as to that

30. I have forgotten allyou told me.

- A. that
- B. which C. what D. those

31. Selfish people always considerfirst.

- A. oneself
- B. yourselves C. themselves D. himself

32.the watch is old, it is still working.

- A. Although
- B. Despite
- C. Since
- D. Because

33. Teye asked me howFrench I knew.

- A. many B. few C. little D. much

34. Kwaku's evidence to be checked.

A. needing

B. needs

C. is needing

D. will have need

35. The headmistress said they could not postpone the school any longer.

A. re-opening

B. re-open

C. to have re-opened

D. having re-opened

36. You know very well that it was no fault of

A. my

B. I

C. me

D. mine

37. You are not hurt,?

A. were you B. did you C. are you D. do you

38. I don't mindhome early.

A. you go B. your go C. you to go

D. your going

39. Allis good health.

A. what I need

B. to need

C. that I need

D. to be needed

40. If anyone greets you, it is polite to returngreeting.

A. your

B. its

C. their

D. anyone