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ENGLISH LANGUAGE 1
Objective Test
[30 marks]

Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so. While you are waiting, read and observe the following instructions carefully. Write your name and index number in ink in the spaces provided above.

The Paper 1 will last 35 minutes.

Answer all the questions on your Objective Test answer sheet.

1. Use 2B pencil throughout.
2. On the pre-printed answer sheet, check that the following details are correctly printed:
   Your surname followed by your other names, the Subject Name, your Index Number, Centre Number and the Paper Code.
3. In the boxes marked Candidate Number, Centre Number and Paper Code, resha de each of the shaded spaces.
4. An example is given below. This is for a candidate whose name is Joan Esi AMU.
   Her index number is 772384188 and she is writing the examination at Centre Number 77234.
   She is offering English Language 1 and the Paper Code is 0011.

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OBJECTIVE ANSWER SHEET

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Answer all the questions.

Each question is followed by four options lettered A to D. 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. Give only one answer to each question. An example is given below.

From the list of words lettered A to D choose the one which is closest in meaning to the underlined word in the sentence.

The pupils laughed at the story because they thought it was incredible.
A. strange
B. interesting
C. unbelievable
D. funny

The correct answer is unbelievable, which is lettered C and therefore answer space C would be shaded.

Be sure you understand the instructions at the beginning of each section before you try to answer any of the questions that follow them.

Do not spend too much time on a question. If you find a question difficult, leave it and go on and try it again later.

Use pencil throughout. If you wish to change an answer, erase your first answer completely and shade the appropriate space for the new answer.

Do all rough work on this question paper.

Now answer the following questions.

**PART A**

**LEXIS AND STRUCTURE**

**SECTION A**

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

1. We ............ any money to give to the beggar.
   A. are not having
   B. dare not have
   C. dare not having
   D. do not have

2. Already, people ............ not to take part in the riot.
   A. plan
   B. planned
   C. have planned
   D. used to plan

3. At the moment we can only choose ............ Abass and Yemo.
   A. among
   B. between
   C. from
   D. within
4. I realise that your argument .......... a lot of sense.
   A. makes
   B. is making
   C. was making
   D. had been making

5. How were you so certain that you could make him .......... his error?
   A. accept
   B. to accept
   C. accepted
   D. accepting

6. It is .......... to see them together.
   A. commonly
   B. hardly
   C. random
   D. rare

7. Armah’s organisation gave a large .......... of money for the project.
   A. amount
   B. quantity
   C. note
   D. sum

8. Since the two of them worked together, you must give the prize to .......... of them.
   A. all
   B. both
   C. each
   D. neither

   A. are
   B. are being
   C. is
   D. is being

10. The books are too few .......... so much.
    A. and cost
    B. but cost
    C. for costing
    D. to cost

11. The lawyer has been living .......... since 1994.
    A. abroad
    B. at abroad
    C. in abroad
    D. outside abroad

12. If the student had studied hard, he .......... his examination.
    A. will be passing
    B. would be passing
    C. would have passed
    D. would pass
13. Ten Ghana Cedis is .......... I have on me.
   A. that
   B. those
   C. what
   D. which

14. The lady was absent yesterday, ..........?
   A. isn’t it
   B. wasn’t it
   C. wasn’t she
   D. didn’t she

15. The .......... dog barks a lot.
   A. little pretty black
   B. black little pretty
   C. pretty little black
   D. pretty black little

SECTION B

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

16. The young lady’s character is impeccable.
   A. admirable
   B. enviable
   C. tarnished
   D. without fault

17. Even the news that her husband was safe did not reduce Mrs. Milton’s anguish.
   A. agony
   B. anxiety
   C. expectation
   D. sorrow

18. Joojo is doing that to confound the audience.
   A. confuse
   B. compensate
   C. entertain
   D. impress

19. You can see from his demeanour that he is lying.
   A. gesture
   B. behaviour
   C. mood
   D. posture

20. The twins are always squabbling.
   A. arguing
   B. enjoying
   C. complaining
   D. shouting
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 group of words.

21. When I asked Rhoda where her bike was, she told me to paddle my own canoe. This means that Rhoda told me to
A. buy my own bike.
B. forget about the bike.
C. go without her assistance.
D. mind my own business.

22. His views cut across his party’s stand in the matter. This means that his views
A. are supported by
B. confirm
C. go against
D. seem more complicated than

23. When Kofi asked for a refund of his travel expenses, the Chairman told him not to jump the gun. This means that Kofi was told
A. not to disturb the meeting.
B. not to fire the gun.
C. to be patient.
D. to bring the other bills first.

24. Jasper flew off the handle when he was told what Mensah had done. This means that Jasper
A. suddenly became very angry.
B. left immediately to see Mensah.
C. smiled very broadly.
D. threw the handle at Mensah.

25. He always tells a cock and a bull story. This means that the story is
A. about animals.
B. about a cock and a bull.
C. difficult to believe.
D. false.

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.

26. What we need are abstract examples of his crime.
A. available
B. concrete
C. obscure
D. unavailable

27. The cork did not sink when left on the water.
A. crow
B. float
C. rise
D. stay
28. The rear bodyguard is sluggish.
   A. last
   B. lead
   C. real
   D. tail

29. The authorities considered Mike’s offence quite grave.
   A. degrading
   B. punishable
   C. serious
   D. unimportant

30. Fishes can be found in shallow waters.
   A. clear
   B. chilly
   C. deep
   D. muddy

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