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PART A
LEXIS AND STRUCTURE

SECTION A

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

1. Salifu wassurprised that he could not talk.

- A. enough
- B. so
- C. what
- D. which

2. This amount is allI have on me.

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

3. I am told the boy is a friend of

- A. he
- B. him
- C. his
- D. he's

4. Rice and beansa good meal for children.

- A. are
- B. have been
- C. is
- D. is being

5. Yaw isclever to be cheated.

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

6. The two rivals are fond of insulting

- A. each other
- B. one another
- C. one and the other
- D. themselves

7. Of all the pupils in the class, Ekua is

- A. prettier
- B. prettiest
- C. the prettier
- D. the prettiest

8. It is high time Adzohome.

- A. came
- B. comes

- C. has come
- D. will come

9. You should bemore careful about what you say.

- A. less
- B. least
- C. little
- D. a little

10. Atsu is looking forward tohis friends at the party.

- A. see
- B. seeing
- C. be seeing
- D. have seen

11. The harder you study,your chance of success.

- A. greater
- B. greatest
- C. the great
- D. the greater

12. If you had asked me, Iyou.

- A. will help
- B. would help
- C. will have helped
- D. would have helped

13. I don't really know what you want,I?

- A. am
- B. aren't
- C. do
- D. did

14. I will not walk to school withof the boys.

- A. each
- B. either
- C. everyone
- D. neither

15. Jane fell illmeasles.

- A. at
- B. by
- C. of
- D. with

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. Aminu's bushy eyebrows gave him a very severe look.

- A. bad
- B. deadly

- C. serious
- D. unpleasant

17. My father had the benefit of good education.

- A. luck
- B. advantage
- C. quality
- D. value

18. Kwame was too scared to be left alone in the house.

- A. afraid
- B. anxious
- C. uneasy
- D. unhappy

19. The new school is ideal for Mr. Mensah's children.

- A. good
- B. perfect
- C. satisfactory
- D. suitable

20. The internet is of enormous benefit to education.

- A. enviable
- B. great
- C. much
- D. suitable

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 group of words.

21. Afua celebrates her birthday today but I cannot make it. This means that the speaker

- A. does not want to be there
- B. feels it is not necessary to attend
- C. has no birthday gift for her friend
- D. will not be able to attend

22. The interview was conducted to separate the sheep from the goats. This means that the interview aimed at

- A. finding people who could rear sheep
- B. keeping the sheep in a different pen
- C. selecting only the humble candidates
- D. selecting the best candidates

23. Being the eldest child of the family, Joojo claimed the lion's share of the father's property. This means that Joojo had

- A. all the property
- B. half of the property
- C. the best part
- D. the largest part

24. The students were all ears during the presentation. This means that the students

- A. did not enjoy the presentation
- B. had big ears
- C. listened attentively
- D. were very happy

25. Dallies is the pick of the bunch. This means that Dallies

- A. is a farmer
- B. is an athlete
- C. is preferred to all the others
- D. works on a banana plantation

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. The headteacher asked the pupils to disperse.

- A. assemble
- B. come
- C. meet
- D. stay

27. The current is slow downhill.

- A. abrupt
- B. fresh
- C. running
- D. swift

28. The bread is stale.

- A. burnt
- B. delicious
- C. fresh
- D. mouldy

29. Akos has nothing to be boastful of.

- A. afraid
- B. anxious
- C. ashamed
- D. nervous

30. The pupils are confident of passing the examination.

- A. determined
- B. doubtless
- C. uncertain
- D. uneasy

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