2018 WASSCE - ENGLISH LANGUAGE 1

LEXIS AND STRUCTURE SECTION I

In each of the following sentences, there is a word underlined and one gap. From the list of words lettered A to D, choose the word that is most nearly opposite in meaning to the underlined word and that will at the same time, correctly fill the gap in the sentence.

1. The <u>wilting</u> plants were by the recent rains.
A. destroyed
B. cleared
C. revived
D. drowned
2. The <u>tranquility</u> of the rural areas contrasts with thein the cities.
A. pollution
B. panic
C. unease
D. noise
3. The greedy man took advantage the woman's
A. naivety
B. generosity
C. calmness
D. vulnerability
4. While the children were <u>agitated</u> by the news, their parents were very
A. indifferent
B. happy
C. composed
D. satisfied.

5. There will not be any more food <u>shortage</u> after the harvest.
A. vast
B. satisfactory
C. bumper
D. average
6. Do not <u>scatter</u> the books on the table them neatly on the shelves.
A. pack
B. keep
C. arrange
D. mount
7. The manager will <u>lay off</u> the experienced staff and new ones.
A. promote
B. accept
C. recommend
D. engage
8. The chief executive officer is strict with his staff, while the deputy is
A. co-operate
B. nice
C. lax
D. sympathetic
9. Do not <u>indulge</u> in this malpractice anymore; from it.
A. withdraw
B. depart
C. resist
D. abstain
10. Rather than the issues, his comments <u>confused</u> the audience the more.
A. resolve
B. clarify
C. clear
D. solve

SECTION II

From the words lettered A to D, choose the one that best completes each of the following sentences.

11. Aba's mother her for being rude.
A. angered
B. rebuked
C. incriminated
D. abused
12. Every year, the armed forces thousands of persons into the army.
A. enlists
B. hires
C. accepts
D. admits
13. That pastor always preaches sermons that will win more
A. activists
B. adherents
C. converts
D. convicts
14. The children their laughter when they saw the look on their father's face.
A. constrained
B. subjugated
C. censored
D. suppressed
15. Lions are eaters.
A. vivacious
B. voracious
C. veracious
D. voluminous

SECTION III

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

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21. The <u>aftermath</u> of the disaster is still with us.
A. cause
B. result
C. climax
D. conclusion
22. Mabel's statement <u>corroborated</u> the evidence before the judge.
A. explained
B. supported
C. collaborated
D. contradicted
23. He found the proposal <u>distasteful</u> .
A. unappealing
B. tasteless
C. disagreeable
D. discouraging
24. They refused to <u>divulge</u> their plans.
A. tell
B. reveal
C. denounce
D. voice
25. The police officers are <u>relentless</u> in their efforts to maintain peace.
A. inhumane
B. untiring
C. answering
D. merciless

26. The opinion expressed by that panelist was quite <u>controversial</u> .
A. debatable
B. serious
C. important
D. superficial
27. The landlord had to <u>eject</u> the tenant from his house.
A. expel
B. debar
C. remove
D. evict
28. Selma is a good girl; she is not one of the <u>incorrigibleones</u> .
A. stubborn
B. hard
C. wild
D. incredulous
29. The students felt <u>dejected</u> when their favourite teacher was transferred.
A. rejected
B. disappointed
C. frustrated
D. suppressed
30. Hermits are not interested in <u>secular</u> matters.
A. physical
B. trivial
C. worldly
D. religious

SECTION IV

After each of the following sentences, a list of possible interpretations of all or part of the sentence is given. Choose the interpretation you consider most appropriate for each sentence.

- **31.** The traders are cashing in on the increased number of buyers to prices. This means that A. the traders brought along a lot cash. B. the traders have more cash to import goods. C. the traders are taking advantage of the numerous buyers. D. the traders have become very rich. **32.** Although Jones had no leadership abilities, be refused to play second fiddle in the group. This means **Iones** A. saw himself as leader. B. was made the leader. C. took a subordinate position. D. co-operated with others. **33.** Koku's father's colleagues always recognize him because he is a chip off the old block. This means that Koku is A. not like his father. B. an image of his father C. older than they thought. D. co-operated with others. **34.** AdjoaAkoto was admonished to paddle her own canoe. This means the AdjoaAkoto should. A. be in charge of the business B. place her interest first. C. manage her own affairs. D. be more serious with life
 - **35.** The opportunity slipped through my fingers. This means that I
 - A. did not make use of it.
 - B. preferred another option.

A. was not convinced.
B. remained adamant.
C. refused to laugh.
D. did not listen to me
37. Who to lead the group, became our bone of contention. This means
A. there was a quarrel.
B. there was no consensus.
C. there was a postponement.
D. there was no appointment
38. The new salary increases were across the board. This means that the increases
A. were very impressive.
B. affected all workers
39. The auctioneer sold the Jeep for a song. This means that the Jeep.
A. was sold at high price.
B. did not attract many bidders.
C. was sold very cheaply.
D. was sold off very quickly
40. Nii Ankrah's limousine has seen better days. This means that Nii Ankrah's car
A. has been refurbished.
B. is now old.
C. used to break down.
D. has served him well.

36. I did all I could to amuse him but he kept a straight face. This means that he

C. expected something better.

D. wanted to be more careful.

SECTION V

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

Countries all over the world, rely on their -41- resources for their development. Those resources vary from country to country. The discovery of crude oil -42- in any country is greeted with excitement because it is considered a valuable source of -43- for the government.

Once it has been discovered by -44-, who would have been prospecting for it, an oil -45- is drilled until the petroleum reservoir is reached.

Natural -46-, another valuable resource, may be found at the same time. -47- oil is usually conveyed through a -48- directly to the -49- where it is processed. Here, petrol, diesel, kerosene, liquefied petroleum gas, and lubricants are produced for domestic and industrial use. Scientists have obtained other -50-substances from petroleum, for example, man-made fibres like nylon which may be woven into beautiful fabrics for clothes.

	A	В	С	D
41	Rich	Profitable	Natural	Vast
42	Reserves	Stocks	Preserves	Stores
43	Savings	Revenue	Salary	Accounts
44	Geologists	Ecologists	Anthropologists	Archaeologists
45	Rig	Well	Plant	Hole
46	Liquid	Gas	Carbon	Chemical
47	Undiluted	Crude	Unfinished	Raw
48	Tunnel	Tube	Hose	Pipeline
49	Purifier	Factory	Industry	Refinery
50	Artificial	Authentic	Synthetic	Inferior