

**2019 BECE ENGLISH LANGUAGE 1**  
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1. One of the bulls.....from the herd.

- A. have been strayed
- B. has been strayed
- C. have strayed
- D. has strayed

2. I saw the dog.....out of the house.

- A. run
- B. is running
- C. ran
- D. was running

3. Habib goes to school.....train.

- A. by
- B. on
- C. with
- D. in

4. This phone is not mine; it is .....

- A. mine uncle's
- B. my uncle's
- C. my uncles
- D. mine uncle

5. Their sister wore a ..... dress to the party.

- A. silk blue beautiful
- B. beautiful blue silk
- C. blue beautiful silk
- D. beautiful silk blue

6. I wish I ..... my friend next week.

- A. can visit
- B. am visiting
- C. shall visit
- D. could visit

7. Aba took ..... her mother in many ways.

- A. after
- B. up
- C. on
- D. by

8. That girls is allergic ..... dust.

- A. with
- B. to
- C. against
- D. abou

9. My brother, with his children, ..... travelling to Salaga next week.

- A. is
- B. are
- C. was
- D. were

10. It is high time we ..... for the meeting.

- A. left
- B. leave
- C. have to leave
- D. will leave

11. The accused person refused to appear before the ..... panel.

- A. five-man's
- B. five-man
- C. five-men
- D. five-mens

12. The stories her children told her made her .....

- A. to laugh
- B. laughing
- C. laughed
- D. laugh

13. They have not bought ..... of the two prescribed books.

- A. neither
- B. either
- C. none
- D. all

14. The boy found the assignment ..... to do.

- A. much too difficult
- B. difficult too much
- C. too much difficult
- D. much difficult too

15. The oxen lay on the bare floor, .....?

- A. didn't they
- B. don't they
- C. didn't it
- D. isn't it

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

16. The officials made a sudden visit to the school.

- A. an unusual
- B. a strange
- C. a quick
- D. an unexpected

17. Some of the students grumbled about the assignment.

- A. questioned
- B. talked
- C. complained
- D. bothered

18. It is impolite to talk loudly in the presence of the elderly.

- A. incorrect
- B. improper
- C. unwise
- D. rude

19. She is fond of talking about trivial matters.

- A. unpleasant
- B. unimportant
- C. unexciting
- D. unacceptable

20. This curious child likes to ask a lot of questions.

- A. inquisitive
- B. pompous
- C. intelligent
- D. talkative

**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. Araba's visit was a bolt from the blue. This means that the visit was

- A. a most welcome one
- B. short
- C. a complete surprise
- D. timely

22. My uncle loves to cast his bread upon the waters. This means that my uncle

- A. behaves strangely
- B. feeds his fish with bread
- C. is wasteful
- D. loves to help people

23. When he lost his job, Taro was left to sink or swim. This means that my uncle

- A. was depressed
- B. shouted for help
- C. had to find another job
- D. had to survive on his own

24. I was informed at the eleventh hour about his decision to leave. This means that I heard about his decision

- A. immediately
- B. at eleven o'clock
- C. in good time
- D. very late

25. John had to eat his words when our team won the match. This means that John

- A. became very much surprised
- B. admitted he was wrong
- C. denied all that he had said
- D. lost appetite

**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 girl intentionally tore her dress.

- A. carelessly
- B. accidentally
- C. willingly
- D. foolishly

27. We initiated several projects last year.

- A. funded
- B. completed
- C. executed
- D. organized

28. Most of the rules were observed.

- A. violated
- B. cancelled
- C. lessened
- D. excluded

29. The results will be released very soon

- A. withheld
- B. confirmed
- C. withdrawn
- D. canceled

30. No one enjoyed the old man's humourless stories.

- A. funny
- B. peculiar
- C. familiar
- D. cheerful