

2019 WASSCE (June) English language Paper One – Objectives

LEXIS AND STRUCTURE

SECTION 1

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 once audible ticks of the clock have suddenly become
A. Regular
B. Invisible
C. Muted
D. Sluggish

2. It is inspiring how the actor rose from obscurity into.....
A. Opulence
B. Prominence
C. Brightness
D. Royalty

3. The Supreme Court ratified the result it had earlier
A. Despised
B. Suppressed
C. Discarded
D. Annulled

4. Far from being provocative, Akoto's remark was seen as rather
A. Conciliatory
B. Reasonable
C. Mild
D. Appropriate

5. Joan prefers roomy cars to ones.
A. Compressed
B. Heavy
C. Sizeable
D. Compact

6. The reception accorded the travelers was neither cordial nor
A. Negative
B. Cold
C. Impolite
D. Improper

7. It is difficult to explain why crimes which were rare in the past are now

- A. Current
- B. Conspicuous
- C. Visible
- D. Rife

8. The once joyial Mohammed has become too for making for my liking

- A. Conceited
- B. Moody
- C. Cautious
- D. Submissive

9. Some people we meet in life are pleasant while some others are

- A. Wrong
- B. Indifferent
- C. Disagreeable
- D. Indolent

10. It is more difficult to scale the hill than to

- A. Descend
- B. Dismount
- C. Surmount
- D. Disembark

SECTION II

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

11. There was no evidence to his guilt.

- A. Settle
- B. Build
- C. Manage
- D. Establish

12. The offending divers were pardoned because they gave excuse.

- A. A plausible
- B. A strong
- C. A perceived
- D. An obvious

13. If Richard had taken advice, he wouldn't have the disease.

- A. Contacted
- B. Contracted
- C. Accepted
- D. Suffered

14. I suggest that we seek medical advice in this case.

- A. Academic
- B. Professional
- C. Educated
- D. Trained

15. The suspect has been on the for several months.

- A. Fence
- B. Edge
- C. Go
- D. Run

16. Abena was commended for playing a unique in the success of team.

- A. Side
- B. Role
- C. Support
- D. Rapport

17. The students were advised to their assignments before submission.

- A. Search
- B. Confirm
- C. Review
- D. Judge

18. Several months before applications were invited.

- A. Past
- B. Rolled
- C. Went
- D. Elapsed

19. Moro's latest novel has his reputation as a writer.

- A. Heightened
- B. Boosted
- C. Sharpened
- D. Soared

20. The Minister denied all the allegations against him.

- A. Charged
- B. Pushed
- C. Levelled
- D. Preferred

SECTION III

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

21. You will be considered astute if you do not indulge in frivolous pursuits.

- A. Considerate
- B. Cautious
- C. Wise
- D. Reasonable

22. There is almost endless supply of knowledge on internet.

- A. Limitless
- B. Unchecked
- C. Matchless
- D. Unbroken

23. Jamie gave us his unreserved apologies.

- A. Serious
- B. Humble
- C. Right
- D. Sincere

24. Getting stranded in new environment can be traumatic.

- A. Upsetting
- B. Risky
- C. Embarrassing
- D. Troublesome

25. The officer was promoted because of the outstanding qualities he displayed.

- A. Fundamental
- B. Excellent
- C. Correct
- D. Famous

26. Some people derive exquisite delight in antiquities.

- A. Pleasurable
- B. Intense
- C. Genuine
- D. Satisfactory

27. Her kind gesture is a sterling example worthy of emulation.

- A. Commendation
- B. Consideration
- C. Association
- D. Imitation

28. Some experiences in life teach us to exhibit appropriate behavior at all times

- A. Attractive
- B. Exciting
- C. Inspiring
- D. Suitable

29. The leader advised his followers not to gauge success by wealth.

- A. Consider
- B. Measure
- C. Test
- D. Imagine

30. This approach may be sound for certain types of situation.

- A. Workable
- B. Rewarding
- C. Robust
- D. Solid

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. As we approached our destination, I grinned from ear to ear. This means that I

- A. Heard desirable news.
- B. Became deeply impressed.
- C. Was extremely happy.
- D. Began to have sweet memories.

32. The matter is already water under the bridge. This means that it

- A. Is partially suspended.
- B. Cannot be accepted any longer.
- C. Cannot be changed.
- D. Is hardly talked about

33. The incident cast a shadow over the rest of the holiday. This means that it

- A. Fail to produce any excitement.
- B. Stopped the enjoyment.
- C. Caused a measure of concern.
- D. Gave respite of our activities.

34. Many successes were recorded in the twilight of the chief's reign. This means that she

- A. All along his reign
- B. At the beginning of his reign
- C. During the final stages of his reign
- D. In the middle of reign

35. Retail traders made a pile from the business during the festive period. This means that they

- A. Charged higher prices
- B. Displayed a lot of goods
- C. Joined in the festivities
- D. Made huge profits

36. A week to her wedding, Martha got cold feet. This means that she

- A. Faced a lot of difficulties.
- B. Became frightened of failure.
- C. Ran out of money.
- D. Became very ill.

37. The survivors did not lose heart although their rescue was delayed. This means that they

- A. Refused to give in to threats.
- B. Manage to sustain their lives.
- C. Did not despair.
- D. Did not experience any loss.

38. Moro realized too late that his close associates were fair-weather friends. This means that they were
 A. Very considerate.
 B. Friends only in good time.
 C. Reliable friends.
 D. Hard to please.

39. The manager was taken to task for his role in the matter. This means that the manager was
 A. Condemned.
 B. Demoted.
 C. Dismissed.
 D. Criticized

40. His argument flies in the face of available facts. This means that his argument
 A. Is worrying.
 B. Is uncertain.
 C. Lacks reason.
 D. Causes despair.

SECTION V

In the following passage the numbered gaps indicate missing words. Against each number 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 that is most suitable to fill the gap.

41. Scientific inventions rarely come to us without their attendant risks. One such invention is electricity which is put to wide variety of uses. Electricity can be produced in many ways. Before hydroelectricity, for example, can be produced, a -41- has to be built across a fast flowing river. An artificial -42- is then formed and its water channeled through -43- specially designed and build to -44- electricity.

Electricity is used to power a vast array of electronic -45- in homes and for reading at night.

It is when there is power -46- that the value of electricity is really felt. Electrical -47- are not stable; Sometimes there are fluctuations and this can damage appliances. Amounts of electrical power are measured in -48- and flow through wires which are -49-. This is done to prevent shocks and -50-. Faulty wiring can cause fire outbreaks. Indeed, the benefits and risks associated with electricity make it a good servant but a master.

	A	B	C	D
41	Tunnel	Barrier	Dam	Bridge
42	Lake	Lagoon	Reservoir	Pond
43	Engines	Dynamos	Machines	Propellers
44	Manufacture	Make	Create	Generate
45	Tools	Materials	Gadgets	Instruments
46	Outage	Stoppage	Shortage	Halt
47	Waves	Currents	Charges	Surges
48	Degree	Hertz	Ohm	Watts
49	Insulated	Padded	Stuffed	Covered
50	Execution	Electrification	Electrocution	Extermination