

## 2021 WASSCE ENGLISH LANGUAGE I

**From the list of words lettered A to D, choose the one 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

While Mr.Ade is his son is a novice.

- A. enlightened
- B. competent
- C. clever
- D. experienced

2

It is better to use persuasion rather than .... to get witnesses to court.

- A. effort
- B. coercion
- C. influence
- D. pressure

3

The animosity between Fatou and Sheku is shocking, considering the ..... they once shared.

- A. company
- B. friendship
- C. peace
- D. understanding

4

The reckless driver was admonished to be \_\_\_\_\_

- A. cautious
- B. responsible
- C. reliable
- D. considerate

5

The old man rebuked the thug and his children .... him for doing so.

- A. commended
- B. embraced
- C. thanked
- D. supported

6

All divers were enjoined to obtain genuine and \_\_\_\_\_ licences.

- A. artificial
- B. fraudulent
- C. fake
- D. substandard

7

There was agitation for the ..... law on libel to be re-enacted.

- A. enforced
- B. repealed
- C. rejected
- D. cancelled

8

The two political parties live today in ... after four years of hostility.

- A. happiness
- B. amity
- C. agreement
- D. freedom

9

The champions were elated after the tournament while their opponents looked \_\_\_\_\_

- A. baffled
- B. dejected
- C. pitiful
- D. frightened

10

That engineer was said to have used inferior than \_\_\_\_\_ materials in the construction of the collapsed building.

- A. excellent
- B. recommended
- C. quality
- D. exceptional

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

11

I could not read what he wrote because his handwriting was \_\_\_\_\_

- A. tiny
- B. eligible
- C. untidy
- D. illegible

12

When all the items on the agenda had been discussed, the meeting was \_\_\_\_\_

- A. dismissed
- B. postponed
- C. adjourned
- D. dissolved

13

Occasionally, universities award \_\_\_\_ degrees to outstanding personalities.

- A. ceremonial
- B. honorary
- C. temporary
- D. respectable

14

His thoughtlessness is simply beyond \_\_\_\_.

- A. idea
- B. assurance
- C. belief
- D. fate

15

Many doctors have \_\_\_\_ to western countries for better opportunities.

- A. migrated
- B. travelled
- C. immigrated
- D. participant

16

The younger brother insisted that he should be a ..... to the account.

- A. partner
- B. signatory
- C. guarantor
- D. participant

17

The military was able to ..... the plan to overthrow the government.

- A. fight
- B. disrupt
- C. thwart
- D. disturb

18

She gave her poem to her teacher to .... for the school magazine.

- A. read
- B. edit
- C. correct
- D. label

19

Freedom of movement is a ..... right of every citizen.

- A. negotiated
- B. fundamental
- C. privileged
- D. foremost

20

The governor granted the political prisoners \_\_\_\_\_

- A. asylum
- B. acquittal
- C. amnesty
- D. bail

**Choose the interpretation that is most appropriate for each sentence.**

21

The recruits are under his tutelage. This means that he \_\_\_\_\_

- A. assigns work to them.
- B. trains them
- C. disciplines them at work
- D. protects them

22

He listened attentively to her cock-and-bull story. This means that she told

- A. a terrifying story
- B. an interesting story
- C. an incredible story
- D. a lot of folktales

23

He has left the country for this good time. This means that he

- A. will never come back
- B. left for better conditions
- C. became an adventurer
- D. will improve his credentials

24

The bus driver smelt a rat when an unregistered vehicle trailed him for several kilometers. This means that the bus driver

- A. increased his speed
- B. became nervous
- C. became suspicious
- D. alerted the passengers

25

The newly employed workers were remunerated handsomely. This means that

- A. both old and new workers were paid
- B. only newly employed workers were paid
- C. the salaries of the new workers were attractive
- D. the salaries of the new workers were paid promptly

26

The chairman has come under fire over this project. This means that the chairman has been

- A. severely criticised
- B. highly praised
- C. given the go-ahead
- D. charged to court.

27

The ugly incidents of the Civil War are water under the bridge. This means that the incidents

- A. continue to haunt us
- B. have been experienced again
- C. have been forgotten
- D. cannot be wished away

28

My heart was in my mouth as I tried to open the envelope. This means that as I opened the envelope, I was

- A. very happy
- B. quite eager
- C. deeply disappointed
- D. extremely afraid

29

Throughout the long argument, the minister maintained his found over the claims. This means that the minister

- A. accepted his error
- B. refused to change his stand
- C. said different things
- D. did not consider every view

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John may be sincere, but I suspect that he has an axe to grind . This means that John has a

- A. selfish motive
- B. different opinion
- C. matter to attend to
- D. solution to the problem

**choose the word or group of words that is nearest in meaning to the underlined word as it is used in the sentence.**

31

So much effluent has been poured into the stream that its water has become unsafe for drinking.

- A. sewage
- B. disinfectant
- C. oil
- D. concoction

32

The students became restive after the authorities increased their tuition fees.

- A. alarmed
- B. hostile
- C. noisy
- D. agitated



33

Ali plays the guitar with great dexterity.

- A. wisdom
- B. experience
- C. pride
- D. skill

34

Obi's behaviour is questionable

- A. disputable
- B. worrisome
- C. dubious
- D. refutable

35

The electricity supply in this community is erratic.

- A. unpredictable
- B. disorderly
- C. low
- D. temporary

36

He became really disheartened when he heard the news.

- A. defamed
- B. dishevelled
- C. depressed
- D. disturbed

37

The office has taken stringent measures to protect its facilities.

- A. suitable
- B. right
- C. strict
- D. complete

38

Adaobi was appalled by the shabby appearance of the man who brought her the message from home.

- A. shocked
- B. discouraged
- C. annoyed
- D. humiliated

39

Henry likes to be involved in shady deals.

- A. unknown
- B. undisclosed
- C. dishonest
- D. doubtful

40

A good student should be inquisitive

- A. hardworking
- B. busy
- C. curious
- D. studious

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41

Life in the city is ..... expensive for most people.

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

42

My father made me ..... at home.

- A. stay
- B. stayed
- C. to be staying
- D. to stay

43

The long-awaited match was called ..... at the last moment

- A. off
- B. out
- C. down
- D. away

44

Get to work! Don't sit ..... doing nothing

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

choose the word or group of words that best completes each of the following sentences.

45

We promised to tell the truth ..?

- A. isn't it
- B. didn't we
- C. shouldn't we
- D. wasn't it

46

No sooner had we set off ..... it started to rain

- A. that
- B. when
- C. than
- D. as

47

I cannot put up..... his saucy behaviour.

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

48

Several \_\_\_\_\_attended the two-day economic summit.

- A. head of state
- B. heads of states
- C. heads of state
- D. head of states

49

I won't go to the cinema with you; I ..... the movie.

- A. seeing
- B. have seen
- C. seen
- D. had seen

50

The committee has submitted its report .. the students' riot.

- A. on
- B. for
- C. about
- D. at

51

It's been a rough life so far, ....?

- A. hasn't it
- B. hadn't it
- C. isn't it
- D. wasn't it

52

If I had known, I ..... not have come.

- A. should
- B. ought
- C. would
- D. may

53

She had to work from ....

- A. morning till the evening
- B. the morning till evening
- C. the morning till the evening
- D. moring till evening

54

He did it, but not ..... the way I had expected.

- A. as
- B. quite
- C. hardly
- D. so

55

After stalking its prey for a while, the lion .... on the kill.

- A. closed in
- B. closed up
- C. closed on
- D. closed down

56

Mary and Jane are always quarrelling with \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. each other
- B. themselves
- C. another
- D. either

57

They have been informed of his departure ...?

A. haven't they

B. hadn't they

C. wasn't it

D. isn't it

58

Although some students may be innocent, \_\_\_\_\_ are guilty of this offence.

A. much

B. great deal

C. most

D. a good deal

59

She prefers singing ..... dancing

A. besides

B. aside

C. than

D. to

60

Is that the lady .....you planned to visit?

A. which

B. who

C. whose

D. whom

61

The children .....in the pool after school.

- A. swam
- B. swum
- C. swimming
- D. swim

62

In spite of all their shortcomings, we cannot ... admire them.

- A. only
- B. but
- C. also
- D. still

63

The African extended family system gives .....members.

- A. his
- B. her
- C. its
- D. their

64

We all look forward to meeting the .....

- A. beautiful, young, Ghanaian musician
- B. young, Ghanaian, beautiful musician
- C. Ghanaian, young, beautiful musician
- D. Ghanaian, beautiful, young musician



65

One of my . .... is a lecturer in the university.

- A. sister
- B. sister's
- C. sisters
- D. sisters'

66

Regina pleaded with her son to ..... the habit of smoking.

- A. come out
- B. come over
- C. come off
- D. come from

67

Their proposal looks ..... than ours.

- A. more workable a little bit
- B. a little bit more workable
- C. more a little bit workable
- D. workable a little bit more

68

You will be none ..... for it if you take the examinations in November.

- A. the worst
- B. Worst
- C. worse
- D. the worse

**In the following passage, the numbered gaps indicate missing words. Against each number in the list below the passage, four options are given in columns lettered A to D. Choose the word that is the most suitable to fill the numbered gaps in the passage.**

Money serves as a ....71..... of exchange modern world. This is perhaps the most important 72 of money. People who have money can use it to buy goods and.73.....Without it, trade will be carried out on the basis of ...74.... where goods or services are exchanged as was the practice in the years gone by. This mode of trading has a number of disadvantages, as people will have to match their .....75..... With those of other people. For example, if a hunter wants to trade his ....76... for yam, he must find a ..... 77... who needs what he is trading. Another difficulty is determining the ....78..... of each item needed in the exchange. Therefore, this mode of trading is no longer commonly practised. Nowadays, people pay money for goods and services rendered both locally and internationally. International trade boosts the....79...of a nation. The ...80..... frequently used in international trade is the US Dollar.

71

Money serves as a ....71..... of exchange modern world.

- A. value
- B. medium
- C. type
- D. form

72

This is perhaps the most important..... 72..... of money.

- A. aspect
- B. duty
- C. function
- D. feature

73

People who have money can use it to buy goods and....73... .

- A. handiwork
- B. services
- C. skill
- D. businesses

74

Without it, trade will be carried out on the basis of ...74.... where goods or services are exchanged as was the practice in the years gone by.

- A. barter
- B. dealings
- C. negotiation
- D. exchange

75

This mode of trading has a number of disadvantages, as people will have to match their .....75..... With those of other people.

- A. needs
- B. intentions
- C. wishes
- D. desires

76

For example, if a hunter wants to trade his ....76... for yam,

- A. kill
- B. animal
- C. livestock
- D. prey

77

he must find a ..... 77... who needs what he is trading.

- A. grower
- B. labourer
- C. farmer
- D. customer

78

Another difficulty is determining the ....78..... of each item needed in the exchange.

- A. portion
- B. value
- C. quantity
- D. among

79

International trade boosts the....79...of a nation.

- A. economy
- B. savings
- C. finances
- D. transaction

80

The ...80..... frequently used in international trade is the US Dollar.

- A. cash
- B. money
- C. currency
- D. notes