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Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so. While you are waiting, read and observe the following instructions carefully. Write your name and index number in ink in the spaces provided above.

This booklet consists of two papers. Answer Paper 2, which comes first, in your answer booklet and Paper 1 on your Objective Test answer sheet. Paper 2 will last 1 hour 15 minutes after which the answer booklet will be collected. Do not start Paper 1 until you are told to do so. Paper 1 will last 45 minutes.

This paper consists of three parts: A, B and C. Answer three questions in all; one question from Part A and all the questions in Part B and Part C. Answer all questions in your answer booklet. Credit will be given for clarity of expression and orderly presentation of material.

PART A
WRITING
[30 marks]

*Answer one question only from this part.
Your composition should be about 250 words long.*

1. Your friend who lives in another town thinks that school life is boring and wants to leave school to start petty trading. Write a letter to encourage him/her to remain in school. In the letter, discuss two aspects of school life that you find enjoyable.
2. A teacher from your school won the first prize as the National Best Teacher. You were selected to represent your school at the ceremony. Write a report on what you saw and discuss two lessons you learned as you observed the event.
3. It is an election year and the major political parties have started campaigning. As a peace-loving member of your community, write an article for publication in a local newspaper of the community, discussing two ways of maintaining peace during the period.

PART B
READING
[20 marks]

4. *Read the following passage carefully and answer all the questions which follow.*

Migration is a common practice among animals: birds, fish and human beings. Migration of human beings has both positive and negative effects on individuals in the society.

When Bello migrated to the city, he left his wife, Aisha, an enterprising traditional caterer, to fend for herself and their two children. During one of his occasional visits home, his father asked him to take his wife and children to live with him in the city. Reluctantly, Bello gave in.

Aisha had imagined that she would be living in a neat, beautiful and comfortable house in the city. Instead, she, her husband and their children were accommodated in a single room. Washroom facilities were shared with other families. To worsen her plight, her housekeeping allowance was so meagre that she could hardly feed her family properly. She wanted to work, but like the other female migrants, she could not find any job. She wondered how they would survive, be able to send money to their parents and save for a rainy day.

One day, she decided to give her husband a treat and also socialize with their friends. She prepared one of the most inexpensive but tasty delicacies of her people and shared it with her neighbours. Even passers-by popped in for a bite. It was a very successful get together. Her labour was not in vain. Soon, other women asked her to teach them how to cook some local dishes. She also provided catering services at many events. She was handsomely rewarded. Gradually, Aisha Catering Services became a household name and there was remarkable improvement in their lives.

- (a) What was Aisha's occupation before she went to the city?
- (b) In which two ways did migrant workers spend their money?
- (c) In one adjective, describe how Aisha felt when she arrived in the city.
- (d) "Reluctantly, Bello gave in".
Why was Bello reluctant?

- (e) Explain in your own words the following expressions as used in the passage:
- (i) ... to fend for;
 - (ii) save for a rainy day;
 - (iii) was not in vain.
- (f) For each of the following words, give another word or phrase that means **the same** and can **fit into** the passage:
- (i) occasional;
 - (ii) prepared;
 - (iii) handsomely;
 - (iv) improvement.
- (g) In **two** sentences of not more than **ten** words **each**, summarize **two** problems that migrants face as expressed in the third paragraph.

PART C
LITERATURE
[10 marks]

Answer all the questions in this part.

SACKEY J. A. and DARMANI L.(COMP.): *The Cockcrow*

5. Read the following extract carefully and answer Questions 5(a) and 5(b).

CHARLES DICKENS: *Oliver Twist*

“Boy what’s your name?” snarled the chairman.
“Oliver Twist sir”
“You know that you’re an orphan, is that right?”
“What’s an orphan sir?”

- (a) The chairman’s tone tells us that he is
- (b) From Oliver’s question we can tell that he is

Read the following extract carefully and answer Questions 5(c) and 5(d).

KAAKYIRE AKOSOMO NYANTAKYI: *The Generous Hunter*

Calm down, Mr Hunter, I come in peace. Your ability to distinguish me from my younger brother has surprised me. Many people think we are identical twins.

- (c) Why did the speaker go to see the hunter?
- (d) What lesson can we learn from the speaker’s action?

Read the following extract carefully and answer Questions 5(e) and 5(f).

ROBERT FROST: *A Minor Bird*

The fault must partly have been in me
The bird was not to blame for his key
And of course there must be something wrong
In wanting to silence any song

- (e) Give the rhyming scheme for the extract above.
- (f) From the poem, what lesson do you learn about fault finding?

Read the following extract carefully and answer Questions 5(g) and (h).

LAWRENCE DARMANI: *Scribbler's Dream*

Tell you the truth:
the gold adorning the neck
once was lost in rocky soils
They dig deep who find it!

- (g) The dominant literary device in the 2nd and 3rd lines is
- (h) What does the writer mean by "They dig deep who find it"?

Read the following extract carefully and answer Questions 5(i) and 5(j).

AMA ATAA AIDOO: *The Dilemma of a Ghost*

Yes, my young woman, I shall remember you.
I shall remember you in the hours of the night
In my sleep,
In my sleepless sleep.

- (i) Who does "my young woman" refer to?
- (j) What is the figure of speech in the expression, "In my sleepless sleep"?

END OF ESSAY TEST

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PAPER 1
OBJECTIVE TEST

45 minutes

Answer all the questions on your Objective Test answer sheet.

1. Use **2B** pencil throughout.
2. On the pre-printed answer sheet, check that the following details are **correctly** printed: Your **surname** followed by your **other names**, the *Subject Name*, your *Index Number*, *Centre Number* and the *Paper Code*.
3. In the boxes marked *Candidate Number*, *Centre Number* and *Paper Code*, **reshade** each of the shaded spaces.
4. An example is given below. This is for a female candidate whose name is Erica Afiba MANU. Her *index number* is 772384188 and she is writing the examination at *Centre Number* 77234. She is offering *English Language 1* and the *Paper Code* is 0011.

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BASIC EDUCATION CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION
OBJECTIVE ANSWER SHEET**

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| 3. | If you want to change an answer, erase your first mark completely. |
| 4. | If any four alternative answers are given for each question, ignore the letter E. |
| 5. | Your question paper may have fewer than 60 questions. |

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Answer **all** the questions

Each question is followed by **four** options lettered A to D. Find the correct option for **each** question and shade **in pencil** on your answer sheet, the space which bears the same letter as the option you have chosen. Give only **one** answer to each question. An example is given below.

From the options A to D, choose the one which **most suitably completes** the following sentence.

It is still dark and therefore not to go out alone.

- A. safe
- B. safely
- C. safety
- D. save

The correct answer is unbelievable, which is lettered A and therefore answer space A would be shaded.

■ B ■ C ■ D ■ E ■

Be sure you understand the instructions at the beginning of each section before you try to answer any of the questions that follow them.

Do **not** spend too much time on a question. If you find a question difficult, leave it and go on to the next one, then come and try it again later.

Use **pencil** throughout. If you wish to change an answer, erase your first answer completely and shade the appropriate space for the new answer.

Do all rough work on this paper.

Now answer the following questions

PART A
LEXIS AND STRUCTURE

SECTION A

Choose from the options A to D, the one which most suitably completes each sentence.

1. If Azameti had won gold, Ghanaians
 - A. will have jubilated
 - B. will jubilate
 - C. would have jubilated
 - D. would jubilate
2. We were served a ... meal at that cosy restaurant.
 - A. Spanish delicious spicy
 - B. delicious spicy Spanish
 - C. delicious Spanish spicy
 - D. spicy Spanish delicious
3. Ali's parents have not bought ... of the two recommended books.
 - A. any
 - B. none
 - C. neither
 - D. either
4. Adwoa's daughter is allergic ... dust.
 - A. about
 - B. against
 - C. with
 - D. to

5. Dauda saw the thief ... out of the shop.
A. was running
B. is running
C. run
D. ran
6. Konlaan suggested that it was time they for the meeting.
A. have to leave
B. left
C. had to leave
D. leave
7. Last Wednesday, it rained heavily ... the match was played.
A. and
B. so
C. for
D. yet
8. You haven't met each other before, you?
A. hadn't
B. have
C. haven't
D. had
9. At my last interview, I faced ... panel.
A. seven-members'
B. a seven-member
C. a seven-member's
D. seven-members
10. Which of the ... fragrance(s) is milder?
A. two
B. one
C. most
D. all
11. Last month, there was ...
A. an eclipse of a sun
B. the eclipse of a sun
C. an eclipse of the sun
D. the eclipse of the sun
12. Among the participants for the competition, Eugenia got here ... early.
A. very
B. only
C. often
D. most
13. Afiba's aunt, ... lives in Tamale spoke to us very courteously.
A. who
B. whom
C. that
D. which

The correct reported speech for the sentence in Question 14 below is:

14. "I will keep my word", promised Kende.
 A. Kende promise to keep her word.
 B. Kende is promising to keep her word.
 C. Kende promises to keep her word.
 D. Kende promised to keep her word.

The correct passive form of the sentence in Question 15 below is:

15. For winning the first position in the Essay Competition, the school gave Linda a laptop.
 For winning the first position in the Essay Competition, Linda ... given a laptop by the school.
 A. is
 B. has been
 C. was
 D. is being

SECTION B

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

16. Little Asabea wondered why her grandfather walked so slowly.
 A. was saddened that
 B. felt frustrated that
 C. was curious about why
 D. thought about why
17. We're so excited because Amuzu's proposal has been accepted.
 A. suggestion
 B. offer
 C. opinion
 D. view
18. Mama said, "You can only fight off bullies if you are assertive".
 A. muscular
 B. strong
 C. smart
 D. bold
19. The rampant destruction of property must be checked.
 A. common
 B. regular
 C. unpleasant
 D. uncontrolled
20. The salient points of the topic have been thoroughly discussed.
 A. highlighted
 B. chosen
 C. important
 D. interesting

SECTION C

In each of the following sentences a group of words has been underlined. Choose from the options A to D, the one that best explains the underlined group of words.

21. The chief advised his subjects not to allow anger to get the better of them.
This means that they should not let anger ... them.
- A. divide
 - B. sadden
 - C. control
 - D. deceive
22. "Do not be such a wet blanket, Afua. Your brother needs all the support you can give him", Auntie Araba chided her daughter.
This means that Afua ... her brother.
- A. didn't care about
 - B. couldn't wash for
 - C. was too weak to help
 - D. liked to discourage
23. Asuo had to eat his words when Asante Kotoko lost to Tano Bofokwa FC.
This means that Asuo
- A. admitted that he was wrong
 - B. denied everything he had said
 - C. became very ashamed
 - D. lost his appetite
24. The fraudster was paid back in his own coins.
This means that he was
- A. given a hot chase
 - B. swindled
 - C. punished
 - D. given new coins
25. Yaaba hit the nail on the head when she told us that we could only succeed through hardwork.
This means that Yaaba ...
- A. was a good hairdresser
 - B. told us the truth
 - C. tried to deceive us
 - D. showed that she disliked us

SECTION D

Choose from the options A to D, the one that is most nearly opposite in meaning to the underlined word in each sentence.

26. Due to the ongoing road construction, our shops have been temporarily closed down.
- A. permanently
 - B. legally
 - C. deliberately
 - D. constantly

27. Some exercises may seem easy in theoretical terms but can be really difficult in ... aspects.
 A. practical
 B. natural
 C. logical
 D. actual
28. It is good to get a cure for a disease, but it is better to ... the disease.
 A. prevent
 B. protect
 C. avoid
 D. counter
29. It is hard to tell when this began or where it will
 A. fall
 B. cease
 C. reside
 D. remain
30. Regions with abundant rainfall are different from those having ... moisture.
 A. unpredictable
 B. scanty
 C. uncertain
 D. reduced

SECTION E

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

The meeting began with the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting. The Chairman asked if there were any corrections to be made to the minutes. Then one member complained that after checking the -31- list, he realised that his name had been wrongly spelt. The Chairman apologised for the error and the matter was resolved. Two -32- were proposed and voted on. At the end of the discussions, the Chairman asked a member to -33- for the closure of the meeting. Tetteh Oko did and he was -34- by Adjoa Mansa. The meeting was then -35- to a new date.

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| 31. | register | compiled | present | attendance |
| 32. | motions | ideas | decisions | intentions |
| 33. | declare | call | recommend | move |
| 34. | approved | seconded | upheld | supported |
| 35. | adjourned | postponed | deferred | shifted |

PART B

ORAL LANGUAGE

SECTION F

[UNIT I]

Choose from the options A to D, the one which has the same consonant sound as the word underlined in the sentences below.

36. Those two are arch rivals.
A. splash
B. patch
C. path
D. spark
37. Prosper is the new chef.
A. chord
B. chair
C. shield
D. scheme
38. Lariba sprang to her feet.
A. sprayed
B. struck
C. slew
D. splashed

[UNIT II]

Choose from the options A to D, the one which has the same vowel sound as the word underlined in the sentences below.

39. Whole grains are healthier than polished ones.
A. Gill
B. Goal
C. Gaul
D. Gaol
40. The heir to the British throne was the Duke of Cornwall.
A. here
B. hail
C. air
D. hew

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