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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 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.

Credit will be given for clarity of expression and orderly presentation of material.

This paper consists of **three** sections: **I, II and III**. Answer **three** questions **only**. **One** compulsory question and **two** other questions from sections **II and III** respectively. **All** questions carry **equal** marks.

SECTION I (COMPULSORY)
THE ENVIRONMENT

1. (a) How would you explain the term *Environment* to your study group? [4 marks]
- (b) In what **four** ways are water bodies in your community polluted? [8 marks]
- (c) Suggest **four** workable ways by which water bodies in your community can be made safe for use. [8 marks]

SECTION II
LAW, ORDER AND NATION BUILDING
Answer one question only from this section.

2. (a) Having observed tension among the youth in your community, write to the Assemblyman **four** ways in which tensions could calm down and also prevent conflicts. [12 marks]
- (b) You are a member of a debating club in your school. Prepare a presentation using **four** major points on how peace and security can lead to development in Ghana. [8 marks]
3. (a) Explain **four** ways by which national elections promote democracy in Ghana. [12 marks]
- (b) In what **four** ways can citizens contribute to the development of the state? [8 marks]

SECTION III
SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
Answer one question only from this section.

4. (a) Identify **four** challenges mostly associated with human resource development in Ghana. [12 marks]
- (b) Explain **four** ways in which your government can use the tourism industry to drive development in Ghana. [8 marks]
5. (a) (i) Define the term *Technology*. [2 marks]
- (ii) Imagine you are on a trip to a village in Ghana. What **four** technological gadgets will you take with you to make your trip more comfortable and enjoyable? [4 marks]
- (iii) Explain how **each** technology stated in (a)(ii) will help you. [12 marks]
- (b) List **two** challenges that you may encounter when using technology. [2 marks]

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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 *Social Studies 1* and the *Paper Code* is 0201.

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OBJECTIVE ANSWER SHEET**

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1. Use 2B pencil. Press firmly.
2. Answer each question by choosing one letter and then, shade through the letter chosen like this: A B C D E
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.

The capital city of Ghana is

- A. Accra.
- B. Cape Coast.
- C. Kumasi.
- D. Tamale.

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

A B C D E

Think carefully before you shade the answer spaces; erase completely any answer you wish to change.

Do all rough work on this question paper.

Now answer the following questions.

1. What is the **best** way to address deviant behaviour in an adolescent?
 - A. Ignoring it
 - B. Counseling
 - C. Punishment
 - D. Parental neglect
2. What is the **most** likely effect of a large family size on the family's living conditions?
 - A. Increased access to resources
 - B. Improved housing conditions
 - C. Environmental conditions enhanced
 - D. Overcrowding and reduced space
3. A teacher, Mr. Jones, encourages his students to work together on a group project. What agency of socialization is influencing the students' behaviour?
 - A. Media
 - B. Family
 - C. Education
 - D. Peer group
4. The **first** general election held in the Gold Coast in 1951 was won by the
 - A. National Alliance for the Liberals.
 - B. National Liberation Movement.
 - C. Convention People's Party.
 - D. United Gold Coast Convention.
5. A market square in your community is in need of a clean-up and restoration. Which of the following options will **best** help address the challenge?
 - A. Joining community volunteer groups to help in the clean-up exercise
 - B. Ignoring the issue and hoping someone else will take care of it
 - C. Donating money to the market square but not getting involved personally
 - D. Organizing a solo clean-up exercise
6. Which of the following agricultural practices helps to prevent soil erosion?
 - A. Mono-culture
 - B. Crop rotation
 - C. Cover cropping
 - D. Shifting cultivation

7. Two communities are claiming ownership of a river which serves as their livelihood. This has resulted in conflicts between the two communities for many years. Which of the following mediations will **best** help to resolve the conflict?
- Facilitate communication and mutually acceptable solutions
 - Determine who is right or wrong
 - Avoid future conflicts
 - Impose a solution on the parties
8. In 1966, a military Coup d'etat overthrew the government of Dr. Kwame Nkrumah. What was the **main** reason for the Coup?
- Failure to implement socialist policies
 - External interference from the Russian government
 - Economic mismanagement and corruption
 - Political instability and tribal conflicts
9. The destruction of farm lands by cattle and the confrontation between herdsman and farming communities in Ghana can **best** be resolved by
- local farmers always standing by to drive away herdsman.
 - encouraging the practice of cattle ranching in our communities.
 - allowing the game and wildlife department to take charge of cattle rearing in the communities.
 - seizing and distributing some of the cattle to the affected communities.
10. Ghana's public sector faces various challenges with respect to human resource development. Which of the following challenges is the **most** suitable challenge in the above given scenario?
- Inefficient bureaucracy
 - Limited career advancement opportunities
 - Financial challenges
 - Limited access to quality education
11. Which type of map will be **most** suitable for determining the elevation of a mountain range?
- Topographical map
 - Road map
 - Political map
 - Weather map
12. Which of the following military rulers of Ghana implemented the Economic Recovery Program (ERP)?
- Jerry J. Rawlings
 - Ignatius K. Acheampong
 - Frederick K. Akuffo
 - Joseph A. Ankrah
13. Which of the following scenarios explain the **main** purpose of the Internet?
- Robots building several vehicles at a time
 - Developing new medicine kits
 - Connecting electronic devices and making lives more convenient
 - Scientists going to space and other planets
14. There is an ongoing illegal mining activity in a community. The miners are using earth moving machines, cyanide and mercury. Sixty acres of vegetation cover is pulled down every hour. Which of the following options **best** describes the long term effect of their activities on the land?
- Degradation
 - Depletion
 - Erosion
 - Percolation
15. One similarity between Ghana and its neighbouring country, Togo, is they both have
- same colonial parties.
 - a coastline along the Atlantic ocean.
 - a border with Nigeria.
 - similar population size.
16. What is the **main** function of socialization? To
- teach individuals how to survive.
 - provide education.
 - enforce laws and regulations.
 - transmit culture and values.
17. Which of the following entrepreneurial skills is **most** important for someone starting a business to acquire in order to help overcome unexpected challenges?
- Risk taking
 - Adaptability
 - Leadership
 - Savings

18. In 1957 the people of Ghana gained independence from the British colonial rule after a long political struggle. What was the **main** reason for Ghana's independence? To
- make Ghanaian culture and traditions superior to the British
 - gain economic freedom and control our natural resources
 - adopt a new political system and form a government
 - unite with other African countries and form a single nation
19. What type of climate, typically found near the equator is characterized by very high temperatures and very low rainfall?
- Temperate climate
 - Polar climate
 - Desert climate
 - Tropical climate
20. People join social security and pension schemes in order to
- raise money to satisfy political ambitions
 - maintain standard of living in the cities.
 - ensure retirement income.
 - supplement income for relations in the villages.
21. Which of the following challenges did Ghana face soon after independence in 1957?
- Dealing with internal conflicts and political instability
 - Building of ports and harbours
 - Building of new roads and drainage systems with limited funds
 - Sourcing for donor support
22. It has been observed that the population of Ghana has been rising rapidly over the years. What is the **primary** reason for the rapidly growing population?
- Improved health care and sanitation
 - Increased education and family planning
 - High birth rate and low death rate
 - Increased immigration and low emigration
23. The following factors affect Ghana's ability to exploit its natural resources effectively **except**
- inadequate capital resource.
 - limited technical expertise.
 - low level technology.
 - farming activities.
24. What is the **most** common form of marriage in Ghana?
- Monogamous marriage
 - Common-Law marriage
 - Arranged marriage
 - Polygamous marriage
25. The **most** significant attitude that helps to enhance self identity of the individual in the community is
- engaging in peer teaching in school.
 - avoiding peer influence in the community.
 - always wearing clean clothes.
 - showing respect to the elderly.
26. Which of the following fundamental human rights is protected by the 1992 constitution of Ghana? The right to
- free education at tertiary level.
 - full employment.
 - use arms.
 - freedom of speech.
27. Which **one** of the following took place after the 27th April, 1960 referendum?
- The first political party was formed.
 - Kwame Nkrumah was inaugurated as Prime Minister.
 - Ghana became a democratic state.
 - Queen Elizabeth II was inaugurated as Prime Minister.
28. A company is expanding globally and needs to socialize employees to new cultural norms. Which of the following approaches would be **most** effective?
- Provide employees with a cultural sensitivity training program
 - Encourage employees to maintain their existing cultural practices.
 - Encourage employees to adapt to the new culture on their own
 - Provide employees with a detailed guide to world cultures

29. Controlling plastic waste has become a major environmental concern to the city authorities in Ghana. Which of the following options **best** helps minimize the negative impact of plastic waste disposal problem?
- Placing a ban on single use plastics
 - Levyng plastic waste producers
 - Arresting all plastic waste producers
 - Using jute and paper bags
30. Ghana is made up of people with different cultures. What is the **primary** benefit if all the people unite? It will
- increase economic growth.
 - improve international reputation.
 - improve national security.
 - strengthen social cohesion.
31. A farmer is preparing to plant crops next week. Why is it important for the farmer to check the weather forecast? To
- plan a harvest festival.
 - determine the ideal time for planting.
 - prepare for a storm.
 - predict the best time for irrigation.
32. Which of the following scenarios, **best** describes an application of social security benefits?
- A family member receives financial support after the death of the bread winner
 - A community receives funds for a new irrigation project
 - A teacher receives a scholarship to study abroad
 - An entrepreneur receives a loan to expand the business
33. You need to make a detailed map of a mountainous area. This map will be used by the people who enjoy outdoor activities and by people who manage the land. Which of the following options is the **best** way to make an accurate map?
- Rely primarily on satellite imagery
 - Conduct field surveys and measure elevation
 - Add 3D and colour gradient
 - Simplify the contour lines
34. Every Ghanaian citizen is expected to demonstrate commitment to democratic values. Which of the following actions **best** demonstrates the above expectation?
- Criticizing the government on social media
 - Volunteering for community service
 - Voting in national elections
 - Participating in peaceful protests
35. Respecting the rights of others and performing our responsibilities to the state help to promote
- responsible citizenship.
 - community development.
 - building political parties.
 - national integration.
36. One way to maintain peace and security in your community is by
- starting a fight.
 - joining a gang.
 - ignoring your neighbours.
 - volunteering for community service.
37. Two political events occurred in Ghana in 1960. One of the events was the presidential election. Which of the following political developments happened after the presidential election in 1960?
- Ghana remained a monarchy
 - Ghana became a republic
 - Ghana became a colony again
 - Ghana was divided into a northern and southern territory
38. A region experiences a significant decrease in temperature and rainfall over a few decades. What factor could be the **most** likely cause of this?
- Rise in global temperature
 - Increase in ocean current
 - Deforestation
 - Shift in wind pattern

39. A company is planning to build a soap factory in a rural area. The factory will provide jobs for the youth but may also pollute nearby rivers. Which of the following options **best** represents a sustainable development approach?
- A. Build the factory with environmental impact assessment
 - B. Build the factory with some environmental considerations
 - C. Build the factory without environmental considerations
 - D. Reject the factory proposal to protect the environment
40. The **best** approach to help resolve the difference between political parties during general elections is
- A. encouraging youth participation in national politics.
 - B. encouraging traditional leaders to play partisan politics.
 - C. allowing the formation of more political parties.
 - D. strengthening the judiciary.

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