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2. Answer each question by choosing one letter and shading it like this: [A] [B] [C]
3. Erase completely any answers you wish to change.
4. Leave extra spaces blank if the answer spaces provided are more than you need.
5. Do not make any markings across the heavy black marks at the right-hand edge of your answer sheet.

Answer all the questions.

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

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 and try it again later.

Use HB 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 question paper.

An example is given below.

He got into trouble in an attempt to conceal the truth me.

- A. to
- B. against
- C. from
- D. for

The correct answer is from which is lettered C and therefore answer space C would be shaded.

[A] [B] [C] [D]

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

Now answer the following questions.

SECTION I

In each of the following sentences, there is one underlined word and one gap. 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. Our instructor gave us the impression that the problem was complicated but we found it
 - A. light
 - B. mysterious
 - C. simple
 - D. hard

2. It is no longer a matter of choice but to have basic education in our country.
 - A. request
 - B. command
 - C. determination
 - D. compulsion

3. Despite Inyang's claim that he killed the dog, the owner insists that he did it deliberately.
- A. instantly
 - B. accidentally
 - C. angrily
 - D. forcefully
4. If our ancestors preserved the culture for us, why can't we do the same for our ?
- A. siblings
 - B. kinsmen
 - C. predecessors
 - D. descendants
5. While Mr. Samson is theoretical about the upbringing of children, his wife is
- A. pragmatic
 - B. subjective
 - C. sceptical
 - D. logical
6. Whether you commend the boys or them, they are determined to do their best.
- A. control
 - B. confuse
 - C. condemn
 - D. abuse
7. The hope with which he assumed office contrasts with the with which he is leaving.
- A. disgust
 - B. distress
 - C. distrust
 - D. despair
8. The landing of a plane is more frightening than its
- A. taxiing
 - B. take-off
 - C. flying
 - D. descent

9. I prefer the exact rather than an figure.
- A. elusive
 - B. appropriate
 - C. approximate
 - D. inflated
10. Although the students were content with the new welfare arrangement, their representatives were with it.
- A. annoyed
 - B. unhappy
 - C. discouraged
 - D. dissatisfied

SECTION 2

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

11. The car crashed into a vehicle when the driver lost control.
- A. stationary
 - B. stagnant
 - C. stationed
 - D. stationery
12. I told you before the match started that my team would yours.
- A. win
 - B. lose
 - C. beat
 - D. score
13. The Literature teacher instructed us to memorize the first and second of the poem.
- A. stanzas
 - B. chapters
 - C. paragraphs
 - D. sections
14. Gambo was arrested while his late brother as a military officer.
- A. imitating
 - B. personifying
 - C. impersonating
 - D. copying

15. He said he would not sell the piece of land because it was the only thing he from his late father.
- A. earned
 - B. deserved
 - C. acquired
 - D. inherited
16. Some church members came to with me on the death of my father.
- A. counsel
 - B. console
 - C. commiserate
 - D. associate
17. On that day, nearly five hundred people died in a pipeline explosion.
- A. faithful
 - B. unhappy
 - C. fateful
 - D. frightful
18. He came to the only two years ago when he won a gold medal.
- A. show
 - B. front
 - C. limelight
 - D. position
19. The Road Safety officials will soon be by the government to carry guns.
- A. authorized
 - B. expected
 - C. invited
 - D. approved
20. The man was honoured for fighting in the war.
- A. properly
 - B. gallantly
 - C. furiously
 - D. practically

SECTION 3

*After each of the following sentences, a list of possible interpretations is given. Choose the interpretation you consider **most appropriate** for each sentence.*

21. Our house is the last but one on that street. This means that our house is
- A. the very last house.
 - B. one of the last houses.
 - C. the one after the last.
 - D. the one before the last.
22. George said he would not attend the meeting because he smelt a rat. This means that he
- A. was disturbed by the smell of a rat.
 - B. was suspicious.
 - C. felt insecure.
 - D. was very angry.
23. My brother, who lives in Ghana, is a footballer. This means that
- A. only one of my brothers lives in Ghana and he is a footballer.
 - B. all my brothers are footballers and one lives in Ghana.
 - C. my only brother is a footballer and he lives in Ghana.
 - D. all my brothers live in Ghana but only one is a footballer.
24. The teacher described Edward's account of the incident as a tall story. This means that
- A. Edward's story was too long.
 - B. the teacher could not understand the story.
 - C. Edward's story was uninteresting.
 - D. the teacher found Edward's story unbelievable.
25. For the past four years, I have been working hard just to keep the wolf from the door. This means that
- A. I have not been strong enough to attack the wolf.
 - B. I have been able to provide only the basic needs.
 - C. I have been working harder than before.
 - D. my job has been to prevent the wolf from entering the house.
26. Ekpong knew there was little food for him at home. This means that
- A. Ekpong was sure of some food.
 - B. Ekpong was not sure of any food.
 - C. Ekpong had hidden some food before going out.
 - D. Ekpong's share of the food would not be given to him.

27. The judge said that he could not but sentence the criminal to death. This means that
- A. the judge found it difficult to sentence him to death.
 - B. the judge lacked the power to sentence him to death.
 - C. the death sentence was inevitable.
 - D. it was possible to set the criminal free.
28. The captive shouted several times for help but he knew it was a forlorn hope. This means that he
- A. was certain that help would come.
 - B. had lost hope of any help coming.
 - C. hoped that somebody would hear him.
 - D. had lost hope in the captors.
29. The explanation he gave for the customer's action was a shot in the dark. This means that
- A. he only guessed why the customer acted that way.
 - B. he knew that the customer liked shooting in the dark.
 - C. the customer had told him why he acted that way.
 - D. the customer apologized to him in the dark.
30. Akande stopped short of arresting the man who stole his shoes. This means that Akande
- A. arrested him for a while but released him.
 - B. thought he was too dangerous to be arrested.
 - C. had no option but to arrest him.
 - D. was about to arrest him but changed his mind.

SECTION 4

From the words lettered A to D below each of the following sentences, choose the word that is nearest in meaning to the underlined word as it is used in the sentence.

31. The sale of certain drugs is restricted to adults.
- A. limited
 - B. confined
 - C. extended
 - D. controlled
32. His attempts to claim the child proved futile.
- A. uncertain
 - B. abortive
 - C. senseless
 - D. risky

33. These days, most businessmen are very crafty.
- A. extravagant
 - B. skilful
 - C. cunning
 - D. wise
34. This type of music is inappropriate for such a solemn ceremony.
- A. unfashionable
 - B. indecent
 - C. unsuitable
 - D. insufficient
35. The clash between the two communities was a great calamity.
- A. shame
 - B. disaster
 - C. accident
 - D. problem
36. The negotiations ended amicably to the surprise of the warring factions.
- A. violently
 - B. abruptly
 - C. harmoniously
 - D. suspiciously
37. One needs perseverance to succeed in this job.
- A. persistence
 - B. consistency
 - C. concentration
 - D. resolution
38. We did not like him because he was headstrong.
- A. wicked
 - B. rude
 - C. unreliable
 - D. stubborn
39. The matron reprimanded Stella for bullying the new girl.
- A. reported
 - B. insulted
 - C. punished
 - D. rebuked

40. His mission was to enlighten his people about the proposed project.
- A. strengthen
 - B. remind
 - C. educate
 - D. task

SECTION 5

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

41. The Council of Elders advised youths to desist from telling lies.
- A. have
 - B. have been
 - C. has
 - D. has been
42. On my way to the airport, I an old classmate.
- A. ran in
 - B. ran by
 - C. ran into
 - D. ran across
43. Their ideas are similar, aren't they? Yes,
- A. are they
 - B. there are
 - C. they are
 - D. it is
44. She danced gracefully that the Guest of Honour promised her a special gift.
- A. very
 - B. too
 - C. more
 - D. so
45. My father insisted that we should be civil,?
- A. should we
 - B. isn't it
 - C. didn't he
 - D. shouldn't we

46. The team was to leave Lagos Accra at 4.15 a.m. on Tuesday.
- A. for
 - B. to
 - C. from
 - D. by
47. Whenever we our names, we stand up to answer.
- A. hear
 - B. heard
 - C. were hearing
 - D. are hearing
48. If I were you, I my identity.
- A. will not hide
 - B. will not have hidden
 - C. cannot hide
 - D. would not hide
49. The judge ruled that the three men should be publicly.
- A. hanged
 - B. hung
 - C. hang
 - D. hanging
50. Their only child has been sentenced fifteen years' imprisonment.
- A. from
 - B. to
 - C. for
 - D. into
51. The governor a good reason to resign before he was impeached.
- A. has
 - B. had
 - C. has had
 - D. will have
52. Tunde is the in our family.
- A. more clever
 - B. cleverer
 - C. cleverest
 - D. clever

53. I wanted to know of the three boys will represent the school.
- A. which
 - B. whom
 - C. who
 - D. whose
54. Had I been his employer, I him.
- A. would sack
 - B. will sack
 - C. will have sacked
 - D. would have sacked
55. Before she started crying, she two phone calls.
- A. has received
 - B. have received
 - C. had received
 - D. received
56. The marriage broke after two years.
- A. up
 - B. through
 - C. off
 - D. out
57. Shehu claimed that the money was and not his brother's.
- A. he's
 - B. for him
 - C. his
 - D. to him
58. Employers are expected to pay salaries as when due.
- A. at
 - B. and
 - C. for
 - D. on
59. The baby became happy when mother returned.
- A. her
 - B. its
 - C. his
 - D. it's

60. Jane accused her husband dishonesty.
- A. about
 - B. for
 - C. on
 - D. of
61. This is the boy to many awards were given on the graduation day.
- A. whom
 - B. who
 - C. which
 - D. whose
62. The Principal says that it is you who to conduct the assembly next week.
- A. were
 - B. are
 - C. is
 - D. was
63. Everyone of our students entitled to free medical treatment.
- A. are
 - B. is
 - C. has
 - D. have
64. Many a student examinations due to lack of preparation.
- A. fails
 - B. fail
 - C. have failed
 - D. are failing
65. The old woman did not eat for three days because she did not havemoney for feeding.
- A. more
 - B. some
 - C. no
 - D. any
66. We were appointed electoral officers October 2009.
- A. on
 - B. in
 - C. at
 - D. from

67. You had better off the television.
- A. turned
 - B. turning
 - C. turn
 - D. to turn
68. The lady promised to take Bisi and abroad for employment.
- A. me
 - B. myself
 - C. we
 - D. I
69. We do not discuss important issues with her because she is
- A. very talkative
 - B. a talkative
 - C. well talkative
 - D. just a talkative
70. Her friends are afraid to confide her.
- A. for
 - B. by
 - C. with
 - D. in
71. Just milk will improve the taste of this tea.
- A. a little
 - B. some
 - C. little
 - D. few
72. The teacher told Aminata that she would do in English Language if she took her assignments seriously.
- A. much better
 - B. very better
 - C. more better
 - D. almost better
73. Our tour of the tower came to an end all soon.
- A. much
 - B. rather
 - C. too
 - D. more
74. It is important for one to identify with own culture.
- A. his
 - B. her
 - C. their
 - D. one's

75. You can't expect someone who is always running her friends to be popular.
- A. up
 - B. down
 - C. out
 - D. about

SECTION 6

In the following passages, the numbered gaps indicate missing words. Against each number in the list below each 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 passages.

PASSAGE A

— 76 — such as schools and colleges are specially built and — 77 — designed for teaching and — 78 —. Also, the — 79 — are carefully planned and well structured through the use of syllabuses, — 80 — of course outlines, lesson plans and — 81 — tables. This is the — 82 — type of education. Non-formal education on the other hand, often takes place in a — 83 — society. It refers to any organized learning — 84 — that follows the structure of the formal education. The purpose is to — 85 — the specific learning — 86 — of particular groups of people in society. The third type is the informal which is — 87 — and devoid of planning and structuring. Much of the learning comes — 88 —.

	A	B	C	D
76.	Establishments	Organizations	Institutions	Formations
77.	promptly	purposefully	possibly	partially
78.	information	messages	coaching	learning
79.	instructions	practices	books	systems
80.	schemes	manuals	orders	programmes
81.	action	study	time	teaching
82.	proper	formal	strict	serious
83.	solid	sophisticated	simple	new
84.	activity	class	arrangement	meeting
85.	allow	offer	observe	meet
86.	wants	needs	desires	demands
87.	artificial	abnormal	unacceptable	natural
88.	specially	consciously	unconsciously	quickly

PASSAGE B

Well-meaning individuals the world over are worried about the continued — 89 — of Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STDs) especially as no section of — 90 — is spared their ugly — 91 —. Some of these are — 92 — and range from social to economic problems. STDs can bring about — 93 — in men and — 94 —

pregnancy, sometimes leading to post-natal — 95 — and ultimately death. Some patients face — 96 — among friends and relatives and end up — 97 —, while some marriages — 98 — as a result of STD— 99 —. Though some of these diseases can be managed, they are not yet — 100 —.

	A	B	C	D
89.	control	state	spread	attack
90.	society	community	town	city
91.	aspects	causes	effects	symptoms
92.	chaotic	traumatic	sensitive	punitive
93.	inability	sterility	handicap	inconsistency
94.	confusion	concession	condemnation	complications
95.	injury	labour	haemorrhage	hardship
96.	stigmatization	refusal	corruption	inferiority
97.	banned	suspended	biased	frustrated
98.	breakout	break in	breakthrough	break up
99.	action	infection	infusion	projection
100.	curable	controllable	preventable	detectable

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