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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 **identification number** in the space provided above.

This paper consists of **two** parts: Paper 1 and 2. Answer Paper 1 on your Objective Test Answer Sheet and Paper 2 in your Answer Booklet. Paper 1 will last for 1 ½ hours after which the answer sheet will be collected. Do **not** start Paper 2 until you are told to do so. Paper 2 will last for 1 ½ hours.

PAPER I

OBJECTIVE TEST

[60 marks]

1 ½ hour

1. Use **2B** pencil throughout.
2. On the objective answer sheet supplied, provide the following details **correctly**:
 - (a) Supply the information required in the spaces marked *CENTER NAME*, *CENTER No.*, *SCHOOL NAME* and *SCHOOL No.*
 - (b) In the space marked *STUDENTS NAME*, write your **surname** followed by your **other names**. write your *IDENTIFICATION NUMBER* in the space marked *STUDENT No.*
 - (c) In the spaces marked *SUBJECT* and *GRADE*, write **ENGLISH AND 12TH** in that order.
 - (d) In the box marked *IDENTIFICATION NUMBER*, provide your **identification number** vertically in the spaces on the left-hand side and shade each numbered space in line with each digit. This identification number must be the same as the one indicated on your Admission Slip. Repeat the process with the correct information for the box marked *YEAR OF FIRST ENTRY*.
 - (e) In the box marked *Subject Code*, write the digits 101 vertically in the spaces on the left-hand side. **Shade** the corresponding numbered spaces as you did for your identification number.
3. An example is given below. This is for a **female** candidate whose name is **Cecelia Nanee Gaye**. Her identification number is 001011379, her first entry is in 2009 and she is offering English

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PAPER I
OBJECTIVE
{ 60 Marks }

Answer **all** the questions.

1 ½ hours

*Paper I consists of **one hundred (100)** questions divided into **five** sections. Read the instructions for each section carefully and then answer the questions that follow.*

*For each question you are given **four** options lettered **A to D**. Choose the one that is most suitable and shade on your answer sheet the space bearing the same letter as the option you have chosen. An example is given below.*

*From the list of words lettered **A to D**, choose the one that is **nearest in meaning** to the underlined word in the sentence.*

The students laughed at the story because they thought it was incredible.

- A. strange
- B. interesting
- C. unbelievable
- D. funny

The correct answer is unbelievable which is lettered C and therefore C is shaded

=A=

=B=



=D=

Now answer the following questions

SECTION A

*For each of the following sentences, choose from the options lettered **A to D** the one which is **nearest in meaning** to the underlined word(s) in the sentence*

1. Our family seems to be living in perpetual poverty.
 - A. strict
 - B. eternal
 - C. acceptable
 - D. immense
2. It is highly improbable that such creature exists.
 - A. unlikely
 - B. impossible
 - C. obvious
 - D. true

3. The artist presented an authentic picture of Joseph J. Roberts.
 - A. beautiful
 - B. acceptable
 - C. amicable
 - D. genuine
4. The probationary period in the army is six months.
 - A. retirement
 - B. trial
 - C. leave
 - D. recruitment

5. The house was besieged by a battalion of ants.
A. converged
B. betrayed
C. evolved
D. surrounded
6. The secretary was chastised for coming to work late.
A. dismissed
B. punished
C. abused
D. investigated
7. My cousin is very loquacious.
A. dependable
B. jovial
C. reticent
D. talkative
8. You can pursue your point at the next meeting.
A. discuss
B. postpone
C. review
D. follow up
9. Liberians are known for their extravagance.
A. wastefulness
B. economy
C. exploration
D. cheapness
10. The memoir of all potential player will be published.
A. profile
B. autograph
C. biography
D. photograph
11. You should be blamed for your blunder.
A. error
B. contract
C. instruction
D. report

SECTION B

For each of the following sentences, choose from the options lettered A to D the one that is most nearly opposite in meaning to the underlined word in the sentence.

12. This is the entrance; you must take the -----.
A. inner.
B. upper.
C. back.
D. exit.
13. There are excess chairs in one room but ----- in the other.
A. shortage
B. many
C. variety
D. adequate
14. You lead the way and I will -----.
A. appear.
B. walk.
C. follow.
D. escape.
15. We need ----- not discord.
A. friendship
B. harmony
C. freedom
D. praise

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| <p>16. Students hate <u>punishment</u> but prefer -----.</p> <p>A. peace.</p> <p>B. success.</p> <p>C. reward.</p> <p>D. hostility.</p> | <p>20. My brother is <u>gentle</u>; he is not -----.</p> <p>A. friendly.</p> <p>B. indigent.</p> <p>C. serious.</p> <p>D. hostile.</p> |
| <p>17. Frank has a <u>robust</u> look but Samuel looks -----.</p> <p>A. stupid.</p> <p>B. feeble.</p> <p>C. smart.</p> <p>D. clever.</p> | <p>21. Fatou is very <u>extravagant</u>; she must learn to be -----.</p> <p>A. economical.</p> <p>B. successful.</p> <p>C. static.</p> <p>D. fruitful.</p> |
| <p>18. This poem is <u>complex</u>; try one that is -----.</p> <p>A. serious</p> <p>B. simple</p> <p>C. difficult</p> <p>D. joyful</p> | <p>22. I have no <u>knowledge</u> about Science; I am completely -----.</p> <p>A. inferior.</p> <p>B. reluctant.</p> <p>C. indolent.</p> <p>D. ignorant.</p> |
| <p>19. This place is <u>safe</u> and free from -----.</p> <p>A. enemies.</p> <p>B. rogues</p> <p>C. dangers.</p> <p>D. difficulties.</p> | |

SECTION C

For each of the following questions you are given a sentence with a blank space. From the options lettered A to D, choose the one that best completes the sentence.

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| <p>23. I have ----- to the children about their behavior.</p> <p>A. speaking</p> <p>B. spoke</p> <p>C. being speaking</p> <p>D. spoken</p> | <p>24. When the minister arrived he did --- anyone on the campus.</p> <p>A. found</p> <p>B. fine</p> <p>C. find</p> <p>D. finding</p> |
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25. I can't afford to ----- any more money in this game.
A. lost
B. lose
C. loose
D. losing
26. Only ----- members turned up for the meeting.
A. few
B. some few
C. little
D. fewer
27. Several requests were made but ----- was accepted.
A. neither
B. no none
C. none
D. either
28. I can no longer ----- this noise; please be quiet.
A. stand up
B. put off with
C. put in with
D. put up with
29. You have no excuse ----- late.
A. on being
B. for being
C. to been
D. been
30. Did you ----- the instructions?
A. understanding
B. understood
C. understand
D. to understand
31. Leave the planning to ----- is in charge.
A. whomever
B. whichever
C. whoseever
D. whoever
32. When did Ghana ----- her independence?
A. gotten
B. got
C. get
D. getting
33. Let the young children sit by -----.
A. themself
B. theirself
C. thereselves.
D. themselves.
34. Frogs live both in water and -----.
A. by land.
B. on land.
C. land.
D. at land.
35. The party should ----- at six o'clock P.M.
A. had begin
B. have begin
C. have begun
D. beginning
36. This book is ----- for me to understand.
A. too much difficult
B. as difficult
C. difficult as much
D. much too difficult
37. The public is advised ----- the danger zone.
A. to stay from away
B. staying away
C. to stay away from
D. staying away off
38. Let the class read the story -----.
A. silent.
B. by silence.
C. in silent.
D. silently.

39. The music is loud; I ----- hear the speaker.
 A. hardly can not
 B. can not hardly
 C. can hardly
 D. hardly not
40. I am convinced ----- sincere.
 A. him been
 B. he is
 C. him being
 D. he been
41. Our children are ----- quality education.
 A. being denied
 B. been deny
 C. be denied
 D. be denying
42. This room ----- too small to hold the crowd.
 A. seeming
 B. seem
 C. same
 D. seems
43. The dog with her puppies ----- on the poach
 A. sleeping
 B. are sleeping
 C. sleep
 D. is sleeping
44. Every man should offer ----- service to the community.
 A. your
 B. his
 C. their
 D. them
45. A copy of the schedule ----- to the form.
 A. being attached
 B. are attaching
 C. is attached
 D. attached
46. We decided that you should stay. ----?
 A. Do we not?
 B. Did we?
 C. Is it?
 D. Didn't we?
47. Tamba was ----- in an accident.
 A. very injure
 B. serious injured
 C. seriously injured
 D. injure very serious
48. In the house we learn singing, acting and ----- our own music.
 A. composing
 B. to compose
 C. composed
 D. to be composing
49. Armah is ----- Alfred.
 A. very smart than
 B. more smart pass
 C. smarter pass
 D. smarter than
50. I do ----- that education is essential.
 A. believes
 B. believe
 C. believing
 D. believed
51. The passenger was asked to explain -----.
 A. how was the accident happened.
 B. the happen of the accident.
 C. how the accident happened.
 D. how the accident happening.
52. Kamara got injured on the job -----
 A. as of carelessness.
 B. his being careless.
 C. due to being careless.
 D. because of his carelessness.

53. I know Goba to be a man -----
 A. being very intelligent
 B. of very intelligent
 C. of high intelligence
 D. being of high intelligent
54. I have not ----- to my sister since last year.
 A. spoke
 B. spoken
 C. speaking
 D. speak
55. The police was able to recover all of the -----
 A. stolen property
 B. stealing property
 C. stole property
 D. property that stolen
56. I am not ----- in running for this position.
 A. of interest
 B. interesting
 C. interest
 D. interested
57. The doctor said that Fametta is ----- for influenza .
 A. been treating
 B. being treat
 C. be treating
 D. being treated
58. ----- less noise in the hall now.
 A. Theirs'
 B. Theres'
 C. There's
 D. Their's
59. I don't like ----- in the city.
 A. living
 B. to living
 C. lives
 D. be living
60. Did Sagbah ----- us to be at the meeting?
 A. expecting
 B. expect
 C. expected
 D. expects
61. The college was closed because it had ----- a huge debt.
 A. gained
 B. recurred
 C. accrued
 D. incurred
62. Massa did not want to take side so she remained -----
 A. opposed
 B. committed
 C. neutral
 D. natural
63. After the investigation, Armah was -- ----- of the charges.
 A. cleared
 B. disclosed
 C. defended
 D. excused
64. Our team was ----- from the game after the first round.
 A. excluded
 B. eliminated
 C. recruited
 D. surrendered
65. The village was ----- by vicious caterpillars.
 A. ambushed
 B. ceased
 C. defeated
 D. besieged

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66. She shouldn't have been so optimistic, -----?
 A. is she
 B. should she
 C. she shouldn't
 D. she should
67. The architect will draw ---- a plan for the house.
 A. in
 B. over
 C. up
 D. off
68. Don't leave the house ----- I tell you.
 A. while
 B. until
 C. since
 D. whether
69. I did not think Jarbah was ----- man.
 A. such cruel a
 B. a such cruel
 C. cruel such
 D. such a cruel
70. I think this house is ----- the other.
 A. more better then
 B. more better pass
 C. better than
 D. better pass
71. Hannah ----- leave her father's house at night.
 A. don't dare
 B. not dare
 C. do not dare
 D. dares not
72. Some new tiles are ----- in the conference room.
 A. been lay
 B. being laid
 C. been lied
 D. layed
73. The minister led ----- delegation to the annual meeting.
 A. three men
 B. three-men's
 C. a three men
 D. a three-man

SECTION D

For each question in this section you are given a sentence followed by a list of possible interpretations of all or part of the sentence. Choose the interpretation which is appropriate for each sentence or the part underlined.

74. Balakai took it for granted that he would be elected the next Chairman of the board. This means that Balakai
 A. was doubtful of his election as Chairman to the board.
 B. assumed that he would be elected as Chairman of the board.
 C. declined his election to the board.
 D. insisted that he be Chairman of the board.

75. It would seem this is the time to ask her to resign. This means
- A. we have asked her to resign.
 - B. she was about to resign.
 - C. she will resign if we ask her.
 - D. we think we should ask her to resign.
76. To be a good citizen you must **conform** to the rules of the society. This means you must be
- A. rebellious.
 - B. timid.
 - C. law-abiding.
 - D. lawless.
77. If you pass this course it will be **a feather in your cap**. This means
- A. it will be your last course.
 - B. it will be an honor for you.
 - C. you don't have to do any other course.
 - D. you will be given a feather.
78. Of all the candidates Evelyn seems the least likely to win the election. This means Evelyn
- A. chance of winning is very poor.
 - B. stands a good chance.
 - C. is the one who will probably win.
 - D. can't win any election.
79. My failure to lock the car was an oversight. This means
- A. I could not lock the car.
 - B. the car had no light so I couldn't see the lock.
 - C. I simply forgot to lock the car.
 - D. I tried to lock the car but failed.
80. William **flared up** when he heard the result of the game. This means William
- A. stood up for the result of the game.
 - B. was calm after hearing the result.
 - C. got very angry after hearing the result.
 - D. forgot about the game.
81. All of these verses must be **committed to memory**. This means the verses
- A. discussed.
 - B. explained.
 - C. recited.
 - D. memorized.

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82. Mietta got into hot water with the boss during the meeting. This means Mietta
 A. bathed in hot water with the boss.
 B. praised the boss heartily.
 C. was pleased with the boss.
 D. offended the boss.
83. Learn to save for the rainy day. This means you should learn to
 A. be stingy.
 B. save during the rainy season.
 C. reserve something for the hard times.
 D. save for your friends.
84. If you have food to spare, share it with others. The underlined phrase means
 A. shortage of food.
 B. excess food.
 C. assess to food.
 D. food that can't spoil.
85. The wild animals at the zoo caught his imagination. This means the wild animals
 A. captured him.
 B. chased him.
 C. interested him.
 D. frightened him.

SECTION E

*In the following passage the numbered gaps indicate missing words. Against each number in the list below the passage, four options are offered in columns lettered A – D. From the options, choose the one that is **most suitable** to fill each numbered gap in the passage.*

An example is given below.

Scientist are continually putting forward new – 1 - to try to explain the nature of the universe. At the same time they are devising new – 2 – to study the world around them; many of which may lead to discoveries that will cause us to change our accepted views..

	A	B	C	D
1.	intentions	conceptions	realizations	theories
2.	complications	techniques	intrigues	paths

Answer to the examples

Of the four words written against number 1, the word which **best completes** the gap is theories. This word falls under column D therefore answer space D is shaded.

=A= =B= =C= =D=

Similarly, the best word for gap 2 is techniques. This word falls under column B therefore B is shaded.

=A= =B= =C= =D=

Now read the passage that follows and answer the questions in the same way.

Recently there was a serious – 86 - of cholera in the town of Kokoya. So when Satta fainted and, on regaining – 87 - , complained of headache and – 88 - stomach, her mother expected the worse. However, I told her that Satta's – 89 - were not so different from those of malaria. So instead of panicking, she should take Satta to the hospital for a thorough – 90 - . We walked through corridors and corridors, past the different – 91 - until we eventually reached the doctor's – 92 - . By the time the nurse handed Satta her card, she was shaking like a leaf. The doctor first took hold of her wrist to take her – 93 - ; then took out a – 94 - to take her temperature. It was – 95 - enough indeed, so to complete his – 96 - the doctor asked for a blood – 97 - to be taken by the laboratory assistant. A half hour later he came back confirming Satta's case to be common malaria and not cholera. When the doctor then – 98 - a week in bed and a – 99 - of pills to be taken three times daily, no wonder Satta fainted again. This time it was relief that her illness was not – 100 - .

	A	B	C	D
86.	outbreak	breakage	explosion	visitation
87.	conscience	consciousness	consideration	alertness
88.	a disturbing	an upset	a revolting	a stormy
89.	signs	token	symptoms	demonstrations
90.	quarantine	overhaul	checkup	operation
91.	booths	cells	compartments	wards
92.	surgery	study	laboratory	hall
93.	count	rate	pulse	grouping
94.	thermos	gauge	barometer	thermometer
95.	plentiful	expansion	large	high
96.	diagnoses	experiment	cure	thesis
97.	clot	sample	tube	transfusion
98.	diagnosed	commanded	described	prescribed
99.	dosage	period	run	course
100.	accidental	coincidental	fatal	harmful

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PAPER 2
ESSAY
{ 40 Marks }

1 ½ hours

*Paper 2 consists of **four** sections A, B, C, and D. You are to answer **one** question from Section A, **one** from Section B and **all** questions in Sections C and D.*

*Answer all questions in your answer booklet. Use ink (**blue or black**). Credit will be given for Clarity and orderly presentation of materials.*

SECTION A
LETTER WRITING

Answer **only one** question from this section. Your letter should be about **150** words.

1. You have been invited by the newly elected president of a sister school to witness the induction program of the newly elected Student Council Officers and to make remarks during the program. As president of your school, write a reply expressing your inability to attend the program on that date.
2. Imagine that one of your classmates is sick and has been hospitalized for a week. Write a get-well letter to him/her. Explain an important activity that took place in the school that you think he/she should know about.

SECTION B
ESSAY WRITING

Answer **only one** question from this section. Your essay should be about **250** words.

3. Child Advocates consider the use of the rod as child abuse, but the Bible says, "Spare the rod and spoil the child." As the leading speaker in an Inter-school Debate, give your views either for or against using the rod.
4. Imagine you are a strong supporter of a candidate who wants to run for Class President. As his/her campaign leader, write a speech to be delivered to the class describing the life and abilities of the individual.
5. Write an article to be published in a local newspaper on the topic, "Steps to Improve the Implementation of the Free Primary Education in Liberia".
6. Write a story which justifies the saying, Two wrongs do not make a right.

SECTION C
COMPREHENSION

7. Read the following passage carefully and answer all the questions which follow. Give brief but precise answers to the questions.

In recent times it has been observed that the numerous forms of **prejudice** against women are changing. A typical example was seen in competitive sports. In the past, females' right to play was severely restricted, regardless of their age, talent or education. The facilities, coaching and reward **allotted** women were grossly **inferior** to those of men. The argument was that athletics were bad for women; those could masculinize their appearance and affect their sexual behavior.

However, since medical **empirical evidence** has proven that no sport per se is more harmful for girls than boys, most school administrators believe that improving girls' sports is desirable and necessary. They believe that athletics have a place in education and as such are important for girls as well as boys.

Given the climate of the time, and the demand for gender equality, the re-examination of the female role and the willingness of the court to back demands for better athletics opportunities for girls, it is obvious that many of the policies of the past have changed. By working towards some balances in the realm of physical activities, we may indeed begin to achieve a more wholesome democratic balance in all phases of life.

- (1) According to the passage, what evidence did the author give to prove that prejudice against women are changing.
- (2) Why were women rights to participate in sports restricted, according to the passage.
- (3) What is the grammatical name for the phrase, "**Given the climate of the time**"?
- (4) Give the meanings of the following words:
 - (a) prejudice
 - (b) empirical evidence
 - (c) allotted
 - (d) inferior