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## Junior High School Certificate Examination

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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 spaces provided above.

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

### PAPER 1

#### OBJECTIVE TEST

[60 marks]

1 hour

- Use **2B** pencil throughout.
- On the objective answer sheet supplied, provide the following details **correctly**:
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  - In the space marked *STUDENT'S NAME*, write your **surname** followed by your **other names**. Write your **identification number** in the space marked *STUDENT No.*
  - In the spaces marked *SUBJECT* and *GRADE*, write SOCIAL STUDIES and 9TH in that order.
  - 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*.
  - In the box marked *Subject Code*, write the digits 240 vertically in the spaces on the left-hand side. **Shade** the corresponding numbered spaces as you did for your identification number.
- An example is given below. This is for a female candidate whose *name* is Clara Amina WILLIAMS. Her *identification number* is 001011379, her first entry is in 2011 and she is offering *SOCIAL STUDIES*.

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## Paper 1

1 hour

[40 marks]

Answer **all** questions.

In this test there are **sixty** questions. Each question has **four** options lettered **A** to **D**. Choose the correct option for each question, and shade in **pencil** on your answer sheet the space bearing the same letter as the option you have chosen. Give only **one** answer to each question.

An example is given below.

Which of the following served for twenty-seven years as President of Liberia?

- A. Samuel Kayon Doe
- B. Charles G. Taylor
- C. William V. S. Tubman
- D. William R. Tolbert

The correct answer is William V. S. Tubman, which is lettered **C**, and therefore answer space **C** would be shaded.

[A] [B] ☒ [D]

Think carefully before you shade the answer space; erase completely any answer you which to change.

Do all your rough work on this answer paper. Now answer the following questions.

1. Which of the following ministry in Liberia is responsible for the insurance of Liberian work permits?

- A. The Ministry of Transport
- B. The Ministry of Commerce
- C. The Ministry of State
- D. The Ministry of Labor

2. Who served as Secretary to the Constitution Convention in 1847?

- A. Richard E. Murray
- B. Jacob Prout
- C. John Day
- D. John N. Lewis

3. Who was the standard bearer of the Liberia Unification Party in the October 1985 General and Presidential Elections in Liberia?

- A. Jackson F. Doe
- B. Samuel K. Doe
- C. William G. Kpolleh
- D. Edward B. Kesselle

4. Which of the following branch of the Liberian Government is directly accountable to the people?

- A. Supreme Court
- B. Executive
- C. Judiciary
- D. Legislative

5. In what year was President Joseph Jenkins Robert inaugurated?
- 1847
  - 1848
  - 1849
  - 1850
6. Which of the following former Presidents of Liberia is associated with the policy" of the Green Revolution"?
- Charles G. Taylor
  - Samuel K. Doe
  - William R. Tolbert
  - William V. S. Tubman
7. In which of the following counties in Liberia is the Mano River located?
- Grand gedeh County
  - Grand Cape Mount County
  - Grand Bassa County
  - Bomi County
8. All of the following West African countries are unitary states **except**
- Guinea Bissau.
  - Liberia.
  - Sierra Leone.
  - Nigeria.
9. All of the following are functions of a state **except**
- to maintain peace and stability within its borders.
  - to protect its inhabitants from external aggression.
  - to create the necessary conditions to develop its citizens potentials.
  - to promote division and confusion among its citizens.
10. The earliest inhabitant of an area is known as
- settler.
  - alien.
  - immigrant.
  - aborigine .
11. Which of the British colonial governor rejected Samuel Mill and Ebenezer Burgess request to settle freed slaves in Sierra Leone?
- Charles McCarthy
  - Herbert McCauley
  - John Kizzel
  - John Andrus
12. Who served as interpreter at the meeting between the settlers and the African kings when they arrived at Ducor on December 11, 1821?
- John S. Mills
  - Samuel Bacon
  - John Kizzel
  - John Andrus
13. Who served as representative of the American Colonization Society and also a physician to the crew on the ship" Elizabeth" which sailed from New York on February 6, 1820?
- John P. Bankson
  - Samuel A. Crozier
  - Samuel Bacon
  - Eli Ayres
14. The Colonial Government of Liberia in 1822 consisted of the colonial committee, which served as the
- Legislative Branch.
  - Executive Branch
  - Judiciary Branch.
  - High Court.

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15. Ducor was named Christopolis by
- A. Lott Carey.
  - B. Jehudi Ashmun.
  - C. Samuel Mills.
  - D. Richard Randall.
16. The settlement of Edina was founded by the
- A. State of Pennsylvania.
  - B. State of New York.
  - C. State of Boston.
  - D. State of Arizona.
17. In which year did the American Colonization Society and other smaller colonization societies decide to form the Commonwealth of Liberia?
- A. 1937
  - B. 1837
  - C. 1838
  - D. 1839
18. Liberia's declaration of Independence was signed by
- A. 11 persons.
  - B. 12 persons.
  - C. 13 persons.
  - D. 14 persons.
19. Which of the following **best** described the motto of Liberia?
- A. The Love of Liberty Met us Here
  - B. The Love of Liberty United us Here
  - C. The Love of Liberty Disunited Us Here
  - D. The Love of Liberty Brought Us Here
20. Who was Liberia's first Vice President?
- A. Nathaniel Brander
  - B. Stephen Benson
  - C. Arthur Barclay
  - D. Allen Yancy
21. According to the Constitution of Liberia, a senior senator is elected for a period of
- A. 10 years.
  - B. 9 years.
  - C. 8 years.
  - D. 6 years.
22. How long does the Constitution of Liberia allow the President to stay in office?
- A. As long as the people want
  - B. Two terms of six years each
  - C. At least twenty-five years
  - D. One six-year term only
23. Which of the following is **not** a form of government?
- A. Democracy
  - B. Aristocracy
  - C. Republican
  - D. Nationalism
24. Which of the following countries is the **highest** populated in Southern Africa?
- A. The Republic of South Africa
  - B. The Republic of Zimbabwe
  - C. The Republic of Botswana
  - D. The Republic of Namibia

25. People from other parts of Africa migrated to Liberia for the following reasons **except** for
- long period of dry weather.
  - deadly epidemic season.
  - constant armed conflicts between and among tribes.
  - search for wealth.
26. The name Cape Palmas means
- land near the sea.
  - land near the ocean.
  - abundance of palm trees.
  - land with many lagoons.
27. The first degree granting institute in West Africa was established in
- Liberia.
  - Ghana.
  - Sierra Leone.
  - Guinea.
28. The first European to sailed down the Niger River in 1895 was
- David Livingstone.
  - Mungo Park.
  - Brasil Davison.
  - Leo Africanus.
29. The Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) is currently being chaired by
- Liberia.
  - Nigeria.
  - Cape Verde.
  - Sierra Leone.
30. A **land-locked** country is a country with
- many sea ports.
  - no access to the sea.
  - one sea port.
  - many rivers.
31. Who has the right to opportunity for work and employment in Liberia?
- All Liberians regardless of age
  - Educated and skilled Liberians
  - People who are well-known by friends in high places
  - Educated and skilled Liberians and foreigners
32. A place where a river drops from highland to a lowland is called
- cataracts.
  - waterfalls.
  - source.
  - basin.
33. Which town in Ancient Ghana was conquered by the Almoravids in 1054 A.D.?
- Kumbi Saleh
  - Diara
  - Taghaza
  - Awdaghost
34. Kaya – Magha is a Soninke word, which means
- lord of lions.
  - king or sovereign.
  - high council.
  - chief of elders.

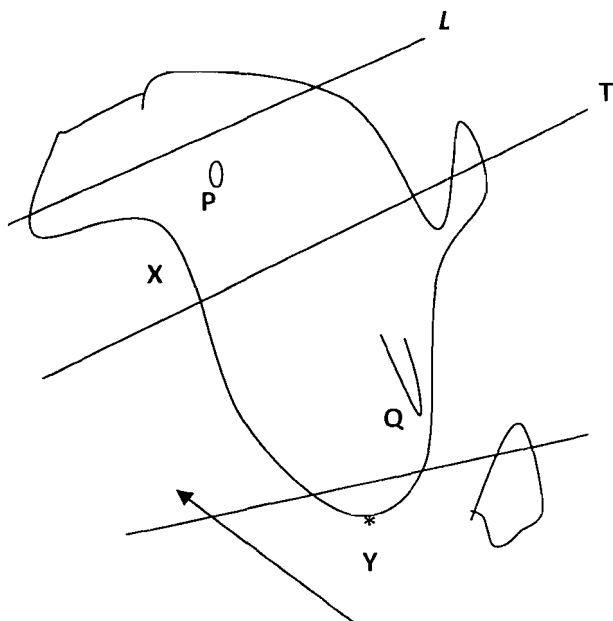
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35. Who was responsible to administer justice in Ancient Ghana?
- A. The Lord of lions
  - B. The king
  - C. The High council
  - D. The chief of elders
36. The copper producing region in Ancient Mali was
- A. Kangaba.
  - B. Niani.
  - C. Takedda.
  - D. Bambuk.
37. Which of the following empires in West Africa was created by the Yoruba?
- A. The Ghana Empire
  - B. The Songhai
  - C. The Mali Empire
  - D. The Oyo Empire
38. Which of the following dynasties founded the empire of Songhai?
- A. Askia The Great
  - B. Dia
  - C. Mansa
  - D. Khaldun
39. What was the name of the capital city of the Ancient Mali Empire?
- A. Bamako
  - B. Jeriba
  - C. Bure
  - D. Gao
40. Which group of people is considered as founders of the Ancient Asante Empire?
- A. Fanti
  - B. Abooso
  - C. Agona
  - D. Asante
41. All of the following factors influenced the climate of West Africa **except**
- A. vegetation.
  - B. relief.
  - C. ocean currents.
  - D. population density.
42. A **major** characteristic of rivers in West Africa is that
- A. they are along the coast.
  - B. they are few.
  - C. they are with fishes.
  - D. they are fed by flood and springs.
43. When it is mid – day in Monrovia on latitude  $0^{\circ}$ , what time will be it in Las Palmas on latitude  $15^{\circ}\text{W}$ ?
- A. 11 a.m.
  - B. 11 p.m.
  - C. 1 a.m.
  - D. 1 p.m.
44. All of the following are basins in West Africa **except**
- A. Senegal Basin.
  - B. Chad Basin.
  - C. El Djouf Basin.
  - D. Nile Basin.

45. What type of landscape is found in northern Mali, Niger and Mauritania?

A. Coastal  
B. Desert  
C. Equatorial  
D. Savanna

Use the information on the sketch map of Africa to answer questions 46 to 52



46. The feature marked L is

A. Equator.  
B. Prime Meridian.  
C. Tropic of Cancer.  
D. Tropic of Capricorn.

47. Which of these features passes through Madagascar?

A. Tropic of cancer  
B. Tropic of Capricorn  
C. Prime meridian  
D. Equator

48. The feature marked Y is

A. Cape Mesurado.  
B. Cape of Good Hope.  
C. Guinea Current.  
D. Tropic of Cancer.

49. The feature marked T is

A. Tropic of Cancer.  
B. Tropic of Capricorn.  
C. Equator.  
D. Prime Meridian.

50. The feature marked Q is

A. Lake Malawi.  
B. Lake Nassar.  
C. Lake Victoria.  
D. Lake Piso.

51. The feature marked X is

A. Gulf of Ivory Coast.  
B. Gulf of Guinea.  
C. Gulf of Nigeria.  
D. Blight of Benin.

52. The warm current marked H is

A. Canary Current.  
B. Benguella Current.  
C. Tropical Current.  
D. Guinea Current.

53. The Senegal and Niger Rivers and their tributaries in the Sahel

A. provide link to the outside world.  
B. are wet for most of the year.  
C. link the region to countries along the coast.  
D. provide both transportation and water for irrigation.

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54. What markets attracted Europeans traders to the Coast of West Africa in the 1500s?
- A. Cocoa beans, spices, and timbers
  - B. Diamonds, gold and crude oil
  - C. Gold, slaves, and ivories
  - D. Bauxite, copper, and tea
55. The Atlas Mountains extend over the northern costal regions of all of the following north African Countries **except**
- A. Algeria.
  - B. Egypt.
  - C. Morocco.
  - D. Tunisia.
56. The highest mountain in West Africa is
- A. Mount Cameroun.
  - B. Mount Bauchi.
  - C. Futa Jallon
  - D. Mount Nimba.
57. Lake Shepherd is found in
- A. Grand Cape Mount Country.
  - B. Maryland Country.
  - C. Montserrado Country.
  - D. Grand Bassa Country.
58. The study of the earth and its people is called
- A. History.
  - B. Geography.
  - C. Science.
  - D. Economics.
59. The headquarters of the Mano River Union is located in
- A. Freetown, Sierra Leone.
  - B. Banjul, The Gambia.
  - C. Conakry, Guinea.
  - D. Abidjan, Ivory Coast.
60. The official currency used The Gambia is
- A. naira.
  - B. dollar.
  - C. cedis.
  - D. dalasi.

**END OF TEST**



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**Paper 2****1 hour****ESSAY  
[ 60 marks ]**

Paper 2 consists of **eight** questions divided into **four** sections. **A** , **B** , **C** , and **D**. You are required to answer **four** questions in all; **one** question from section A, **one** question from section B, one question from section C, and **one** question from section D. Use ink ( **blue** or **black** ) to answer the questions.

**Section A: HISTORY****[15 marks]**

*Answer **one** question **only** from this section.*

1. List and explain **four** important development projects undertaken by President William R. Tolbert Administration.
2. List and explain **three** major reasons why it was necessary for Liberia to declare her independence.

**Section B: GEOGRAPHY****[15 marks]**

*Answer **one** question **only** from this section*

3. Draw a map of Liberia and locate any **three** types of soil found in Liberia.
4. List and describe any **three** relief features found in Liberia.

**Section C: CIVICS**

[15 marks]

*Answer **one** question **only** from this section*

5. (a) What is a pressure group?  
(b) List **four** pressure groups in Liberia.
6. (a) What is **meant** by constitution?  
(b) List and explain **two** types of constitution.

**Section D: CULTURE**

[15 marks]

*Answer **one** question **only** from this section*

7. What is a folk music?  
Name any **two** Liberian folk musicians.
8. What is the difference between a neighborhood and a family.

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