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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: Papers 1 and 2. Answer Paper 1 on your Objective Test Answer Sheet and Paper 2 in your Answer Booklet. **Paper 1** will last for **1½ 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 **1½ hours**.

PAPER 1

OBJECTIVE TEST
[40 marks]

1½ hours

- Use **2B** pencil throughout.
- On the objective answer sheet supplied, provide the following details **correctly**:
 - Supply the information required in the spaces marked **CENTER NAME**, **CENTER No.**, **SCHOOL NAME** and **SCHOOL No.**
 - 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 **ENGLISH LANGUAGE** AND **12TH** 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 **101** 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 **male** candidate whose name is Sagbeh Bondoe FANIA. His identification number is 101123456; his first entry is in 2013 and he is offering **English Language**.

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PAPER 1
OBJECTIVE
[40 Marks]

Answer **all** the questions.

1½ hours

Paper 1 consists of **one hundred** questions divided into **five** sections. Read the instructions for each section carefully and then answer the questions that follow on your answer sheet.

For each question you are given four options lettered **A** to **D**. Choose the one that is **most suitable** and then 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 that which 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**, therefore **C** is shaded.

[A]

[B]

☒ [C]

[D]

Now answer the questions that follow similarly.

SECTION A

For each of the following sentences, choose from the options lettered **A** to **D** the one that is **nearest in meaning** to the underlined word /words in the sentence.

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| <p>1. Everyone noticed how <u>energetic</u> the team was during the game.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. distracted B. reluctant C. vigorous D. lenient | <p>4. Our boss has always <u>coerced</u> us to work late.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. begged B. compelled C. assisted D. admonished |
| <p>2. The director refused to <u>endorse</u> the budget.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. approve B. copy C. design D. record | <p>5. The ambassador's speech last week was very <u>eloquent</u>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. embarrassing B. fluent C. tactless D. forceful |
| <p>3. Please try to exhibit some <u>restraints</u> during the investigation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. honesty B. ability C. self-respect D. self-control | <p>6. The principal ordered a modern <u>lexicon</u> for the library.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. clock B. dictionary C. globe D. sound system |

7. Wilfred has **surpassed** all his classmates in Biology.
 A. excelled
 B. failed
 C. discouraged
 D. motivated
8. I have urged my colleagues to be **patriotic** at all times.
 A. friendly
 B. peaceful
 C. loyal
 D. rebellious
9. Do not **procrastinate** when you have a job to do.
 A. refuse
 B. oppose
 C. sit down
 D. put off
10. The plans he brought to us for review were **absurd**.
 A. important
 B. foolish
 C. worthwhile
 D. essential
11. It is an **abomination** for students to use profane language.
 A. necessary
 B. disloyal
 C. rewarding
 D. forbidden
12. Most of the staff in his office are **dormant**.
 A. ignorant
 B. friendly
 C. volunteers
 D. inactive

SECTION B

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** each sentence and record the answer on your answer sheet.

13. You should have been able to move it, ——— you?
 A. shouldn't
 B. would
 C. could
 D. will
14. I am fed up ——— his attitude towards his education.
 A. by
 B. at
 C. with
 D. over
15. Do many people speak the dialect in this town? No, only ———.
 A. a little
 B. a few
 C. some few
 D. none
16. How many persons did you ——— with you?
 A. brought
 B. brings
 C. bringing
 D. bring
17. The manager thinks both ——— should attend the conference.
 A. him and I
 B. he and me
 C. he and I
 D. me and him
18. Karbah has ——— watch for sale.
 A. an expensive, very good
 B. a very watch expensive, good
 C. a very good, expensive
 D. a good very expensive
19. The policemen did not do the job ——— because they did not know how.
 A. himself
 B. theirselves
 C. themselves
 D. themselves
20. Aaron is much ——— the other boys.
 A. tall pass
 B. taller more than
 C. more taller
 D. taller than

21. The secretary brought some letters for the _____.
- presidents' signing
 - president signed
 - president's signs
 - president's signature
22. Our team is _____ for Maryland next week.
- preparing to leave
 - preparing leaving
 - prepared leave
 - preparing to leaving
23. Mrs. Jackson _____ on those accounts all morning.
- being working
 - have being worked
 - had been worked
 - has been working
24. Everyone looked _____ Flomo for support.
- after
 - out at
 - up to
 - upon
25. Great leaders are looked _____ for guidance.
- down
 - upon
 - after
 - by
26. Watta would never have finished her work if Fatta had not helped her _____.
- with
 - off
 - in
 - out
27. We will go for a walk in the evening, _____?
- won't we
 - should we
 - shall we not
 - would we
28. The lady _____ sits on the right is Mrs. Togbah.
- which
 - which
 - who
 - that
29. The painting _____ she did last week was sold.
- what
 - which
 - whom
 - who
30. The professor _____ last year sent me a letter.
- whom he left
 - who he left
 - what leaves
 - who left
31. Edwin couldn't go to the meeting, _____ I went instead.
- either
 - accordingly
 - neither
 - therefore
32. My students will be there _____ they don't have to walk back.
- unless
 - in case that
 - as long as
 - so far as
33. The bus arrived _____ an hour after we left.
- sooner
 - shorter
 - rarely
 - barely
34. Most mornings we _____ breakfast in order to be at work on time.
- stay away with
 - do away from
 - do away with
 - stay off from
35. Rachael, _____ all afternoon is now resting.
- being working
 - having worked
 - works
 - been work
36. These are the books _____.
- I promise to you
 - I promised them to you
 - to you that I promise
 - I promised you.

37. The police advised the marketers to move _____.
- off of the street
 - on the street
 - the street
 - off the street
38. The teacher told the students to read _____.
- by silence
 - in silent
 - silently
 - silent
39. The citizens of our county are complaining of _____ proper health care.
- been deny
 - be denied
 - they been deny
 - being denied
40. The coach informed the committee that the team is not _____ in the league.
- interesting
 - of interest
 - interest
 - interested
41. Two of the three suspects were _____ of all charges.
- exonerated
 - declared
 - disposed
 - excused
42. I don't have a pen ; could you _____ me yours?
- lone
 - lend
 - borrow
 - supply
43. Because the girl was accidently killed, the driver was charged with _____.
- genocide
 - suicide
 - regicide
 - manslaughter
44. The passengers _____ from the plane at 6:00 p.m. prompt.
- converged
 - descended
 - disembarked
 - discharged
45. A good magazine should cater to the needs of the _____ public.
- readers
 - reading
 - readable
 - ready
46. Farming is the only _____ of income for my parents.
- root
 - foundation
 - source
 - position
47. The students quickly _____ themselves to the new environment.
- adopted
 - addressed
 - adhered
 - braced
48. Few years ago the party _____ a huge debt.
- accrued
 - gained
 - recurred
 - incurred
49. The workers dare not _____ the manager's authority.
- to challenged
 - challenging
 - challenge
 - challenged
50. Mr. Browne advised all his children to _____ in school.
- remained
 - remain
 - remaining
 - remains
51. When our car broke down we had to _____ in a hotel for the night.
- hang up
 - put up
 - set off
 - put away
52. I need that book but I don't have _____ money to buy it.
- plenty
 - too much
 - a lot of
 - enough

Turn over

53. _____ through his album, I saw my picture.
 A. To look
 B. Looked
 C. Looking
 D. Having look
54. Robert claimed that he had never _____ his roots.
 A. forget
 B. forgot
 C. forgetting
 D. forgotten
55. I have lived alone for years so I am used to _____.
 A. suspense
 B. danger
 C. solitude
 D. frankness
56. Did you _____ me to be there at this hour?
 A. expect
 B. expecting
 C. expected
 D. be expecting

SECTION C

For each of the following questions in this section, you are given a sentence with a word underlined and a gap. From the list of options lettered A to D, choose the one that is **most nearly opposite in meaning** to the underlined word and that will correctly fill the gap in the sentence.

57. After the dreadful defeat everyone was depressed, but the coach was _____.
 A. saddened
 B. troubled
 C. discouraged
 D. stimulated
58. The principal thought that our plan was deceptive but we convinced her that it was _____.
 A. misleading
 B. authentic
 C. fraudulent
 D. cunning
59. The river was contaminated for a long time but now it is _____.
 A. purified
 B. polluted
 C. dry
 D. overflowing
60. He used to be a notorious criminal; now he is _____.
 A. rich
 B. unknown
 C. famous
 D. disciplined
61. We need to create new ideas ; not _____.
 A. destroy
 B. organize
 C. innovate
 D. discover
62. After the trial most of the accused were exonerated, except two who were _____.
 A. fined
 B. executed
 C. converted
 D. convicted
63. They have been trying to dissuade me from going, but I am still _____.
 A. disturbed
 B. persuaded
 C. helpless
 D. discouraged
64. The director shows compassion towards some and _____ towards others.
 A. pity
 B. kindness
 C. cruelty
 D. favor

65. This bouquet looks natural, but it is _____.

- A. beautiful
- B. strange
- C. unusual
- D. artificial

66. The players that participated in the game were veterans, but these are _____.

- A. volunteers
- B. antagonists
- C. novices
- D. helpers

67. I hate to reminisce any of those bad events of my life ; I simply wish to _____ them.

- A. experience
- B. recall
- C. confirm
- D. forget

68. Although everyone was agitated, his approach was quite _____.

- A. placid
- B. violent
- C. strange
- D. simple

SECTION D

For each of the questions in this section, you are given a sentence followed by a list of possible interpretations of all or part of the sentence. Choose which interpretation is most appropriate for each sentence and record the answer on your answer sheet.

69. For us to complete the first task successfully in the division, all hands must be on deck.

This means that everyone

- A. must be on time.
- B. should take a test.
- C. should use both hands.
- D. must cooperate.

70. The reception was attended by the cream of the society. This means the reception was attended by

- A. only the educated people.
- B. very important people.
- C. grass roots of the society.
- D. well-dressed people.

71. Mrs. Lahai wants you to keep an eye on her property. This means Mrs. Lahai wants you to

- A. sell her property.
- B. improve her property.
- C. watch her property.
- D. divide it with the poor.

72. Forkpa's success in the interview has gone to his head. This means that Forkpa is

- A. crazy.
- B. disturbed.
- C. very happy.
- D. conceited.

73. During the class party Alpha stood aloof. This means that Alpha

- A. stood all the time.
- B. did not associate with others.
- C. did not enjoy the party.
- D. made lots of new friends.

74. When you get to the town, make believe you are at home. This means you should

- A. prepare to leave soon.
- B. visit all homes in the town.
- C. pretend you are at home.
- D. make new friends.

75. If we must succeed, we must take the bull by the horn. This means we must be

- A. bold.
- B. tactful.
- C. calm.
- D. dishonesty.

76. Our aunt's arrival was not anticipated. This means our aunt

- A. was not welcomed.
- B. came too early.
- C. arrived late.
- D. was not expected.

77. Princess is hard-working but she has **too many irons in the fire**. This means that Princess
- loves to iron.
 - is a successful woman.
 - solves all problems promptly.
 - takes more activities than she can handle.

78. The shop keeper **talked her into buying** a defective watch. This means the shopkeeper
- forced her to buy a new watch.
 - convinced her to buy a useless watch.
 - gave her a watch on credit.
 - explained how to use the new watch.

79. While walking through the forest, several wild animals **caught his imagination**. This means several wild animals
- chased him.
 - ran from his presence.
 - frightened him.
 - interested him.

80. The birth of a child in the family is a **crowning glory** to the mother. Crowning glory means
- joy.
 - envy.
 - change.
 - embarrassment.

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 to D. From the options choose the one that is **most suitable** to fill the numbered gaps in the passage. An example is given below.

In order to score good grades in school, a – 1 - must be – 2 - at all time.

	A	B	C	D
1.	teacher	student	man	woman
2.	active	playful	quiet	studious

Of the four words written against number – 1-, the word which best completes the gap is **student** which falls under column **B**, therefore **B** is shaded.

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

Similarly, the best word for gap – 2- is **studious** which falls under column **D**, therefore **D** is shaded.

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

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

When the Minister of Internal Affairs decided to build the new ministry, he awarded the –81- to a celebrated – 82 - who drew up the –83 - which was sent to the town planning office for approval. The –84- which was chosen was then cleared and workers were engaged to start work on laying the –85 -. The house which contained three –86- was completed at the proper time. By the end of the second week, the –87- had completed the first floor and it became –88- to use a –89- in view of increasing –90-. Within a –91- time, they reached the –92- level and in no time –93- completed the roofing. Competent –94- were employed to fix the glass while plumbers basically engaged themselves in laying the –95-. At the end of the second month, the –96- had taken –97- and the Minister and his entire –98- moved in to enjoy the –99- of their –100-.

	A	B	C	D
81.	contract	bargain	duty	job
82.	engineers	designers	carpenters	architects
83.	picture	plan	chart	architect

	A	B	C	D
84.	community	site	locality	yard
85.	floor	wreath	block	foundation
86.	lots	fences	storeys	steeps
87.	teams	contractors	tailors	organizers
88.	correct	timely	necessary	exact
89.	roofing	radar	scaffold	step
90.	shortness	length	weight	height
91.	few	length	short	small
92.	window	ground	floor	street
93.	plumbers	carpenters	masons	cleaners
94.	masons	glaziers	painters	plumbers
95.	floor	pipes	ceilings	steps
96.	yard	building	ground	foundation
97.	shape	size	level	space
98.	family	team	office	staff
99.	food	time	talent	fruit
100.	art	friendship	labor	patience

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PAPER 2
ESSAY
[60 Marks]

1 ½ hours

*Paper 2 consists of four sections, A, B, C, and D. You are required to answer **one** question from section A, **one** from section B and **all** questions in sections C and D. Use ink (blue or black) . Credit will be given for clarity of expression and orderly presentation of materials.*

SECTION A

LETTER WRITING

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

1. You received a letter from the school administration informing you that as Dux of the school, you have been awarded a scholarship to study in a foreign country. Write a reply to the administration expressing your gratitude and acceptance of the scholarship.
2. Your friend in another country has written to you expressing his/her desire to spend the vacation with you. Write a reply to him/her outlining your plans for the vacation.

SECTION B

ESSAY WRITING

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

3. Your school conducted a beauty pageant and a winner was selected from among ten beautiful girls. Describe the winner; her physical appearance, talent, behavior, etc.
4. As youth leader in your community, you are invited to speak to a group of teenagers on the topic, "Choosing a Career". Write your speech.
5. Write an imaginary story that justifies the saying, "Where there is nothing to lose there is nothing to fear."

SECTION C

COMPREHENSION

6. *Read the following passage carefully and answer **all** the questions that follow. Give brief but precise answers to the question.*

Circulating rumors is the most primitive way of spreading stories. They are passed on from mouth to mouth. Developed countries in normal times have better sources of news than rumor. They have radio, television and newspapers. However, in times of stress and confusion, rumor emerges and becomes rife. At such times the different kinds of news reporters - the press, the radio and the television - are in competition with the grapevine.

In particular, rumor spread when war requires censorship of many important matters. The customary news sources no longer give out enough information. Since the people cannot learn through legitimate channels all that they are anxious to learn, they pick up 'news' whenever they can, and when this happens rumor thrives.

Rumors are often repeated even by those who do not believe the tails. There is a fascination about them. The reason is that the cleverly designed rumors give expression of something deep in the hearts of the victims – the fear, suspicions, forbidden hopes or day-dreams which they hesitate to voice directly. Pessimistic rumors about defeat and disaster show that the people who repeat them are worried and anxious. Optimistic rumors about record production and peace point to complacency or confidence – and often to over-confidence.

- (1) According to the passage, what is rumor and how does it spread?
- (2) According to the writer, why do people repeat rumor even though they know it is not true?
- (3) What does the author mean when he says, "the press, radio and television - are in competition with the grapevine"?
- (4) Give the meanings of the following words:
 - (a) grapevine
 - (b) optimistic
 - (c) pessimistic
 - (d) complacency

SECTION D

SUMMARY

7. Read the following passage carefully and answer *all* the questions that follow.

There are reasons, many reasons why Africa is the way it is. But if you want to understand the main problem, stop listening to what many Africans say. These things have been said, time in memorial: Africa was exploited by Europeans; its people sold into slavery; its countries colonized and looted.

As an African, we listen to all these things and after a number of years, if we are honest with ourselves, we come to realize and admit the truth. We the people are central to the continent's backwardness; the mentalities which most African approach life. Too many of us Africans are willing to wallow in the blame game; to point accusing finger at everyone except ourselves. They are people who seem totally unaware that as human beings we are to a large extent responsible for the choices we make and how these choices impact our lives. They are unwilling to accept facts that may contradict their world views which is the danger and false idea that we are backward because other people are making us so.

There are of course, some Africans who are aware that we are our worse enemies. There are people who know that if anything is to ever change, Africans better get off their backside, work hard, act smart and have a purpose. Africans should realize that we can only make something positive of our society by aspiring to be punctual in whatever we do, be time conscious and avoid this nonsense call "African time". Only efforts, intelligence, and innovation will be rewarding.

- (1) Summarize in one sentence the author's view of the causes of Africa's backwardness.
- (2) What are some reasons given by Africans for its backwardness?
- (3) Give an appropriate title for this passage.

END OF PAPER