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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 10 minutes** after which the answer booklet will be collected. Do **not** start Paper 1 until you are told to do so. Paper 1 will last **35 minutes**.*

PAPER 2
ESSAY

This paper consists of **three** parts: **A, B and C**. Answer **three** questions in **all**; **one** question from Part **A** and **all** the questions in Part **B** and Part **C**. Answer **all** the questions in your answer booklet.

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

PART A
ESSAY WRITING
[30 marks]

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

Your composition should be about **250** words long.

1. Write an article for publication in your school magazine on the topic, *My Role Model and how he/she has Influenced me*.
2. Write an interesting story that ends with the expression, *Unfortunately I realized when it was too late that my friend was a wolf in sheep's clothing*.
3. Write a letter to your friend describing two ways in which you prepared for your father's birthday party and tell him/ her what made the party a memorable one.

PART B
COMPREHENSION
[30 marks]

4. Read the following passage carefully and answer **all** the questions which follow.

Ogboo was a very successful business man. He owned a fleet of vehicles. He was very generous and highly respected in his village. His children were very dear to him but he did not pamper them. He considered some modern gadgets dangerous, too expensive and a way of encouraging laziness among children. Therefore, no labour-saving gadgets were found in his kitchen. He insisted that food tasted better when prepared in the traditional way. He was also his children's barber.

At school, his children were the only pupils who received letters, popularly called *snail mail*. Akwei, his eldest child, was always the object of ridicule among his peers. He patiently bore all the humiliation. When he completed school and his father made him manage his business, he decided to do things differently. He bought a cellular phone for his mother and equipped the house with modern gadgets. He also installed tracking devices on his father's vehicles and insisted on the drivers using mobile money transfer services. He swore the drivers to secrecy.

In an era when car snatching, drivers cheating their employers and armed robbery were the order of the day, Ogboo's transport business continued to flourish. He seemed to be insulated against theft. This amazed everyone. Soon, tongues began to wag. Ogboo was accused of possessing magical powers. Others insinuated that he was in league with the armed robbers. People shunned his company. One day, at a meeting organized by the transport owners, Akwei let the cat out of the bag.

- (a) Write two things Ogboo did that showed that he did not pamper his children.
- (b) ... *he decided to do things differently.*
- (i) Identify **two** of the things that Akwei did differently.
 - (ii) List **two** adjectives that can be used to describe Akwei's drivers.
- (c) What were **two** of the problems that car owners faced?
- (d) *Akwei let the cat out of the bag.*
- (i) What did Akwei do?
 - (ii) Why did he *let the cat out of the bag*?
- (e) Explain, in your own words, the following expressions as used in the passage:
- (i) order of the day;
 - (ii) tongues began to wag;
 - (iii) in league with.
- (f) For **each** of the following words, give another word or a phrase that means **the same** and can fit into the passage:
- (i) highly;
 - (ii) pamper;
 - (iii) manage;
 - (iv) installed;
 - (v) flourish.

PART C
LITERATURE
[10 marks]

Answer all the questions in this part.

SACEY J.A. and DARMANI L.(COMP.): *The Cockcrow*

5. Questions 5(a) to 5(c) are based on the abridged and simplified version of Charles Dickens' *Oliver Twist*.

CHARLES DICKENS: *Oliver Twist*

"You know why, son. If a rich and successful man marries a woman whose name is stained because of her birth, it will be quite sad indeed wicked people will not let her forget her past, even though it's not her fault."

(Page 122)

- (a) *son and rich and successful man* refer to
- (b) The speaker is
- (c) ... *a woman whose name is stained because of her birth*
How did her birth stain her name?

Read the following extract carefully and answer Questions 5(d) and 5(e).

LAWRENCE DARMANI: *Sosu and the Bukari Boys*

"Sosu felt his parents were very mean; otherwise, why did they give him such a small amount of money? Look at his friend, Bukari, who always brought a lot of money to school!... Bukari's father dropped him at school every day while he and Vivian had to walk."

(Page 150)

- (d) The extract brings out the theme of
- (e) The **main** literary device used in the extract is

Read the following extract carefully and answer Questions 5(f) to 5(h).

AMA ATA AIDOO: *The Dilemma of a Ghost*

MONKA: The master-scholar was sitting on the chair studying, so he could not move off!

(Act 1 , Page 31)

(f) Monka needed the chair because

(g) The scene of this extract is

(h) The *master-scholar* refers to

Read the following extract carefully and answer Questions 5(i) and 5(j).

LADE WOSORNU: *Desert Rivers*

Without a sound
They gush out into the bowels of the seas
Far, far away from the unaided human eyes
If you cannot see our tears
It does not mean we do not cry.

(Page 15)

(i) Water/ Rivers as used in the poem are symbols of

(j) *If you cannot see our tears*
It does not mean we do not cry.
The above lines bring out the theme of

END OF ESSAY TEST

BLANK SHEET

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.

From the list of words lettered A to D choose the one which is **closest in meaning** to the underlined word in the sentence.

The pupils 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 answer space C would be shaded.

A B C D E

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 **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.

Now answer the following questions.

PART A
LEXIS AND STRUCTURE

SECTION A

From the alternatives lettered A to D, choose the one which **most suitably completes** each sentence.

1. If the family house had been maintained properly, it collapsed.
 - A. will not have
 - B. has not
 - C. had not
 - D. would not have
2. She bakes bread as a means making an extra income.
 - A. for
 - B. in
 - C. to
 - D. of

3. Deon said he heard the parrot
- A. sing
 - B. sang
 - C. sung
 - D. to sing
4. People who live in unhygienic environments easily Cholera.
- A. catch
 - B. attract
 - C. capture
 - D. contract
5. There is water in the fridge.
- A. a few
 - B. few
 - C. a lot
 - D. a little
6. Remy looks forward to Jane at the party.
- A. seeing
 - B. see
 - C. have been seeing
 - D. be seeing
7. The students did not give any reason being late.
- A. to
 - B. of
 - C. for
 - D. in
8. What Kwadwo and Adwoa doing when you left the shop?
- A. are
 - B. were
 - C. was
 - D. is
9. Selfish people always consider first.
- A. herself
 - B. ourselves
 - C. myself
 - D. themselves
10. Enyonam asked her friend to her a pen.
- A. lend
 - B. spare
 - C. borrow
 - D. excuse
11. The accident occurred the driver's mistakes.
- A. from
 - B. on
 - C. through
 - D. by

12. I know you are, Esi.
 A. taller
 B. tallest
 C. the taller
 D. the tall
13. Akwesi's mother was not satisfied his explanation.
 A. in
 B. to
 C. with
 D. on
14. I have been in this country three years.
 A. through
 B. within
 C. for
 D. since
15. Their gardener was old to work.
 A. even
 B. so
 C. too
 D. very

SECTION B

Choose from the alternatives lettered A to D the one which is **nearest in meaning to the underlined word in each sentence.**

16. Her ambition is to own a private jet.
 A. target
 B. joy
 C. plan
 D. desire
17. Have you enough money to buy a house?
 A. plenty
 B. much
 C. sufficient
 D. full
18. Mr Nunyah slaughtered some of his bulls.
 A. killed
 B. treated
 C. examined
 D. castrated
19. Soraya is very lively today.
 A. smart
 B. active
 C. friendly
 D. serious

20. The welfare of their students should be the concern of teachers.
- A. wealth
 - B. happiness
 - C. well-being
 - D. growth

SECTION C

*In each of the following sentences a group of words has been underlined. Choose from the alternatives lettered A to D the one that **best explains** the underlined group of words.*

21. Paul shed crocodile tears when his friend failed the exam. This means that Paul
- A. was genuinely sorry for his friend.
 - B. felt very sad but did not cry.
 - C. pretended he was sorry for his friend.
 - D. cried uncontrollably.
22. When the old woman heard the sound of the gun-shots, her hair stood on end. This means that the old woman
- A. started crying.
 - B. became inactive.
 - C. was frightened.
 - D. was worried.
23. That tailor always takes pains over his sewing. This means that the tailor
- A. does his sewing with great care.
 - B. finds sewing very painful.
 - C. is not happy sewing.
 - D. is often ill and cannot sew.
24. These herbs grow here in leaps and bounds. This means that the herbs grow
- A. gradually and in small numbers.
 - B. in big circular heaps.
 - C. in both cold and hot weather.
 - D. quickly and greatly.
25. Kim is full of himself. This means that Kim is
- A. arrogant.
 - B. dangerous.
 - C. greedy.
 - D. quarrelsome.

SECTION D

From the list of words lettered A to D, choose the one that is most nearly opposite in meaning to the word underlined in each sentence.

26. Evans wakes up early because he does not sleep much.
A. often
B. at home
C. late
D. on his bed
27. Dora was exhausted after the exercise.
A. cheerful
B. active
C. refreshed
D. strong
28. The demolition of the bridge surprised everyone.
A. construction
B. creation
C. erection
D. relocation
29. They said the film was ancient but I found it
A. relaxing.
B. modern.
C. difficult.
D. interesting.
30. The animals will perish under this condition.
A. graze
B. survive
C. starve
D. remain

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