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ESSAY AND OBJECTIVE

2 hours

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 15 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 45 minutes.

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 questions in your answer booklet.

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

PART A
WRITING

[30 marks]

Answer one question only from this part.

Your composition should be about 250 words long.

1. A new curriculum has been introduced for Junior High Schools, but your school offers only a limited number of subjects. Write a letter to your headteacher suggesting two new subjects that should be taught in your school. Give **two** reasons for your choices.
2. The government has announced the addition of new public holidays. Write an article to be published in a national newspaper on **two** effects of public holidays on teaching and learning.
3. You once doubted your abilities, but an experience changed your mindset completely. Write your story, ending with the statement, "I will never compare myself with anyone again."

PART B
READING

[20 marks]

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

I was twelve years when I came across the words "loyalty" and "decorum". I asked my father to explain them to me. His explanation impressed me so I resolved to make them my hallmarks. I tried to be as good as my words. Anytime I was rude or showed disloyalty to someone, I promptly regretted it. Soon, loyalty and decorum became characteristic of me.

Having completed Junior High School, my uncle, Gidi, approached my father and requested that I lived with him temporarily as his children were in America in search of greener pastures. With Daddy's consent, I went and stayed with him. However, he refused to let me return to my parents after Senior High School. Why? Daddy impressed on me the value of hardwork so I lived up to expectation.

Uncle decided to visit his children for the best part of a year and left his mansion and other properties under the stewardship of Lugu, his security man and me due to the trust he reposed in us. This notwithstanding, Lugu suggested we connive with some miscreants to burglar Uncle Gidi's house and share the proceeds with them. Though he persistently attempted to persuade me, I never bought into that idea. Eventually, he fled the mansion sensing I might expose him as a traitor.

Uncle returned and heard about Lugu's plan which I did not succumb to and promised to reward me substantially. However, this never materialized until the unexpected happened. His children returned and told me that when Uncle Gidi was about to go to eternity, he instructed them to reward me with a three-bedroom house and a car. All I said was "oh! loyalty."

- (a) What is the difference between the narrator and Lugu, according to the passage?
- (b) Why didn't the narrator's uncle let him or her go back to his or her parents' house after Senior High School?

- (c) Why didn't the narrator agree to Lugu's suggestion?
- (d) "Until the unexpected happened"
What do you think happened?
- (e) Explain in your own words the following expressions as used in the passage:
 (i) *be as good as my words*;
 (ii) *in search of greener pastures*;
 (iii) *the best part of a year*.
- (f) For **each** of the following words, give another word or phrase that means **the same** and can **fit into** the passage:
 (i) promptly;
 (ii) stewardship;
 (iii) burgle;
 (iv) substantially.
- (g) In **two** sentences of not more than **ten** words **each**,
 (i) summarize a lesson the narrator learnt based on the last paragraph;
 (ii) give a **suitable** title to the passage.

PART C
LITERATURE
[10 marks]

Answer **all** the questions in this part.

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

5. Read the following extract carefully and answer Questions 5(a), 5(b) and 5(c).

AMA ATAA AIDOO: *The Dilemma of a Ghost*

Nana: Yes, I am sitting here. So you thought I was dead?
 No, I am not. Go home, good neighbours and
 save your tears for my funeral. It cannot be long now ...

- (a) Who are the *good neighbours*?
- (b) *It cannot be long now*
Why does Nana think she will die soon?
- (c) Nana is in a/an mood.

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

KOBENA EYI ACQUAH: *A Wreath of Tears*

Your funeral
was so quiet, and small-
almost too small, it is said
for a man your stature

You must

Have preferred it that way

- (d) This poem is an example of a/an
- (e) *You must*
Have preferred it that way
The above lines show that the dead person was

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

EVELYN TOOLEY HUNT: *Mama is a Sunrise*

When she comes slip-footing through the door,
she kindles us
like lump coal lighted
and we wake up glowing.
She puts a spark even in Papa's eyes
and turns out all our darkness.

- (f) The literary device in *turns out all our darkness* is
- (g) *Mama is a Sunrise* is an example of which literary device?

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

ERNEST HEMMINGWAY: *A Day's Wait*

I thought perhaps he was a little light-headed
and after giving him the prescribed capsules
at eleven o'clock, I went out for a while.

- (h) One thing that made Schatz's father think the boy was a little light-headed is
- (i) What exactly did the writer do when he "went out for a while"?
- (j) How did Schatz feel at the end of the story?

END OF ESSAY TEST

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**PAPER 1
OBJECTIVE TEST**


45 minutes






















































































































































































Answer **all** the questions on your Objective Test answer sheet.

1. Use **2B** pencil throughout.
2. On the pre-printed answer sheet, check that the following details are **correctly** printed: your **surname** followed by your **other names**, the *Subject Name*, your *Index Number*, *Centre Number* and the *Paper Code*.
3. In the boxes marked *Candidate Number*, *Centre Number* and *Paper Code*, **reshade** each of the shaded spaces.
4. An example is given below. This is for a male candidate whose name is Daniel Nii Dotsey. His *index number* is 772384188 and he is writing the examination at *Centre Number* 77234. He is offering *English Language 1* and the *Paper Code* is 0011.

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BASIC EDUCATION CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION
OBJECTIVE ANSWER SHEET**

CANDIDATE NAME: DOTSEY DANIEL NII SUBJECT: ENGLISH LANGUAGE 1

1. Use 2B pencil. Press firmly.
2. Answer each question by choosing one letter and then, shade through the letter chosen like this .
3. If you want to change an answer, erase your first mark completely.
4. If any four alternative answers are given for each question, ignore the letter E.
5. Your question paper may have fewer than 60 questions.

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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 options A to D, choose the one which most suitably completes the following sentence.

It is still dark and therefore not ... to go out alone.

- A. safe
- B. safely
- C. safety
- D. save

The correct answer is **safe**, which is lettered A and therefore answer space A would be shaded.



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 to the next one, then come 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 in this paper.

Now answer the following questions

PART A LEXIS AND STRUCTURE

SECTION A

Choose from the options A to D, the one which most suitably completes **each** sentence.

1. Our dog barking since the stranger entered the house.
 - A. has been
 - B. is
 - C. was
 - D. would be

2. Enrolment has increased the new classroom was built.
 - A. since
 - B. until
 - C. when
 - D. while

3. To did you deliver the message?
- A. who
 - B. whoever
 - ☒ C. whom
 - D. whomever
4. Put the books on the shelf,?
- A. do you
 - B. have you
 - ☒ C. will you
 - D. may you
5. Amira prepared a delicious meal for her
- ☒ A. sisters-in-law
 - B. sister's-in-law
 - C. sisters-in-laws
 - D. sisters'-in-laws
6. We always the lights before going to bed.
- A. off
 - ☒ B. put off
 - C. put out
 - D. out
7. We saw people in the room.
- A. a little
 - B. much
 - C. plenty
 - ☒ D. many
8. The laptop is than the other two.
- A. expensive more rather
 - B. expensive rather more
 - ☒ C. more expensive rather
 - D. rather more expensive

9. Their gardener was old to work.
- A. even
 - B. so
 - ☒ C. too
 - D. very
10. The coach advised the two players to cooperate with
- ☒ A. each other
 - B. each one
 - C. ourselves
 - D. themselves
11. If it rained, the farmer his seeds.
- A. will have sowed
 - B. will sow
 - ☒ C. would have sowed
 - D. would sow
12. Although there were ten beautiful bags in the shop, Sandra liked of them.
- A. both
 - B. each
 - C. neither
 - ☒ D. none
13. Selfish people always consider first.
- A. herself
 - B. myself
 - C. ourselves
 - ☒ D. themselves

From the options A to D, the correct reported speech for the sentence in Question 14 below is:

14. Amarh asked Tetley, "did you see the new student yesterday?"
Amarh asked Tetley
- A. did he see the new student the previous day
 - B. whether he saw the new student yesterday
 - ☒ C. if he had seen the new student the previous day
 - D. if he had seen the new student yesterday

From the options A to D, the correct passive form of the sentence in Question 15 below is:

15. Had they completed the project before the deadline?
..... the project been completed by them before the deadline?
- A. Were
 - B. Has
 - C. Had
 - ☒ D. Was

SECTION B

Choose from the options A to D, the one which is nearest in meaning to the underlined word in each sentence.

16. His dubious attitude has made him lose all his good friends.
- A. deceitful
 - B. disrespectful
 - C. untrue
 - D. unforgiving
17. The boy's account of the incident was elaborate.
- A. clear.
 - ☒ B. detailed.
 - C. interesting.
 - D. realistic.
18. Nobody paid any attention to the workers' demands.
- A. agitations.
 - B. complaints.
 - C. objections.
 - ☒ D. requests.

19. It was forecast that there would be thunderstorm in the evening.
- A. broadcast
 - B. calculated
 - C. observed
 - D. predicted
20. Paul purposely left the door open.
- A. carelessly
 - B. hurriedly
 - C. intentionally
 - D. occasionally

SECTION C

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

21. On seeing the angry mob approaching the school, our school prefect told us to take to our heels. This means that the prefect told us to
- A. hurry up
 - B. join them
 - C. run away
 - D. walk gracefully
22. The two boys have often been at loggerheads with each other. This means that they
- A. are usually seen walking together
 - B. have often exchanged ideas
 - C. have often had strong disagreements
 - D. usually have the same views on issues
23. I learnt to paddle my own canoe. This means that I
- A. am independent and need no help from others
 - B. do not interfere in other people's matters
 - C. have no help in my fishing business
 - D. work hard to feed myself and my family

24. She tried to throw dust in our eyes. This means that she tried to

- A. cheat us
- B. deceive us
- C. fight us
- D. make us blind

25. Aminu is full of himself. This means that Aminu is

- A. arrogant
- B. dangerous
- C. greedy
- D. quarrelsome

SECTION D

Choose from the options A to D, the one that is most nearly opposite in meaning to the underlined word to fill the gap in each sentence.

26. He loves taking hasty decisions so he never makes moves.

- A. calculated
- B. smart
- C. delayed
- D. final

27. Though we expected, the judge handled the case with partiality.

- A. fairness
- B. happiness
- C. patience
- D. seriousness

28. The Policeman was reported to have concealed the evidence, but it to the Jury.

- A. disclosed
- B. gathered
- C. found
- D. planted

29. The minister publicly rebukes his assistant and always his secretary.
- A. advises
 - B. commends
 - C. embraces
 - D. harasses
30. Those children think their uncle is miserly yet he is to strangers.
- A. friendly
 - B. generous
 - C. strict
 - D. wicked

SECTION E

In the following passage, the numbered gaps indicate missing words. Against each number in the list below the passage are four options arranged in columns lettered A to D. For each numbered gap, choose from the options provided, the word that is most suitable.

Akuba was trained as an accountant. After graduation, she went out to -31- employment. She visited several firms but was -32- in securing a job. Afiba, her friend, finally advised her to read the newspapers for -33- of vacant positions. Fortunately, a reputable company was looking for a -34- accountant who was -35- in financial reporting. Akuba immediately submitted her application, attended an interview and within a week, she received an appointment letter. Her patience and perseverance had finally paid off.

	A	B	C	D
31.	seek	request	search	look
32.	unlucky	disappointed	unfortunate	unsuccessful
33.	advertisements	announcements	information	notices
34.	professional	certified	skilled	responsible
35.	proficient	specialized	knowledgeable	competent

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PART B
ORAL LANGUAGE

[UNIT I]

Choose from the options A to D, the one which has the same initial consonant sound as the word underlined in the sentences below.

36. She received a beautiful psalm.
A. shall
B. palm
C. sand
D. page
37. The car sped around the curve.
A. chain
B. cell
C. ciao
D. colonel
38. We won the game easily.
A. giant
B. general
C. gentle
D. goat

[UNIT II]

Choose from the options A to D, the one which has the same vowel sound as the word underlined in the sentences below.

39. The city grew quieter with each passing hour.
A. bowl
B. your
C. tour
D. owl
40. The queue moved slowly, yet no one seemed to mind.
A. fee
B. cool
C. quest
D. few

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