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OCTOBER 2024 ENGLISH LANGUAGE 1 HR, 50 MINS

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; I and II. Answer Paper 2 which comes first in your answer booklet and Paper 1 on your Objective Test answer sheet. Paper 2 will last for 1 hour after which the answer book let will be collected. Do not start Paper until you are told to do so. Paper 1 will last 45 minutes.

VERY IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. Read through the questions, brainstorm and plan your answers before you finally answer them. This is one of the good ways to manage your time in an exam and to do well.*
- 2. Write clearly, use simple expressions and provide the best answers possible.*
- 3. Write answers that provide additional information. If you just list answers or provide one to three worded answers, your will fail the paper.*
- 4. Do well to explain your answers to help earn full marks. Check your units of measurement, spellings, grammar and read over your work before submitting.*
- 5. Write question numbers boldly, start every new major question (answers) on a new page.*
- 6. Do not rewrite the full question before answering. Only write the question number.*
- 7. Show workings in all instances in section B if the question involves calculations.*

PAPER 2

ESSAY

This paper consists of three parts; A, B and C. Answer one question from part A and all questions in part B and C.

PART A
ESSAY WRITING
30 MARKS

Answer one question only from this part.
Your composition should be about 250 words long.

1. Write a narrative essay describing a memorable experience you had during a school trip.
2. Write a letter to the headmaster of your school suggesting three improvements to the school library outlining why they are necessary, and how they would benefit students and teachers.
3. In your opinion, should students be required to wear school uniforms? Write an argumentative essay supporting your viewpoint with reasons.

PART B
COMPREHENSION
20 MARKS

4. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions on it.

In Africa, there are more kinds of people with more differences among them - language, size, colour, clothes, food - than there are in the other continents. The knee-high pygmies are known as the shortest people on earth while the giant Watusis are Africa's tallest and most beautiful. There are examples of the lightest and darkest races with shades ranging from yellow through brown to black. Differences also exist in culture and history, with Ethiopians claiming that they have the longest history.

There was slavery in the ancient world and slaves were of all nations and races. An Ethiopian, Aesop, was among the slaves in ancient Greece. He had a flat nose, thick lips and black skin, but these negroid features had nothing to do with slavery in those days. The victor in battle enslaved his enemy, and the debtor would pay in labour what he could not pay in cash or food. The penalty for witchcraft, the punishment for coveting a neighbour's wife and the retribution for showing disrespect for another's religion were bondage. Even in times of famine or great deprivation, wives and daughters were sold into slavery. This mode of slavery was practiced in Africa too but it was not business.

The first slaves in modern times were captured years before Columbus landed in America. A Portuguese navigator exploring the west coast of Africa became the first modern slave trader. His men captured a fine-looking Moor wandering along the beach. To save his own life and in exchange for his release, this wealthy Moor offered his captors ten negro boys who were eventually taken to Portugal where they served in the homes of the rich.

Soon the demand for African slaves became so great that ships returning from Africa brought young negro boys as well as girls. Exploration was replaced by the lucrative trade in human beings and Portuguese traders began selling people to Spain and other countries long before other Europeans the French, the Dutch and the Danes entered the trade. Competition was so keen that these villains who were scrambling for slaves like hungry wolves began to take slaves any way they could, sometimes capturing entire villages. One could count myriads of heads loaded on ships like cattle.

The English were later attracted to the trade and became so active that they soon outdid the other countries; their deliveries were far larger and more regular.

- a. For each of the following words underlined in the passage, give another word or phrase which means the same and can replace it in the passage:
 - i. shades
 - ii. retribution
 - iii. release
 - iv. lucrative
 - v. villains
- b. What are the three features of the Ethiopia that identified him as a negro?
- c. State the main difference between slavery as practiced in Africa and that practiced by Europeans later.
- d. Why did the Moor give away as many as ten negro boys for his release?
- e. Give two words or phrases that suggest the writer's attitude to the slave trade.
- f. Why it is that the English deliveries were far larger and more regular?
- g. Summarizing.
 - i. In one sentence not more than ten words, summarize the evolution of slavery from ancient times to the modern era as described in the passage.
 - ii. In one sentence not more than ten words, summarize the title for 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 a – c.

MERRILL CORNEY: *Debbie, Sandy And Pepe*

“Look at its beak,” Sandra said, laughing. “It’s so big!”
“It looks like yellow plastic,” giggled Debbie. She
wriggled her finger like a worm and the little creature
snapped harmlessly at her. [Pg.7]

- a. Who is referred to as ‘she’ in the extract?
- b. What is the point of view of the story?
- c. What is the theme of the story?

Read the following extract carefully and answer questions d – f.

PETER PAUL ADOLINAMA: *The Colour Of God*

*How silly man is, laughs the rose
Why should He be black or white
Or green or yellow or even red?* [Pg.14]

- d. What literary device be found in the first line of the above extract?
- e. What is the colour of God?
- f. State an appropriate theme for the poem.

Read the following extract carefully and answer questions g – k.

AMA ATA AIDOO: *Dilemma Of A Ghost*

Speaker X: And since the common slave was away all day
There was no drop in the pot
To cool the parched throat
I am telling you, my sister,
Sometimes we feel you are luckier [Pg.27]

- g. Who is Speaker X?
- h. Who are referred to as ‘you’ in the extract: “*Sometimes we feel you are luckier*”?
- i. What is the theme of the drama?
- j. Who was Speaker X speaking to?

PAPER 1

OBJECTIVE TEST [40 MARKS]

Each question is followed by four options lettered **A** to **D**. Find out the correct option for each question and shade in pencil on your answer sheet the answer space which bears the same letter as the option you have chosen.

SECTION A

From the words or groups of words lettered **A** to **D**, choose the one that **best completes** each of the following

1. The students were _____ to discover the results of their final exams.

- A. anxious B. eager
C. exciting D. interesting

2. Gifted excels _____ mathematics and science.

- A. at B. on
C. in D. with

3. The new employee was _____ with the responsibility of overseeing the project.

- A. loaded B. tasked
C. burdened D. assigned

4. He is known _____ his punctuality and attention to detail.

- A. with B. for
C. by D. at

5. The weather forecast predicts heavy rain ___ tomorrow.

- A. at B. on
C. in D. for

6. The children enjoy playing in the park, _____?

- A. aren't they B. don't they
C. won't they D. haven't they

7. Despite the challenges, she remained _____ throughout the difficult process.

- A. resilient B. reluctant
C. resistant D. reserved

8. The company's decision to expand its operations _____ the global market was met with both excitement and apprehension.

- A. on B. in
C. to D. at

9. His proposal was _____ by the committee due to budget constraints.

- A. rejected B. refused
C. declined D. neglected

10. You have finished your homework, _____?

- A. haven't you B. isn't it
C. don't you D. won't you

11. The restaurant is famous ___ its delicious seafood dishes.

A. with B. for

C. at D. by

12. She has a _____ passion for classical music.

- A. profound B. deep
C. extensive D. intense

13. The cat was _____ peacefully on the windowsill.

- A. sleeps B. sleeping
C. sleep D. slept

14. He seems _____ about the outcome of the interview.

- A. sure B. certain
C. optimistic D. hopeful

15. The committee is _____ the possibility of introducing new policies to improve employee welfare.

- A. considering B. contemplating
C. reflecting D. debating

SECTION B

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

16. The suspect decided to confess to the crime.

- A. deny B. admit
C. elaborate D. mention

17. The children were exhausted after playing all day in the park.

- A. hungry B. thirsty
C. tired D. excited

18. Her performance in the play was truly remarkable.

- A. ordinary B. memorable
C. satisfactory D. outstanding

19. The teacher's explanation was so clear that everyone understood the concept.

- A. brief B. concise
C. simple D. understandable

20. The abandoned house looked eerie in the moonlight.

- A. occupied B. neglected
C. haunted D. destroyed

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 explain** the underlined group of words.

21. After months of planning and anticipation, John was over the moon about finally reaching the summit of the mountain, which he had been dreaming about for years. This means John was

- A. very tired B. extremely happy
C. somewhat disappointed D. quite confused

22. Despite numerous setbacks, including bad weather and financial constraints, the team managed to complete the project against all odds. This means the team managed complete

- A. despite many difficulties B. with little effort
C. under ideal conditions D. without any help

23. Sarah, determined to meet the looming deadline, burned the midnight oil to finish her assignment, working late into the night despite her exhaustion. This means Sarah

- A. worked very late B. used too much energy
C. got very angry D. made a big mistake

24. When the manager heard the unexpected and disappointing news about the major client backing out of the deal, he hit the roof and started shouting at everyone in the office. This means that the manger

- A. started crying B. got very angry
C. felt very tired D. became very happy

25. Despite being sworn to secrecy, Mary accidentally let the cat out of the bag about the surprise party, ruining the secret that everyone had worked so hard to keep. This means that Mary

- A. kept a secret B. revealed the secret
C. spoiled the party D. organized the party

SECTION D

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

26. Despite the coach's optimistic outlook on the team's performance, many fans remained skeptical about their chances of winning the championship.

- A. realistic B. hopeful
C. pessimistic D. enthusiastic

27. The meticulous nature of the artist's work, with its attention to even the smallest details, contrasted sharply with his apprentice's careless approach.

- A. careful B. haphazard
C. precise D. thorough

28. Although the weather forecast predicted a scorching day, the unexpected rainstorm brought much-needed relief to the parched landscape.

- A. warm B. humid
C. chilly D. blazing

29. The professor's lecture was so lucid that even the most complex concepts were easily understood by all the students, including those who had struggled in previous classes.

- A. transparent B. clear
C. obscure D. intelligible

30. Known for her gregarious personality, Maria often found herself the center of attention at social gatherings, unlike her brother who preferred solitude.

- A. sociable B. introverted
C. outgoing D. talkative

SECTION E

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

One of the most31..... aspects of modern technology is its impact on communication. In today's world, people can ...32... with each other instantly, regardless of geographical ...33..... Social media platforms have ...34... individuals and communities to connect in ways that were unimaginable just a few decades ago. However, this ease of communication has also brought challenges, such as ..35... privacy concerns and the spread of misinformation. Despite these issues, technology continues to ..36... how we interact and share information globally.

31. A. significant B. boring
C. critical D. minor

32. A. play B. eat
C. communicate D. sleep

33. A. distances B. ambitions
C. purposes D. missions

34. A. enabled B. restricted
C. empowered D. endangered

35. A. enhancing B. ignoring
C. addressing D. enhancing

36. A. transform
B. maintain
C. ignore
D. predict

SECTION F
ORAL LANGUAGE

For Questions **37** and **38**, choose from the alternatives lettered A to D the one which has the **same vowel sound** as the word underlined in each sentence.

37. It took the boat 3 days to sail from Ghana to Nigeria.
A. board
B. bought
C. go
D. glory

38. I feel too dizzy during the raining season.
A. beat

- B. buffet
C. head
D. seer

For Questions, **39** and **40**, choose from the alternatives lettered A to D the one which has the **same consonant sound** as the word underlined in each sentence.

39. The environment was healthy for our child.
A. father
B. path
C. they
D. that

40. The work was easier for the ten men.
A. depot
B. attack
C. listen
D. cloth