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END OF FIRST TERM EXAMINATION  
SUBJECT: ENGLISH LANGUAGE  
CLASS: JHS 1

ESSAY WRITING.

Answer one question only from this section

1. Write a letter to a friend of yours telling him or her how you spent the Christmas holidays.
2. Give a vivid description about yourself.
3. Write about a story you have read and the lesson you learnt from it.

COMPREHENSION

4. Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow.

Once a lion lay down to rest in the shade of a tree. Soon, however, he was awoken from sleep by a little mouse running over his face. Annoyed by being disturbed, the lion caught the tiny animal fast under one of its great paws and would have killed her. ‘oh, king of the Beasts,’ cried the poor mouse, ‘ please let me go! Spare my life and I will help you one day.’ Then the lion **lifted** his paw and let the mouse go, though he laughed **heartily** at the idea of being helped by such tint creature.

Not long afterwards the lion was caught and held to the ground in a net of ropes which had been placed by some hunters as a trap for him. He struggled **furiously**: but the more he struggled the more he was **snared** in the net. At last he could **scarcely** move, and he roared aloud in anger.

Luckily the mouse heard him roar and came quickly to where the lion lay. ‘I heard your voice,’ she said, and I have come to help you as I **promised** to do.’ Then she began nibbling and cutting the ropes of the net with her sharp teeth. First one rope and then another she bit through quickly, until there was a large hole in the net and the lion was free.

Even the strongest may be helped by the weakest.

- a. (i) Where did the lion lay to rest?  
(ii) Why was the lion annoyed?
- b. (i) How did the lion show he was annoyed?  
(ii) What was the request made by the mouse?
- c. The lion laughed heartily. What was he laughing at?
- d. who was referred to as the King of the Beasts in the passage?
- e. How did the mouse free the lion when he was caught the net of ropes
- f. For each of the following words give another word or phrase that means the same, and can fit into the passage
  - (i) lifted
  - (ii) heartily

- (iii) snared
- (iv) scarcely
- (v) promised

## 5. LITERATURE

- a. A person who writes books is called a/an .....
- b. Poetry is one of the genres of ..... literature.
- c. Mention two sound devices ..... And .....
- d. A about a person which is written by the person himself or herself is called .....

Read the extract below and answer questions **5(e) and 5(f)**

DEBBY, SANDY AND PEPE: *Meril Corney*

“Poor little thing,” she said ...

- e. Who said the above statement?
- f. What is referred to as poor little thing?

Read the extract below and answer 5(g) to 5(i)

THE COLOUR OF GOD: V. B. Aakyi

“Of course he is all these and more”

- g. What is the meaning of the extract above?
- h. What does rainbow symbolize in the poem?
- i. Complete this statement: *if you doubt me* .....
- j. *He behaves like his brother:* is an example of .....

## LEXIS AND STRUCTURE

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 words.

1. By the end of the lesson, my friends and I were completely at sea. This means that we .... A.

went to the see the sea

B. were able to see clearly

C. confused

D. very happy

2. We all decided to walk at a snail's pace. This means that we walked ...

A. carefully

B. quickly

C. slowly

D. carelessly

3. Kwame has not seen his friend for donkey years. This means that Kwame .....

A. has not seen his friend for many years

B. has given a donkey

C. has seen his and the don for many years

D. want to see his donkey

4. Rose is a clever girl and she will come out of her examination with flying colours. This means that she will .....

- A. be given colours after her examination
- B. be flying after her examination
- C. have very good results
- D. work during the examination

5. Rita's first time in an aero plane was a red-letter day. This means that it was a day....

- A. she will never forget
- B. she got a red-letter
- C. read a letter in the aero plane
- D. she was very sad.

Choose from the alternatives lettered **A to D** the one **most suitably completes** each sentence.

6. Are you ..... shirts on that table were the ones I gave you?

- A. that
- B. these
- C. those
- D. what

7. Of the three girls, Joan is the .....

- A. shorter
- B. more shortest
- C. shortest
- D. most shortest

8. His friends will be coming to visit ..... this afternoon.

- A. him
- B. he
- C. his
- D. himself

9. The boy has been writing different stories all by .....

- A. herself
- B. himself

- C. myself
- D. itself

10. We learnt harder so we ..... the examination.

- A. pass
- B. passed
- C. has passed
- D. passes

11. Not only is Adjoa pretty ..... she is intelligent.

- A. or
- B. but also
- C. yet
- D. rather

12. This secret should remain..... You and I.

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

13. Ama is your sister, .....?

- A. is she
- B. she is
- C. isn't she
- D. can she

14. Yaw Donkor ..... written the whole assignment.

- A. has
- B. have
- C. shall
- D. will

15. She and.....friends have gone out.

- A. hers'
- B. her
- C. hers
- D. her's

16. This is my book, that one is .....

- A. your's
- B. yours
- C. yours'
- D. your

17. Kwame want to visit a friend of .....

- A. him
- B. himself
- C. his
- D. he

18. The children are playing with ..... doll

- A. they are
- B. their
- C. theirs
- D. them

19. We ..... A return match next week.

- A. has
- B. have
- C. were
- D. are

20. Your response was right, ..... it was cheeky.

- A. so
- B. nevertheless
- C. because
- D. since

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

21. We all participated in the quiz competition.

- A. listened
- B. took part
- C. remembered
- D. applauded

22. The visitors were happy about the calm nature of the village.

- A. neat
- B. lovely
- C. good
- D. peaceful

23. He came out with the precise definition of the word.

- A. learned
- B. hasty

- C. raw
- D. accurate

24. The contractor used a durable paint for the new building.

- A. very good
- B. lasting
- C. expensive
- D. attractive

25. Most family men would not like to put costly jewelry.

- A. good
- B. shiny
- C. new
- D. expensive

Choose from the alternatives lettered A to D the one which is ***most nearly opposite in meaning*** to the underlined word I each sentence.

26. My school team has very strong players.

- A. skillful
- B. weak
- C. powerful
- D. loyal

27. The old students were given a warm welcome.

- A. hostile
- B. calm
- C. large
- D. long

28. The head master is our host for the new programme.

- A. guest
- B. speaker
- C. sponsor
- D. guide

29. A very sharp axe was used to chop down the tree in front of the school.

- A. new
- B. used
- C. blunt

D. long

30. We consented to his idea because it was beautiful.

A. replaced

B. submitted

C. agreed

D. disagreed