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END OF FIRST TERM EXAMINATION

SUBJECT: ENGLISH LANGUAGE

CLASS: JHS 2

ESSAY WRITING

Answer one question only from this section

1. Write a letter to your friend in another school discussing the programme you want to pursue at the Senior High School and give three reasons for your choice.
2. Write a story ending with the words *and I was really satisfied*''
3. Write an argument on the topic *the colonial masters came for our **GOODS** but not our **GOOD***

COMPREHENSION

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

Mrs. Little woke up late. She was disturbed. A deep sense of fear flashed through her heart like sickness and a strange stirring enveloped her. It wasn't for lack of money. She had all the money she needed. Her husband had left her an estate house and a handsome amount of insurance. She commanded some respect also. She was the leader of the catholic women's fellowship and an important figure of the church. She had two sons: Fred Little, a 30 years old British-trained doctor, who had his own clinic in Accra, the capital city, and Bob Little, who had dropped out of high school shortly before he turned seventeen because he wasn't able to keep up with the other students.

She was worried because she woke up that morning with the thought that Fred hadn't visited them in six months. Even since she had lost the husband, Bob had kept her company. Fred had also been helpful and had visited them once or twice in every month.

During his late visit, however, Mrs. Little had expressed concern for Fred's negative attitude towards his brother. Fred had been disgusted at Bob's inability to complete high school and had often called him a good for nothing idiot. Bob cared little about his brother's words, but she felt it was wrong. Fred had quarrelled with his mother and left in anger. He hadn't visited since. Father Pascal Goodsman, the Catholic Priest, had asked about him, and just the night before after bible studies, a Christian sister had speculated that Fred has probably gone back to settle in London without telling his mother.

- a.
 - (i) Why was Mrs. Little disturbed?
 - (ii) What position did Mrs. Little hold in the church?
 - (iii) Who are the two sons of Mrs. Little?
- b.
 - (i) Who kept Mrs. Little company?
 - (ii) Why was Fred disgusted?
- c.
 - (i) Why did Bob drop out of school?
 - (ii) What was Fred's profession?
- d. Explain the following expression using your own words;

(i) *she commanded some respect*

(ii) *not able to keep up with*

e. Why would Fred leave for London without informing the mother?

f. For each of the following words give another word or phrase that means the same, and can fit into the passage.

(i) handsome;

(i) figure;

(ii) dropped out;

(iii) disgusted;

(iv) quarrelled.

LITERATURE

5. Read the extract below and answer questions **5(a) to 5(c)**

THE DILEMMA OF A GHOST: *Ama Ata Aidoo*

“And your eyes are blind with tears

Yes, my young woman, I shall remember you

I shall remember you in the hours of the night

In my sleep

In my sleepless sleep

a. young woman refers to

b. what caused the sleepless sleep?

c. And your eyes are blind with tears is an example of

DESERT RIVERS: Lade Wosornu

If you do not see our tears

It does not mean we do not cry

d. What is the meaning of the extract above?

e. What does water symbolize in the poem?

f. How did the poet describe underground water?

Read the extract below and answer questions 5(g) to 5(j)

THE GENEROUS HUNTER: Kaakyire Akosombo Nyantekyi

“*but let it remain a secret between you and my family.*

Nobody else should know about it unless it is life and death”

g. Who made the statement.

h. What should be kept secret?

Marry her, marry her, marry her!

- i. The above is a sound device called
- j. The above statemen came from

LEXIS AND STRUCTURE
SECTION A

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

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| <p>1. Lack of on the part of the teacher created confusion in the classroom.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. transparencyB. clarityC. clearnessD. opportunity <p>2. Has taken the wallet from my bag.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. anyoneB. somebodyC. anybodyD. everybody <p>3. The school prefect when the teacher called him.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. is sweepingB. was sweepingC. sweepsD. sweep <p>4. The two players praisedafter the game.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. one anotherB. one otherC. each otherD. each another <p>5. Amu has always up to his parents for support .</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. lookB. looksC. lookedD. looking <p>6. The work is much for me to do.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. soB. veryC. tooD. as | <p>7. It is not easy to be a mother,?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. is itB. was itC. can itD. it is <p>8. The carpenter easily climbed the roof and sealed the leakage.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. intoB. atC. ontoD. on <p>9. Of the three girls Sheila is the</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. betterB. moreC. mostD. much <p>10. Taking care of five boys not easy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. isB. areC. wereD. have not been <p>11. I would talk to him if I him.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. seeB. sawC. willD. have seen <p>12. Your pair of shorts Torn.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. hasB. isC. haveD. will <p>13. The new headmaster was introducedthe Board by the chairman.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. to |
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- B. for
- C. from
- D. through

14. There isamount of water in the container which can cater for us all.

- A. little
- B. a little
- C. few
- D. a few

15. It is no fault ofthat we are in this situation.

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

SECTION B

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

16. The manager praised the workers for a **wonderful** work done.

- A. poor
- B. difficult
- C. hard
- D. great

17. The current generation of students **indulge** in all sorts of tricks.

- A. encourage
- B. eschew
- C. play
- D. put up

18. At the meeting yesterday, John **objected to** the idea of being the chairman.

- A. mocked at
- B. stood by
- C. agreed to
- D. interfered

19. It is always good to be **humble** among your peers.

- A. friendly
- B. arrogant

- C. particular
- D. fashionable

20. Our journey to the city was very **smooth**.

- A. attractive
- B. uneven
- C. shady
- D. short

SECTION C

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

21. The compound over seer has ton step aside because of his **incompetence**.

- A. dishonesty
- B. ineptitude
- C. mis conduct
- D. arrogance

22. The boys were **unwilling** to do the work due to their poor wages.

- A. reluctant
- B. ready
- C. angry
- D. encouraged

23. The new television is **inferior** to the one with the repairer.

- A. powerful
- B. superior
- C. of low quality
- D. beautiful

24. The students in this village often help in **communal work**.

- A. all activities
- B. general activities
- C. difficult activities
- D. public activities

25. It is very important for every one to have an aim in life.

- A. skill
- B. choice

- C. opinion
- D. goal

SECTION D

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.

26. Opoku's shot missed the goal post by a hair's breath. This means that.....
- A. Opoku couldn't shoot the ball well
 - B. Opoku's goal was disallowed
 - C. the goalkeeper saved Opoku's shot
 - D. Opoku's shot nearly scored
27. The assistant school prefect rose to the occasion when he was invited to give the welcome address this means that the assistant prefect..... when he was called.

- A. got up promptly to speak
- B. proved he could do well
- C. shivered strongly
- D. accepted the invitation

28. It came from the horse's own mouth that he would be away for two weeks. This means that he will be away for two weeks
- A. people are saying
 - B. he himself said
 - C. it is rumoured
 - D. it has been announced
29. On haring the news, Fiiifi held his tongue for an hour. This means that.....
- A. was very annoyed for one hour
 - B. was very happy for an hour
 - C. smiled broadly for one hour
 - D. kept mute for an hour
30. The giant screen at the assembly hall is now a white elephant. This means that
- A. you can view elephants on it
 - B. it is as big as elephant
 - C. it is no more working
 - D. it is very strong