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END OF FIRST TERM EXAMINATION

BASIC 8 SOCIAL STUDIES

1: 45 minutes

ANSWER 3 QUESTIONS FROM THIS SECTION

1. (a) Describe four causes of water pollution [12 marks]  
(b) Mention four effects of water pollution [4 marks]  
(c) List four examples of natural disasters [4 marks]
2. (a) (i) What is a map? [2 marks]  
(ii) List the cardinal points [4 marks]  
(b) If the size of your school compound is 450m long and 350m wide. Draw a rectangle to present the size of your school compound using a scale of 1cm = 50cm [6 marks]  
(c) (i) Define energy conservation [2 marks]  
(ii) Identify three ways of conserving energy [6 marks]
3. (a) Differentiate between weather and climate [2 marks]  
(b) Identify four elements of climate and write the instrument used to measure each element of climate [6 marks]  
(c) Outline four effects of flood on the environment. [12 marks]
4. (a) (i) Explain the concept of extended family system. [2 marks]  
(ii) Discuss four advantages associated with the extended family system [12 marks]  
(a) (i) What is a landmark? [2 marks]  
(ii) List two examples each of  
(α) Man-made landmarks  
(β) Natural features [4 marks]

Section A 45 minutes

Attempt all questions from this section

1. Which one of the following activities should be checked if water pollution is to be controlled?
  - A. Hunting and gathering
  - B. fishermen operation
  - C. Chainsaw operators
  - D. Desertification
2. Which of the following diseases is mostly associated with water pollution?
  - A. Lung cancer
  - B. Tuberculosis
  - C. Malaria
  - D. Dysentery
3. One of the following cannot be considered as an environmental hazard.
  - A. Desertification
  - B. Deforestation
  - C. Bush fires
  - D. Afforestation
4. All the following are sources of energy except
  - A. wind
  - B. sun
  - C. firewood
  - D. plants
5. We can conserve energy if we do one of the following
  - A. leaving lights on when not on use
  - B. switching on sockets and appliances when going out
  - B. using energy saving bulbs and gadgets
  - D. ironing things in bits
6. The energy from the sun is known as
  - A. biomass
  - B. thermal
  - C. solar
  - D. windmills
7. One of the following is not an element of weather.
  - A. rainfall
  - B. sunshine
  - C. pressure
  - D. snow
8. Moisture in the atmosphere is measured with
  - A. hydrometer
  - B. hygrometer
  - C. barometer
  - D. thermometer
9. Rainfall is also known as
  - A. moisture
  - B. precipitation
  - C. humidity
  - D. foggy
10. How many climatic zones are in Ghana?
  - A. 4
  - B. 5
  - C. 3
  - D. 2
11. Which of the factors does not affect climate?
  - A. Latitude
  - B. Altitude
  - C. Longitude
  - D. Distance from the sea
12. Ghana experiences all these natural disasters except
  - A. volcanos
  - B. bush fires
  - C. floods
  - D. earth tremor
13. Name this landmark - - - - -
  - A. footpath

- B. road  
C. railway  
D. dam
14. A book containing maps is called a/an  
A. atlas  
B. magazine  
C. brochure  
D. leaflets
15. The four main directional points on the prismatic compass are called  
A. cardinal points  
B. central points  
C. rotational points  
D. distance points
16. A good feature about maps is that  
A. they are rough drawing of an area  
B. they require sketches to draw  
C. they require no instruments to draw  
D. they are drawn to scale
17. One of the following is not a type of map  
A. climatic map  
B. physical map  
C. political map  
D. densely map
18. Which of the following is a major cause of flooding in Ghana?  
A. Urban development  
B. High rise buildings  
C. Good drainage systems  
D. Snow falling
19. One of the following is not an important landmark  
A. School                      B. Church  
C. River                        D. Bridge
20. How many worlds climatic zones do we have?  
A. 3                      B. 4  
C. 2                      D. 5
21. The Mediterranean soils are well known for the production of  
A. citrus                      B. minerals  
C. textiles                    D. crude oil
22. The head of the extended family system in Ghana is the  
A. father  
B. uncle  
C. abusupanyin  
D. grandfather
23. A major advantage of the nuclear family system is  
A. total privacy  
B. high dependency on family members  
C. welfare is catered by everyone  
D. there is family socialization
24. The nuclear family is basically made up of  
A. all kinsmen  
B. all siblings and kinship  
C. grandparents and nieces  
D. parents and siblings
25. How many types of inheritance are practiced in Ghana?  
A. 5                      B. 2  
C. 4                      D. 3
26. Which of the following is a responsible behaviour of an adolescent?  
A. Drug abuse  
B. Cyber fraud  
C. Chastity  
D. Alchoholism
27. The earth's atmospheric pressure is measured with  
A. barometer  
B. thermometer  
C. hydrometer  
D. hygrometer
28. Which area in Ghana receives the highest amount of rainfall?  
A. Kumasi  
B. Ho  
C. Axim  
D. Koforidua
29. The largest climatic zone in Ghana is the  
A. Tropical continental climate  
B. Wet Equatorial climate

- C. Semi-Equatorial climate  
C. Dry Equatorial climate
30. Rainfall is measured in  
A. degree Celsius  
B. millimetres  
C. kilogram  
D. centimetres
31. In the home, whose duty is to run errands?  
A. Mother  
B. Father  
C. Grandmother  
D. Children
32. Which government in Ghana introduced Intestate Law succession?  
A. NPP  
B. CPP  
C. PNDC  
D. PPP
33. Which one of the following cannot be used to determine the structure of Ghana's population?  
A. Size  
B. Age  
C. Sex  
D. Census
34. All the following are examples of water borne diseases except  
A. Cholera  
B. Guinea worm  
C. Diarrhoea  
D. Fever
35. Water pollution could be caused by all the following except  
A. recycling of waste  
B. oil spillage  
C. sewage disposal  
D. alluvial mining
36. Which of the following is a cardinal point of the compass?  
A. West  
B. North-East  
C. South-West  
D. South-East
37. Which of the following is not a man-made feature?  
A. Mosque      B. Waterfall  
C. Borehole      D. Bridge
38. All the following are features of a good map except  
A. scale      B. pointer  
C. key      D. date
39. Important features which can easily be identified within the community is referred to as  
A. conventional signs  
B. relief symbols  
C. landmarks  
D. topographical symbols
40. Which of these ethnic groups in Ghana practice patrilineal system of inheritance?  
A. Kwaku      B. Akuapim  
C. Asante      D. Ewe