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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 C. answer all the questions in your answer space provided in this booklet.

PART A**ESSAY WRITING****(30 MARKS)**

Answer one question only from this part.

Your composition should be about 250 words long. Credit will be given for clarity of expression and orderly presentation of material.

- Q1. Your school performed very well in the 2017 BECE examination. As the current school prefect, write a report on the strategies put in place by the school authorities to continue the success and the way forward.
- Q2. Write a speech you would give at your school's graduation day on "the plans and strategies xxxxxxx to be part of the free senior high schools programme".
- Q3. The schools in your district recently held a sports competition. Describe what happened.

PART B**COMPREHENSION (30 MARKS)**

Q4. Read the following passage carefully and answer all the questions which follows.

Too many students cause their parents unnecessary anxiety in indulging in self-medication. In trying to be their own doctors, they prevent the early diagnosis of serious disorders, and inflict upon themselves the unpleasant complication that result from over-dosing.

The assistant Headmaster of Moree D/A Basic School still remembers that frightful day in 1981, when young Oko had almost died in his arms. Oko had been very sick, and then without any warning, lapsed into a coma. Tests revealed that his insides had been eaten by the typhoid fever. The doctor said that it would take a need a miracle to make Oko live. Luckily, the miracle happened. Oko lived after a whole month of injections, intravenous drips, and bitter drugs. The one moment that the episode left on him was a rather funny squint, the doctor said his eyes had been shaken off-balance by his misuse of the pain-killers compound in the antacid he had used in medicating himself.

Oko's friends remembered that about three weeks before he collapsed, he complained of stomach pains. He had them taken a dose of an antacid powder that he had borrowed from one of his classmates. The pains had gone.

The powder had subdued the pain and, therefore reduced Oko's need to see a doctor, who could have made an accurate diagnosis on his disease at its very early stage.

Oko's case is by no means unique. Every day, several students consume huge quantities of popular over-the-counter drugs that they either borrow from their friends or pick from the shelves. They do so in their efforts to cure themselves from what they imagine to minor ailments. This is a dangerous habit. It could end up killing them.

- (a) Why do several students take medicines without any doctor's instruction? (4mks)
- (b) Identify two situations that may result from self-medication. (4each = 8mks)
- (c) Why did Oko continue to take the digestive powder? (4mks)
- (d) "His insides had been eaten up by typhoid fever". What figure of speech is this? (4mks)

- (e) For each of the following words, give another word or phrase that means the same and can fit into the passage: (2each = 10mks)
- i) disorders
 - ii) episode
 - iii) subdued
 - iv) unique
 - v) minor

PART C

Q 5 LITERATURE; The Cockcrow (10MARKS)

Answer all questions in this part.

Provide short answers to the following questions.

AMA ATA AIDOO: THE DILEMMA OF A GHOST

- (a) This story drama, "The Dilemma of a Ghost" is written in.....Acts.
- (b) The most significant role played by the 1st and 2nd women in the story is exposition or giving more information through.....

CHARLES DICKENS: OLIVER TWIST

- (c) According to the story, Oliver was born a/an.....
- (b) "He was innocent, forgiving, naïve but grateful to people who did him good".
Which character in the story fits into this description?

AMA ATA AIDOO: THE GIRL WHO CAN

Read the following extract and answer questions 'e' and 'f'.

"What I am not sure of is that when I came out of the land of sweet, self, silence into the world of noise and comprehension, the first topic I met was my legs"

- (e) Who is the speaker?
- (f) What literary device is employed in the expression 'sweet, self, silence'?

THERESA ENNIN: MAKOLA

- (g) The poem 'Makola' portrays pictures of same categories of people found in Accra Makola Market. How many imaginary people did the poet portray?
- (h) Who was the first character portrayed in the poem?

ROBERT FROST: A MINOR BIRD

- (i) The most dominant literary technique in "A Minor Bird" is.....
- (j) The rhyme scheme registered in the first four lines of the poem is.....

PAPER 1 – OBJECTIVE TEST – 35 minutes

PART A SECTION A

Lexis and Structure

From the alternatives lettered A to D, choose the one which most suitably completes each sentence.

1. Rita.....went to secondary school, is now planning to go to the university.
 - a) which
 - b) whose
 - c) who
 - d) that
2. Esi,.....the electricity company employed, had disguised herself as a man.
 - a) which
 - b) whom
 - c) that
 - d) whose
3. I have always.....doing things myself.
 - a) liked
 - b) likes
 - c) liking
 - d) likeded
4. This teacher.....at his post since 2001.

- a) has been b) have being c) had been d) had being
5. Kofi broke that window. The underlined structure is a.....
 a) verb phrase b) adjective c) article d) noun phrase
6. Those two big beautiful ripe mangoes are for me. The underlined word is a/an.....
 a) adjective b) verb c) article d) determiner
7. We came upon an injured man by the roadside. The underlined phrasal verb means.....
 a) looked b) searched c) found d) heard
8. It is difficult to say how this tense situation came.....
 a) across b) to c) out d) about
9. Next week's meeting has been called.....
 a) off b) for c) up d) forward
10. She's your friend,.....?
 a) doesn't she b) does she c) isn't she d) isn't it
11. Joe: You didn't go to the Afatse festival, did you?
 Apo:.....
 a) No, I did b) No, I didn't c) Yes, did I d) Yes, I didn't
12. Kofi ended his letter.....
 a) Yours faithfully, b) Your's faithfully, c) Yours' faithfully, d) Your faithfully,
13. The money was.....to me, not you.
 a) given b) gave c) giving d) to give
14. The judge said the first boxer is much.....than the second one.
 a) tall b) taller c) tallest d) the taller
15. Neither John nor his friend.....a football game to the end.
 a) watch b) watches c) was watching d) were watching

SECTION B

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

16. The Battalion 5 Unit of the army was commandeered for urgent military action against 'galamsy' operations in the country.
 a) not to b) tasked c) advised d) arranged
17. A disciple must remain faithful to his master's teaching.
 a) loyal b) trusting c) hopeful d) stable
18. We were asked to select schools according to our ability.
 a) present b) invent c) compose d) choose
19. It is very probable that your savings will double.
 a) fortunate b) likely c) true d) certain
20. The driver was unable to apply the brake.
 a) supply b) move c) use d) demand

SECTION C

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

21. Owing to the government's prudent policies, the villagers were thoroughly satisfied.
 a) desperate b) disturbed c) discontented d) delighted
22. Some students were very idle.
 a) occupied b) intelligent c) lazy d) industrious
23. His open ambition was to become an international footballer.
 a) real b) minor c) secret d) closed
24. That book is quit valuable.

- a) valid b) invalid c) worthless d) unworthy

25. The stew we had with the rice was quite delicious.

- a) tasteless b) sour c) watery d) sweet

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 group of words.

26. George has been relieved of his post. This means that George has been.....

- a) dismissed b) given another assignment
c) demoted d) promoted

27. If our proposal goes through, we shall stay in Kumasi for the next two days.

- a) is rejected b) is accepted c) is investigated d) is taken to Accra

28. As soon as she had been told all the ticket had been sold, her face fell. That means she.....

- a) shed tears b) looked very happy
c) looked down at the ground d) showed disappointment

29. You will find yourself in hot water if they decide to interview you.

- a) be in great trouble b) be very successful
c) have to tell the truth d) receive a handsome reward

30. Dan and Betha hit it off quit well. This means they.....

- a) fight often b) get on very well c) play as a team d) present good arguments