

PART A
(30 marks)

Answer all the questions

For questions 1-16, choose from the alternatives A-D, the word(s) that best completes each of the sentences.

1. The commander made the followers _____ that his story was true.
A. accept
B. accepted
C. did accept
D. to accept
2. If Ameyaw _____ rich, he would take his children to a good school.
A. had been
B. is
C. was
D. were
3. I would have understood the lesson if I _____ in class that day.
A. had been
B. have being
C. was
D. were
4. Neither the students nor their teacher _____ present at the ceremony.
A. are
B. have been
C. was
D. were
5. One of the boys who _____ in the class has a car.
A. are
B. has been
C. has being
D. is
6. The Pastor sent the needy children to school _____ his own expenses.
A. at
B. by
C. in
D. on
7. We came _____ train.
A. by
B. in
C. on
D. with
8. At _____ expense shall we hold the party?
A. who's
B. whom
C. whose
D. whose's

9. Has the man _____ I saw yesterday come again?
A. which
B. who
C. whom
D. whose
10. It is regrettable that _____ people can feed themselves comfortably these days.
A. a little
B. few
C. little
D. those
11. Didn't I give Adom the pen a while ago?
A. No, you didn't.
B. No, you have.
C. Yes, you didn't.
D. Yes, you have.
12. The boys stole the mangoes, _____ they?
A. didn't
B. don't
C. isn't
D. weren't
13. We advised him to see a dentist _____ he could.
A. as far as
B. as much as
C. as soon as
D. so far as
14. The whole school would have been burnt down, _____ the intervention of the fishermen.
A. but for
B. even if
C. even with
D. except for
15. The carpenter has a _____ machine.
A. big new glassy cutting
B. cutting new big glassy
C. new big glassy cutting
D. new glassy big cutting
16. Addo has married a _____ lady.
A. beautiful fat fair
B. beautiful fair fat
C. fat beautiful fair
D. fair beautiful fat

For questions 17 and 18, choose from the alternatives lettered A-D, one which best represents the *indirect speech* form of the *direct speech*.

17. While teaching, Mrs. Amofa asked Kofi to describe the sky. Kofi then said, "The sky is blue". Kofi said that the sky _____

- A. has been blue.
- B. is blue.
- C. was blue.
- D. were blue.

18. When the bell rang for break over, the pupils were still playing. The teacher then shouted "Get into the classroom". The teacher _____ the classroom.

- A. ordered them to enter
- B. ordered them to entered
- C. ordered them to
- D. orders them to enter

For questions 19 to 22, choose from the options following each of the sentences lettered A - D, the one that best gives the meaning of the *underlined phrase*.

19. Mr. Crentsil decided to pay his boss back in his own coin. This means Mr. Crentsil decided to _____

- A. give back the coin to his boss.
- B. pay the loan to his boss.
- C. reward his boss with coins.
- D. take revenge.

20. Madam Owusuaa told her friend that because of the present economic recession, she can hardly make ends meet. This means that she

- A. cannot meet her needs.
- B. goes to work often.
- C. keeps to her job.
- D. lives within her means.

21. The students cruised through the end-of-semester examinations. This means the students _____ the examinations.

- A. failed
- B. passed
- C. refused to write
- D. rushed through

22. The patients were taken aback when they saw the results of the laboratory tests. This means the patients were _____

- A. confused.
- B. disturbed.
- C. frightened.
- D. surprised.

For questions 23 and 24, choose from the alternatives lettered A-D, one which is most nearly opposite in meaning to the underlined word(s).

23. Most of the things they presented belong to the ancient era.

- A. future
- B. modern
- C. previous
- D. scientific

24. Majority of diurnal creatures are calm and harmless.

- A. dark
- B. daytime
- C. nocturnal
- D. twilight

For questions 25 and 26, choose from the alternatives lettered A-D, one which is the most appropriate interpretation of the sentence.

25. Who would have thought Richard would come first. This means _____ come first.

- A. I am amazed that Richard has
- B. nobody believes Richard has
- C. nobody wanted Richard
- D. Richard has not

26. I don't see why I must not write the papers. This means that I _____ write the papers.

- A. don't know why I must
- B. just do not know why I should
- C. see no reason why I should not
- D. see that I must not

For questions 27 and 28, choose from the alternatives lettered A-D, one which is nearest in meaning to the words underlined.

27. The government has confiscated all the assets of the company.

- A. ceased
- B. demolished
- C. registered
- D. seized

28. Heads of schools always have concerns about students' demeanour.

- A. accommodation
- B. admission
- C. conduct
- D. demonstration

For questions 29 and 30, choose from the alternatives lettered A-D, one which represents the passive form of the statement.

29. Our father is giving us one crate of minerals. One crate of minerals _____ given to us by our father.

- A. are being
- B. has been
- C. is being
- D. was being

30. Jane has written a novel. A novel _____ written by Jane.

- a. had been
- b. has been
- c. has being
- d. have been

PART B

Answer ALL the questions in this part on the question paper

COMPREHENSION

(10 marks)

1. Read the passage below and answer ALL the questions which follow it.

Zazu has learnt a bitter lesson: one could **blow up** their future with a casual approach to life. A few months ago, he was unable to write his promotion examination because of his wilful negligent attitude of life. Zazu's friends who were going to take the promotion examination prepared well in advance, but he laughed at them and said, "More time". He even played football on the eve of the examination, while his friends visited the examination centre to acquaint themselves with the arrangements.

Being tired and going to bed late, he naturally overslept. Jumping out of bed at seven o'clock, he washed and dressed up in a hurry. He left the breakfast his aunt had prepared for him untouched. With his aunt's **scolding** ringing in his ears, he snatched up his things and hurried off to the taxi rank.

When Zazu got to the station, there was no vehicle ready going to his destination. In desperation, he hired a taxi, jumped in and ordered the driver to go as fast as he could. The driver **intimated** that he had to buy fuel first because he was running out of fuel. Zazu would not bear the delay and threatened to find another taxi if the driver would not take off immediately.

Off they went! Zazu urged the driver to drive faster. The driver drove **recklessly**, overtaking other vehicles. Suddenly, the vehicle ran out of fuel and **the engine spluttered and died**. Zazu got down and set off on foot, taking a shortcut through the bush. As he was going, it dawned on him that he would likely find the examination difficult and embarrass himself as he did not prepare well.

When he arrived at the examination centre, he **breathlessly and apologetically** explained his lateness to the stern-faced invigilator and pleaded to be admitted into the examination room. When he finally agreed to allow him in, Zazu realized he had forgotten his identity card. This time the invigilator was not sympathetic and turned him away. As he dejectedly walked away, **he wondered whether it was not a blessing in disguise.**

- I. What was the bitter lesson Zazu learnt? [1 mark]
- II. State **two** reasons why Zazu was late to the examination centre. [2 marks]
- III. "... the engine spluttered and died." What does the expression mean? [1 mark]
- IV. "... he wondered whether it was not a blessing in disguise."
Why did Zazu think so? [2 marks]
- V. Give the meaning of the following words as used in the passage.
- a. blow up
 - b. scolding
 - c. intimated
 - d. recklessly
- [1 x 4marks]
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ESSAY
(20 marks)

2. Write an essay of 250 words on the topic below.

(Note: Candidates who exceed the word limit will be penalised)

Indiscipline among students has become a major challenge in pre-tertiary educational institutions in Ghana. Discuss three measures that can be taken to address the problem.
