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PAPER 2 (60 MINUTES 1 HOUR)

This paper consists of two parts: A and B. answer two questions in all; one question from part A and all the questions in part B.

(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.

1. Write a letter to the Ministry of the Environment of your country explaining, **at least two ways of controlling illegal mining** in the country.
2. Write an article for publication in any national newspaper on; **the dangers of the use social media by students in the country.**
3. Write a story to illustrate the topic: "united we stand, divided we fall"

(PART B) COMPREHENSION [30 marks]

4. **Read the passage below carefully and answer all the questions which follow.**

One of the serious **cankers** in the world today is bribery and corruption. These problems are **peeling our flesh**. Millions of dollars are been lost through bribery and corruption. It is the most widely spoken against in the country. Majority of the people in the country attached the issue of corruption to politicians. However, bribery and corruption **has been giving seat** in many places in the country. Bribery and corruption mostly starts at the home. Parents and children cannot **single out** in bribery and corruption. Wives always **loom** their husbands with neglect of duties if they are denial of a rightful request. Some stop communicating with their partners dues to the denial. But, as soon as their request are met , they **resume** normal duties and living. All these are forms of bribery and corruptions. Again, wives expected to **shop** for a budgeted items **bloat** the budget and pursed the top-up. These wives would go to the market with their children and the children will copy, translating into generation of bribery and corruption. These children can easily increase budgets at the work place and pocket them. Besides, as parents push the children to school, the school becomes breeding grounds for bribery and corruption. Teachers show keen interest in the wards of parents who reward them in kind. They protect and favour their children. Teachers who are not given anything during vacation become hard on children of other parents. Instead of teachers focus on their reward as salaries, they take very serious in gifts that may divert their motives. More importantly, during external examinations such as BECE, students are taught how to cheat to pass their exams. All these will make the children copy and collect bribes at the work places in the future.

- (a) According to the passage which problem is widely spoken against on this earth
- (b) Which people are mostly blamed for bribery and corruption
- (c) Explain the following expressions as used in the passage

- i. Peeling our flesh
- ii. Single out
- iii. Has been given seat
- (d) In what way do children learn bribery and corruption
 - (i) At home
 - (ii) At school
- (e) How does cheating in examination in schools causes bribery and corruption according to the passage
- (f) From the list of words provided find a word or a phrase which mean the same and can fix into the passage
 - i. Cankers
 - ii. loom
 - iii. resume
 - iv. shop
 - v. bloat

(PART C) LITERATURE [10marks] Answer all questions in this part

SACKEY J.A and DRAMANI L.(COMP.): the cockcrow

MERRILL CORNEY : Debbie, Sandy and Pepe

1. ".With her ears full of bird song and beating of many, wings Debbie ran and hugged her surprised mother." what mood is conveyed in this scene?
2. According to the story, what role did birds play during the war?
3. What literary device is dominant in the statement " She said as she pushed her way into the hedge."

THE OLD MAN AND HIS CHILDREN : Retold by Jean Watson

4. What is the twin's relationship to the old man?
5. "I would not"
 - "would "
 - " Wouldn't "

The dialogue above is between-----

6. Then he handled the bundle to his oldest so. The extract contains-----

THE DILEMMA OF A GHOST : Ama Ata Aidoo. *Read the extract below and answer questions 7 to 10*

Nana: my spirit mother ought to have come for me earlier.

Now, what shall I tell them who are gone?

The daughter of slaves who come from the white man's land

7. "Who are gone" refers to -----
8. "The daughter of slave" is -----
9. The speaker wished -----
10. the speaker is in a -----mood

PAPER 1 (Answer all questions)

Now answer the following questions

PART A LEXIS AND STRUCTURE (SECTION A)

From the alternatives lettered A to D choose the one which **mostly suitably completes each sentence**

1. Our teacher was late -----school today because of the meeting.
A. For B. in C. at D. to
2. We had dinner ---- a Chinese restaurant
A. in B. at C. with D. under
3. Ama's father asked her to choose John and William.
A. Among B. From C. With D. Between
4. Willie-----malaria and is not good enough to go to school.
A. Had B. Has C. Have D. Is
5. -----he waited for the doctor to call him in, Sam sat in the waiting room and read the newspaper.
A. So that B. While C. Even if D. Besides when
5. -----Sarah drives to the cabin several times a year, she is often nervous about finding her way.
A. Besides B. Unless C. Nevertheless D. Although
6. I -----the speech you gave last Thursday night, but I was in bed with the flu.
A. will have heard B. would hear C. might hear D. would have heard
7. Megan is trying to read all three books in the series before summer _____.
A. ended B. will have ended C. will end D. ends
8. The woman who confronted the owner of the unleashed dog _____ angry.
A. were B. was C. are D. have been
9. The boy _____ the bat and ran to first base as fast as he could.
A. swings B. swung C. swung D. swing

10. Neither Kojo nor his friendthe issue clearly.
A. Understands B. Have understood C. Understand D. is understanding
11. My parents approved of _____ taking guitar lessons.
A. my B. me C. I D. mine
12. In many popular movies today, the heroes are _____ armed than the villains.
A. more heavily B. more heavy C. heavier D. more heavier
13. The cake I made last week tasted _____ than the one I made today.
A. best B. more better C. better D. more good
14. The hall was so small that it couldcontain all of us.
A. Rarely B. Comfortably C. Conveniently D. Hardly
15. Will you come to school today?
A. yes, I wont B. No I wont C. Yes, I will D. No, I will

PART B

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

16. Florence lives in **remote** part of the country.
A. Distant B. Automatic C. Savage D. mean
17. The coach **predicted** victory for the opponent.
A. Said B. Foretold C. Formulated D. Renamed
18. Jane is always **detest** going to farm dressed.
A. Hate B. love C. favoured D. blame
19. He was **stimulated** upon hearing the news.
A. Excited B. Imitated C. Tricked D. Loved

20. Kofi likes to **apportion** blames to people.
A. Distribute B. Manage C. Divide D. Dispense

PART C

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**.

21. Whenever Kweku goes to Kumasi, he **puts up with** his uncle. This means that Kweku.....his uncle.
A. Helps B. Stays with C. Avoids D. Converses with
22. I **glanced over** the papers as I walked home. This means that I quicklythe papers.
A. Wrote B. Analyzed C. Saw D. Read
23. The woman entered the room to find her daughter with her **eyes glued to** the television. This means that her daughter was.....the television.
A. Smiling at B. Dismantling C. Watching intently D. Cleaning
24. Kojo was dragged to the farm like **a lamb to the slaughter**. This means that Kojo was dragged.....
A. With difficulty B. Without resistance C. With lamb a on his shoulder D. Without anything on him
25. The bully was ordered **to leave his younger brother alone**. This means that the bully was told.....
A. Not to accompany him anywhere B. To accompany him everywhere C. Not to disturb him D. To teach him well

PART D

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

26. The thieves **withdrew** after hearing the footsteps. If not they would have-----
A. Entered B. Advanced C. Increased D. Decreased

27. The police was **biased** towards me, but-----towards the complainant.

A. Inconsistent B. Impartial C. dislike D. worried

28. If you want to be believed, you must be **objective**.

A. Subjective B. Positive C. Active D. Emotive

29. In all boarding schools, going out in the night is **prohibited**.

A. Advised B. Ignored C. Permitted D. Admitted

30. The surest way to avoid **defeat** is to strive for.....

A. Position B. Victory C. Knowledge D. Ability