

OBJECTIVE QUESTIONS WASSCE JUNE 2009
100 QUESTIONS
60 MINUTES

DIRECTION: Choose the word that is most nearly opposite in meaning to the underlined word and that will at the same time, correctly fill the gap in the sentence..

1. It was a very harmonious meeting, without one _____ note.
(A) divergent
(B) adverse
(C) discordant
(D) strident
 2. The man was accused of premeditated murder but he pleaded that it was _____.
(A) determined
(B) accidental
(C) planned
(D) contrived
 3. We nearly lost the trend of his argument because of its complexity but the _____ of his language was our saving grace.
(A) simplicity
(B) correctness
(C) openness
(D) naivety
 4. Uche achieved ultimate success after overcoming many _____ difficulties.
(A) grave
(B) challenging
(C) first
(D) initial
 5. I should know what to do in normal circumstances but this is a very _____ situation.
(A) different
(B) unlikely
(C) unusual
(D) improbable
 6. Bola is quite extravagant whereas his wife is _____.
(A) considerate
(B) ordinary
(C) wasteful
(D) thrifty
 7. This is quite surprising, you cannot differentiate between the authentic and the _____ receipt.
(A) false
(B) fake
(C) wrong
(D) illegal
 8. Many people objected to the demolition of the toll gates whose _____ cost millions of dollars.
(A) construction
(B) formation
(C) maintenance
(D) design
 9. To some people, that custom is repugnant but to others it is _____.
(A) captivating
(B) delightful
(C) popular
(D) acceptable
 10. While the armed robber remained unruffled after he had been arrested, his wife became _____.
(A) defiant
(B) rude
(C) agitated
(D) energetic
- From the words lettered A to D, choose the word that best completes each of the following sentences.*
11. Many people were seriously injured in the _____ accident, fortunately, nobody died.
(A) ghastly
(B) fatal
(C) reckless
(D) dangerous
 12. The editor decided not to publish the _____ article since the writer did not indicate his name.
(A) unmarked
(B) unlabelled
(C) anonymous
(D) stamped

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13. Dende did not fulfil the requirement for admission and so as _____ from taking the entrance examination.
(A) removed
(B) disqualified
(C) convicted
(D) implicated
14. The murder suspect denied the grave allegations against him but the evidence so far has _____ him.
(A) corroborated
(B) impeached
(C) convicted
(D) implicated
15. It was quite _____ to have invested in that new business.
(A) prosperous
(B) sufficient
(C) profitable
(D) successful
16. The President granted the condemned prisoner a _____
(A) reprieve
(B) remission
(C) bail
(D) chance
17. It was difficult for the doctor to _____ the patient's ailment.
(A) discover
(B) decide
(C) divine
(D) diagnose
18. They wished her _____ of the season.
(A) compliments
(B) compliment
(C) complement
(D) complements
19. Chief Koko never allows his name to be published in connection with his philanthropic activities because he _____ publicity.
(A) lacks
(B) cherishes
(C) detests
(D) understands
20. A befitting _____ was paid to the memory of the departed renowned professor, playwright and dramatist.
(A) tribute
(B) reward
(C) contribution
(D) praise
- After each of the following sentences, a list of possible interpretations is given. Choose the interpretation that you consider most appropriate for each sentence.*
21. The accused was caught red-handed by the police. This means that the accused was
(A) made to wear red gloves
(B) thought to be in danger
(C) found in the very act
(D) found covered with blood.
22. The greatest problem of the leader is that he can see no further than his nose. This means that the leader
(A) lacks foresight
(B) has bad sight
(C) is easily deceived
(D) has no self-confidence
23. He left the country to avoid loss of face. This means that he left the country to
(A) make his fortune somewhere else
(B) seek revenge
(C) seek refuge
(D) avoid being publicly humiliated
24. John was not really angry with Janet but she seems to have taken the matter very much to heart. This means that Janet
(A) does not like him
(B) is very upset about the matter
(C) has taken the matter very lightly
(D) has had a serious talk with him.
25. His driving made my hair stand on end. This means that his driving was
(A) delightful
(B) frightening
(C) interesting
(D) exciting
26. When the riot broke out in the school, only the Principal kept his head. This means that only the Principal
(A) was not injured
(B) held his head high
(C) remained calm
(D) hid himself
27. Grace failed Mathematics last year but she promised to turn over a new leaf this year. This means that this year Grace will
(A) be more vigilant
(B) work harder
(C) cling to her books
(D) examine both sides of a leaf.

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28. The woman supported her husband through thick and thin. This means that she supported her husband
(A) in both good and bad health
(B) when he was fat and when he got thin
(C) whether he was behaving well or badly
(D) in both good and bad circumstances
29. Jumai thinks she is always right but I am determined to catch her out. This means that I am determined to
(A) arrest her
(B) confront her
(C) prove that she can make a mistake
(D) make her agree that I am right
30. The preacher advised those who lost their property in the fire disaster not to lose hope as every cloud has a silver lining. This means that
(A) there is a good side to all misfortunes
(B) when there is life there is hope
(C) to lose is a common occurrence
(D) everybody must encounter misfortunes in life

From the words or group of words lettered A to D below each of the following sentences choose the word or group of words that is nearest in meaning to the underlined word or group of words as it is used in the sentence.

31. I concede that I am wrong on this point.
(A) admit
(B) pledge
(C) declare
(D) conclude
32. Within a short time, what was meant to be a peaceful demonstration escalated into a riot.
(A) rose
(B) elevated
(C) expanded
(D) developed
33. The students were incensed to hear that their school fees had been substantially increased.
(A) enraged
(B) disappointed
(C) displeased
(D) frightened
34. The flood that swept away the whole village was a catastrophic event.
(A) an unfortunate
(B) a disastrous
(C) a devilish
(D) an infuriating

35. The box contains the most valuable of all his possessions.
(A) beautiful
(B) costly
(C) useful
(D) admirable
36. The decision I have taken is irrevocable
(A) inapplicable
(B) unacceptable
(C) irreversible
(D) irregular
37. I am delighted to speak before this august assembly.
(A) monthly
(B) popular
(C) crowded
(D) honourable
38. The chairman ended the meeting of the Cooperative society with a fitting speech.
(A) a short
(B) an improved
(C) an appropriate
(D) a brief
39. That class is unusually disorderly today.
(A) unruly
(B) lawlessness
(C) unrestrained
(D) aggressive
40. The report given by the boy is substantially correct and we have to decide what to do about it.
(A) completely
(B) largely
(C) probably
(D) understandably

From the word or group of words lettered A to D, choose the word or group of words that best completes each of the following sentences.

41. The new economic policy took _____ last year.
(A) out (B) off
(C) of (D) up
42. I'll look out _____ you at the stadium.
(A) for (B) at
(C) to (D) on
43. The men were reported _____ the money fraudulently.
(A) to take (B) to have taken
(C) to having taken (D) to be taking

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44. The boy's father made him _____ the medicine against his will.
(A) swallow
(B) to swallow
(C) swallowed
(D) to have swallowed
45. The bridge was blown _____ by enemy soldiers.
(A) out
(B) off
(C) through
(D) up
46. Chukwuma explained that he _____ home early yesterday to be able to catch the early bus.
(A) has to leave
(B) has left
(C) had to leave
(D) was leaving
47. _____ he comes, tell him I have left.
(A) Should
(B) Should in case
(C) In case
(D) Whether
48. Many a player _____ to score a goal so as to be highly honoured.
(A) is wanting
(B) wants
(C) want
(D) have wanted
49. You _____ to know that you cannot succeed without hardwork.
(A) are supposed
(B) supposed
(C) suppose
(D) are suppose
50. By the time I left the police station, the suspect _____
(A) was been questioned
(B) was been question
(C) was being questioned
(D) was being question
51. Mary has two dresses; one is dirty _____ is wet.
(A) either
(B) another
(C) each
(D) the other
52. That house across the road is _____ isn't it?
(A) their
(B) theirs
(C) their's
(D) theirs'
53. Mr. Bello, with his wife and children, _____ to the United States.
(A) are travelling
(B) have travelled
(C) is travelling
(D) had travel
54. The students refused to appear before the _____ panel set up to investigate the cause of the riot.
(A) ten-men
(B) ten-man
(C) ten-man's
(D) ten-men's
55. The hardened criminal was convicted _____ the charges.
(A) of
(B) on
(C) for
(D) over
56. I enjoy _____ my grandson to school everyday.
(A) to drive
(B) to driving
(C) driving
(D) drive
57. It seems that the children are not paying attention, _____?
(A) aren't they
(B) doesn't it
(C) isn't it
(D) don't they
58. We knew you were not averse to _____ new friends.
(A) meeting
(B) meet
(C) having met
(D) have met
59. We should have a special programme for _____ in this country.
(A) the disableds
(B) disable
(C) the disables
(D) the disabled

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60. Neither those girls nor that boy _____ to blame for the error.
(A) are
(B) were
(C) is
(D) have
61. The pepper has been _____ by my sister.
(A) ground
(B) grind
(C) grounded
(D) grinding
62. Mr. Jato is a regular visitor of _____.
(A) our own
(B) our's
(C) ours'
(D) ours
63. I got into the room and discovered that there wasn't _____ there.
(A) no one
(B) someone
(C) anyone
(D) none
64. It is too abstract _____ concept for them to understand.
(A) of a
(B) as
(C) for a
(D) a
65. Emmanuel is a man _____ great courage.
(A) about
(B) of
(C) by
(D) for
66. The lady enjoyed the dance _____ the fact that she had a fever.
(A) knowing
(B) in spite
(C) even
(D) despite
67. The children are all very enthusiastic _____ the forthcoming festival.
(A) for
(B) about
(C) on
(D) with
68. Hardly had the family settled down for Mummy's special dinner _____ the lights went off.
(A) and
(B) than
(C) so
(D) when
69. The African extended family system gives security to _____ members.
(A) his
(B) her
(C) its
(D) their
70. The philanthropist has donated a _____ machine to the village school.
(A) modern duplicating large
(B) large modern duplicating
(C) large duplicating modern
(D) modern large duplicating
71. Perhaps what Akin told us _____ true after all.
(A) may not be
(B) should not be
(C) must not be
(D) shall not be
72. The nurse inoculated _____ pupil in the class.
(A) all
(B) every
(C) many
(D) those
73. Well, I've only got _____ naira notes, but you can have twenty naira.
(A) small
(B) few
(C) a few
(D) little
74. Sule has been trying hard to live _____ to his parent's expectations.
(A) up
(B) over
(C) on
(D) in

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In the following passages, the numbered gaps indicate missing words. Against each number in the list below each passage, four options are given in columns lettered A to D. Choose the word that is the most suitable to fill the numbered gaps in the passages.

The main -75- of malaria are regular -76- of high -77-. The -78- is caused by -79-, which are carried by the -80- anopheles mosquito. The mosquito is infected when it bites a man who is already carrying malarial parasites in his -81- if the mosquito bites another person after about two weeks, the disease is immediately -82- to him. After about ten days, the man experiences general weakness, -83- fever and sweating. In order to prevent malaria, mosquitoes must be -84-, and their -85- grounds must be completely destroyed. Patients must be treated promptly, and people who travel to regions of malaria should take prophylactic -86- to prevent -87-.

	A	B	C	D
75.	weaknesses	signals	symptoms	sings
76.	grips	attacks	problems	disturbances
77.	pressure	tension	mood	fever
78.	disease	discomfort	plague	upset
79.	germs	worms	parasites	flies
80.	male	female	mature	ordinary
81.	body	brain	blood	eyes
82.	turned	transmitted	directed	supplied
83.	headaches	heartache	dislocation	spasms
84.	removed	weakened	crushed	eliminated
85.	breathing	living	breeding	growing
86.	action	checks	treatment	directive
87.	affection	infection	relapse	stress

Fishing is one of the overlooked sports in this part of the world. It really requires very little and inexpensive -88-. While you enjoy the sport, you will be getting food for your efforts as -89- is highly nutritious. A fisherman can use a simple pole and -90- which are not expensive or a rod and reel, to fish. The standard fishing method is to put a -91- or -92- on a hook. The fish will see this and nibble at it, strike it or snap at it. When the fish tries to eat it, the -93- catches it in the throat.

It is also good to use -94- for fishing equipment. These indicate when a fish is nibbling at the bait. This method is more reliable than to watch for -95- on the water surface. Fishermen who fish on a small -96- do so from the river -97- and some row in boats to the middle of the river. Large-scale fishing needs the use of fishing -98- which go to sea and -99- are used to -100- big fisheries. A lot of hazards are faced by fishermen on sea.

88.	equipment	machinery	implements	apparatus
89.	salmon	fish	mackerel	sardine
90.	rope	wire	cord	thread
91.	gnat	bait	worm	fly
92.	fish	meat	chaff	lure
93.	needle	hook	pin	line
94.	floats	mats	rafts	planks
95.	waves	bubbles	foam	signs
96.	level	size	scale	base
97.	embankment	bank	cliff	bridge
98.	ships	trawlers	canoes	boats
99.	crates	baskets	nets	cages
100.	catch	get	kill	attract

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Answer and Explanations **WASSCE JUNE 2009**

(1) C	(21) C	(41) B	(61) A	(81) C
(2) B	(22) A	(42) A	(62) D	(82) B
(3) A	(23) D	(43) B	(63) C	(83) A
(4) D	(24) B	(44) A	(64) D	(84) D
(5) C	(25) B	(45) D	(65) B	(85) C
(6) D	(26) C	(46) C	(66) D	(86) C
(7) B	(27) B	(47) C	(67) B	(87) B
(8) A	(28) D	(48) B	(68) B	(88) A
(9) B	(29) C	(49) A	(69) C	(89) B
(10) C	(30) A	(50) C	(70) B	(90) A
(11) A	(31) A	(51) D	(71) A	(91) B
(12) C	(32) D	(52) B	(72) B	(92) A
(13) B	(33) A	(53) C	(73) C	(93) B
(14) D	(34) B	(54) C	(74) A	(94) C
(15) C	(35) C	(55) A	(75) C	(95) B
(16) A	(36) C	(56) C	(76) B	(96) C
(17) D	(37) D	(57) C	(77) D	(97) B
(18) A	(38) C	(58) A	(78) A	(98) B
(19) C	(39) A	(59) D	(79) C	(99) C
(20) A	(40) B	(60) C	(80) B	(100) A

SECTION A ANTONYMS

	Word	Meaning	Option
1.	harmonious	agreement; peace	discordant
2.	premeditated	planned in advance	accidental
3.	complexity	hard to understand	simplicity
4.	ultimate	final	initial
5.	normal	usual, typical or expected	unusual
6.	extravagant	spending excessively	thrifty
7.	authentic	genuine	fake
8.	demolition	pull or knock down a building	construction
9.	repugnant	very distasteful or unpleasant	delightful
10.	unruffled	calm, unmoved	agitated

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SECTION B: VOCABULARY

- | | | |
|-----|---------------|---|
| 11. | ghastly: | causing great horror |
| 12. | anonymous: | having a name that is not publicly known |
| 13. | disqualified: | make unsuitable for an activity |
| 14. | implicated: | show to be involved in a crime |
| 15. | profitable: | making a profit |
| 16. | reprieve: | cancel the punishment of |
| 17. | diagnose: | make a diagnosis of |
| 18. | compliment: | an expression of praise or admiration |
| 19. | detests: | dislike intensely |
| 20. | tribute: | an act, statement or gift intended to show gratitude or respect |

SECTION C IDIOMS

- | | Idioms | Meaning |
|-----|---------------------------------------|---|
| 21. | to be caught red-handed | found in the very act |
| 22. | you can see no further than your nose | lacks foresight |
| 23. | to avoid loss of face | avoid being publicly humiliated |
| 24. | to take the matter to heart | to be very upset about the matter |
| 25. | to make one's hair stand on ends | to be frightened |
| 26. | to keep one's head | to remain calm |
| 27. | to turn over a new leaf | to make a change |
| 28. | through thick and thin | in both good and bad circumstances |
| 29. | to catch someone out | to prove someone wrong |
| 30. | every cloud has a silver lining | there is a good side to all misfortunes |

SECTION D SYNONYMS

- | | Word | Meaning | Option |
|-----|-----------------|--|-----------------------------|
| 31. | concede | admit to be true | admit |
| 32. | escalate | increase in intensity or extent | develop |
| 33. | incensed | make very angry | enraged |
| 34. | catastrophic | a sudden great disaster | disastrous |
| 35. | valuable | worth a great deal of money | costly |
| 36. | irrevocable | irreversible or unalterable | irreversible |
| 37. | august assembly | inspiring respect | honourable |
| 38. | befitting | be appropriate for | appropriate for or suitable |
| 39. | disorderly | the disruption of peaceful and law abiding behaviour | unruly |
| 40. | substantially | of considerable importance or size | largely |

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DIRECTION: Choose the word that is most nearly opposite in meaning to the underlined word and that will at the same time, correctly fill the gap in the sentence..

1. The handsome profit from her fish business made Mrs. Uba stop complaining about her husband's _____ salary.
(A) ugly
(B) meagre
(C) modest
(D) lowly
 2. Chief Osa prefers fame in the village to _____ in the city.
(A) neglect
(B) ignorance
(C) poverty
(D) obscurity
 3. The media houses employ both the novice and the _____ journalists.
(A) apprentice
(B) probationer
(C) newcomer
(D) veteran
 4. While the Registrar considers the matter insignificant, his deputy sees it as _____.
(A) minute
(B) crucial
(C) compulsory
(D) marvellous
 5. It pays to be firm rather than _____ in a case like this.
(A) flexible
(B) frank
(C) irresponsible
(D) careless
 6. Usually, Joseph is articulate in his speech, but today he sounds _____.
(A) clear
(B) turgid
(C) timid
(D) incoherent
 7. The man's first wife is loyal while the second is _____.
(A) unfaithful
(B) unkind
(C) selfish
(D) acquainted
 8. Rather than convict him, the impartial judge _____ him.
(A) blamed
(B) dismissed
(C) upheld
(D) acquitted
 9. Instead of reconciling her parents, Roxanne worked hard at _____ them.
(A) dividing
(B) destroying
(C) separating
(D) isolating
 10. We thought that Uncle Sam's health had improved but it had rather _____.
(A) persisted
(B) deteriorated
(C) deepened
(D) deceased
- From the words lettered A to D, choose the word that best completes each of the following sentences.*
11. One very important aspect of human relationship is _____ trust.
(A) communal
(B) individual
(C) mutual
(D) personal
 12. The two tasks were performed _____ and we were able to finish early.
(A) alternatively
(B) simultaneously
(C) consecutively
(D) separately

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13. The committee is charged with finding a _____ solution to the crisis.
(A) lengthy
(B) current
(C) lasting
(D) strong
14. We are worried by the _____ that exists between the two factions of the party.
(A) distraction
(B) commotion
(C) confusion
(D) rivalry
15. Our teacher was not speaking _____ when he said that the bursar was under a cloud.
(A) literally
(B) simply
(C) frankly
(D) directly
16. The signature on the document lacked _____, so, it was rejected.
(A) clarity
(B) authenticity
(C) formality
(D) simplicity
17. Everyone could tell that Binta was happy from the _____ on her face.
(A) picture
(B) appearance
(C) expression
(D) sight
18. His last novel was _____ by his visit to the prisons.
(A) inspired
(B) generated
(C) conceived
(D) revealed
19. As a result of the power cut, production at the paint factory came to a _____.
(A) hold-up
(B) blockade
(C) stand still
(D) suspense
20. Several _____ were passed at the meeting.
(A) memoranda
(B) decisions
(C) resolutions
(D) actions
- After each of the following sentences, a list of possible interpretations is given. Choose the interpretation that you consider the most appropriate for each sentence.*
21. James and Henry were at daggers drawn when I knew him. This means that they
(A) were always angry with each other
(B) always wore daggers
(C) were good at drawing daggers
(D) were fighting everybody
22. My book has become dog-eared through use. This means that
(A) the corners of the pages of my book are crumpled
(B) my book is designed like dog's ears
(C) my book is torn
(D) my book is indispensable
23. Musa does not believe that there is poverty in Africa; he is a dyed-in-the-wool capitalist. This means that Musa is:
(A) a kind capitalist
(B) a thoughtful capitalist
(C) an old capitalist
(D) an unbending capitalist
24. Whenever my cousin comes to realize that I am telling the truth, she will eat the humble pie. This means that my cousin will _____.
(A) respect me
(B) hate herself
(C) apologize
(D) be ashamed
25. I had dinner with Tony and Nick and they talked shop the whole time. This means that they talked
(A) about buying things from the shop
(B) about their job
(C) all the time
(D) about taking me to the shop
26. His decision to reconcile with his former agent paid off. This means that the reconciliation
(A) yielded positive results
(B) cost him a lot of money
(C) was unsuccessful
(D) caused him some trouble
27. The beauty of Bimpe's garden shows that she has green fingers. This means that Bimpe
(A) always paints her fingers green
(B) is good at growing plants
(C) turns everything she touches to green
(D) likes keeping green objects
28. I would have visited you but for my father's ill health. This means that my

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- (A) father's ill health would have made me to visit you
(B) father's ill health prevented me from visiting you
(C) father threatened to fall ill if I visited you
(D) father did not fall ill, so I couldn't visit you
29. Her husband's death has forced her to tighten her belt. This means that she has
(A) become more economical
(B) adjusted her belt
(C) become very aggressive
(D) become very greedy
30. Some candidates take examinations in their stride. This means that they
(A) prepare hard for them
(B) do not worry about them
(C) find them insurmountable
(D) are familiar with them
- From the words lettered A to D below each of the following sentences, choose the word or group of words that is nearest in meaning to the underlined word as it is used in the sentence.*
31. The provocation had an instantaneous effect on him.
(A) a lasting
(B) an immediate
(C) a terrifying
(D) a momentous
32. I woke up feeling rather queer.
(A) fine
(B) strange
(C) strong
(D) tired
33. If he declines the offer, it will be better for him
(A) ignores
(B) denies
(C) snubs
(D) rejects
34. Our club encourages benevolence.
(A) affluence
(B) sincerity
(C) charity
(D) association
35. Such utterances are inimical to the peaceful co-existence of the two communities.
(A) unhelpful
(B) unimportant
(C) harmful
(D) useless
36. The chairman observed that Andrew was the most qualified candidate for the job.
(A) suitable
(B) accommodating
(C) responsible
(D) interesting
37. What do you intend to do with these inanimate objects?
(A) lively
(B) fascinating
(C) precious
(D) lifeless
38. Everybody noticed that the chairman's excuse was lame.
(A) verbose
(B) precise
(C) unsatisfactory
(D) unconditional
39. The president appointed staunch supporters of his policies as advisers.
(A) trusted
(B) critical
(C) affluent
(D) strong
40. The little boy gave his candid opinion of the incident.
(A) quick
(B) brief
(C) frank
(D) hurried
- From the words or group of words lettered A to D, choose the word or group of words that best completes each of the following sentences.*
41. Why are you always jealous _____ other people.
(A) of (B) at
(C) about (D) with
42. It is said that the rich _____ pity the poor.
(A) doesn't (B) don't
(C) do (D) did
43. The motorcycle nearly hit Jane and _____.
(A) me (B) I
(C) myself (D) mine
44. I found my friends sitting _____ the beach.
(A) in (B) at
(C) under (D) on

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45. It is about time you _____ to bed.
 (A) go
 (B) have gone
 (C) went
 (D) should go
46. We shall not _____ WASSCE next May.
 (A) sit in
 (B) sit at
 (C) sit
 (D) sit to
47. One of his close friends _____ a soldier.
 (A) is
 (B) are
 (C) have been
 (D) were
48. Does Omar _____ in the city?
 (A) lives
 (B) lived
 (C) live
 (D) living
49. The meeting of the _____ will come later today.
 (A) secretaries general
 (B) secretary generals
 (C) secretaries generals
 (D) secretary generals'
50. His father has a _____.
 (A) round wooden beautiful table
 (B) wooden round beautiful table
 (C) beautiful wooden round table
 (D) beautiful round wooden table
51. The teachers don't teach us, _____?
 (A) do they (B) don't they
 (C) didn't they (D) isn't it
52. We are no _____ friends.
 (A) more (B) longer
 (C) again (D) always
53. Can you tell us how the accident came _____?
 (A) up (B) by
 (C) out (D) about
54. She wondered if the water was not _____ hot for drinking.
 (A) very (B) too
 (C) so (D) much
55. The robbers were subjected _____ a thorough beating by the irate mob.
 (A) to (B) by
 (C) with (D) for
56. The cook should have _____ the pepper and the tomatoes together.
 (A) ground
 (B) grind
 (C) grinds
 (D) grounded
57. My friend would not believe me if I _____ them this story.
 (A) tell
 (B) told
 (C) am telling
 (D) will tell
58. Even before his burial, Okoye's family members were already planning how to share his wealth _____ themselves.
 (A) between
 (B) with
 (C) among
 (D) to
59. The principal advised all the students to be of help to _____.
 (A) one other
 (B) themselves
 (C) the other
 (D) one another
60. Mr. Ackon needed _____ help to succeed in the business.
 (A) a little (B) a few
 (C) little (D) few
61. Susan has been urging me to join the _____.
 (A) girl guides (B) girls guide
 (C) girls guides (D) girl guide
62. Three kilometres _____ quite a long distance.
 (A) are (B) have been
 (C) is (D) were
63. If they had known us, they _____.
 (A) will not treat us like that
 (B) would not treat us like that
 (C) will not have treated us like that
 (D) would not have treated us like that

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64. The teacher made us _____ five poems each.
(A) recite (B) recited
(C) recites (D) reciting
65. Each one of the ten chosen contestants _____ lunch with the patron.
(A) has had
(B) have had
(C) are having
(D) have
66. The teacher needs _____ to write the note on the chalkboard.
(A) chalks
(B) chalk
(C) some chalk
(D) many chalks
67. Madam Abike turned _____ 13 bags of maize at the first harvest.
(A) on (B) out
(C) up (D) in
68. The teacher, as well as his students, _____ working very hard.
(A) is (B) have been
(C) are (D) were
69. My mother remarked that it was high time we _____ preparing the supper.
(A) were starting
(B) had started
(C) started
(D) should start
70. All we need _____ dedicated teachers.
(A) are
(B) was
(C) is
(D) were
71. Though Yusuf is a much younger lawyer, you can not compare his eloquence _____ his master's.
(A) by
(B) with
(C) from
(D) for
72. The student wondered why the sun constantly rises _____ the east.
(A) in (B) by
(C) from (D) within
73. Mrs. Kofi is angry _____ her daughter's lack of interest in her business.
(A) at (B) with
(C) for (D) by
74. Until I heard him myself, I _____ imagined that he said that.
(A) did not
(B) could not have
(C) should not have
(D) will not have
75. No sooner had the war ended _____ the soldiers deserted the village.
(A) that (B) when
(C) as (D) than

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The prefectural system is one of the most -76- ways of involving students directly in the -77- of the school. In the system, the students are -78- certain -79- connected with the day to day life of the school; for instance, the organization and co-ordination of all sorts of -80- activities, such as games, societies, clubs or dealing with some minor cases of -81-, taking responsibility for students' welfare, -82- of learning after school hours, arranging advisory services for junior students and checking -83- properly -84-, the prefectural system helps to -85- the work of the administrator and set a good -86- for the school. The operation of the system and the exact -87- performed by the prefects differ from institution to institution; the important thing is to adapt the system in such a way as to make it a useful -88- of the day-to-day administration of your -89-.

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	A	B	C	D
76.	routine	effective	serious	necessary
77.	movement	ruling	construction	administration
78.	delegated	promised	allowed	slated
79.	work	jobs	duties	choices
80.	social	academic	extra-curricular	special
81.	association	indiscipline	relationship	behaviour
82.	supervision	assignment	administering	planning
83.	evaluation	attendance	diligence	studies
84.	operated	ruled	manipulated	evolved
85.	limit	duplicated	decrease	minimize
86.	feeling	sign	tone	design
87.	records	courses	deeds	functions
88.	implement	feature	tool	device
89.	union	village	community	group

Mrs. Agu decided to -90- her friend. She picked up her -91- and -92- her friends -93-. There was no response. However, after a few trials she discovered from the -94- that she was not in -95- and so, the -96- could not go -97-. That was surprising because she had bought some -98- cards the previous day and did not -99- any call. However, she could not remember -100- them into her phone.

90.	connect	ring	stir	wake
91.	card	mobile	line	set
92.	received	dialled	inserted	scrolled
93.	handset	call	number	phone
94.	operator	receiver	caller	subscriber
95.	credit	money	account	fund
96.	tone	phone	sound	call
97.	on	in	through	out
98.	application	recharge	calling	dialling
99.	make	try	receive	register
100.	billing	fixing	loading	applying

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(3) D	(23) D	(43) A	(63) D	(83) B
(4) B	(24) C	(44) B	(64) A	(84) A
(5) A	(25) C	(45) C	(65) A	(85) B
(6) D	(26) A	(46) C	(66) C	(86) D
(7) A	(27) B	(47) A	(67) B	(87) B
(8) D	(28) B	(48) C	(68) C	(88) C
(9) C	(29) A	(49) A	(69) C	(89) C
(10) B	(30) D	(50) D	(70) A	(90) B
(11) C	(31) B	(51) A	(71) B	(91) D
(12) B	(32) B	(52) B	(72) C	(92) B
(13) C	(33) D	(53) D	(73) A	(93) C
(14) D	(34) C	(54) B	(74) B	(94) A
(15) A	(35) C	(55) A	(75) D	(95) A
(16) B	(36) A	(56) A	(76) B	(96) D
(17) C	(37) D	(57) B	(77) D	(97) C
(18) A	(38) C	(58) C	(78) A	(98) B
(19) C	(39) D	(59) D	(79) C	(99) A
(20) C	(40) C	(60) A	(80) C	(100) C

SECTION A ANTONYMS

	Word	Meaning	Option
1.	handsome	of a large amount	meagre
2.	fame	the state of being famous	obscurity
3.	novice	a person new to and lacking experience in a job	veteran
4.	insignificant	of little or no importance or value	crucial
5.	firm	steady and strong	flexible
6.	articulate	fluent and clear in speech	incoherent
7.	loyal	firm and constant in one's support	unfaithful
8.	convict	declare guilty of a criminal offence	acquitted
9.	reconciling	restore friendly relations between	separating
10.	improved	make or become better	deteriorated

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SECTION B

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|-----|-----------------|--|
| 11. | mutual: | felt or done by two or more people |
| 12. | simultaneously: | done at the same time |
| 13. | lasting: | a final statement |
| 14. | rivalry: | a person or thing competing with another |
| 15. | literally: | using words in their usual sense |
| 16. | authenticity: | genuine |
| 17. | expression: | a look on someone's face |
| 18. | inspired: | fill with the urge to do something |
| 19. | standstill: | a situation without movement or activity |
| 20. | resolutions: | a firm decision |

SECTION C IDIOMS

- | | Idioms | Meaning |
|-----|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 21. | to be at daggers drawn | always angry with each other |
| 22. | to be dog-eared through use | to be crumpled |
| 23. | a dyed-in-the wool capitalist | an unbending capitalist |
| 24. | eat the humble pie | apologize |
| 25. | talked shop the whole time | talking all the time |
| 26. | the decision paid off | yielded positive result |
| 27. | she has green fingers | she is good at growing plants |
| 28. | but for my father's illness | my father's illness prevented me |
| 29. | to tighten one's belt | to become more economical |
| 30. | to take something in your stride | to prepare hard |

SECTION D SYNONYMS

- | | Word | Meaning | Option |
|-----|---------------|---|----------------|
| 31. | instantaneous | instant | immediate |
| 32. | queer | strange; odd | strange |
| 33. | declines | politely refuse | rejects |
| 34. | benevolence | well meaning and kindly | charity |
| 35. | inimical | harmful; hostile | harmful |
| 36. | qualified | become officially recognized as able to do a particular job | suitable |
| 37. | inanimate | not alive | lifeless |
| 38. | lame | unconvincing and feeble | unsatisfactory |
| 39. | staunch | loyal and committed | strong |
| 40. | candid | truthful and straight forward | frank |

OBJECTIVE QUESTIONS WASSCE JUNE 2011
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DIRECTION: Choose the word that is most nearly opposite in meaning to the underlined word and that will at the same time, correctly fill the gap in the sentence..

1. There isn't enough rice, so its importation is permitted whereas the importation of cement is _____
(A) suspended
(B) licensed
(C) unaccepted
(D) prohibited
 2. The cast consisted of many famous actors and a few _____ ones.
(A) humble
(B) infamous
(C) unknown
(D) unpopular
 3. My grandfather, rather than being _____ was often quite prejudiced in his opinions.
(A) subjective (B) discriminating
(C) impartial (D) strict
 4. Both sides are very hopeful about the outcome of the peace talks, but observers are still very _____
(A) realistic
(B) emphatic
(C) explicit
(D) pessimistic
 5. The clever lawyer exposed the facts that were obscure in the case, making the judge see beyond the _____
(A) open
(B) obvious
(C) illustrated
(D) reflected
 6. It took me the whole day to summarize the lecturer's copious notes having been used to _____ ones.
(A) scanty (B) illegible
(C) inaccurate (D) coherent
 7. The principal of that school was demoted for his incompetence while several others were commended for their _____
(A) punctuality
(B) honesty
(C) efficiency
(D) sincerity
 8. The official who disclosed the information he was supposed to _____ was sacked.
(A) cover
(B) protect
(C) conceal
(D) allow
 9. The prosecutor argued his case vehemently but the defense lawyer responded _____
(A) constantly
(B) feebly
(C) roughly
(D) hurriedly
 10. While we expected it to be gradual, the process of transition to civilian rule came to an _____ end.
(A) abrupt (B) anticipated
(C) unhappy (D) unpleasant
- From the words lettered A to D, choose the word that best completes each of the following sentences.*
11. Alfred is afraid of his wife who has a very _____ size.
(A) eminent
(B) momentous
(C) prominent
(D) intimidating
12. The government has imposed an _____ on the importation of used vehicles.
(A) order (B) edict
(C) embargo (D) act

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13. The corpse had been taken to the _____.
(A) dispensary
(B) mortuary
(C) theater
(D) ward
14. In spite of the vicissitudes of life, she never _____ from her plan.
(A) evaded
(B) detracted
(C) deviated
(D) detoured
15. When the solicitor told Awa to wait outside, she considered it _____ to her dignity.
(A) a drawback
(B) an affront
(C) a strain
(D) a withdrawal
16. The meeting cannot start because we have not formed a _____.
(A) quota (B) crowd
(C) quorum (D) chorus
17. The _____ of the asylum sang a song for the President
(A) inmates (B) occupants
(C) residents (D) tenants
18. His appointment was _____ because of irregularities in his credentials.
(A) annulled (B) terminated
(C) suspended (D) dismissed
19. The seminar was held under the _____ of the Government.
(A) jurisdiction (B) arbitration
(C) agreement (D) auspices
20. The new car is very attractive but I doubt its _____.
(A) style (B) complexity
(C) durability (D) longevity
- After each of the following sentences, a list of possible interpretations is given. Choose the interpretation that you considered most appropriate for each sentence.*
21. Had it been possible to leave the country then, I would have done so. This means that
(A) I have not left the country and nothing will make me leave.
(B) I wanted to leave the country and I did
(C) I will definitely leave the country one day
(D) I would have liked to leave the country but I wasn't able to.
22. The proprietor and his accountant have had a running battle over the last financial report. This means that they have had
(A) an argument which developed into a fight
(B) a series of arguments on the report
(C) to work hard to complete the report
(D) difficulties understanding the report.
23. Unless you don't want to become a teacher, there's no reason for not accepting the sponsorship. This means that you should
(A) not refuse the sponsorship if you want to become a teacher
(B) refuse the sponsorship if you want to become a teacher
(C) not refuse the sponsorship if you don't want to become a teacher
(D) refuse the sponsorship become a teacher to be a teacher or not.
24. His chances of passing are very slim. This means that he
(A) will pass (B) will not pass
(C) may not pass (D) ought to pass
25. We would never have followed his advice if we had known his reputation. This means that we
(A) knew what people said about him so we refused to obey him
(B) trusted him but did not need any advice
(C) followed his advice because we didn't know him
(D) trusted him but did not take his advice.
26. All the handsome men left her cold. This means that
(A) she needed to wear warm clothes
(B) the men took no notice of her
(C) she was not impressed by them
(D) she felt sad and lonely
27. Sulayman can't help shouting at the members of his team. This means that he
(A) cannot help them without shouting at them.

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- (B) can't help them and can't stop shouting
(C) can't control his emotion and keeps shouting
(D) helps them by cheering them
28. Out of the blue came his letter inviting me to stay with him. This means that the letter came
(A) by air
(B) in a blue envelope
(C) came unexpectedly
(D) by sea
29. Femi spends precious time building castles in the air. This means that Femi
(A) wants to build castles
(B) thinks of impracticable things
(C) is a designer of castles
(D) has made a lot of money
30. Considering his huge salary, the Director ought to have built a house by now. This means that the Director
(A) is not satisfied with his salary
(B) has not built a house yet
(C) earns a lot but his house is still not ready
(D) does not have enough money to build a house.
- From the words lettered A to D below each of the following sentences, choose the word or group of words that is nearest in meaning to the underlined word as it is used in the sentence.*
31. Nowadays, children are given much more latitude than before.
(A) advice
(B) freedom
(C) luxury
(D) variety
32. My neighbour lives a humdrum life.
(A) busy
(B) careless
(C) monotonous
(D) humble
33. The Manager described the new accountant as a man of impeccable character.
(A) serious (B) dangerous
(C) faultless (D) rigid
34. The teacher sent the boy out of the class for his impertinence.
(A) timidity (B) indifference
(C) rudeness (D) cheating
35. This book is the abridged version of the original.
(A) edited
(B) detailed
(C) shortened
(D) revised
36. After the riot, the streets were blocked with charred vehicles
(A) destroyed
(B) vandalized
(C) broken
(D) burnt
37. The thief's jail terms are to run concurrently
(A) consecutively
(B) alternatively
(C) immediately
(D) simultaneously
38. The rapper's popularity is beginning to wane
(A) disappear
(B) change
(C) disperse
(D) decline
39. The doctor told his patient about all the things that could impair his health.
(A) attack (B) terminate
(C) damage (D) reduce
40. The fat old woman looked comical in those trousers.
(A) shabby (B) ridiculous
(C) strange (D) awkward
- From the words or group of words lettered A to D, choose the word or group of words that best completes each of the following sentences.*
41. When I arrived, I noticed that he _____ the kitchen.
(A) had swept (B) has swept
(C) is sweeping (D) will sweep
42. He was dismissed because he _____ the cheque
(A) must not issue
(B) ought not to issue
(C) should not have issued
(D) will have issued
43. Is there _____ chalk in the classroom?
(A) a (B) any
(C) many (D) plenty

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44. The last election resulted _____ a disaster for the Socialist Party.
(A) in
(B) to
(C) into
(D) through
45. The family _____ dinner when we knocked at the door.
(A) is having
(B) was having
(C) had
(D) has had
46. All _____ the president said was reported in the dailies.
(A) what
(B) which
(C) that
(D) those
47. Which of the two questions is _____?
(A) most difficult
(B) the much difficult
(C) the most difficult
(D) more difficult
48. If it rains, the exhibition will be cancelled _____
(A) wouldn't it
(B) isn't it
(C) won't it
(D) can't it
49. The rent is too high _____, the house is not in a suitable location.
(A) therefore (B) besides
(C) nevertheless (D) inasmuch as
50. It's about time your brother _____ some attention to his English.
(A) pays (B) is paying
(C) paid (D) had paid
51. The _____ toys have all been stolen.
(A) children (B) childrens
(C) childrens' (D) children's
52. Olu passed his examination _____ he was a determined student.
(A) although (B) because
(C) unless (D) when
53. Your friend and mentor, _____ his speech.
(A) has finished
(B) is to be finishing
(C) have finished
(D) was finished
54. _____ of you does this belong to?
(A) Whom
(B) Whose
(C) Who
(D) Which
55. One of the window panes _____ yesterday
(A) were breaking
(B) was broken
(C) is to be broken
(D) have broken
56. No child _____ have drawn the picture.
(A) can
(B) will
(C) could
(D) may
57. The referee contemplated _____ the players off the pitch.
(A) to send
(B) to sending
(C) sending
(D) to be sending
58. The old woman passed _____ when she heard of the robbery.
(A) out (B) by
(C) off (D) through
59. The first lady wore a _____ ring to the reception
(A) very expensive gold glittering
(B) gold, very expensive glittering
(C) very expensive, glittering, gold
(D) gold, very glittering expensive
60. The new road was completed on schedule _____ the difficulties involved.
(A) although (B) despite
(C) besides (D) however
61. _____ of his evidence made no sense.
(A) Many (B) Few
(C) Much (D) More
62. The celebrations were rounded _____ with a fire work display.
(A) up (B) out
(C) off (D) down

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63. The member of the association were advised to cooperate with
 (A) one another
 (B) each other
 (C) themselves
 (D) one to the other
64. The robe is long for the short minister
 (A) rather
 (B) much
 (C) very
 (D) quite
65. The professor said Ade was
 (A) a great student of potential
 (B) a student of great potential
 (C) a great potential student
 (D) of potential a great student
66. His father saw that Andrew got all the answers wrong
 (A) in a glance
 (B) by a glance
 (C) with a glance
 (D) at a glance
67. My friend asked me if I would go to Las Palmas for holiday and I said I.....
 (A) will (B) could
 (C) would (D) like
68. Ali dropped the pot accidentally and it _____.
 (A) was broken (B) broke
 (C) breaks (D) had broken
69. Every man, woman and childasked to contribute.
 (A) were (B) are
 (C) was (D) have
70. That sack is heavy for us to lift.
 (A) very (B) so
 (C) too (D) quite
71. If the school had been destroyed, we home
 (A) would go
 (B) would have had to go
 (C) would have to go
 (D) would be going
72. The plane took off
 (A) since five minutes
 (B) five minutes ago
 (C) in the past five minutes
 (D) by five minutes
73. By Christmas, I for one ago
 (A) shall have been working
 (B) was working
 (C) shall work
 (D) have worked
74. As they the thieves broke into the house
 (A) had slept
 (B) are sleeping
 (C) have been sleeping
 (D) were sleeping
75. All the children were inoculated polio
 (A) from (B) by
 (C) against (D) for
76. This plan is an alternative the last one.
 (A) from (B) to
 (C) on (D) against
77. Ali did not win the elections, he continued to award scholarships to the less privileged
 (A) Nevertheless (B) However
 (C) Although (D) Despite

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This year, the annual school -78- was to a workshop in a nearby village. Although it was well before midday, the blacksmith was already sweating from the -79- from the small -80-. He had an assistance who was energetically pumping the -81- that was fanning the charcoal into the bright

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-82-. There was no deference between the red- hot coal and the metal. With large -83- the smith lifted the hot iron form the fire and places it on the -84-. Quickly, picking up -85- , he began to beat it into the shape he wanted. As he did this, -86- flew from the hot iron in all directions. After he had achieved the shape he wanted, he threw it into the wooden -87- filled with water, where other blackened object lay.

	A	B	C	D
78.	travel	journey	festival	excursion
79.	heat	fire	warmth	energy
80.	generator	oven	furnace	incinerator
81.	valves	bellows	blowers	bags
82.	ashes	faggots	embers	lights
83.	pincers	tongs	scissors	hooks
84.	board	table	anvil	slate
85.	rod	hammer	club	stone
86.	fragments	chips	rays	sparks
87.	bowl	trough	jug	pot

Man's destruction of his -88- began to show a very long time ago as vast area of forests were cleared for use as farmland. Recently, however, serous attempts have been made to control the -89- to land and protect the -90- of plants and animals from dying out. National -91- and -92- reserves were established. Man's effort to care for species that are endangered sometimes results in overpopulation because the -93- which would naturally keep animal population in -94- are absent. As a result of over-grazing, hundreds may die of -95- . Another problem is -96-; their presence in large numbers can -97- the animals and disturb their very habitat that is being preserved. Children need to learn about these things. Perhaps cultivating 98- in schools or keeping -99- at home will kindle their desire to preserve life. It is irresponsible to live in a -100- where one cares only about oneself

88.	area	habitat	space	location
89.	damage	menace	hazard	rot
90.	types	kinds	species	groups
91.	pitches	sites	fields	parks
92.	recreational	game	cattle	hunting
93.	prey	destroyers	victims	predators
94.	line	check	size	control
95.	thirst	starvation	malnutrition	disease
96.	viewers	guests	tourists	onlookers
97.	provoke	destroy	anger	excite
98.	plants	gardens	grains	forests
99.	pets	birds	parrots	swans
100.	situation	world	state	place

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(9) B	(29) C	(49) B	(69) C	(89) A
(10) A	(30) B	(50) C	(70) C	(90) C
(11) D	(31) B	(51) D	(71) B	(91) D
(12) C	(32) C	(52) B	(72) B	(92) B
(13) B	(33) C	(53) A	(73) A	(93) D
(14) C	(34) C	(54) D	(74) D	(94) B
(15) B	(35) C	(55) B	(75) C	(95) D
(16) C	(36) D	(56) C	(76) B	(96) C
(17) A	(37) D	(57) C	(77) C	(97) D
(18) B	(38) D	(58) A	(78) D	(98) B
(19) D	(39) C	(59) C	(79) A	(99) A
(20) C	(40) B	(60) B	(80) C	(100) B

SECTION A ANTONYMS

	Word	Meaning	Option
1.	permitted	given permission to do something	prohibited
2.	famous	known about by many people	unpopular
3.	prejudiced	an opinion not based on reason or experience	impartial
4.	hopeful	a feeling that something wanted may happen	pessimistic
5.	obscure	not known about or well known	obvious
6.	copious	abundant or plentiful	scanty
7.	incompetence	lacking the skill to do something	efficiency
8.	disclosed	to reveal	conceal
9.	vehemently	showing strong feeling	feebly
10.	gradual	steady, gentle, piecemeal	abrupt

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SECTION B

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| 11. | intimidating: | frightening/scary |
| 12. | embargo: | an official ban, especially on trade with a particular country |
| 13. | mortuary: | a place where dead bodies are kept until burial |
| 14. | deviated: | depart from an established course or normal standards |
| 15. | an affront: | an insult |
| 16. | quorum: | a minimum number of people that must be present before a meeting can officially commence |
| 17. | inmates: | a person living in a prison or other institution |
| 18. | annulled: | declare to be no longer valid |
| 19. | auspices: | with the support or protection of |
| 20. | durability: | hard-wearing |

SECTION C IDIOMS

- | | Idioms | Meaning |
|-----|---|--|
| 21. | had it been possible, I would have done so | I would have liked to but I wasn't able to |
| 22. | a running battle | having a series of arguments |
| 23. | there is no reason for not accepting the sponsorship | not refuse the sponsorship if you want to become a teacher |
| 24. | his chance of passing are slim | he may not pass |
| 25. | we would never have followed his advice if we had known him | we followed his advice because we did not know him |
| 26. | to leave someone cold | to take no notice of the person |
| 27. | can't help showing at his team | can't control his emotions and keep shouting |
| 28. | out of the blue | came unexpectedly |
| 29. | to build castles in the air | thinks of impracticable things |
| 30. | considering his huge salary he ought to have built a house | he has not yet built a house |

SECTION D SYNONYMS

- | | Word | Meaning | Option |
|-----|--------------|------------------------------|----------------|
| 31. | latitude | freedom of action or thought | freedom |
| 32. | humdrum | dull or ordinary | monotonous |
| 33. | impeccable | faultless / without fault | faultless |
| 34. | impertinence | not showing proper respect | rudeness |
| 35. | abridged | shorten a text or film | shortened |
| 36. | charred | blacken by burning | burnt |
| 37. | concurrently | to happen at the same time | simultaneously |
| 38. | wane | become weaker | decline |
| 39. | impair | weaken or damage | damage |

OBJECTIVE QUESTIONS WASSCE JUNE 2012
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DIRECTION: Choose the word that is most nearly opposite in meaning to the underlined word and that will at the same time, correctly fill the gap in the sentence..

1. Although the atmosphere was hostile the meeting ended on _____ terms.
(A) gentle
(B) unacceptable
(C) suspicious
(D) amicable
 2. The company had to _____ the restaurant in order to construct a hotel
(A) demolish
(B) abandon
(C) damage
(D) relocate
 3. Five years ago the economy of our country was buoyant but nowadays it has become _____
(A) profitable
(B) distressed
(C) unbearable
(D) low
 4. We enjoy real stories not those that are _____
(A) imaginary
(B) practical
(C) vague
(D) undefined
 5. Ann's efficiency earned her a promotion while Jane's _____ caused her dismissal
(A) lateness
(B) capability
(C) incompetence
(D) laziness
 6. While Rashida's business is flourishing, Ida's is _____
(A) declining (B) diminishing
(C) vanishing (D) withering
 7. Clara is full of admiration for Lena but she treats me with _____
(A) despair (B) callousness
 8. The contributions should be _____ not compulsory.
(A) wilful
(B) voluntary
(C) deliberate
(D) outright
 9. In the societies, the _____ and the cultured lived together.
(A) ignorant
(B) rich
(C) barbaric
(D) arrogant
 10. Some people live in abject poverty while other live in _____
(A) affluence
(B) greatness
(C) fame
(D) peace
- From the words lettered A to D, choose the word that best completes each of the following sentences.*
11. When you _____ someone's point of view, you should do so politely
(A) refute
(B) rebuke
(C) recall
(D) refuse
 12. One should _____ the land very well if one expect a bumper harvest
(A) water (B) dig
(C) cultivate (D) clear
 13. His lecture was _____ and so the students did not understand
(A) indefinte

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- (B) illegible
(C) unintelligible
(D) unimpressive
14. In Botany, one is bound to _____ flowers
(A) read
(B) know
(C) study
(D) examine
15. Harry cannot do without his _____ of short stories because he loves reading it.
(A) file
(B) library
(C) collection
(D) dictionary
16. Can you _____ the result of tomorrow's match
(A) conclude
(B) predict
(C) order
(D) certify
17. The river _____ across the plain
(A) rolled
(B) meandered
(C) trickled
(D) passed
18. Since the army was no longer needed, it was _____ -
(A) demolished (B) dismantled
(C) disbanded (D) fired
19. It is most _____ that the company spent five million naira on that fragile fence
(A) outstanding (B) wonderful
(C) remarkable (D) astonishing
20. Matters that are confidential must not be made
(A) public (B) popular
(C) unreasonable (D) uncertain
- After each of the following sentences, a list of possible interpretations is given. Choose the interpretation that you considered most appropriate for each sentence.*
21. The boy went scot-free even though he insulted his teacher. This means that the boy was
(A) not punished
(B) free to move out
(C) expelled
(D) I would have liked to leave the country but I wasn't able to.
- (D) cautioned seriously
22. The driver escaped death by a hair's breadth. This means that the driver escaped death
(A) fast (B) luckily
(C) surprisingly (D) narrowly
23. I am given a free hand to run the business, This means that I
(A) am allowed to make decisions
(B) make my own appointment
(C) assist the worker willingly
(D) alone can choose executives
24. In every good transaction, there should be some give-and-take. This means that
(A) transactions are about giving
(B) transactions are give and take
(C) any gifts should be accepted willingly
(D) people should be willing to make compromises
25. That account of the incident is true to a degree. This means that the account is
(A) Totally wrong (B) not clear
(C) completely true (D) partly true
26. Moses won the contest hands down. This means that Moses won
(A) surprisingly (B) very easily
(C) narrowly (D) with difficulty
27. They vowed to win the race by hook or by crook. This means that they owed to win by
(A) peaceful negotiations
(B) any possible means
(C) bribing the other competitors
(D) being honest
28. William spent the first three months learning the ropes
(A) pulled all the ropes that should be pulled
(B) Learnt what job demanded
(C) knew what to do
(D) was willing to learn
29. Our teacher advised us not to go with the crowd. This means that he advised us not to
(A) stay too much in the crowd
(B) travel with the crowd
(C) have many friends
(D) be unduly influenced by others

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30. Although the men were foreigners, they were given preferential treatment. This means that the men were treated
(A) better than others
(B) with caution
(C) with respect
(D) very quickly

From the words lettered A to D below each of the following sentences, choose the word or group of words that is nearest in meaning to the underlined word as it is used in the sentence.

31. John bled profusely as a result of the accident.
(A) slowly
(B) excessively
(C) extremely
(D) abundantly

32. What you are suggesting is not feasible.
(A) capable
(B) practicable
(C) attractive
(D) easy

33. Pa Bakary augmented his income by selling firewood
(A) saved
(B) preserved
(C) increased
(D) economized

34. He plays the Kora with dexterity
(A) Wisdom
(B) force
(C) pride
(D) skill

35. The police could not apprehend all the gamblers
(A) charge
(B) interrogate
(C) arrest
(D) prosecute

36. Fafa has a conspicuous nose
(A) prominent (B) flat
(C) battered (D) pointed

37. Many parents are upset by the laxity with which children treat academic work nowadays
(A) repulsed (B) reviewed
(C) approved (D) concerned

38. In order to keep the peace I had to retract my statement
(A) alter
(B) refine
(C) withdraw
(D) deny

39. Their father is so vigilant the it is not possible for his children to plat truant
(A) intelligent
(B) watchful
(C) rigid
(D) concerned

40. Their principal endorsed my traveling document without delay
(A) corrected
(B) checked
(C) reviewed
(D) approved

From the words or group of words lettered A to D, choose the word or group of words that best completes each of the following sentences.

41. Please, run fifty copies of this report for me.
(A) off
(B) on
(C) over
(D) out

42. My father's seventieth birthday a celebration
(A) is called for
(B) will be called for
(C) calls for
(D) call for

43. Kojo succeeded in passing his examination the odd he faced
(A) regardless (B) despite
(C) moreover (D) however

44. If the police had not intervened quickly, the suspected thief by the mob.
(A) would have been killed
(B) would be killed
(C) will have been killed
(D) will be killed

45. Harry hates in suspense
(A) been kept (B) keeping
(C) being kept (D) haven been kept

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46. We are not bound to believe all _____ he said
(A) what
(B) which
(C) these
(D) that
47. Margaret forgot to buy _____
(A) a trousers
(B) one trousers
(C) a pair of trousers
(D) plenty trousers
48. He was charged _____ stealing from the company's safe
(A) about
(B) in
(C) of
(D) with
49. The teacher had hardly turned his back _____ the classroom became noisy
(A) that
(B) when
(C) then
(D) hence
50. The hardened criminal was convicted _____ breaking into Danso's house
(A) with
(B) in
(C) of
(D) for
51. This is Kunle's handwriting; there _____ be no argument about it
(A) could
(B) couldn't
(C) can
(D) can't
52. In Matamina no one is _____ the law
(A) over
(B) within
(C) above
(D) outside
53. Luckily, Frank arrived just _____ time to catch the plane
(A) by
(B) within
(C) to
(D) in
54. Those boys will have to blame _____ for not listening to advice
(A) each other
(B) ourselves
(C) the other
(D) themselves
55. This is not your book, it is _____
(A) Andrew
(B) Andrew's
(C) Andrews
(D) Andrews'
56. John said he had never _____ insulted in his life.
(A) so been
(B) been so
(C) being so
(D) so being
57. I asked Penda to stand _____ for me since I could not attend the meeting.
(A) on
(B) aside
(C) in
(D) by
58. Femi, Tom is Aka's son _____
(A) is he
(B) he is
(C) isn't it
(D) isn't he
59. You will help me lift this box, _____
(A) won't you
(B) would you
(C) can you
(D) could you
60. Sally assisted me in buying my _____ yesterday.
(A) very first party dress
(B) first very party dress
(C) party very first dress
(D) party dress first dress
61. The cook had _____ oil and so could not prepare the soup.
(A) little
(B) small
(C) some
(D) much
62. We will have to set up a _____ panel to investigate this matter
(A) seven men
(B) seven-men
(C) seven man
(D) seven-man
63. The workers could not move the heavy stone _____ they tried
(A) how much
(B) as much as
(C) no matter that
(D) however hard

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64. The friendly match will kick _____ at 4.00p.m. today as scheduled
(A) up
(B) on
(C) of
(D) off
65. The boys _____ football when the teacher entered the class
(A) are discussing
(B) were discussing
(C) will be discussing
(D) will discuss
66. Our teacher is _____ to make such a mistake
(A) too much intelligent
(B) intelligent too much
(C) much too intelligent
(D) too intelligent much
67. Some people find it difficult not to give _____ to temptation
(A) away
(B) over
(C) in
(D) off
68. If your argument is not strong enough, you _____ your claim to your father property
(A) had forfeited
(B) would forfeit
(C) will forfeit
(D) have forfeited
69. While in prison he had _____ time to read a lot of books
(A) ample
(B) real
(C) few
(D) most
70. Anyone who wants to succeed in any endeavor should _____ his lazy habits
(A) shake off
(B) shake down
(C) shake out
(D) shake in
71. No sooner had they arrived _____ we left the hall
(A) than
(B) when
(C) so
(D) therefore
72. Any good newspaper will cater for the needs of the _____ public
(A) reader
(B) readers
(C) reading
(D) readable
73. The little boy found it difficult to keep pace _____ his father
(A) against
(B) by
(C) with
(D) over

In the following passage, the numbered gaps indicate missing words. Against each number in the list below each passages, four options are given in columns lettered A to D, choose the word that is the most suitable to fill the numbered gaps in the passages.

Fred loves the weekends because they afford him the opportunity to visit the popular -74- where his friends, the -75-, always allows him to go through the newspapers at no cost to him. There are usually many daily and weekly -76- of newspapers, magazines and journals on sale. Fred's habit is to quickly note from the -77- the papers that had arrived. Next, he glance at the -78- of the leading stories and then the -79- that are printed underneath the pictures on the front and back pages. Thereafter, he decides on which one to read. He has his favourite -80- and he especially loves to read the -81- which are usually written by editors. He also enjoys the -82- sent in by the -83- journalists because he believes that they write objectively. The -84- sadden him because they remind him that life is transient. However, whatever gloominess these bring about is quickly wiped away by the excitement from the -85- pages. These pages keep him informed of his favourite clubs, players and match fixtures.

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	A	B	C	D
74.	newsagent	newsstand	newsletter	newscast
75.	vendor	hawker	trader	merchant
76.	reprints	impressions	units	editions
77.	mastheads	names	index	title
78.	topics	timelines	headlines	layouts
79.	copies	subscripts	documents	captions
80.	extracts	column	corners	sections
81.	features	publications	editorials	serials
82.	articles	works	entries	writings
83.	amateur	lay	freelance	carefree
84.	obituaries	dirges	pictures	entries
85.	football	games	recreation	sports

PASSAGE B

Last week Mrs. Coker took her sick daughter to the hospital. After examining her, the doctor said that the child didn't have much -86- to the parasites, which the laboratory -87- discovered in her blood -88-. He advised her to give the child the prescribed drug and to keep out the flies that -89- the disease. He told Mrs. Coker that the disease was in its early -90- and that the obvious symptom was the -91- of the eye membranes. This was caused by the trachoma virus, which could not be seen under a -92- because it is smaller than bacterial -93-. He made the realise that trachoma could cause blindness. Therefore, Mrs Coker should prevent her family from this -94- disease. She should maintain a high standard of -95- by -96- her towel and face cloths. The doctor then wrote out a -97- of antibiotic drug and tablets, which should be obtained from a -98-. He assured Mrs. Coker that the treatment he prescribed would -99- the child to good -100- in two or three days.

86.	resistance	reaction	opposition	energy
87.	operator	technician	nurse	aide
88.	sample	type	group	portion
89.	maintain	give	carry	deliver
90.	circumstances	positions	steps	stages
91.	itching	enlargement	inflammation	growth
92.	telescope	endoscope	stethoscope	microscope
93.	organisms	fungi	vermin	pests
94.	pervasive	contagious	dreadful	health
95.	hygiene	upkeep	living	potent
96.	sterilizing	washing	cooking	drying
97.	concoction	recommendation	description	prescription
98.	pharmacist	scientist	practitioner	nurse
99.	revive	restore	repair	cure
100.	standard	state	health	position