2016 WASSCE (NovDec) English language Paper One – Objectives

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PART A
LEXIS AND STRUCTURE
SECTION I

In each of the following sentences, there is a word underlined and one gap. From the list of words lettered A to D 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. A police figure should have an amiable character as an……. one will make him unpopular.

A. insecure

B. unfriendly

C. unstable

D. unreliable

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2. Nowadays, many students are distracted by social media instead of remaining …… on their studies.

A. focused

B. steady

C. dependent

D. centered

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3. Moral standards, which have been high over the years, are now on the……..

A. decline

B. slope

C. reduction

D. drop

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4. Cultivating a deep regard for others may help one in ……..negative feelings.

A. quitting

B. eliminating

C. supplanting

D. ignoring

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5. As the show progressed, Ama's attitude changed from indifference to……

A. commitment

B. inspiration

C. devotion

D. enthusiasm

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6. Documentary films are more factual than ……. ones.

A. scientific

B. historical

C. fictional

D. comical

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7. The museum's artefacts are more attractive than……. to tourists.

A. perspective

B. repulsive

C. permissive

D. receptive

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8. Instead of showing concern for their plight, the policeman remained……

A. withdraw

B. calm

C. indifferent

D. careless

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9. His present frugal lifestyle is far different from the……. one he was used to

A. flashy

B. exciting

C. stately

D. luxurious

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10. After the stressful journey, we received a …… welcome

A. restful

B. pleasant

C. satisfactory

D. humble

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SECTION II

From the list of words lettered A to D, choose the one that best completes each of the following sentences

11. No one should be expected to work hard for such a …… salary

A. frugal

B. meagre

C. minimal

D. basic

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12. The two rival have finally reached a ……..

A. stalemate

B. ceasefire

C. criterion

D. compromise

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13. If no one……. your account, you will not be believed.

A. collaborates

B. corroborates

C. implements

D. refutes

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14. He never drank alcohol, so the gift of a bottle of gin did not seem quite……

A. receptive

B. applicable

C. attractive

D. appropriate

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15. The modern trend of worshiping money above all else should be

A. annulled

B. denounced

C. boycotted

D. refutes

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16. The students now walk into the library..... than before.

A. quietly

B. quieter

C. more quietly

D. more quiet

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17. ..... friendship is well illustrated in the story,

A. David's and Jonathan's

B. David's and Jonathan

C. David and Jonathan

D. David and Jonathan's

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18. During the interview, all candidates made signals……

A. to one another

B. to each other

C. to themselves

D. one to another

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19. I have not seen you…… three days

A. within

B. since

C. after

D. for

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20. You promised to pass your examinations.

A. isn't it

B. do you

C. didn't you

D. wasn't it

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SECTION III

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

21. One's leisure should be used beneficially

A. favourably

B. appreciably

C. profitably

D. essentially

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22. Space travellers set sterling examples of endurance

A. promising

B. surpassing

C. outstanding

D. motivating

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23. 23. The competitive spirit is deeply etched on the minds of athletes vying for honours.

A. printed

B. implanted

C. sown

D. ingrained

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24. Children should be trained to discern right from wrong

A. distinguish

B. divide

C. omit

D. appreciable

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25. The major milestone in my life was when I won the National essay competition

A. success

B. occasion

C. achievement

D. incident

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26. The aircraft's estimated time of arrival is 6pm

A. calculated

B. approximate

C. usual

D. appropriate

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27. Much of what we learnt in school years ago still has relevance

A. meaning

B. understanding

C. interpretation

D. explanation

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28. At school I learned many valuable lessons that refined me.

A. converted

B. reassured

C. promoted

D. polished

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29. He made money in the prime of his life

A. beginning

B. heyday

C. height

D. twilight

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30. Communication networks have flourished all over the world

A. survived

B. thrived

C. existed

D. opened

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SECTION IV

After each of the following sentences, a list of possible interpretations of all or part of the sentence is given. Choose the interpretation you consider most appropriate for each sentence

31. When we caught him cheating, he told us a cock and bull story. This means that he told us

A. a story about a cock and a bull

B. a confusing story

C. an incredible

D. a long story

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32. The people were left in the lurch during the crisis. This means that they were

A. reluctantly helped during the crisis

B. not helped during the crisis

C. expecting to be more informed

D. forced to remain indoors

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33. I could not believe my eyes when the little boy put away two plates of food. This means that the boy

A. bought a lot of food

B. hid two plates of food

C. gave me two plates

D. ate a lot of food

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34. The new tenant was put out by the noise in the area. This means that he

A. was irritated by the noise

B. was embarrassed by the noise

C. was indifferent to the noise

D. moved out because of the noise

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35. I woke up feeling a bit under weather This means that I felt slightly

A. depressed

B. angry

C. unwell

D. tired

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36. The new gardener is light-fingered. This means that he

A. is skilful and experienced

B. is prone to stealing

C. lends the garden well

D. has slender fingers

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37. The politicians were on tenterhooks as the votes were being counted. This means that they were

A. anxious

B. confused

C. pessimistic

D. depressed

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38. Lisa was forced to eat her words when she was found guilty. This means that Lisa

A. confirmed that she was guilty

B. apologized for what she had done

C. was punished for she had done

D. admitted that she had lied

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39. Had I known that you were here, I would not have come. This means that I

A. knew you were here and I came

B. did not know you were here and I came

C. came not knowing you were here and I came

D. did not come knowing you were here

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40. The film made my hair stand on end. This means that I was

A. terrified

B. nervous

C. ecstatic

D. amused

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SECTION VI

In the following passage, the numbered gaps indicate missing words. Against each number in the list below the passage, four choices are offered in columns lettered A and B. For each numbered gap, choose from the options provided for that number, the word that is most suitable to fill the gap.

The primary aim of a newspaper is to –41—news items for the information of the public.

Newspapers vary not only in the –42—of publication but also in the kind of news they –43–.

A newspaper can be of any size and number of pages, but it should be handy. A –44—should be able to go through it within a short time. The editorial –45—is usually on one of the first two or three pages. The editorial expresses the –46—of the newspaper on any topic the editorial—47—chooses to comment on. The news items are sent in by –48—reporters while –49 articles are written by –50–.

	A	B	C	D
41	Gather	Find	Type	Circulate
42	Frequency	Repetition	Rate	Occurrence
43	Broadcast	Publish	Advertise	Sell
44	Vendor	Reporter	Reader	Correspondent
45	Statement	Title	Article	Comment
46	Exposition	Opinion	Objection	Arguments
47	Group	Committee	Board	Panel
48	Radio	Press	Television	Internet
49	Prominent	Listed	Feature	Foreign
50	Cartoons	Activities	Columnist	Analysis