

2018 WASSCE (June) English

language Paper One – Objectives

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. The wilting plants were by the recent rains.

- A. destroyed
- B. cleared
- C. revived
- D. drowned

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2. The tranquility of the rural areas contrasts with thein the cities.

- A. pollution
- B. panic
- C. unease
- D. noise

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3. The greedy man took advantage the woman's

- A. naivety
- B. generosity
- C. calmness
- D. vulnerability

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4. While the children were agitated by the news, their parents were very

- A. indifferent
- B. happy
- C. composed
- D. satisfied.

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5. There will not be any more food shortage after the..... harvest.

- A. vast
- B. satisfactory
- C. bumper
- D. average

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6. Do not scatter the books on the table. them neatly on the shelves.

- A. pack
- B. keep
- C. arrange
- D. mount

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7. The manager will lay off the experienced staff and new ones.

- A. promote
- B. accept
- C. recommend
- D. engage

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8. The chief executive officer is strict with his staff, while the deputy is

- A. co-operate
- B. nice
- C. lax
- D. sympathetic

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9. Do not indulge in this malpractice anymore; from it.

- A. withdraw

- B. depart
- C. resist
- D. abstain

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10. Rather than the issues, his comments confused the audience the more.

- A. resolve
- B. clarify
- C. clear
- D. solve

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SECTION II

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

11. Aba's mother her for being rude.

- A. angered
- B. rebuked
- C. incriminated
- D. abused

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12. Every year, the armed forces thousands of persons into the army.

- A. enlists
- B. hires
- C. accepts
- D. admits

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13. That pastor always preaches sermons that will win more

- A. activists
- B. adherents
- C. converts
- D. convicts

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14. The children their laughter when they saw the look on their father's face.

- A. constrained
- B. subjugated
- C. censored
- D. suppressed

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15. Lions are eaters.

- A. vivacious

- B. voracious
- C. veracious
- D. voluminous

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16. A housewife never cooks more food than is needed.

- A. frugal
- B. fruitful
- C. grudging
- D. greedy

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17. After eating for the tenth time, those boys finally

- A. gave off
- B. gave up
- C. rounded up
- D. rounded off

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18. his inefficiency, he was a successful business man.

- A. But for
- B. Except for

C. Contrary to

D. In spite of

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19. There are certain between the two accounts of the incidence.

A. diversities

B. distortions

C. discrepancies

D. discriminations

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20. His natural modesty always inclined him to his own achievements.

A. play down

B. play back

C. play up

D. play on

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SECTION III

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

21. The aftermath of the disaster is still with us.

- A. cause
- B. result
- C. climax
- D. conclusion

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22. Mabel's statement corroborated the evidence before the judge.

- A. explained
- B. supported
- C. collaborated
- D. contradicted

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23. He found the proposal distasteful.

- A. unappealing
- B. tasteless
- C. disagreeable
- D. discouraging

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24. They refused to divulge their plans.

- A. tell

- B. reveal
- C. denounce
- D. voice

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25. The police officers are relentless in their efforts to maintain peace.

- A. inhumane
- B. untiring
- C. answering
- D. merciless

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26. The opinion expressed by that panelist was quite controversial.

- A. debatable
- B. serious
- C. important
- D. superficial

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27. The landlord had to eject the tenant from his house.

- A. expel
- B. debar

C. remove

D. evict

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28. Selma is a good girl; she is not one of the incorrigible ones.

A. stubborn

B. hard

C. wild

D. incredulous

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29. The students felt dejected when their favourite teacher was transferred.

A. rejected

B. disappointed

C. frustrated

D. suppressed

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30. Hermits are not interested in secular matters.

A. physical

B. trivial

C. worldly

D. religious

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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. The traders are cashing in on the increased number of buyers to prices. This means that

- A. the traders brought along a lot cash.
- B. the traders have more cash to import goods.
- C. the traders are taking advantage of the numerous buyers.
- D. the traders have become very rich.

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32. Although Jones had no leadership abilities, he refused to play second fiddle in the group. This means Jones

- A. saw himself as leader.
- B. was made the leader.
- C. took a subordinate position.
- D. co-operated with others.

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33. Koku's father's colleagues always recognize him because he is a chip off the old block. This means that Koku is

- A. not like his father.
- B. an image of his father
- C. older than they thought.
- D. co-operated with others.

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34. AdjoaAkoto was admonished to paddle her own canoe. This means the AdjoaAkoto should

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- A. be in charge of the business
- B. place her interest first.
- C. manage her own affairs.
- D. be more serious with life

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35. The opportunity slipped through my fingers. This means that I

- A. did not make use of it.
- B. preferred another option.
- C. expected something better.
- D. wanted to be more careful.

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36. I did all I could to amuse him but he kept a straight face. This means that he

- A. was not convinced.
- B. remained adamant.
- C. refused to laugh.
- D. did not listen to me

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37. Who to lead the group, became our bone of contention. This means

- A. there was a quarrel.
- B. there was no consensus.
- C. there was a postponement.
- D. there was no appointment

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38. The new salary increases were across the board. This means that the increases

- A. were very impressive.
- B. affected all workers
- C. Option 3
- D. Option 4

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39. The auctioneer sold the Jeep for a song. This means that the Jeep.

- A. was sold at high price.
- B. did not attract many bidders.
- C. was sold very cheaply.
- D. was sold off very quickly

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40. Nii Ankrah's limousine has seen better days. This means that Nii Ankrah's car

- A. has been refurbished.
- B. is now old.
- C. used to break down.
- D. has served him well.

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SECTION V

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

Countries all over the world, rely on their -41- resources for their development. Those resources vary from country to country. The discovery of crude oil -42- in any country is greeted with excitement because it is considered a valuable source of -43- for the government.

Once it has been discovered by -44-, who would have been prospecting for it, an oil -45- is drilled until the petroleum reservoir is reached.

Natural -46-, another valuable resource, may be found at the same time. -47- oil is usually conveyed through a -48- directly to the -49- where it is processed. Here, petrol, diesel, kerosene, liquefied petroleum gas, and lubricants are produced for domestic and industrial

use. Scientists have obtained other -50- substances from petroleum, for example, man-made fibres like nylon which may be woven into beautiful fabrics for clothes.

	A	B	C	D
41	Rich	Profitable	Natural	Vast
42	Reserves	Stocks	Preserves	Stores
43	Savings	Revenue	Salary	Accounts
44	Geologists	Ecologists	Anthropologists	Archaeologists
45	Rig	Well	Plant	Hole
46	Liquid	Gas	Carbon	Chemical
47	Undiluted	Crude	Unfinished	Raw
48	Tunnel	Tube	Hose	Pipeline
49	Purifier	Factory	Industry	Refinery
50	Artificial	Authentic	Synthetic	Inferior