DE YOUNGESTER'S INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

FIRST MOCK EXAMINATION- FEBRUARY, 2021

ENGLISH LANGUAGE **Time : 1hr 45 mins**

NAME: ………………………………………………..INDEX NO:…………………………….

Answer two questions in all; one question from Part A and all the questions in Part B.

Your composition should be about 250 words long.

***PART A***

*ESSAY WRITING -30 marks*

*Answer one question only from this part.*

1. Write an article for publication in the national newspapers on the negative effects of drug abuse to the youth.

2. Write a story that illustrates the saying" Better late than never".

3. There has been an increase in the number of road accidents in your area. Write a letter to the District Chief Executive of your area suggesting at least two ways by which this problem can be solved.

**Part ‘B’**

*4. COMPREHENSION - 30 marks*

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions on it.

The crowd was massive. Men, women, boys and girls from every nook and cranny of the village had gathered under the big iroko tree. Also in the crowd was an American couple, tourists, who were enjoying their holiday. At the centre of the large circle of people was the magician who had the reputation of performing unbelievable feats. Everybody was impressed with the **feats** which went along with the hilarious drumming.

Then came the next item. The magician's three **aides** each took out a local gun while the magician danced even wilder. The gun-totting aides took up position in three different corners. The drumming became more frenzied and the magician performed more acrobatics. The people were not to wonder for long what the guns had to do with the whole show. One after the other, the aides aimed at the magician while he **steadied** himself to receive the shots. Each gun boomed with a loud report and the magician jumped up in celebration of his survival. The three shots seemingly got to him but he simply laughed to scorn the shooters.

The American tourist was more than **mystified**. He could not explain it. How could a man receive bullet shots in his chest and still remain **unscathed**? In disbelief he shouted " This is amazing can't be explained But wait a minute. I II join the show myself." There and then, he went to his car took out his riffle and returned to the crowd "I'm gonna get this guy!" he proclaimed.

He took aim. The magician saw him out of the corner of his eye. He surveyed the scenario and decided that he was not prepared for this. Quickly, he showed a clean pair of heels. Tearing through the crowd he ran for his dear life. Some thought this was still part of the show. but when the man would not return it was clear that he had bidden the audience a **hasty** farewell.

What the American and most others did not realise all the time was that the local guns had no bullets whatsoever only the gunpowder.

*Questions*

(a) What suggests that the show was free?

(b) What evidence is there that the performance was not a one-man show?

(c) Why was the magician confident to receive the shots from his aides?

(d) What did the American Ameiíū tourist set out to prove?

(e) What might have happened if the American had completed his contemplated action?

(f)What does these expressions mean?

(i).....he showed clean pair of heels

(ii)........ every nook and cranny.....

(g) For each of the following words, find another word or phrase which means the same and which can replace it as it is used in the passage:

(i) feats

(ii) aides

(iii) steadied

(iv)mystified Pg 1

(v) unscathed

(vi) hasty

***5. LITERATURE* - *10 mks***

Answers all questions in this section.

*A Minor Bird ( Robert Frost )*

a. Why does the narrator wish the bird would fly away?

b. What was the bird's crime?

c. What is the rhyme scheme of the poem?

*The Dilemma of a Ghost ( Ama Ata Aidoo )*

d. Who was the major character in the play?

Read the extract and answer the questions that follow:

"Ato gets up and start pounding on the door again, and at the same time keeps calling his mother"

e. Which incident led to the above behaviour?

f. What is the mood in the above extract?

g. The word 'pound' used in the above extract will evoke the literary device known as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*Ripples ( Peter Paul Adolinama)*

h. Who nurtured Abiba?

i. What was Sayibu noted for with regards to his reputation?

j. At what age was Abiba supposed to get married?

**Objective Test- 30 marks**

**LEXIS AND STRUCTURE**

**SECTION A**

From the letters A-D, choose the word /group of words that best completes these sentences.

1. I know of a cow ......... has only three legs.

A. whom B. which C. who D. where

2. The police vehicles raced ......... full speed with their sirens blaring.

A. on B. with C.at D.in

3. Osah liked to read detective novels to take his mind ......... his worries.

A. off B. away C. out of D. from

4. I don't know what to do with these children .They are always fighting ..........

A. themselves B. myself C.one another D. each of them

5. If she had known ,she wouldn't have come,.......?

A. would she B. did she C. can he D. wasn't he

6. Salary cut could be the ........ of the worker's protest.

A. course B. coarse C. curse D. cause

7.Twenty students were suspended ........... Abugri.

A. beside B. besides C. together D. even

8. The minister denied all the allegations levelled ............ him.

A. about B. on C. against D. before

9. He said there was no grounds ........... the boycott of the elections.

A. for B. in C. by D. with

10. It's high time we ............. this argument.

A. end B. should end C. have ended D. ended

11. Let's go to the cinema,.........?

A. shall you B. will you C. shall we D. won't you Pg 2

12. The opposition accused the government of …………….. the elections.

A. changing B. cheating C. rigging D. stealing

13. It was…………. on GBC news yesterday that the town had fallen.

A. proclaimed B. announced C. declared D. said

14. He spoke………… French and so he couldn’t help them.

A. some B. a little C. small D. little

15. We detest his…………….to alcohol.

A. wish B. addiction C. taste D. commitment

**Section B**

From the alternatives lettered A-D, choose the opposite in meaning to the underlined word.

16. Aposor's appointment was **terminated** due to what he did.

A. integrated B. completed C. initiated D. organized

17. It appears Agya Koo Nimo's business is **flourishing**.

A. declining B. progressing C. vanishing D. withering

18. Shola took the drug to **relieve** her stomach ache only for it to \_\_\_\_\_\_ her condition.

A. promote B. lessen C. alleviate D. aggravate

19. Asamoah Gyan scored the **solitary** goal that won Ghana the match against Algeria.

A. classy B. last C. only D. classy

20. The speech Mr. Agboso gave was very **terse**

A. interesting B. laudable C. long D. brief

**Section C**

From the alternatives lettered A-D, choose the one that best explains the underlined group of words correctly.

21.In order to become a successful administrator in the office, an executive has **to keep his ears to the** **ground**. This means am executive has

A. to be very polite B. to encourage backbiting C. to keep informed about happening in surrounding D. to have a strict control over all

22. Kennedy's **maiden speech** really touched a lot of people during the congress. This means Kennedy 's speech

A. was made by a maid B. was for a lady C. was poor in quality D. was the first speech made by him

23.The police searched **nook and cranny** , the evidence they needed. This means the police searched

A. at a distant place B. not up to the mark C. everywhere D. some other

24. All is papers and documents were declared **null and void**. This means his documents.

A. Useless B. Invalid C. Undue favour to someone. D. Not applicable.

25. Chief Gbemi is a **man of letters**. This means Chief Gbemi is

A postman B. a man with good handwriting C. a famous person with qualities of head and heart D .A rich person

**Section D**

From the alternatives lettered A-D, choose the word that is nearly similar in meaning to the underlined word.

26. Several **crucial** decisions were taken at the meeting.

A. final B. particular C. important D. obvious

27. Water and kerosene are **disparate** liquids.

A. colourless B. common C. different D. useful

28. After offering him a job, the company **discovered** that he was a sham.

A. nobody B. spy C. fake D. failure

29. The students were punished for using **obscene** language.

A. indecent B. untidy C. counterfeit D. extravagant

30. Wale was told to **abridge** his essay.

A. translate B. shorten C. revise D. explain

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