

**LEXIS AND STRUCTURE**  
**SECTION A**

*From the alternatives lettered A to D, choose the one which most suitably completes each sentence.*

1. The council of Elders .....  
advised youths to desist from telling  
lies.  
a. have  
b. have been  
c. has  
d. has been
2. If the teacher asks me a question, I  
..... him.  
a. could answer  
b. answer  
c. could have answered  
d. will answer
3. Let's leave now, my Beauty. ....?  
a. May we                      c. Must we  
b. Can we                      d. Shall we
4. Adeleke is the ..... in our family.  
a. more clever  
b. cleverer  
c. cleverest  
d. clever
5. The earlier she.....home, the  
better.  
a. came  
b. comes  
c. has come  
d. had come
6. The baby became happy  
when.....mother returned.  
a. Her                              c. his  
b. Its                                d. it's
7. By November next year, we.....  
school.  
a. shall have completed  
b. shall complete  
c. shall be completing  
d. shall have complete
8. Their ideas are similar, aren't they?  
Yes,.....  
a. there are  
b. they are  
c. are they  
d. it is
9. We do not discuss salient issues  
with him because he is .....  
a. a talkative  
b. very talkative  
c. always a talkative  
d. just a talkative
10. My friend prefers English  
..... French.  
a. than                              c. to  
b. but                                d. against
11. On my way to the airport,  
I..... an old classmate.  
a. ran into  
b. ran by  
c. ran in  
d. ran across
12. This money is all ..... I  
have on me.  
a. what                              c. that

- b. which                      d. this
13. Atsu is anxiously looking forward to..... his friends at the party.
- a. see  
b. be seeing  
c. seeing  
d. have seen

14. The old woman did not eat for three days because she did not have ..... money for feeding.
- a. More                      c. no  
b. some                      d. any
15. No sooner had we reached the house ..... it started raining.
- a. When                      c. as  
b. before                      d. than

### SECTION B

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

16. These days, most businessmen are very cunning.
- a. wise  
b. extravagant  
c. skilful  
d. crafty
17. The housemaster reprimanded Joyce for bullying the new girl.
- a. punished  
b. insulted  
c. reported  
d. rebuked
18. A student needs persistence in order to be successful.
- a. perseverance  
b. concentration  
c. consistency  
d. resolution
19. Her attempts to become the queen mother proved abortive.
- a. uncertain  
b. senseless  
c. risky  
d. futile
20. They did not like him because he was headstrong.
- a. stubborn  
b. wicked  
c. rude  
d. callous

### SECTION C

In each of the following sentences a group of words has been underlined. Choose from the alternatives lettered A to D the one that best explains the underlined group of words.

21. Araba's friends decided to send her to Coventry. This means that .....
- a. Araba was to be sent to a convent  
b. she was to be sent away  
c. her friends decided to ignore her  
d. her friends decided to forgive her
22. The widow works her fingers to the bone to take care of her



- children. This means that the window .....
- wears out her fingers with work
  - is indolent
  - massages her bones
  - works extremely hard
23. The way the boys beat up their friend made my blood boil. This means that .....
- I was not happy with the boys
  - my blood boiled
  - I hated the boys
  - I was thoroughly agitated by the action of the boys

24. The Proprietor played the ostrich when he got reports of malpractices in the examination hall. This means that the proprietor..
- became vigilant
  - behaved like an ostrich
  - ignored the problem
  - denied the reports
25. The thief showed a clean pair of heels when the alarm went off. This means that the thief .....
- quickly changed his heels
  - remained still
  - was wearing new shoes
  - bolted away

### SECTION D

*Choose from the alternatives lettered A to D, the one that is most nearly opposite in meaning to the underlined word in each sentence.*

26. Koo's eldest wife was very frugal but the youngest was rather .....
- thrifty
  - meagre
  - extravagant
  - foolish
27. The secretary showed no remorse for misbehaving but rather remained .....
- unrepentance
  - quilt
  - saucy
  - snobbish
28. Yussif's old car is durable but this new one looks.....
- flashy
  - strong
  - spacious
  - fragile
29. Okoe seldom goes to school because he is ..... afraid of meeting his class teacher.
- rarely
  - always
  - sometimes
  - occasionally
30. The sea which was turbulent an hour-ago is now.....
- motionless
  - calm
  - deep
  - cool



## PAPER 2

### ESSAY

*This paper consists of three parts: A, B, and C. Answer three questions in all; one question from PART A and all questions in PART B and PART C. Answer all questions in your answer booklet.*

#### PART A

#### ESSAY WRITING [30 MARKS]

*Answer one question only from this part. Credit will be given for clarity of expression and orderly presentation of material.*

1. There has been a wave of killings and kidnappings in your locality. Write a letter to the Editor of one of your national newspapers condemning this evil act and suggesting at least two ways of curbing it.
2. Write an article suitable for publication in a national newspaper on the menace of indecent dressing in the society.
3. Write a story, real or imagined, which illustrates the saying: "Don't count your chickens before they are hatched."

#### PART B

#### COMPREHENSION [30 MARKS]

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

Apart from bringing forth children, a mother has also to cater for their emotional welfare. She plays a vital role in helping a child learn about love and affection ; lessons that may be just as important as the satisfaction of his physical needs. In order to develop into a well-balanced adult, a child needs a warm, secure environment while growing up. Here again, a mother's role is crucial. So, whatever else a woman might do, this is her primary function in society.

In the Western world, most women leave home daily to work in offices, schools and factories. Many of them are indeed getting into top positions, although they are still outnumbered by men at this level. Though they gradually earn less than men, simply because they are women, they nonetheless provide very essential services that keep many factories and institutions running. Indeed, in many countries of the world, most nurses, midwives, doctors and teachers are women. One of the greatest gifts that women can give their families is compassion. When a family member is sick,



the mother takes on the role of a nurse, while still shouldering all her other responsibilities.

A woman's compassion may even motivate her to eat less herself so that her children do not go without food. Researchers have found that some women consider their food intake as sufficient even though they are malnourished. They are so accustomed to giving the larger share to their husbands and children to the extent that, as long as they can still work, they consider themselves adequately fed.

Sometimes, a woman's compassion is expressed in her concern for the local environment. That environment matters to her, since she also suffers when drought, desertification, and deforestation impoverish the land. In one town in India, women were outraged when they learnt that a lumber company was going to cut down about 2500 trees in a nearby forest. When the loggers arrived, the women were already in place, hands joined, protectively encircling the trees. "You will have to cut us down as well if you want to cut down the trees," they told the loggers. The forest was saved.

Perhaps because of her biological role as the provider of succour and compassion, a woman is hardly ever a soldier. However, if need be, she can take up arms to save her children and her community. And when a woman does that, oh, she can be terrible! The Dahomey warriors who tormented the ancient Egba for ages were all women in arms. However, it is perhaps best to save women the abominable role of killers and reserve them for what they are best at; bringing forth and bringing up the young ones.

- a. Why do you think the writer made reference to "The Dahomey Warriors" in the passage?
- b. What is a woman's primary function in society?
- c. i. Give two other functions of women in society.  
ii. In what two ways does a woman exhibit a compassionate attitude?
- d. What is the writer's reservation for women either than playing the abominable role of killers?
- e. Explain the following expressions in your own words.
  - i. while still shouldering all her other responsibilities.
  - ii. the provider of succour.
- f. For each of the following words, give another word or a phrase that means the same, and can fit into the passage;
  - i. compassion

- ii. drought
- iii. impoverish
- iv. outraged
- v. tormented

### PART C

#### LITERATURE [10 MARKS]

*Answer all questions in this part*

**SACKEY J.A and DARMANI L. (COMP.): *The Cockcrow***

5. Questions 5(a) to 5(b) are based on one of the prescribed short stories for your study.

*Read the extract below and answer the questions that follow.*

**LAWRENCE DARMANI : *Sosu and the Bukari Boys***

“ It was a sad day for the Bukari Boys .....  
Bukari cried like a child , and his cry put fear in Sosu.”

- (a) Why did Bukari cry?
- (b) State a character trait displayed by Bukari in the story?

*Read the following extract carefully and answer Questions 5(c) to 5(d)*

**ERNEST HEMINGWAY : *A Day's Wait***

Speaker X : Oh yes, I am. I heard him say a hundred and two,”

People don't die with fever of one hundred and two. That's a silly way to talk.

Speaker Y : I know they do. At school in France, the boys told me you can't live with forty-four degrees. I've got a hundred and two.

- (c) Who are Speakers X and Y ?
- (d) The extract above shows the theme of .....

**EVELYN TOOLEY HUNT : *Mama Is a Sunrise***

*Read the extract below and answer questions 5(e) to 5(f)*

“ She puts a spark even in Papa's eyes and turns out all our darkness.”

- (e) The figure of speech used in the above extract of the poem is .....