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ENGLISH LANGUAGE 2&1 Essay and Objective

1 hour 45 minutes

Do **not** open this booklet until you are told to do so. While you are waiting, read and observe the following instructions carefully. Write your **name** and **index number** in **ink** in the spaces provided above.

This booklet consists of two papers. Answer Paper 2 which comes first, in your answer booklet and Paper 1 on your Objective Test answer sheet. Paper 2 will last 1 hour 10 minutes after which the answer booklet will be collected. Do not start Paper 1 until you are told to do so. Paper 1 will last 35 minutes.

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PAPER 2 ESSAY

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1 hour 10 minutes

Gojearn This Paper consists of three parts: A, B and C. Answer three questions in all; one question from Part A and all the questions in Part B and Part C. Answer all the questions in your answer booklet.

Credit will be given for clarity of expression and orderly presentation of material.

PART A ESSAY WRITING [30 marks] Answer one question only from this part Your composition should be about 250 words long.

- Write a letter to your uncle who stays abroad telling him of your career choice and giving 1. two reasons why he should support your choice.
- You are the main speaker in an inter-school debate competition on the motion: "Students 2. should be permitted to use mobile phone in schools". Write your debate speech.
- You witnessed a fight recently between two rival groups in your school. As the compound 3. prefect, describe what you saw to the headmaster.

PART B COMPREHENSION [30 marks]

Read the following passage carefully and answer all the questions which follow. 4.

Every married couple experiences joy when they are blessed with a baby. However, nurturing a child into adulthood is not the only responsibility of parents. To bring up a child that one would be proud of, discipline is very essential. Disciplining children is a difficult task that needs to be carried out with care. Before punishing a child for wrongdoing, a parent should make an effort to find out why something happened the way it did. This is the right approach if the disciplining process is to work effectively.

One of the serious mistakes which parents make is thinking that only one partner is solely responsible for disciplining the child. So the other partner looks on unconcerned even when the child is doing something wrong. If the disciplinary machinery is to work well, this should not be so. Discipline is a joint venture which both parents should handle together. If a parent does not allow the other partner to share control over the child, whatever disciplinary measures they apply would not be effective to make the exercise see the light of day.

When a husband and wife come from different backgrounds, they are likely to have different views and methods about discipline. At times, these differences can even cause real tension in a family. Parents may clash over how to train a child. Unresolved disagreements over the disciplinary procedure can become a wedge that drives a couple apart and create an opening for the child to play one parent off against the other.

Certainly, parents need to invest in the training of their children. This is the best foundation upon which to build discipline. To prevent children from going wayward, parents should regularly set aside some time to spend with their children. Admittedly, making such time is not always easy, but it is worth the effort. Probably, one of the most effective ways is to set noble and laudable patterns of behaviour for the children to follow.

In order to bring up children to be good adults, they should be made aware of the importance of discipline. Then they cannot turn round to kick against set standards. It is right for parents to present a united front in disciplining their children.



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- According to the passage, what are the two main roles of parents?
- State two difficulties that parents face in disciplining children. (b)
- What two measures can parents take in disciplining children? (c)
- (i) What does the writer refer to as the right approach? (d)
 - (ii) How will using the right approach help the disciplinary process?
- What benefit can we get from disciplining children properly? (e)
- Explain, in your own words, the following expressions as used in the passage: (f)see the light of day;
 - (i)
 - a wedge that drives a couple apart; (ii)
 - it is worth the effort; (iii)
 - turn round to kick against. (iv)
- For each of the following words, give another word or phrase that means the (g) same can fit into the passage:
 - nurturing; (i)
 - essential; (ii)
 - wrongdoing; (iii)
 - solely; (iv)
 - venture; (\mathbf{v})
 - real: (vi)
 - clash: (vii)
 - invest; (viii)

PARTC

LITERATURE [10 marks]

Answer all the questions in this part.

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

Questions 5(a) and 5(b) are based on the abridged and simplified version of Ama Ataa 5. Aidoo's The Dilemma of a Ghost.

AMA ATA AIDOO: The Dilemma of a Ghost

2ND WOMAN: One must sit down

If one wants to talk of her affairs. They say that the young man gets No penny to buy himself a shirt But the strangest thing is that She too works".

(Page 59)

The speaker has used the underlined line to show that the issues are (a) What problem is it that the speaker has identified? (b)

Read the extract below and answer Questions 5(c) (i) and 5(c) (ii)

LADE WOSORNU: Desert Rivers

Roofed not by sky

But rocks that do not always hold."

(Page 15)

The underlined expression is an example of a literary device called (c) (i)

The message in the entire extract is about

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(ii)

Read the following extract carefully and answer Question 5(d)*.*

LAWRENCE DARMANI: Scribbler's Dream

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"not by pacing carpets but by mating quill and parchment."

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(d) What activity does the underlined expression refer to?

Gologianio *Read the following extract carefully and answer Question* **5**(*e*).

ERNEST HEMINGWAY: A Day's Wait

"Oh yes, I am. I heard him say a hundred and two." "People don't die with a fever of one hundred and two. (Page 89)

The figures mentioned in the extract refer to

Read the following extract carefully and answer Questions 5(f)(i) and 5(f) (ii).

THERESA ENNIN: Makola

"He refused to be soothed and gives out a loud yell." "Put him to the breast," one woman counsels.

(Page 159)

Which character in the poem is the above extract about? **(f)** (i) The underlined expression suggests (ii)

Read the following extract and answer Questions 5(g) and 5(h)

CHARLES DICKENS: Oliver Twist

"But Fagin thought about Nancy's behavior all the way home. It almost seemed like she was tired of living with Sikes. The girl might have a new lover, even though Sikes saved her from the workhouse when she was a child. If that were so, he'd have to find out who the man was."

(Page 132)

- What behaviour had Nancy shown? (g)
- What activity was Fagin engaged in? (h)

Read the following extract and answer Questions 5(*i*)(*i*) *and* 5 (*i*)(*ii*)

"Is this the treatment that I should get from my father's oldest friend? asked Monks."

(Page 135)

- Whom does the underlined expression in the extract refer to? (i) (ii) What is the mood of Monks in the extract above?

Read the following extract and answer Question 5(*j*)

AMA ATA AIDOO: The Girl Who Can

"And that, I think, is a very serious problem. This is because it is very difficult to decide whether to keep quite and not say any of the things that come into my head, or say them and get laughed at." (Page 142)

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(i)

What is Adjoa referring to by using the underlined expression?

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PAPER 1 OBJECTIVE TEST

35 minutes

Answer all the questions on your Objective Test answer sheet

- 1. Use 2B pencil throughout.
- 2. On the pre-printed answer sheet, check that the following details are **correctly** printed: Your **surname** followed by your **other names**, the *Subject Name*, your *Index Number*, *Centre Number* and the *Paper Code*.
- **3.** In the boxes marked *Candidate Number*, *Centre Number* and *Paper Code*, **reshade** each of the shaded spaces.
- **4.** An example is given below. This is for a candidate whose name is Winner Seyram BABANAWO. Her *index number* is 772384188 and she is writing the examination at Centre Number 77234. She is offering *English Language* 1 and the *Paper Code* is 4510.

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Answer all the questions.

Each question is followed by four options lettered A to D. Find the correct option for each question and shade in pencil on your answer sheet the space which bears the same letter as the option you have chosen. Give only one answer to each question. An example is given below.

From the list of words lettered A to D, choose the one that is most nearly opposite in meaning to the word underlined in the sentence.

By our constitution, it is obligatory to vote.

allowed А.

optional В.

С. necessary

D. right

The correct answer is optional, which is lettered **B** and therefore answer space **B** would be shaded. **D** C _____ $\Box A$

Be survivou understand the instructions at the beginning of each section before you try to answer is of the questions that follow them. Do not spend too much time on a question. If you find a question difficult, leave it and go on and try it again later.

Use pencil throughout. If you wish to change an answer, erase your first answer completely and shade the appropriate space for the new answer.

Do all rough work on this question paper.

Now answer the following questions.

PART A LEXIS AND STRUCTURE

SECTION A

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

Each person at home wrote to relatives abroad. 1.

- their Α.
- her Β.
- С. him
- D. them
- The people afraid of losing their leader. 2.
 - remains 4
 - remaining Β.
 - C. remain

have remained Э.

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 - arong sve. Samuel in the seat while waiting for his friend.

 - slept off Α.
 - went into comma Β.
 - dozed off C.
 - D. went off

The students understood why they were They mentioned not to blame. 11. 6. punished,? whom А. weren't they who A. **B**. which C. were they **B**. that D. did they C. If Kodzo went to hospital, he 7. didn't they D. The students haven't the pit yet. be sick. 12. should dig Α. Α. **B**. has to **B**. dag C. dug could С. digged D. must Ð. The message is simple to forget. 13. 8. A. very revealing their secret to the police. В. too themselves A. quite С. one another В. D. so Not only did Jane come to school each of them 14. С. she participated in the lessons. the others D. Talking to people well is careful. than A. 9. before В. been А. C. but to being **B**. but also D. to be С. The manager his secretary for 15. being D. her mistakes. The man couldn't do the work 10. punished Α. a support. praised В. with Α. consoled С. but for **B**. rewarded D. without C. D. until

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.	The man stopped speaking <u>suddenly</u> . A. abruptly B. immediately	19.	The <u>entire</u> school gathered at assembly. A. few B. same
	C. quickly		C. hole
÷	D. accurately		D. whole
17.	Ghana had a severe drought in 1983.	20.	The sad news <u>devastated</u> the public.
	A. total		A. broke down
	B. hard		
	C. worrying		B. confused
	D. serious		C. troubled
18.	The <u>function</u> we went to was interesting.		D. shocked
	A. ceremony	1	
	B. role		Turn over
	C. moulding	l	
	D. session		

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SECTION C

From the list of words lettered A to D, choose the one that is most nearly opposite in meaning to the word underlined in each sentence.

- 21. The man spoke <u>harshly</u> to his brother. excessively
 - **A**. B. poorly

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- C. lightly
- D. politely

22. Water <u>ceased</u> flowing through the pipe.

- Α. continued
- Β. stopped
- C. started
- D. followed
- 23. They saw breakages on plates.
 - successes A.
 - В. cracks
 - C. repairs D. damage

- 24. Food shortage hit some parts of Ghana some time ago.
 - Α. surplus
 - В. in abundance
 - C. rationing
 - D. scarcity

25. The manager took irreversible decisions.

- Α. serious
- **B**. permanent
- С. temporary
- D. harsh

SECTION D

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.

- The team's performance put their supporters on their feet. This means that 26.
 - Α. the supporters cannot sit down.
 - B. the supporters are so angry.
 - С. the supporters are so happy.
 - D. the supporters became alert.
- The player <u>put away</u> the penalty kick. This means the player 27.
 - A. did not score.
 - refused to kick. B.
 - C. kicked the ball far away from the goalpost.
 - D. did score.

28. The headmaster would rather not crack the whip. This means that

- the headmaster would not give punishment. А.
- **B**. the headmaster will give punishment.
- C. the headmaster did not give punishment.
- D. the headmaster could not give punishment.
- 29. The man lowered the bar in his argument. This means that
 - the man reduced the height of the pole. Α.
 - Β. the man gave a weak argument.
 - С. the man gave a strong argument.
 - the man is not honest in his argument. D.
- 30. The prefect's father <u>clouded his presence</u> at the meeting. This means
 - A. the prefect dominated his father.
 - В. the father dominated the prefect.
 - C. the father frustrated the prefect.
 - D. the father cause confusion.

END OF PAPER

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PAPER 2 [70 MARKS]

PART A – COMPOSITION [30 MARKS]

GENERAL PREAMBLE

There are three parts- A, B and C. Candidates are expected to answer three questions in all, ONE question form PART A and all the questions in PARTS B and C If a candidate attempts more than one question from 1. PART A, mark BOTH and choose the better of the two. The required length of each composition is 250 words. Mark Allocation: Each composition is to be marked out of a total of 30 marks distributed as follows: 2. 3. **10 MARKS** Ensure that the candidate presents a set of relevant points or details that are central to the theme or essay topic. 5 MARKS (b) ORGANIZATION The writing must be judged as whatever it is intended to be: an article, a speech, a letter, a debate, etc. The qualities to look for are suitable layout, suitable opening, adequate development. good paragraph, balance. coherence and a suitable conclusion. 10 MARKS (c) EXPRESSION Look out for correct usage of language, clarity and general appropriateness of style, variation of sentence structure and type, judicious use of figurative language, and skillful use of punctuation. In arriving at the mark for expression, the examiner must not be unduly influenced by mechanical errors. 5 MARKS (d) MECHANICAL ACCURACY Look out for undeniable errors in grammar, punctuation and spelling and capitalization. 4. If a candidate writes on a topic other than the one set, award zero (0) for Content and mark Expression out of 5. The mark allocations for organization and Mechanical Accuracy remain unchanged. 5. Each ring should attract a deduction of half a mark (1/2). Formal features of letters should have two rings only counted against Mechanical Accuracy. Subsequent errors in the formal features should be underlined only. In general, the principle of positive marking should be applied, i.e., give credit for what the candidate has done right and then penalize for errors. These penalties are not, in all cases, numerical deductions but often the reward 6. of a lower mark than would have been earned if there were no blemishes.

The candidate is expected to know the simple mechanics of the English Language. These include spelling, punctuation, subject-verb concord, noun-pronoun agreement and the use of the capital letter. He or she should 7. also be able to control the use of determiners, quantifiers, prepositions, etc.

Permize 8.

- Each Gramman at Error. These include (i)
 - the omission of an essential sentence element (eg. Subject, predicate, complement); wrong tense;
 - misuse or omission of the article;
 - misuse of modal operators eg. (may/might, can/could, etc)
 - confusion or ambiguity in the use of pronouns;
 - misuse of countable and uncountable nouns;
 - wrong prepositions;
 - misuse of relatives, subordinators and conjunctions;
 - errors in concord;
 - intransitive verbs for the transitive and vice versa;
 - active for passive and vice versa;
 - faulty construction.

The wrong amalgamation or breaking up of words e.g. (ii)

- "inspite" for in spite
- "infront" for in front
- 'every where" for everywhere
- "to day" for today
- "every body" for everybody
- `ofcourse'' for of course
- ``infact'' for in fact
- "never the less" for nevertheless
- ``how ever'' for however ``more over'' for moreover
- "now a days" for nowadays, etc.
- Wrong Spelling the wrong spelling of the same word should be penalized only once. American (iii) spelling, if consistent, should be accepted.

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Punctuation Error and the Wrong Use of the Capital Letter

Each full stop, question mark or exclamation mark omitted or wrongly used; the misuse or omission of quotation marks. Both single and double quotation marks are accepted, but consistency is to be demanded.

The insertion of a comma between subject and verb, subject and object, verb and complement, in simple structures only, i.e., where phrases or clauses do not intervene.

The insertion of comma between adjective and noun, or verb and adverb; the omission of a comma used to separate items in a list of words, phrases or clauses.

- The use of a small letter for the pronoun 'I'; the use of a small letter at the beginning of a proper noun or sentence.
- Where a proper noun consists of more than one element, each of which is expected to begin with a capital letter, eg. Electricity Company of Ghana, there should be only one penalty for the group.
- Initials in abbreviations with or without full stop should be accepted, eg G.C.B or GCB, W.A.E.C or WAEC. First and last letters: both forms should be accepted, eg. Dr and Dr.; Mrs and Mrs.
- NB: This list is not exhaustive. Its is merely to indicate the type of undeniable errors to be penalized.

ASSESSMENT GUIDE

[Excellent	Very Good	Good	Average	Below Average	Illiterate
Content	9 - 10	7 - 8	6	. 5	3 - 4	0 - 21/2
Organization	5	4-41/2	3 - 31/2	11/2 - 2	1 - 11/2	0 ~ 1
Expression	9-10	7-8	6	5	3 - 4	0 - 2½

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ber of words			Number of Words	<u>Mec</u>	Mechanical Accuracy	
5 words on a line		50 lines	250 words	=	5	
6 words on a line		42 lines	225 words		41/2	
7 words on a line	-	36 lines	200 words		4	
8 words on a line	=	31 lines	175 words	==	31/2	
9 words on a line		28 lines	150 words	-	3	
10 words on a line		25 lines	100 words	=	2	
11 words on a line	=	23 lines	75 words		11/2	
12 words on a line	==	21 lines	50 words		1	
13 words on a line		19 fines	25 words		1/2	

QUESTION 1

CONTENT (10 marks)

The candidate is expected to his/her uncle who stays abroad the career chosen and two reasons why he should support the choice. Examples of career are teaching, medicine, nursing, and engineering. The question has two parts: career choice (for 4 marks) and reasons for the choice (for 6 marks). A candidate who gives only one point should score a mark out of three (3) marks only, only two points should score a mark out of six (6) marks only. A candidate who explains all the three points **fully** should score a good mark of six (6) or above.

ORGANISATION (5 marks)

This is an informal letter and the following features are expected:

- i. Address of writer (without name)
- 2. Date
- 3. Salutation
- 4. Subscription -- Yours sincerely, friend, etc.
- 5. First name of writer -

There should be coherent and well-developed paragraphs.

EXPRESSION (10 marks)

The language should be chatty to show intimacy. Contracted forms and familiar vocabulary could be used. The candidate is expected to vary sentence pattern and masterfully use punctuations.

MECHANICAL ACCURACY (5 marks)

The candidate must get the spellings of all used words, and all punctuations used right. The candidate must avoid grammatical mistakes and use capitalization accurately. The candidate is expected to avoid other mistakes such as wrong breaking of and amalgamation of words, dangling pronouns and sentences, inconsistency in punctuating initials or abbreviations.

CONTENT (10 marks)

OUESTION 2

The candidate is to write a debate speech on the motion: "Students should be permitted to use mobile phone on school compound". Any candidate who fails to clearly declare a stand either for or against the motion should not score a mark more than six (6) under CONTENT. Whatever stance a candidate take should be definite either in

support of or in opposing the motion. The candidate is expected to give three (3) cogent point that is consistent with the specific stand taken. A good presentation of three such points should score not less than 6 marks. Two points should not score more than 6 marks. One point should not score more than 3 points.

ORGANISATION (5 marks)

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This is a debate (to a gathering at inter-school level). The candidate should show these main features: Introduction, Main Content, and Conclusion. The introduction should include the official and appropriate vocatives only which are The Chair, Panel of Judges, Accurate Time-Keeper, Co-debaters/Fellow Debaters, Ladies and Gentlemen. The introduction and conclusion should be suitable. Each paragraph should be well-developed. Paragraphs should be linked properly. Speech techniques such as attention getters (eg. occasional referring to audience) and sustainers (eg. rhetorical questions), inclusive terms (ie. you and l, all of us, and none of us), must be present.

EXPRESSION (10 marks)

The language should be formal. Diction should be appropriate. The candidate is expected to use appropriate register and idioms or figurative expressions. Other techniques that must be present include imagery, symbolism, occasional referring to audience, persuasive terms, exaggeration and hyperbole, repetition, rhetorical question, and picturesque words. The candidate should vary sentence pattern and masterfully use punctuations.

MECHANICAL ACCURACY (5 marks)

As in Question 1

QUESTION 3

CONTENT (10 marks)

The candidate is to give a vivid description of a fight that broke out between two rival groups in their school so that the reader can have a clear mental picture of the said experiences. The candidate is expected to present the events or activities in chronological order as they had happened since, for such experiences, the events or activities tend to follow some order. A good such description should score a good mark of 6 or more.

ORGANISATION (5 marks)

This is a descriptive essay. The following formal features must be present: Heading / Title; Introduction; Main content; Conclusion

The candidate should show a good introduction and a good conclusion. Each paragraph should be internallydeveloped properly. Paragraphs should be linked properly.

EXPRESSION (10 marks)

The language essentially should be descriptive. The use of literary and linguistic techniques that describe such as simile, metaphor, personification, imagery, symbolism, picturesque words, and onomatopoeic words is expected. He or she is expected to use register and idioms appropriately. The candidate should vary sentence pattern and masterfully use punctuations.

MECHANICAL ACCURACY (5 marks)

As in Question 1

PART B - COMPREHENSION

- PENALTIES FOR QUESTION 4
 (a) Deduct half a mark for any grammatical/expression error(s) at each scoring point.
- (b) Where a candidate gives two answers to a question and one of them is wrong, award zero. If, however, both answers are correct award full marks.
- (c) Where words /expressions are expected to be given to replace words /expressions in the passage, they must fit in perfectly. Otherwise, award zero.
- (d) Answers need not be written in sentences, unless otherwise stipulated.

(e) An answer, taken as a whole, must make sense before any part of it may be accepted for scoring.

QUES	TION 4 COMPREHENSION [30 MARKS]
(a)	(i) Nurturing their children [2 marks]
	(ii) Disciplining their children [2 marks]
(b)	(i) Only one parent taking responsibility for discipline
	(ii) Different backgrounds of parents/views and methods of discipline
	(iii) Unresolved disagreements over disciplinary procedure [Any 2 correct $x = 4$ marks]
(c)	(i) Investing in the training of their children
	(ii) Being good examples
	(iii) Making children aware of the importance of discipline [Any 2 correct x 2 = 4 marks]
(d)	(i) Finding out why something happened the way it did/a child misbehaved [2 marks]
	(ii) It will make the disciplinary process work effectively. [2 marks]
(e)	Children will become good adults. [2 marks]