



B.E.C.E. PERFORMANCE BOOSTER

BASIC EDUCATION CERTIFICATE MOCK

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ENGLISH LANGUAGE

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PAPER 2 (70 MINUTES 1 HOUR)

This paper consists of two parts: A and B. answer two questions in all; one question from part A and all the questions in part B and C.

(PART A) ESSAY WRITING [30 marks]

Answer one question only from this part. Your composition should be about 250 words long.

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

1. Write an article for publication in any national newspaper on the recent examination mal-practices among students in the country.
2. Write a letter to the Town Council in your community, explaining at two reasons and effects of insanitary conditions in the community.
3. Write a story that ends with the words: *That experience will linger on my mind for a long time.*

(PART B) COMPREHENSION [30 marks]

4. Dele groaned and got out of bed. There was no clock on the mantel piece and the room was still dark, but he knew that he was already late for work, probably by an hour. He was a commercial bus driver and had to get started as early as 5.00a.m. and go almost non-stop till about 9.00 p.m. to be able to make the daily returns that the bus owner demanded.

On the previous day, he had attended an all-night party – a late uncle's burial ceremony – where he had drunk himself almost senseless before crawling home in the early hours of the morning. Now, he got up shakily, splashed water on his face and hurried off to work, but not before carefully fastening on his upper left arm the amulet he had always worn for protection against accidents. A similar amulet hung concealed under the steering column of his bus. On his way, still feeling groggy, he caught his left toe against a stump and had some misgiving. It was a bad sign, and he was supposed to go back home and then set out again. But there was no time for that now, so he hurried on.

At the bus station, Dele quickly loaded his bus and sped off without any of the necessary checks on the vehicle. He had to make up for lost time. It was the rush hour, so the bus was overloaded as it often was, with many passengers hanging on to the doors. The tyres were threadbare, the brakes were faulty and the road was wet, but, still feeling a little sleepy, Dele sped on. Many passengers protested about his reckless driving, but he would not listen. After all, didn't he have protection against accident?

As the vehicle took the last turn before its destination, Dele saw a broken-down truck blocking his side of the road. Under normal circumstances, he could have brought the bus safely to a halt, but the circumstances were far from normal. The careering bus hit the parked vehicle, swerved wildly across the road and plunged into a ditch.

Dele's surprise before he sank into oblivion was the failure of his supposedly protective amulets.

Now answer the following questions

- (a) Why did Dele wake up late?
...he caught his left toe against a stump and had some misgivings.
- (b) What does this tell us about Dele?
- (c) Give **two** reasons why Dele drove recklessly.
- (d) Why was Dele unable to stop his faulty vehicle?
- (e) What was Dele's condition after the accident?
- (f) For **each** of the following words, find another word or phrase which *means the same and can replace* it in the passage:
 - i. probably;
 - ii. returns;
 - iii. groggy;
 - iv. misgiving
 - v. threadbare

(PART C) LITERATURE (10 MARKS) Answer all questions in this part

SACKY J.A and DRAMANI L.(COMP.): the cockcrow

5. LITERATURE (15 MINUTES)

AMA ATTA AIDOO: The dilemma of a Ghost

Read the extract below and answer question **a to c**

Speaker X: Darling, what is it?

Speaker Y: Eh,...some crawling things. (*Composing herself*) anyway tell your mother we are very grateful.

- a. Speaker X and Y are ----- in the play
- b. "*The crawling things*" are -----
- c. "*Composing herself*" is an example of ----- in play writing

KAAKYIRE A. NYANTAKYI: Tell my son to hold on to his Gun

- d. What is the theme of the story
- e. ".....be courageous, be courageous." The device used here is-----

JEAN WATSON: the old man and his children

- f. The suitable theme for the story is -----
- g. According to the story, Nojerege's work is to-----
- h. Who is/are the principal characters in the story-----

MERRILL CORNEY: Sandy and Pepe

- i. According to the story who gave the birth its name?-----
- j. " It's like a yellow plastic," giggled Debbie. The device used here is -----

PAPER 1 (LEXIS AND STRUCTURE) 45 MINUTES

SECTION 1

In each of the following sentences, there is one underlined word and one gap. From the list of words lettered A to D, choose the one 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. Most African countries face paucity while few enjoy-----
A. Influence B. money C. affluence D. power
2. Last year, our farmers cultivated more crops than they.....
A. Destroyed B. uprooted C. harvested D. yielded
3. Marfo was involved in a furtive group outside the school
A. Plain B. Bare C. Hidden D. Overt
4. The teacher put germane action against the students
A. Appropriate B. Genuine C. irrelevant D. good
5. Throughout the bad attitude of his wife, Kofi was placid
A. Irritated B. Calm C. Sad D. Happy

SECTION 2

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

6. There would have been a riot in our school but for the timely.....of our staff.
A. Intervention B. interruption C. interference D. invasion
7. But things will ----- by tomorrow
A. Increase B. Advance C. Improve D. Improvise
8. Every week, I work for 5 days and get 2 days-----
A. Over B. Of C. Off D. On
9. Do you have----- children?
A. Much B. Many C. Any D. Some
10. I live in the big house --- the corner
A. On B. Of C. To D. In
11. How ----- does the book cost?
A. Many B. Much C. Little D. Too
12. -----the accident Kofi always comes to school
A. Because B. Despite C. In spite D. Since
13. We can't ask her again, -----?
A. Can't we B. Could we C. Can we D. Shouldn't we
14. They aren't many guests here yet -----?
A. Are there B. Aren't there C. Are they D. Aren't they
15. I -----studying when my rude neighbor interrupted.
A. Be B. Is C. Was D. Were
16. How long will it take -----finish your homework?
A. From B. To C. On D. For
17. He walks over to her and asks if she is -----right
A. Total B. Many C. some D. All
18. I -----come if I had time.
A. Have B. Would have C. Had D. Did

19. Before you telephoned, I -----watching television
A. Was B. Am C. Will be D. Were

20. ----- you were not there, I went home.
A. Because B. Since C. If D. Although

SECTION 3

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

21. My father is now infirm.
A. Old B. Strong C. Weak D. Talkative

22. Most youths lure ladies into illicit acts
A. Force B. Entice C. Influence D. Drag

23. Finally, Kofi admitted causing various gravity of sins
A. Bad B. Shameful C. Serious D. Dangerous

24. Our farmers used primitive technology.
A. Modern B. High C. Crude D. Simple

25. The father enjoined all the children from using the phone.
A. Allowed B. Allowed C. Permitted D. Prohibited

SECTION 4

From the words lettered A to D below each of the following sentences, chose the one that **best explain** the underlined expressions as it is used in the sentence.

26. Upon hearing the news of his father's death, Amuzu rushed to the room at a drop of a hat. This mean that Amuzu rushed to the room -----
A. Slowly B. Instantly C. Quickly D. Fast

27. Mr. Zain finally realized that he was barking up a wrong tree for arresting the man. This means that Mr. Zain
A. Chew the tree B. Forgave the man C. Accused the man falsely D. Gave the man a tree

28. The student kept their bad acts at bay. This means that the student kept their act -----
A. At the sea B. As a news C. As a secrete D. As a strange news

29. Joan's brother took the Mathematics questions as a piece of cake. This means that he took the Mathematics as -----
A. Simple B. Difficult C. Flat D. Tough

30. Kofi and John fought yesterday because Kofi presented John's work to the teacher, Kofi stole John's thunder. This means that Kofi took John's ----- for the work.
A. Marks B. Light C. Credit D. Work