

BASIC EDUCATION CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION

MOCK EXAMINATION

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SUBJECT: ENGLISH LANGUAGE

TIME: 1 HOUR 45 MINUTES

From the alternatives below, choose the one that **best complete** the sentences.

1. After Kwame the dress, he look around for a pair of shoes that would match it.
 - a. Has bought
 - b. Is buying
 - c. Had bought
 - d. Was bought.
2. Neither the headmaster nor his assistant today.
 - a. Is working
 - b. Do work
 - c. Have worked
 - d. Are working.
3. The antelope when the hunter fired.
 - a. Is eating
 - b. Is eaten
 - c. Was ate
 - d. Was eating.

4. Mantey and Prince shook hands with
a. Each other
b. Each one
c. One another
d. Themselves
5. The school organized a art exhibition.
a. Two days
b. Two day
c. Two – day
d. Two – days.
6. We told the stranger we would put himif
he wanted.
a. Down
b. Up.
c. On.
d. Over.
7. I object your joining our school team.
a. On
b. By
c. At.
d. To.
8. This secret should remainyou and
me.
a. For.
b. With.
c. In

- d. Between.
9. The kind woman gavea box of sweets.
- a. All and each one.
 - b. All and everyone
 - c. Each all
 - d. Each and everyone
10. Tokyo is the bestexpensive city in the world.
- a. Most.
 - b. Much.
 - c. More.
 - d. Very.

Choose from the alternatives lettered A – D, the one which is **nearest in meaning** to the underlined words in the sentence.

11. The meeting was postponed to another date.
- a. Cancelled.
 - b. Removed.
 - c. Called.
 - d. Shifted.
12. The man was furious when his son failed the examination.
- a. Angry.
 - b. Anxious.
 - c. Shocked.

- d. Frighten.
13. She is very sincere with the people she works with.
- a. Free.
 - b. Careful
 - c. Good.
 - d. Honest.
14. It is a fact that Erica often gives accurate answers to question.
- a. Long.
 - b. Silly
 - c. Interesting
 - d. Precise.
15. My brother needs somebody to assist him complete his work.
- a. help
 - b. encourage.
 - c. join.
 - d. guide.
16. The visitors were happy about the calm nature of the village.
- a. Neat
 - b. Good
 - c. Lovely
 - d. Peaceful.

17. We were advised to make our handwriting legible.
- a. Crooked
 - b. Clear
 - c. Straight
 - d. Deep.
18. The chief's palace was demolished by the rainstorm.
- a. Opened.
 - b. Built.
 - c. Destroyed.
 - d. Painted.
19. Our supporters planned to jubilate after the match.
- a. Embrace the supporters
 - b. Reward the players
 - c. Rejoice
 - d. Feast
20. Bullying has been banned in this school.
- a. Encouraged.
 - b. Forbidden
 - c. Discussed
 - d. Introduced.

Choose from the alternatives lettered A – D, the one which is **opposite in meaning** to the underlined words in the sentences.

21. Most of the men were sacked by the company.
- a. Used.
 - b. Punished.
 - c. Warned employed
 - d. Employed.
22. These fruits are stale: please take them away.
- a. Juicy.
 - b. Sour.
 - c. Fresh.
 - d. Nice.
23. Moses is on a temporary appointment.
- a. Daily.
 - b. Permanent.
 - c. Probational
 - d. Weekly.
24. The taxi driver drove recklessly throughout the journey.
- a. Speedily
 - b. Carefully
 - c. Noisily
 - d. Leisurely.
25. Those machines are not genuine brands.
- a. Fine
 - b. Tested.

c. Fake.

d. New.

26. This room is too dim.

a. Bright

b. Shiny.

c. Clear.

d. Lit.

27. The director engaged Mary as a sales woman.

a. Disqualified

b. Exemplified

c. Dismissed.

d. Excused.

28. Formerly, we walked a very long distance to attend school.

a. Sometimes

b. Now.

c. Recently.

d. Usually.

29. Yesterday my cousin looked very depressed.

a. Contented.

b. Active.

c. Surprised

d. Happy.

30. The suspect was guilty.

- a. Free.
- b. Innocent.
- c. Discharged.
- d. Imprisoned.

Write the **adjectival phrase** in the following sentences.

- 31. The book on the table belongs to Kwame.
- 32. I listened to music without instruments.
- 33. We saw the report about the school.
- 34. All the students sat on the bench in the room.
- 35. The class needs a new prefect for effective work.

Write the **prepositional phrase** in the following sentences.

- 36. It was the most beautiful day of summer.
- 37. The furniture in the attic has been stored for many years.
- 38. Please take the cake out of the oven.
- 39. Isaac always writes with fluency.
- 40. We went to the supermarket for party supplies.

PART II

COMPREHENSION.

This is a story of the wife naval officer who accompanied him overseas and spent much of her married life in the far east. She dreamed constantly of a certain house back in England – which she had never been to – that Mama's dream house' became a family joke as the children grew up.

When it was time for her husband to retire from the navy, they returned to England and looked for a home to settle in. One day, as they were driving to see a house on an estate agent's list, the mother exclaimed, "I believe we're coming to my dream house," and gave the exact direction they should take. This proved correct and as the agent showed them around she kept on noticing changes: "But surely the stairs used to come down here? Oh! Yes, I remember now, they were altered in Hong Kong; that would be about fifteen years ago.

She was right every time. Naturally the family were impressed by this and asked eagerly if there was any hope of a ghost, for the house was an old one. "Oh yes," said the agent, "there is supposed to be a ghost." However, he would not say more.

Of course they bought the house and settled down happily, except for one detail-on ghost. The

mother mentioned this to the estate agent when she met him some time later-“It is so wonderful to be settled at last. The family loved it too, although they are a bit disappointed that they have never seen the ghost.”

The agent smile: “I didn’t think they would. But I saw the ghost many times – it was you.”

Answer these questions.

1. Where did the woman spend much of her married life?
2. Where did she dream of? Why did her dream house become a family joke?
3. Why couldn’t the family settle down earlier?
4. How did she find her dream house?
5. Did the family like the house?
6. Who was the ghost that had haunted the house?
Why did the family not see it?

PART III

COMPOSITION

Choose only one from the alternatives below.

1. You are a speaker in a school debate on the topic
“A teacher is more important than a doctor” Write
your speech for or against the motion.
2. As the senior prefect of your school, write a letter
to your headmaster telling him about four problems
which worry the pupils of your school.

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