

## WASSCE SC 2022 ENGLISH LANGUAGE 1 OBJECTIVE TEST

### 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 gap in the sentence.

1. Obi's family is known for their audacity, so one is surprised at his ..... A. cowardice B. irritability  
C. moodiness D. insolence
2. Bayo is careless in his ways while Tayo is ..... A. lovable B. meticulous C. difficult D. reserved
3. In this country, the law against armed robbery is stringent whereas that against smoking in public places is ..... A. accurate B. complex C. lax D. easy
4. The purpose of education is to facilitate progress, not to ..... it. A. prevent B. impede C. stampede  
D. restrain
5. These days, many people concentrate on temporal things to the detriment of the ..... A. tangible  
B. durable C. unchanging D. spiritual
6. While your parents are ....., mine are liberal in their views. A. strict B. intimidating C. conservative  
D. discerning
7. The judge expected direct answers but the accused was ..... A. illusive B. secretive C. delusive  
D. evasive
8. Kofi is generous, whereas his wife is ..... A. sparing B. stingy C. unkind D. harsh
9. His manners are uncouth while his wife's are ..... A. clever B. classive C. refined D. petrified
10. The peak of Mount Everest is about six miles from its ..... A. base B. depth C. source D. root

### SECTION 2

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

11. The recent floods in some countries have ..... many lives. A. claimed B. drowned C. buried D. injured
12. He does not smoke so the gift of an ashtray will not not be quite ..... A. admirable B. applicable  
C. appropriate D. attractive
13. The reviewer did an excellent job at the book ..... A. launch B. premiere C. session D. briefing
14. The governor filed an ..... against the ruling of the tribunal. A. injunction B. objection C. application  
D. appeal
15. At the terminus, all passengers on the train will have to ..... A. alight B. disembark C. descend  
D. dismount



16. Reading the ..... of the famous king, one would see that he had many things to hide. A. memoirs B. chronicles C. life D. monument
17. The smaller boys had always drawn back in fear when the bully raised a fist, but this time they did not ..... A. advance B. agree C. retaliate D. recoil
18. The old man prayed for the ..... of his sins before he died. A. omission B. commission C. permission D. remission
19. Inflation has caused the cost of goods to ..... A. escalate B. ascend C. intensify D. progress
20. The economy of the country has remained ..... despite the crisis. A. strong B. realistic C. tough D. firm

### SECTION 3

After each of the following sentences, a list of possible interpretations is given. Choose the interpretation that is **most appropriate** for each sentence.

21. The principal raised eyebrows at the student's explanation. This means that the principal A. was unhappy about the explanation. B. rejected the explanation. C. considered the explanation D. was surprised by the explanation.
22. Mary made a clean breast of everything. This means that Mary A. won everyone over B. told the whole truth. C. did everything efficiently. D. changed the way things were done.
23. Had it not rained, I would have visited you. This means that A. I visited you even though it rained. B. it did not rain and so I visited you. C. it rained so I did not visit you. D. because it did rain, I visited you.
24. I hadn't finished talking to Halima, when she snapped my head off. This means that she A. gave me a sharp slap. B. rudely interrupted me. C. hissed at me. D. ordered me to stop talking.
25. Franca's behaviour towards Edward leaves much to be desired. This means that Franca's behaviour was A. unsatisfactory. B. appreciated. C. commendable. D. unexpected.
26. The teacher truly had his heart in the right place. This means that he was A. kind and considerate. B. sharp and thorough. C. simple and modest. D. focused and direct.
27. Only teachers could afford a car. This means that A. teachers could afford a car and nothing else. B. teachers and nobody else could afford a car. C. teachers and others could afford a car. D. few teachers could afford a car.
28. The night watchman was given the marching orders because of his negligence. This means that he was A. promoted. B. dismissed. C. counselled. D. suspended.
29. My friend is as dull as ditchwater. This means that my friend is A. dark in complexion. B. extremely boring. C. not intelligent. D. not a troublemaker.
30. The director sees Tim as the joker in the pack. This means that the director considers Tim to be A. unpredictable. B. humorous. C. nonchalant. D. unimportant.

### SECTION 4

From the words lettered A to D below each of the following sentences, choose the word or group of words that is **nearest in meaning** to the underlined word as it is used in the sentence.

31. The president of the student union said it was strategic to boycott classes to press home their demands. A. acceptable B. ethical C. practical D. tactical
32. The proscription of the political parties was one of the steps taken by the military. A. launching B. expulsion C. banning D. removal
33. Farmers sometimes go through the frustrating experience of having to watch their produce rot. A. disheartening B. dismaying C. annoying D. frightening
34. The acrobatic displays left the spectators stunned. A. amused B. enticed C. astonished D. elated
35. Binetou looked quite resplendent in that red dress. A. expensive B. stunning C. respectable D. conspicuous
36. It is foolish to depend entirely on mundane things. A. imported B. material C. attractive D. expensive
37. Only a pragmatic approach will solve this problem. A. constant B. careful C. practical D. drastic
38. The governor rebutted all the allegations against him. A. rejected B. removed C. revoked D. refuted
39. He was jailed for failing to obey the court injunction. A. law B. order C. fine D. proceedings.
40. The World Bank made funds available to the government for poverty alleviation. A. reduction B. removal C. termination C. elimination

### SECTION 5

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

41. The two players protested against the ..... A. fitness twice weekly practice B. practice fitness twice weekly C. twice weekly practice fitness D. twice weekly fitness practice
42. If I ..... what actually happened, I would have punished him. A. had heard B. have had C. had had D. have heard
43. She was certainly going to the cinema, .....? A. isn't she B. isn't it C. wasn't it D. wasn't she
44. Their ..... house is by the side of the road. A. father-in-law's B. father's-in-law C. fathers'-in-law D. father-in-laws



45. He ..... his ideas very clearly at meetings. A. puts out B. puts across C. puts away D. puts in  
 46. Remember to return it to Ruth; ..... hers. A. is B. it's C. it D. its  
 47. I want to know your religious ..... A. believe B. believing C. beliefs D. believes  
 48. The student did the assignment, but not ..... the way I had expected. A. just B. quite C. hardly D. as  
 49. Bola invited Joe and ..... to the show. A. I B. myself C. me D. himself  
 50. Highlights ..... the events will be televised today. A. of B. for C. in D. on  
 51. When the fire alarm went off, we all ..... the door. A. made at B. made to C. made after D. made for  
 52. Jane has stopped smoking, .....? A. hasn't she B. didn't she C. isn't it D. hadn't she  
 53. Graduates find it difficult to secure ..... nowadays. A. an employment B. employment C. employments  
 D. few employments  
 54. I'll try to convince him as ..... I can. A. best B. best as C. the best D. well as  
 55. .... were classmates in the university. A. His sister and I B. Me and his sister C. I and his sister  
 D. His sister and me  
 56. Their shop stocks ..... overwhelming variety of goods. A. any B. every C. an D. each  
 57. It's a miracle that the child didn't die after the illness, .....? A. did she B. isn't it C. didn't she D. wasn't it  
 58. It is always good to live ..... one's means A. within B. under C. with D. through  
 59. How I wish she ..... the books before Tunde arrive. A. sees B. had seen C. has seen D. saw  
 60. He is certainly the ..... man in this party. A. most offended B. more offended C. very offended D. much  
 offended  
 61. To ..... did you speak? A. whose B. whom C. who D. which  
 62. .... all probability, the strike will be called off today. A. Through B. In C. By D. At  
 63. Amao ..... his master in every way. A. takes after B. takes over C. takes up D. takes on  
 64. He ran ..... that the defenders couldn't catch up with him. A. very fast B. much faster C. so faster  
 D. so fast  
 65. I told them I would come back as soon as I ..... A. should B. can C. could D. will  
 66. Isn't high time we .....? A. started eating B. start eating C. had started eating D. start to eat  
 67. The reason he gave, ..... was most unconvincing. A. which he had no money B. since he had no money  
 C. that he had no money D. for he had no money  
 68. Sometimes minor incidents in our lives stand out because we cherish ..... A. it B. many C. none  
 D. them.  
 69. An act of cleanliness is to dispose ..... useless items. A. away B. of C. with D. off  
 70. Two of his ..... left for Europe. A. friends B. friend's C. friends D. friend

### SECTION 6

In the following passage, the numbered gaps indicate missing words. Against each number in the list below the passage, **four** options are given in columns lettered A to D. Choose the word that is the **most suitable** to fill the numbered gaps in the passage.

Within the last quarter of the twentieth century, medical experts have been laying emphasis on ....71..... rather than ....72.... measure. Through primary health care programmes, people have been taught about these. When an individual .....73.... a disease, he has to see a doctor for .....74.... . At times, the doctor finds it difficult to ....75.... the disease during the initial examination of the patient because many diseases have similar ...76... When this happens, the patient is either asked to go to the .....77.... for one test or the other or he would have .....78... taken to help the doctor find out what is happening internally. It is after all these, and sometimes more, that the doctor finds out what is happening internally. It is after all these, and sometimes more, can .....79.... some drugs for the individual and perhaps give him some ....80..... To save yourself and everyone else from this headache, it is advisable to pay heed to public health programmes.

- |     | A            | B           | C          | D            |
|-----|--------------|-------------|------------|--------------|
| 71. | effective    | protective  | defensive  | preventive   |
| 72. | curative     | healing     | corrective | anaesthetic  |
| 73. | acquires     | contracts   | contacts   | develops     |
| 74. | consultation | interaction | discussion | instruction  |
| 75. | explain      | discover    | diagnose   | detect       |
| 76. | signs        | indications | symptoms   | dues         |
| 77. | pharmacy     | infirmary   | ward       | laboratory   |
| 78. | an image     | an X-ray    | a film     | a photograph |
| 79. | prescribe    | write       | select     | dictate      |
| 80. | concoction   | syringes    | additives  | injections   |



**ANSWERS TO WASSCE SC 2022 ENGLISH LANGUAGE 1 OBJECTIVE TEST**

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 1. A  | 2. B  | 3. C  | 4. B  | 5. D  | 6. C  | 7. D  | 8. B  | 9. C  | 10. A | 11. A | 12. C |
| 13. A | 14. D | 15. B | 16. A | 17. D | 18. D | 19. A | 20. A | 21. B | 22. B | 23. C | 24. B |
| 25. A | 26. D | 27. B | 28. B | 29. B | 30. A | 31. D | 32. C | 33. A | 34. C | 35. B | 36. B |
| 37. C | 38. D | 39. B | 40. A | 41. D | 42. A | 43. D | 44. A | 45. B | 46. B | 47. C | 48. B |
| 49. C | 50. A | 51. D | 52. A | 53. B | 54. B | 55. A | 56. C | 57. B | 58. A | 59. B | 60. A |
| 61. B | 62. B | 63. A | 64. D | 65. C | 66. A | 67. C | 68. D | 69. B | 70. A | 71. D | 72. A |
| 73. B | 74. A | 75. C | 76. C | 77. D | 78. B | 79. A | 80. D |       |       |       |       |

**WASSCE SC 2022 ENGLISH LANGUAGE 3 TEST OF ORALS**

From the words lettered A to D, choose the words that has the **same vowel sound** as the one represented by the letter(s) undelined.

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|-------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1. <u>l</u> ynch  | A. flee B. dye C. you D. lick         |
| 2. <u>s</u> aid   | A. paid B. maid C. many D. harm       |
| 3. <u>d</u> ance  | A. dunce B. aunt C. friend D. mace    |
| 4. <u>o</u> re    | A. pole B. cot C. loud D. saw         |
| 5. <u>oo</u> k    | A. noon B. poor C. good D. food       |
| 6. <u>ou</u> bt   | A. nought B. round C. rough D. drove  |
| 7. <u>h</u> ut    | A. knob B. rot C. bought D. tonne     |
| 8. <u>a</u> lert  | A. pearl B. percent C. heart D. check |
| 9. <u>ie</u> ve   | A. lie B. quay C. lettuce D. kick     |
| 10. <u>ea</u> uty | A. good B. courier C. put D. few      |
| 11. <u>wh</u> ite | A. pair B. hit C. bye D. writ         |
| 12. <u>h</u> ere  | A. chair B. weird C. care D. pair     |
| 13. <u>o</u> ul   | A. how B. plough C. boat D. bouy      |
| 14. <u>oo</u> t   | A. louse B. bull C. cook D. ruse      |
| 15. <u>a</u> ll   | A. power B. dole C. dawn D. pull      |

**SECTION 2**

From the words lettered A to D, choose the word that has the **same consonant sound(s)** as the one represented by the letter(s) underlined.

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|----------------------|------------------------------------------|
| 16. <u>o</u> der     | A. another B. made C. wedge D. flunked   |
| 17. <u>j</u> oy      | A. ahoy B. huge C. you D. bagged         |
| 18. <u>ch</u> unk    | A. choir B. chemise C. matches D. show   |
| 19. <u>pr</u> essure | A. sour B. beige C. wash D. measure      |
| 20. <u>e</u> asy     | A. loss B. phase C. curse D. last        |
| 21. <u>m</u> ethod   | A. brother B. bath C. though D. breathe  |
| 22. <u>r</u> everse  | A. aisle B. debris C. cast D. boys       |
| 23. <u>g</u> ang     | A. gene B. gist C. tag D. merge          |
| 24. <u>s</u> upper   | A. psychic B. elephant C. trip D. psalm  |
| 25. <u>be</u> ige    | A. gag B. genre C. gem D. lough          |
| 26. <u>l</u> ong     | A. plunge B. chunk C. binge D. dawn      |
| 27. <u>b</u> ask     | A. slacks B. basque C. lacks D. axed     |
| 28. <u>th</u> en     | A. month B. three C. thunder D. thus     |
| 29. <u>s</u> plit    | A. sprint B. spilt C. splendour D. spill |
| 30. <u>bl</u> ack    | A. knead B. know C. scene D. echo        |

**SECTION 3**

From the words lettered A to D, choose the word that **rhymes** with the given word.

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|------------|------------|-----------|------------|--------------|
| 31. hatch  | A. stash   | B. match  | C. chain   | D. chat      |
| 32. roam   | A. come    | B. done   | C. home    | D. from      |
| 33. callow | A. colour  | B. brow   | C. allow   | D. shallow   |
| 34. fasted | A. instead | B. lasted | C. harvest | D. practised |
| 35. lose   | A. shoes   | B. loose  | C. dose    | D. mouse     |

**SECTION 4**

In each of the following questions, the main/primary stress is indicate by writing the syllable on which it occurs in capital letters.

- From the words lettered A to D, choose the one that has the **correct stress**.
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|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 36. institution | A. IN-sti-tu-tion | B. in-STI-tu-tion | C. in-sti-TU-tion | D. in-sti-tu-TION |
| 37. spectacular | A. SPEC-tac-u-lar | B. spec-TAC-u-lar | C. spec-tac-U-lar | D. spec-tac-u-LAR |
| 38. parochial   | A. PA-ro-chi-al   | B. pa-RO-chi-al   | C. pa-ro-CHI-al   | D. pa-ro-chi-AL   |
| 39. curriculum  | A. CUR-ric-u-lum  | B. cur-RIC-u-lum  | C. cur-ric-U-lum  | D. cur-ric-u-LUM  |
| 40. affidavit   | A. AFF-i-da-vit   | B. aff-I-da-vit   | C. aff-I-DA-vit   | D. aff-i-da-VIT   |



## SECTION 5

In the following options lettered A to D, all the words **except one** have the same stress pattern. Identify the one with the **different stress pattern** and shade your answer in the usual way.

41. A. public      B. concern      C. centre      D. people  
42. A. standard      B. beauty      C. statement      D. regain  
43. A. discomfort      B. aggressive      C. quality      D. depended  
44. A. confess      B. festive      C. justice      D. haughty  
45. A. foster      B. manner      C. cadet      D. guardian

## SECTION 6

In each of the following sentences, the word that receives the **emphasis stress** is written in **capital letters**. From the questions lettered A to D, choose the one to which the given sentence is the appropriate answer.

46. HE is the press photographer. A. Is she the press photographer? B. Was he the press photographer? C. Is he the museum photographer? D. Is he the press editor?  
47. His cousin is usually HOSPITABLE to strangers. A. Is his mother usually hospitable to strangers? B. Is his cousin usually hostile to strangers? C. Is his cousin seldom hospitable to strangers? D. Is his cousin usually hospitable to foe?  
48. The FRENCH village is located in Badagry. A. Is the German village located in Badagry? B. Is the French embassy located in Badagry? C. Is the French village located in Ikoyi? D. Was the French village located in Badagry?  
49. John's father was PROMOTED yesterday. A. Was Peter's father promoted yesterday? B. Was John's mother promoted yesterday? C. Was John's father sacked yesterday? D. Was John's father promoted last year?  
50. The principal punished the students for being DISHONEST. A. Did the teacher punish the students for being dishonest? B. Did the principal praise the students for being dishonest? C. Did the principal punish the students for being sincere? D. Did the principal punish the teachers for being dishonest?

## SECTION 7

From the words lettered A to D, choose word that contains the **sound** represented by the given phonetic symbol.

51. /a:/      A. pat      B. angry      C. lark      D. prank  
52. /ʌ/      A. sport      B. coat      C. could      D. flood  
53. /aʊ/      A. fraught      B. plough      C. fracas      D. bat  
54. /w/      A. wrought      B. wire      C. awe      D. know  
55. /tʃ/      A. shock      B. botched      C. machines      D. chagrin  
56. /k/      A. champagne      B. knife      C. knit      D. chorus  
57. /iə/      A. pair      B. lure      C. lower      D. peer  
58. /ð/      A. thought      B. den      C. their      D. thank  
59. /z/      A. insist      B. persist      C. consist      D. resist  
60. /ɪ/      A. key      B. brief      C. guilt      D. seize

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 1. D  | 2. C  | 3. B  | 4. D  | 5. C  | 6. B  | 7. D  | 8. A  | 9. B  | 10. D | 11. C | 12. B |
| 13. C | 14. D | 15. C | 16. B | 17. B | 18. C | 19. C | 20. B | 21. B | 22. C | 23. C | 24. C |
| 25. B | 26. B | 27. B | 28. D | 29. C | 30. D | 31. B | 32. C | 33. D | 34. B | 35. A | 36. A |
| 37. C | 38. B | 39. B | 40. C | 41. B | 42. D | 43. C | 44. A | 45. C | 46. A | 47. B | 48. A |
| 49. C | 50. C | 51. C | 52. D | 53. B | 54. B | 55. B | 56. D | 57. C | 58. C | 59. D | 60. C |

## WASSCE SC 2022 ENGLISH LANGUAGE 2 ESSAY

### SECTION A

- Write a letter to your friend in another school telling him or her about your future career and how it will be beneficial to your country.
- The National Scholarship Secretariat is organising an essay competition on the topic: *The menace of fake drugs in the society*. Write your entry.
- As a former senior prefect, write a letter to the principal of your school on the occasion of its 60th anniversary celebration, congratulating him and offering **three** suggestions for the improvement of the school.
- A new principal has just been posted to your school. As the senior prefect, write a welcome address on behalf of the students, pointing out **three** areas of need in the school.
- Write a story which illustrates the saying: *Uneasy lies the head that wears a crown.*