

# **ADDITROM SCHOOL**

Motto: the truth giveth light and peace

## **ENGLISH LANGUAGE – JHS 2**

### **PAPER 2**

#### **ESSAY**

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. Your composition should be about 250 words long. 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.*

1. Your hometown or village lacks development seriously. Write a letter to your District or Municipal Chief Executive suggesting at least two things that must be done immediately to make life better for the people.
2. Write an argument for or against the motion: School uniform should be abolished.
3. Describe a special school occasion such as a Prize Giving or Speech Day Ceremony.

#### **PART B**

#### **COMPREHENSION**

**[30 marks]**

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

Sika and Asem became friends right on the first day they met at the Junior High School when both were at the brink of their teens. They remained intimate and studied hard to pass their Basic Education Certification Examination with flying colours three years later. Incidentally, the two got admission into a reputable Senior High School, which was a great joy to them.

Sad to say that a few weeks in the same class Asem began to exhibit a change in character and behaviour. He aligned himself with other boys, including some seniors of dubious character and began shunning the company of Sika. He often ran to town with some bad boys to engage in unwholesome activities that got him into trouble with the school authority several times in just his first year.

Sika on the other hand remained focused, guided by the adage: 'make hay while the sun shines'. At the end of their first year his performance was excellent while Asem was promoted on trial. At least once, Sika had an opportunity to admonish Asem to turn over a new leaf but it all fell on deaf ears. Asem proved even more stubborn and recalcitrant than before.

Matters came to a head one day when he and two other boys stole into the school poultry at night to steal eggs and fowls and were caught. They were disgraced before the student body and suspended for four weeks. Asem indeed failed to let this known to his parents. He rather went to hide in one of his bad friends' house nearby from where they often sneaked into the school at night to cause some mischief. Luck was not on their side when they were caught and expelled outright.

Sika however never relented in his studies. He finally passed his Senior High School Certificate Examination very well, moved on to spend seven years in the university and came out a fully qualified medical doctor. He was going round one day at the emergency ward of the hospital where he was working when he stumbled on Asem. He was lying on a stretcher bleeding profusely. Sika took pity on him and gave him special attention that stabilized him.

When Asem regained consciousness and saw Sika as his doctor, tears flowed freely from his eyes. He narrated how after being sacked from school he found himself to be a commercial bus driver moving from one vehicle owner to another until he finally had to settle as a drivers' union guard, popularly known as 'bookman'. It was a fierce fight between his union and a rival one that nearly ended his life. He was penniless but Sika paid all his hospital bill which made him even shed more tears of regret.

- (a) (i) About how old were Sika and Asem when they first met?  
(ii) What action of Asem broke a school rule several times in their first year in the Senior High School?
- (b) (i) What tells you that Sika did not ignore Asem when he was misbehaving in school?  
(ii) What do you find very bad of Asem when he was suspended?
- (c) (i) Why was Asem expelled outright from school?  
(ii) How can you say that Sika and Asem met again after over eight years separation?
- (d) (i) How can you conclude that Asem never had a smooth profession as a bus driver?  
(ii) What singular act of Sika shows that he had love for Asem after all those years?
- (e) Explain in your own words the following expressions as used in the passage:
  - (i) make hay while the sun shines;
  - (ii) matters came to a head.
- (f) For each of the following words, give another word or a phrase that means the same, and can fit into the passage:
  - (i) intimate;
  - (ii) dubious;
  - (iii) stole;
  - (iv) stumbled;
  - (v) penniless.

**PART C**  
**LITERATURE**  
**[10 marks]**

*Answer all the questions in this part.*

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

5. Questions 5(a) to 5(c) are based on the abridged and simplified version of Charles Dickens' Oliver Twist.

CHARLES DICKENS: Oliver Twist

Oliver began to cry when he was alone. Once he was done, he wrapped up his belongings, climbed through the window and left the house forever. (Page 107)

- (a) Which house did Oliver leave forever?
- (b) Before this extract Oliver had .....
- (c) From that house Oliver walked .....miles to.....

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

PETER PAUL ADOLINAMA: Ripples

Amina had lived in perpetual fear of his fiery temper but MamaAdarnu knew that his bark was worse than his bite. (Page 80)

- (d) Who does the pronoun 'his' refer to?
- (e) The underlined expression is an idiom meaning he thre~t~ns but is not .

*Read the following extract carefully and answer Questions 5 (f) and 5 (h).*

AMA ATA Amoo: The Dilemma of a Ghost

Yes, someone has tripped in the doorway, eh.

One day the people in this house will commit murder.

Do they not know that if the heavens withdraw their light, man must light his own way? (Page 29)

- (f) Who is speaking and to who?
- (g) The man who must light his own is alan
- (h) The figure of speech for the underline expression is .

*Read the following extract carefully and answer Questions 5(i) to 5(j).*

KOBENA EYI ACQUAH: A wreath of Tears

..... knowing as you did

how private grief must be

how loss remains, at the end personal

- (i) The setting of the poem is .....
- (j) The mood of the poet is that of .....

**END OF ESSAY TEST**

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

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

1. One should not enjoy ..... at such occasions.

- A. hisself
- B. itself
- C. oneself
- D. oneselves

2. Since Kojo completed school five years ago he..... nothing to find a job.

- A. did
- B. has done
- C. had done
- D. was doing

3. Uncle Tommy will pay for us all, .....?

- A. would he
- B. hasn't he
- C. has he
- D. won't he

4. As soon as Ama ..... her clothes, that woman came to pour water on them.

- A. was hanging up
- B. has hunged up
- C. had hung up
- D. had hanged up

5. If Adamu ..... to travel, he should have told his father.

- A. had
- B. were
- C. had had
- D. was

6. Yasmin could not eat the food .... she was hungry.

- A. despite
- B. since
- C. although
- D. while

7. While Addo is the most talkative boy in class, Atsu is .....

- A. less
- B. the less
- C. least
- D. the least

8. Afenu is ..... his cousin.

- A. as nearly clever as
- B. nearly as clever as
- C. as clever nearly as
- D. nearly cleverer as

9 ..... Albert saw the snake, he jumped.

- A. While
- B. Immediately
- C. Since
- D. Although

10. If he had known, he wouldn't have come, .....?

- A. had he
- B. wasn't it
- C. would he
- D. wouldn't he

11. My brother is of a ..... rank than my uncle.

- A. lower
- B. least
- C. little
- D. low

12. No man of those titles ..... here now.

- A. live
- B. lived
- C. has lived
- D. lives

13. As the hunter aimed his gun, the lion ..... at him.

- A. had leapt
- B. was leaping
- C. leapt
- D. leaped

14. The bag here is mine but the luggage there is

- A. them.
- B. theirs.
- C. their's.
- D. they.

15. The peaceful family meeting ..... in confusion.
- A. broke out
  - B. broke through
  - C. broke off
  - D. broke up

### 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. We must not humiliate him with further questions.
- A. mock
  - B. torture
  - C. discourage
  - D. deceive
17. The poor orphan felt forsaken by her family members.
- A. undermined
  - B. abandoned
  - C. insulted
  - D. dejected
18. His last speech jeopardized his chance of getting the post.
- A. endangered
  - B. scrutinized

- C. dashed
- D. confirmed

19. Haruna claimed that he won the 100 meter race.
- A. informed
  - B. revealed
  - C. announced
  - D. asserted

20. Our father's new wife's attitude to us was rather antagonistic.
- A. direct
  - B. evasive
  - C. unfriendly
  - D. cunning

### 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 groups of words.

21. The expert has warned that a dreadful famine is in the offing. This means that
- A. is likely to occur.
  - B. now exists in the country.
  - C. is always present in the country.
  - D. will set in next year.
22. Dela does not like playing second fiddle to anybody. This means that Dela
- A. dislikes playing music.
  - B. always likes to play first.
  - C. likes to be the leader all the time.
  - D. does not play someone's music.
23. When Hamza became very noisy, the director showed him the door. This means the director
- A. escorted him to the door.
  - B. turned him out of the office.
  - C. allowed him to behave like that

- D. asked him to close the door.

24. As soon as K wadwo was made the senior prefect he lost his head. This means that
- A. he lost his temper.
  - B. he went mad.
  - C. his headmaster died.
  - D. he became arrogant.

25. Although it was clear to Mr. Abu that Amuzu was at fault he still gave him a fair hearing. This means that Mr. Abu
- A. was partial in judging the case.
  - B. could only hear fairly well.
  - C. listened impartially to Amuzu.
  - D. made Amuzu listen properly.

## SECTION D

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.

26. Moses was rebuked for what he did last night.

- A. flattered
- B. praised
- C. restored
- D. redeemed

27. The accident, in my opinion was avoidable.

- A. plausible
- B. ineligible
- C. inevitable
- D. preventable

28. We could not consent to that proposal.

- A. ignore
- B. disagree with
- C. question
- D. disapprove

29. I can't tell whether Justice Nkansah will be an unbiased judge.

- A. partial
- B. false
- C. parochial
- D. imperfect

30. He considered his offence very grievous.

- A. not important
- B. baseless
- C. not serious
- D. worthless