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SECTION A (20 MARKS)

Each of the questions below is followed by four options, lettered A, B, C, and D. Choose the option that best completes each statement and write the letter A, B, C, or D of the option you have chosen in your Answer Booklet.

1. Which African country is the leading producer of cocoa?
 - A. Ghana
 - B. Nigeria
 - C. Ivory Coast
 - D. Cameroon
2. The significance of marriage in the African kinship system is that it is ...?
 - A. primarily for personal love and companionship
 - B. mainly for economic stability
 - C. primarily for procreation and strengthening kinship ties
 - D. solely for social status
3. Which one of the following types of family system was most commonly practiced in Africa?
 - A. Nuclear Family
 - B. Extended family
 - C. Blended family
 - D. Composite family
4. All the following are cherished African values, **except**...
 - A. Laziness
 - B. Hard-work
 - C. Chastity
 - D. Respect for elders
5. African dirges are songs traditionally performed at...
 - A. Marriages
 - B. Birthdays
 - C. Funerals
 - D. Festivals

6. Which of the following was the capital city of the old Ghana Empire?
- A. Jenne
 - B. Bamako
 - C. Kumbi Saleh
 - D. Gao
7. The Zulu Kingdom in South Africa was led by which famous warrior king?
- A. Nelson Mandela
 - B. Robert Mugabe
 - C. Haile Selassie
 - D. Shaka Zulu
8. The most widely spoken indigenous language in Africa is:
- A. Zulu
 - B. Swahili
 - C. Yoruba
 - D. Hausa
9. In African societies, the extended family system:
- A. Consists only of parents and children
 - B. Includes grandparents, uncles, aunts, and cousins
 - C. Is no longer practiced in any African country
 - D. Is only found in rural areas
10. A key role of the extended family in Africa is to:
- A. Promote individualism
 - B. Reject cultural beliefs
 - C. Discourage traditional values
 - D. Provide social and economic support
11. In many African cultures, the first major rite of passage in a person's life is:
- A. Marriage
 - B. Death rituals
 - C. Naming ceremony
 - D. Initiation into secret societies
12. Which of the following was NOT a common rite of passage in African culture?
- A. Initiation into adulthood
 - B. Baptism in a Christian church
 - C. Naming ceremonies
 - D. Marriage ceremonies
13. Which type of African family structure is most common in rural areas?
- A. Nuclear family
 - B. Extended family
 - C. Child-headed family
 - D. Blended family

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14. A matrilineal family system is one in which:
- A. Property and inheritance pass through the father's lineage
 - B. Only men are allowed to inherit property
 - C. Descent and inheritance are traced through the mother's family
 - D. Women have no rights to family property
15. A fictive kin relationship in African culture means:
- A. People who are biologically related
 - B. Non-biological ties based on social or spiritual connections
 - C. A legal contract between two families
 - D. A temporary family arrangement
16. Which of the following best describes polygamy?
- A. A system where one person has only one spouse
 - B. A type of family where children are raised by the community
 - C. A marriage system where one person has multiple spouses
 - D. A marriage where inheritance is passed through the female line
17. All the following are ways by which the African can easily be identified on a global stage, **except?**
- A. Language
 - B. Music & Dance
 - C. Scholarship
 - D. Theatre
18. The philosophical belief in divinity, spirituality, theology and ontology falls under?
- A. Epistemology
 - B. Metaphysics
 - C. Aesthetics
 - D. Logics
19. The first ancient university to be built in Africa was founded in
- A. Songhai Empire
 - B. Ashanti Kingdom
 - C. Kenya
 - D. Egypt
20. Africans used hoes, cutlasses and other simple farm tools for their farming activities but have developed tractors and irrigation machines for the same activities. The forgoing statement best fit into the effect ofon Africa?
- A. Civilization
 - B. Globalization
 - C. Emancipation
 - D. Democratization

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SECTION B (5 MARKS)

This section contains statements. Write true or false for each of the following statements in your answer booklet.

21. The culture of the African people is homogeneous because Africans share identical beliefs and values across the continent.
22. In many African societies, stories are told primarily for entertainment purposes rather than to teach morals and values.
23. During the pre-colonial era, the chiefs were the Heads of the Judiciary in their chiefdoms.
24. One of the Characteristics of African Traditional Religion is its predominant doctrinal teachings.
25. African music does not vary across Africa.

SECTION C (5 MARKS)

Match the terms in column A with the alphabet attached to the correct statement in column B from Q26-Q30.

	Column A (Terms)	Column B (Descriptions)
26.	colonialism	A. system where local African leaders governed under British supervision
27.	Economic motive for colonialism	B. A system where Africans were expected to adopt French culture and become "French citizens"
28.	Political motive for colonization	C. European Countries Sought Raw Materials, Markets, And Cheap Labour From Africa
29.	Indirect rule (British)	D. The act of one country taking control over another for economic and political benefits
30.	Direct rule (French)	E. Colonizers competed for territorial expansion to gain global powers

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SECTION D (10 MARKS)

Provide short answers to the following questions in your answer booklet.

31. The concept of, meaning "I am because we are," emphasizes communal living and interdependence in African societies.
32. In many African Traditional Societies, knowledge is transmitted orally through, proverbs, and folklore.
33. The African worldview considers life as a continuous cycle of interactions between the living, the dead, and the
34. is a philosophy that explains how a person's life force can be increased or diminished based on their actions.
35. The Supreme Being (God) is called..... among the Yoruba people.

SECTION E (20 MARKS)

Please answer only One question from this section

- Q 1. A). State and explain any five (5) contributions of Africa to world's civilization?
(10 Marks)
- B). Write brief notes on **any ONE** of the following civilizations of Africa:
- i. Ancient Egypt. (10 Marks)
 - ii. Old Ghana Empire. (10 Marks)
- Q2. A. What are the positive effects of globalization on Africa?
- B. How has globalization contributed to the erosion of African traditions?
- C. What can African nations do to preserve their cultural heritage in a globalized world?
- Q3. Describe the FIVE (5) key Rites of Passage among Ghanaians highlighting their significance.

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