

LITERACY PAST QUESTIONS

THE ESSAY BELOW IS AN EXPOSITIONARY WRITING. JUST WRITE YOUR TITLE THEN START WRITING. AFTERWARDS WRITE YOUR NAME AND LOCATION OR SCHOOL AS SUBSCRIPTION.

ESSAY
(20 marks)

2. Write an essay of 250 words on the topic below.

(Note: Candidates who exceed the word limit will be penalised)

Indiscipline among students has become a major challenge in pre-tertiary educational institutions in Ghana. Discuss three measures that can be taken to address the problem.

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(20 marks)

2. Write an essay of 200 words on the topic below.

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Virtual (online) teaching and learning has come to stay. Describe **three** challenges you encountered in using Virtual (online) mode of teaching and learning in your institution.

ESSAY
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2. Write an essay of a maximum 250 words on the topic below.

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The Students' Representative Council of your former college is celebrating its annual anniversary on the theme: **"Qualities of the Teacher in the 21st Century"**. Write a speech you will deliver as the Guest Speaker at the durbar to climax the celebration.

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(10 marks)

1. Read the passage below and **ANSWER** the questions which follow it.

Today, the credibility of the media is on the line. This is as a result of fake news being produced by both journalists and imposters. This practice is giving everyone a bad name. In fact, this has set media houses at each other's throat. To restore public trust and confidence in the media, some practitioners are expending invaluable time and resources to counteract this onslaught of misinformation.

Their efforts are, however, a lost cause because the creation of fake news has been transformed from prank into a lucrative business. News channels have been set up solely to **propagate** false news – abysmal failures and grand achievements of celebrities, allegations of immoral conduct of high ups, unimaginable cures for ailments, **sophisticated** inventions and so on.

This has left the public confounded, depressed and frustrated as they are forced every time to find out the truth about what they read or hear. In many instances, this is not only a herculean task, but also a fruitless search because corroboration of a news item by another is no longer a guarantee for its credulity as both sources could be **birds of a feather**.

- I. What is the challenge of the media today? 1 mark
- II. State **two** examples of news that could be false. 2 marks
- III. Why are people disheartened about what the media puts out? 2 marks
- IV. Why is the writer pessimistic about the fight against fake news? 1 mark
- V. Give a *word or phrase* that means the same as each of the following words

V. Give a word or phrase that means the same as each of the following words as used in the passage:

- i. at each other's throat
- ii. propagate
- iii. sophisticated
- iv. birds of a feather

(1 mark each)

Answers

- i. Their credibility is on the line
- ii. 1. Unimaginable cure for ailment
2. Grand achievements of celebrities
3. Allegations of immoral conduct
- iii. They are forced to find out about the truth on what they read or hear
- iv. To restore public trust
- v. i. at loggerheads
ii. spread
iii. advanced
iv. remembrance

For questions 1-16, choose from the alternatives A-D, the word(s) that best completes each of the sentences.

1. The school fronts _____ the palace.

- A. at
- B. by
- C. into
- D. onto

2. Nowadays many people frown _____ smoking.

- A. at
- B. to
- C. upon
- D. with

3. In spite of the defeat, Kwame _____ lost hope.

- A. hadn't
- B. hasn't
- C. haven't
- D. having

4. Our teacher taught us that virtue _____ its own reward.

8. I pointed out a nice violet dress to Alice (to buy a shop but she replied "red dress instead". How will you report Alice's response?

Alice said _____ red dress instead.

- A. I like this
- B. she liked that
- C. she likes the
- D. she likes this

9. No sooner had Adjoa started writing on the board _____ the teacher appeared in the doorway.

- A. soon
- B. than
- C. then
- D. when

10. Neither the father nor the children _____ known to me.

- A. has been
- B. has being
- C. was
- D. were

11. The chief, on the advice of his elders, _____ the protracted land dispute.

- A. are settling
- B. has settled
- C. have settled
- D. were settling

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12. The referee, as well as his two assistants, _____ not fair to us in the match.

A. was

B. were

C. are

D. is

13. They visit home regularly, _____

A. didn't they?

B. don't they?

C. haven't they?

D. isn't it?

14. He saw us when he was coming here, _____

A. can't he?

B. couldn't he?

C. didn't he?

D. wasn't he?

15. If I had gone to watch the match, I _____ known the result.

A. had

B. have

C. will have

D. would have

16. I'd rather you _____

- A. are sleeping
- B. could sleep
- C. sleep
- D. slept

For questions 17 and 18, choose from the options A-D, the one that has the *correct order of adjectives*.

17. Which one of the following sentences has the correct order of adjectives?
The _____ has been stolen.

- A. attractive new blue black car
- B. new blue black attractive car
- C. blue black new attractive car
- D. attractive car new blue black

18. Which one of the following sentences has the correct order of adjectives?
I bought my _____ dress today.

- A. very green first party
- B. green very party first
- C. first green very party
- D. very first green party

For questions 19 and 20, choose from the alternatives lettered A-D, one which best represents the direct speech form of the indirect speech.

19. Akosua could not go back to school on the day of reopening. When questioned, she said she would go the next day. Which one of the following sentences represents Akosua's exact words?

- A. "I will go the next day."
- B. "I will go tomorrow."
- C. "I would go the next day."
- D. "I would go tomorrow."

20. When the Black Queens conceded a late penalty, their coach exclaimed sadly that, alas all was lost. Which one of the following sentences represents the coach's exact words?

- A. "Alas! All is lost."
- B. "Alas! All was lost."
- C. "Alas! All was sadly lost."
- D. "Alas! All were lost."

For questions 21 and 22, choose from the options following each of the sentences lettered A - D, the one that best gives the meaning of the underlined phrase.

21. The building is in the middle of nowhere. This means that the building _____

- A. can't be located.
- B. doesn't exist.
- C. hasn't been completed.
- D. isn't isolated.

22. The pieces of information gathered so far make a case for our study. This means that the pieces of information _____

- A. are for our study.
- B. are sufficient for our study.
- C. justify our study.
- D. replicate our study

For questions 23 and 24, change the sentences from active to passive voice

23. The students were eating the food. This means that the food _____ by the students.

- A. has been eaten
- B. is being eating
- C. was being eaten
- D. was eating

24. Araba buys food stuffs from this shop. Food stuffs _____ from this shop by Araba.

- A. are bought
- B. Food stuffs are being bought
- C. Food stuffs were bought
- D. have been bought

For questions 25 and 26, choose from the alternatives lettered A-D, one which is most nearly *opposite* in meaning to the underlined word(s).

25. Mrs Adjei is an amusing teacher. She is a _____ person.

- A. boring
- B. delightful
- C. depressed
- D. tired

26. The police said John was killed accidentally. He was killed _____

- A. deliberately
- B. painfully
- C. pathetically
- D. prematurely

Read the passage below and answer questions 21 and 28.

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27. Which of the following statements is *true*, according to the passage?

- A. Man's conditions dictate his lifestyle.
- B. Rich people are reckless.
- C. The poor are naturally modest.
- D. The poor do not waste their resources.

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- A. General
- B. Rhetorical
- C. Special
- D. Tag

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29. Early in the morning, dark columns of thunder clouds appeared in the sky like ominous giants.

- A. Approaching
- B. Dangerous
- C. Furious
- D. Threatening

30. To be a successful investigator, one must have an eye for minute details.

- A. Fine
- B. Minor
- C. Perfect
- D. Supportive

Answers

1. A	6.	11. C	16. C	21. A	26. A
2. A	7.	12. B	17. A	22. C	27. A
3. B	8. C	13. B	18. D	23. C	28. B
4. A	9. B	14. C	19. B	24. B	29. A
5.	10. A	15. D	20. A	25. A	30. A