

# TRENDING-GHANA EXAMINATIONS CONSULTS

(INTELLIGENCE IS OUR HALLMARK)

SUBJECT: ENGLISH LANGUAGE

## SECTION B

### WRITING

Answer only **one** question from this section

1. Your friend is preparing for his or her Basic Education Certificate Examination (BECE). Write a letter to him or her explaining at least **two** things he or she must do to successfully excel in his or her exams.
2. Narrate the most interesting story you have read and say why you like it.

### READING

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

Nobody wanted Ananse to succeed in drinking the cup of hot water and win, Adiefe, the chief's daughter. Ananse grabbed the cup of hot water, bowed as gracefully as possible and smiled confidently. He lifted the cup and said, slowly and calmly, 'Nana, look.....!' Nana Apo barked, 'yes, it's hot. 'Drink it right now!' But Ananse kept a cool head. Then, in full glare of all present, he shook the cup vigorously for some time in order to cool its content. After this, he began to sip the now lukewarm water as if it was still hot. Between the sips, the pain he seemed to be going through made him frown. He shut the left eye and his right eye shone brightly. He deliberately left his left hand drop loosely by his side. Nana Apo smiled. Queen Amola grinned. Adiefe giggled-all in happy anticipation of Ananse's failure.

Suddenly, Ananse began to drink the warm water more quickly and noisily. Soon all was gone. He turned the cup upside down towards Nana and indeed, there was not a single drop in it. Lo and behold, Kweku Ananse, the notorious trickster, had succeeded where all others had failed. There was complete silence. Even the wind seemed to have stopped blowing. The impossible had happened, Kweku Ananse's victory had won him the hand of pretty Princess Adiefe.

Nana Apo and Queen Amola with great reluctance, led their daughter Adiefe, and handed her over to victorious Kweku Ananse.

- a) What was the attitude of the people present before the content?
- b) Why do you think Ananse shook the cup?
- c) State three tricks Ananse used to show that he was in pain
- d) i) Why did Ananse turn the cup upside down?  
ii) What was the mood of Nana Apo and Queen Amola in the end?
- e) Explain the following expressions in your own words
  - i) 'Ananse kept a cool head'
  - ii) 'all was gone'
  - iii) 'The impossible had happened'

- f) For each of the following words, give another word or phrase that means the same and can fit into the passage
- i) *grabbed*
  - ii) *barked*
  - iii) *deliberately*
  - iv) *Eventually*
  - v) *pretty*

## LITERATURE

4. Answer **all** questions in this part

- a. Define the term *literature*
- b. Explain the written type of literature
- c. Discuss **three** elements of the oral literature.
- d. State **four** importance of the study of literature to a student.

## SECTION A

### GRAMMAR

Choose the one that **most suitable completes** each sentence

1. Mariama..... done the exercise  
a) have                      b) are                      c) is                      d) has
2. Aboagye has..... Abroad  
a) travel                      b) travelled                      c) travels                      d) been travelled
3. Ernestina was..... surprised that he could not talk  
a) enough                      b) so                      c) what                      d) which
4. The cat was scratching..... the door so I let it in  
a) from                      b) near                      c) near                      d) at
5. The students complained that the milk.... sour  
a) tastes                      b) tasted                      c) taste                      d) toasted
6. The hijackers held the plane..... Thursday  
a) in                      b) over                      c) during                      d) until
7. Accra was without power..... Monday  
a) from                      b) of                      c) to                      d) for
8. Kevin has been accused..... stealing  
a) on                      b) for                      c) with                      d) of

9. Linda was so frightened.....she fainted

- a) so                      b) that                      c) then                      d) as

10. The answer to my question was what I.....

- a) except                      b) will expect                      c) expected                      d) have expected

## SECTION B

Choose the one which is *nearest in meaning* to the underlined word

11. The new school is ideal for Mr Mensah's children

- a) good                      b) perfect                      c) satisfactory                      d) suitable

12. Maxwell was too scared to be left alone in the house

- a) afraid                      b) anxious                      c) do                      d) did

13. My father had the benefit of good education

- a) luck                      b) advantage                      c) quality                      d) value

14. He said the story was fictitious

- a) artificial                      b) false                      c) interesting                      d) real

15. As Daniel waited for the interview, he was very tensed.

- a) sad                      b) afraid                      c) alarmed                      d) uneasy

## SECTION C

Choose the one which is *nearly opposite* to the underlined word in the sentence.

16. The prices of petrol has fallen for no reason

- a) aggravated                      b) doubled                      c) risen                      d) weakened

17. Bright worked hard to stock the shop

- a) decorate                      b) empty                      c) fill                      d) reinforce

18. The bread is stale

- a) burnt                      b) delicious                      c) fresh                      d) mouldy

19. Mr Annan is an affluent man

- a) bachelor                      b) rich                      c) miserable                      d) scare

20. Judges are expected to be impartial

- a) biased                      b) proud                      c) disrespectful                      d) bold