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WAEC WASSCE English Language Practice Questions and Answers

SECTION 1: LEXIS AND STRUCTURE (SYNTAX & GRAMMAR)

1. The school principal, along with his teachers, _____ expected at the meeting today.

- A. are
- B. is
- C. were
- D. have been

Answer: B. is

Detailed Explanation: When a subject is joined with others using "along with," "as well as," or "together with," the verb agrees with the singular first subject ("the school principal").

2. Neither the students nor their captain _____ present at the sports complex yesterday.

- A. was
- B. were
- C. are
- D. have been

Answer: A. was

30. Although she appeared ENERGETIC at the start of the race, she became _____ towards the end.

- A. vibrant
- B. sluggish
- C. active
- D. robust

Answer: B. sluggish

Detailed Explanation: "Energetic" means showing or involving great vitality. "Sluggish" means slow-moving or lacking energy, making it the perfect antonym.

SECTION 3: SYNONYMS (WORDS NEAREST IN MEANING)

31. The judge described the criminal's action as DEPLICABLE.

- A. honorable
- B. blameworthy
- C. structural
- D. minor

Answer: B. blameworthy

Detailed Explanation: "Despicable" or "deplorable" actions deserve strong condemnation or are "blameworthy."

32. The principal's address was brief and CONCISE.

- A. wordy
- B. succinct

C. redundant

D. boring

Answer: B. succinct

Detailed Explanation: "Concise" means giving a lot of information clearly and in a few words; "succinct" is an exact synonym.

33. We were astounded by the INGENUOUS nature of the young child.

A. clever

B. naive

C. wicked

D. stubborn

Answer: B. naive

Detailed Explanation: "Ingenuous" means innocent, unsuspecting, or naive. Do not confuse it with "ingenious" (clever).

34. The military launched a SIMULTANEOUS attack on all enemy fronts.

A. delayed

B. concurrent

C. sporadic

D. sequential

Answer: B. concurrent

54. He ran "as fast as his legs could carry him." The grammatical function of this clause is to modify:

- A. the noun "he"
- B. the verb "ran" as an adverbial of manner
- C. the object legs
- D. the sentence structure

Answer: B. the verb "ran" as an adverbial of manner

Detailed Explanation: It describes how (the manner in which) the action of running was performed, modifying the verb "ran."

55. The man "to whom I spoke yesterday" has promised to sponsor my education. The structural component is:

- A. An adjectival/relative clause
- B. A noun clause subject complement
- C. An adverbial clause of purpose
- D. A parenthetical phrase

Answer: A. An adjectival/relative clause

Detailed Explanation: It specifies and post-modifies the noun "The man" using a relative pronoun structure ("to whom").

56. "Having completed her household chores," Amma sat down to watch the television. The capitalized group of words is a:

- A. Participial phrase
- B. Gerundial clause

C. Main clause

D. Finite clause

Answer: A. Participial phrase

Detailed Explanation: It begins with a perfect participle ("Having completed") and functions as an adjectival phrase modifying "Amma."

57. The statement "Shut the gate at once!" is an example of an _____ sentence.

A. Declarative

B. Interrogative

C. Imperative

D. Exclamatory

Answer: C. Imperative

Detailed Explanation: Imperative sentences issue direct commands, instructions, or requests.

58. He didn't show up for the match "because he had an ankle injury." The grammatical classification is:

A. Adverbial clause of reason

B. Adverbial clause of concession

C. Noun clause in apposition

D. Relative clause of cause

Answer: A. Adverbial clause of reason

Detailed Explanation: Introduced by the conjunction "because," it explains the cause or reason behind the main clause action.