2010 BECE English Language Past **Questions - Paper One**

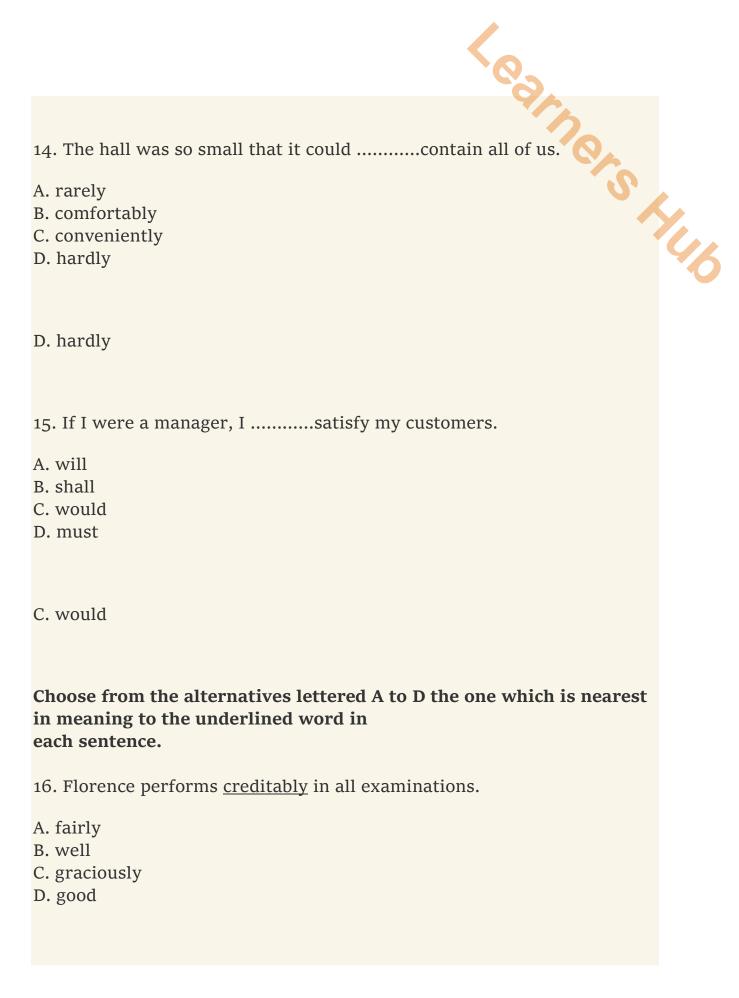
From the alternatives lettered A to D, choose the one which most

suitably completes each sentence
1. Our teacher was late for school because hea flat tyre.
A. had B. will have C. is having D. has
A. had
2. We had dinner at a Chinese restaurant where Ifried chicken.
A. am enjoying B. will enjoy C. enjoyed D. would enjoy
C. enjoyed
3. Ama's father asked her to chooseJohn and William.
A. among B. from C. with D. between
D. between

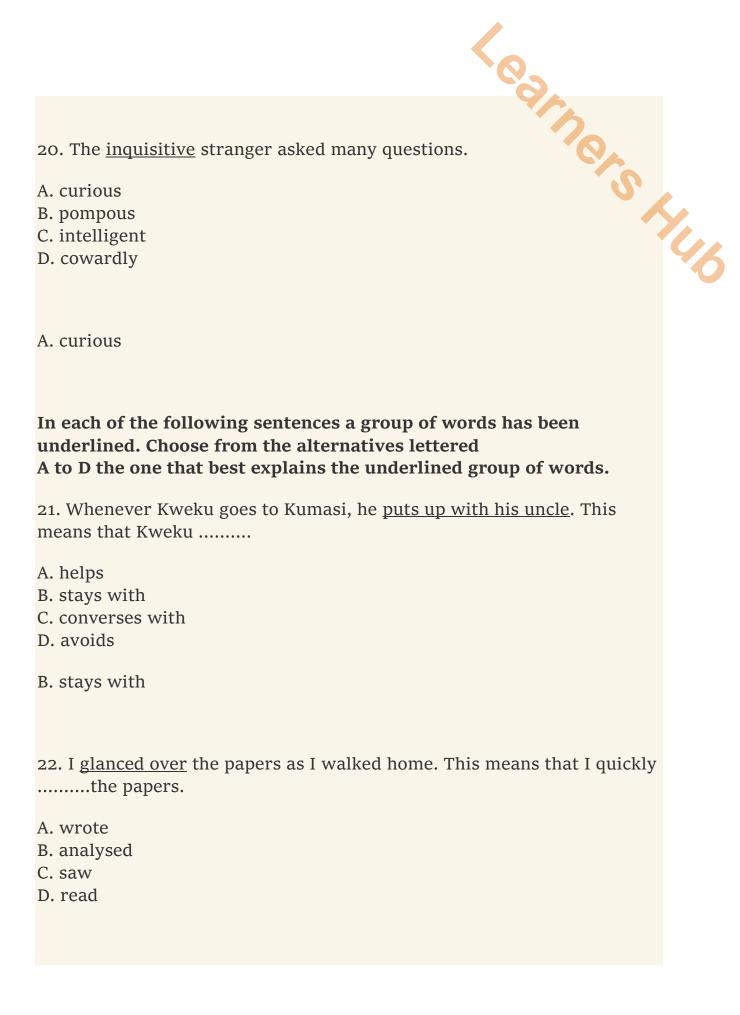
4. Willie has malaria and is notenough to go to school.	
A. good B. well C. fine D. free	46
B. well	
5. The school bandtwo days a week.	
A. practise	
B. are practicing	
C. practises D. were practising	
2. Were practically	
C. practises	
6. Philomenapassed the examination if she had tried harder.	
A. could have	
B. will have	
C. may have D. could	
D. Could	
A. could have	
7. The law was passed according to strict legal	

B. principles C. rules D. issues
B. principles
8. The book, as well as several others,interesting reading.
A. makes B. are to make C. are making D. make
A. makes
9 Joe scored the first goal, he was injured in the process.
A. But B. Nevertheless C. Although D. Furthermore
C. Although
10. Neither Kojo nor his friend the issue clearly.
A. understands B. have understood C. understand D. is understanding

A. understands 11. Thecentre is located on the hill.	
11. Thecentre is located on the hill.	
11. Thecentre is located on the hill. A. womens' B. woman C. womans' D. women's	46
D. women's	
12. One of the cowsfrom the herd.	
A. has strayed B. have strayed C. have been strayed D. has been strayed	
A. has strayed	
13. At the party, the guests placed an order for a largeof drinks.	
A. count B. total C. quantity D. sum	
C. quantity	



A. fairly	
17. The choir sang some <u>melodious</u> songs at the function.	
 17. The choir sang some melodious songs at the function. A. loud B. pleasant C. soft D. musical 	46
B. pleasant	
18. Jane is always <u>immaculately</u> dressed.	
A. modestly B. correctly C. neatly D. scantily	
B. correctly	
19. The village was <u>enveloped</u> in a thick fog.	
A. built B. put C. shaped D. covered	
D. covered	



D. read	
23. The woman entered the room to find her daughter with her eyes glued to the television. This means that her daughter wasthe television.	4/4
A. smiling at B. dismantling C. intently watching D. cleaning	*0
C. intently watching	
24. Kojo was dragged to the farm like <u>a lamb to the slaughter</u> . This means that Kojo was dragged	
A. with difficulty B. without resistance C. with a lamb on his shoulder D. without anything on him	
B. without resistance	
25. The bully was ordered <u>to leave his younger brother alone</u> . This means that the bully was told	
A. not to accompany him anywhere B. to accompany him everywhere C. not to disturb him D. to teach him well	
C. not to disturb him	

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. Some of the guests at the party were <u>rude</u>.
- A. courteous
- B. bold
- C. friendly
- D. shy
- A. courteous
- 27. The lawyer supported his argument with copious evidence.
- A. inconsistent
- B. scanty
- C. bad
- D. unconvincing
- B. scanty
- 28. If you want to be believed, you must be objective.
- A. subjective
- B. positive
- C. active
- D. emotive
- A. subjective
- 29. In all boarding schools, going out in the night is prohibited.

30. The surest way to avoid <u>defeat</u> is to strive for 31. Suddenly the sky became dark and there was a rainstorm. 32. The athlete looked <u>dejected</u> at the end of the race.

A. advised B. ignored C. permitted D. admitted

C. permitted

A. position B. victory

D. ability

B. victory

C. knowledge

A. Continuously B. Gradually C. Heavily

D. Immediately

B. Gradually

A. angry B. calm C. strong D. excited

D. excited

Read the following extract carefully and answer Questions 33 to 36

'Young lady, you are like..... The moon that walks beautifully across the sky, *An eagle feather worn by a husband*

- 33. The extract is an example of
- A. prose
- B. poetry
- C. drama
- D. dialogue
- B. poetry
- 34. The extract is about
- A. a mirror
- B. an eagle feather
- C. the moon
- D. a beautiful young lady
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- 35. "The moon that walks beautifully across the sky" is an example of
- A. metaphor
- B. hyperbole
- C. alliteration
- D. personification
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36. "Young lady, you are like ...
An eagle feather worn by a husband"

The above extract is an example of

- A. simile
- B. metaphor
- C. alliteration
- D. assonance
- A. simile
- 37. The writer of a poem is called
- A. a novelist
- B. a poet
- C. a playwright
- D. an actor
- B. a poet
- 38. "The potter puts the pots in the pans" is an example of
- A. metaphor
- B. simile
- C. alliteration
- D. personification
- C. alliteration

"Twinkle, twinkle, little star How I wonder what you are! Up above the world so high, Like a diamond in the sky."

39. The rhyme scheme of the above verse is

- A. abab
- B. aabc
- C. abcc
- D. aabb

D. aabb

40. "Afua Bonsu is the apple of my eye". This is an example of

- A. metaphor
- B. simile
- C. alliteration
- D. personification