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WAEC 2010 ENGLISH ORAL QUESTIONS

SECTION 1

*From the words **A** to **D**, choose the word that has the **same vowel sound** as the one represented by the letter(s) underlined.*

1. t<u>ee</u>th

A. tilt
B. mission
C. peace
D. forfeit

2. k<u>i</u>d

A. oblique
B. courage
C. caprice
D. prestige

3. c<u>a</u>t

A. plait
B. wand
C. rather
D. harder

4. c<u>ar</u>

A. plantain
B. massive
C. garment
D. matter

5. b<u>o</u>nd

A. hound
B. dove
C. month
D. stop

6. c<u>ou</u>ld

A. bully
B. brush
C. rude
D. poultry

7. c<u>u</u>t

A. dog
B. pull
C. tongue
D. lock

8. b<u>ir</u>th

A. journal
B. armour
C. path
D. tour

9. sh<u>are</u>

A. hair
B. clear
C. tier
D. ire

10. b<u>eer</u>

A. wear
B. bear
C. pear
D. real

11. l<u>o</u>se

A. wood
B. wooed
C. stood
D. good

12. sh<u>out</u>

A. cough
B. dough
C. doubt
D. bought

13. h<u>eigh</u>t

A. knife
B. neighbour
C. milk
D. favourite

14. <u>eigh</u>t

A. take
B. doze
C. flower
D. birth

15. h<u>our</u>

A. course
B. tower
C. slower
D. source

SECTION 2

*From the words **A** to **D**, choose the word that has the **same consonant sound** as the one represented by the letter(s) underlined.*

16. tea

A. secret
B. depot
C. ballet
D. match

17. beige

A. gauge
B. barrage
C. strange
D. purge

18. bats

A. works
B. boys
C. debris
D. dogs

19. crunch

A. chef
B. chemist
C. champagne
D. chart

20. forge

A. June
B. crude
C. regime
D. regard

21. decree

A. adjust
B. adjourn
C. student
D. adjective

22. hang

A. singlet
B. danger
C. twinge
D. fringe

23. gutter

A. engine
B. braggart
C. ginger
D. gender

24. <u>th</u>roat

A. writhe
B. Thomas
C. smith
D. thyme

25. <u>th</u>en

A. feather
B. thicket
C. author
D. athlete

26. <u>f</u>an

A. nerve
B. vandal
C. of
D. phrase

27. <u>n</u>avy

A. knowledge
B. song
C. autumn
D. congress

28. <u>s</u>teep

A. cities
B. pressed
C. sitting
D. posed

29. wal<u>ked</u>

A. shocked
B. cast
C. doomed
D. stopped

30. <u>p</u>urpose

A. pneumonia
B. psyche
C. psalms
D. rupture

SECTION 3

*From the words **A** to **D**, choose the word that **rhymes** with the given word.*

31. Account

A. Surmount
B. Mound
C. Ground
D. Want

32. Surprise

A. Surplus
B. Concise
C. Arise
D. Entice

33. Appointed

A. Wanted
B. Disjointed
C. Anointment
D. Counted

34. Poster

A. Hostel
B. Dusty
C. Frosted
D. Toaster

35. Come

A. Rum
B. Bomb
C. Sun
D. Tomb

SECTION 4

*In each of the following questions, the main/primary stress is indicated by writing the syllable on which it occurs in capital letters. From the words lettered **A** to **D**, choose the one that has the **correct stress pattern**.*

36. demonstrator

A. DEM-on-stra-tor
B. dem-ON-stra-tor
C. dem-on-STRA-tor
D. dem-on-stra-TOR

37. parochial

A. PA-ro-chi-al
B. pa-RO-chi-AL
C. pa-ro-CHI-al
D. pa-ro-chi-AL

38. beneficial

A. BEN-e-fi-cial
B. ben-E-fi-cial
C. ben-e-FI-cial
D. ben-e-fi-CIAL

39. personify

A. PER-son-i-fy
B. per-SON-i-fy
C. per-son-I-fy
D. per-son-i-FY

40. cumulative

A. CUM-u-la-tive
B. cum-U-la-tive
C. cum-u-LA-tive
D. cum-u-la-TIVE

SECTION 5

*In the following options lettered **A** to **D**, all the words **except one** have the same stress pattern. Identify the one with the **different stress pattern**.*

41.
A. repute
B. bathroom
C. petrol
D. differ

42.
A. recite
B. reckon
C. receipt
D. response

43.
A. subscribe
B. succeed
C. parade
D. marshal

44.
A. component

B. dominate
C. orchestra
D. legalize

45.
A. informal
B. intercept
C. mechanic
D. decision

SECTION 6

*In each of the following sentences, the word that receives the **emphatic stress** is written in **capital letters**. From the questions lettered **A** to **D**, choose the one to which the given sentence is the appropriate answer.*

46. The new principal deals RUTHLESSLY with lazy teachers.

A. Does the new principal deal leniently with lazy teachers?
B. Does the new principal deal ruthlessly with industrious teachers?
C. Does the former principal deal ruthlessly with lazy teachers?
D. Does the new principal deal ruthlessly with lazy students?

47. Day students are NEVER appointed prefects in government schools.

A. Are day students ever appointed prefects in government schools?
B. Are boarders never appointed prefects in government schools?
C. Are day students never appointed captains in government schools?
D. Are day students never appointed prefects in private schools?

48. The Minister went to America on OFFICIAL business.

A. Did the Minister go to Germany on official business?
B. Did the president go to America on official business?

C. Did the Minister go to America on private business?
D. Did the minister return from America on official business?

49. Companies USUALLY recruit intelligent graduates.

A. Do companies usually recruit intelligent craftsmen?
B. Do homes usually recruit intelligent graduates?
C. Do companies usually reject intelligent graduates?
D. Do companies seldom recruit intelligent graduates?

50. Daddy plays TENNIS on Saturday afternoons.

A. Does daddy play cricket on Saturday afternoons?
B. Does mummy play tennis on Saturday afternoons?
C. Does daddy play tennis on Sunday afternoons?
D. Does daddy play tennis on Saturday mornings?

SECTION 7

*From the words lettered **A** to **D**, choose the word that contains the **sound** represented by the given phonetic symbol.*

51. /ɪː/

A. receive
B. head
C. weapon
D. peasant

52. /æ**/**

A. father
B. scandal
C. harder
D. worker

53. /ɜː/

A. attorney
B. surprising
C. wonderful
D. abduction

54. /ɒ/

A. associate
B. appropriate
C. adopt
D. social

55. /əʊ/

A. rover
B. rostrum
C. novel
D. modest

56. /b/

A. debt
B. subtle
C. plumber
D. robber

57. /s/

A. decrease
B. reason
C. design
D. resume

58. /ʒ/

A. extension
B. vision
C. caution
D. mission

59. /ʃ/

A. pressure
B. measure
C. scratch
D. sandwich

60. /dʒ/

A. entourage
B. confusion
C. procedure
D. regime

ANSWERS TO WAEC 2010 ENGLISH ORAL QUESTIONS

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

31. A **32.** C **33.** B **34.** D **35.** A

36. C **37.** B **38.** C **39.** A **40.** C

41. B **42.** C **43.** D **44.** C **45.** D

46. A **47.** A **48.** C **49.** D **50.** A

51. A **52.** B **53.** A **54.** C **55.** A

56. D **57.** A **58.** B **59.** D **60.** D

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WAEC 2011 ENGLISH ORAL QUESTIONS

SECTION 1

*From the words **A** to **D**, choose the word that has the **same vowel sound** as the one represented by the letter(s) underlined.*

1. f<u>oa</u>l

A. pull
B. pool
C. pail
D. pole

2. <u>awe</u>

A. bale
B. bore
C. low
D. bough

3. w<u>o</u>n

A. one
B. con
C. wan
D. clone

4. b<u>a</u>se

A. reign
B. bust
C. chastity
D. bassoon

5. want<u>e</u>d

A. elder
B. kid
C. showed
D. fed

6. jeal<u>ou</u>s

A. admit
B. outside
C. mousse
D. pout

7. p<u>ie</u>r

A. liar
B. pie
C. peers
D. pears

8. l<u>ie</u>

A. loin
B. python
C. pantheon
D. sieve

9. cl<u>a</u>ss

A. chat
B. curse
C. last
D. claims

10. t<u>ou</u>rism

A. poor
B. bare
C. doer
D. dear

11. w<u>e</u>st

A. mist
B. feast
C. bait
D. jest

12. m<u>ir</u>th

A. much
B. word
C. myth
D. weird

13. c<u>or</u>d

A. fond
B. quote
C. gaunt
D. quaint

14. v<u>a</u>ry

A. very
B. veil
C. scarce
D. lazy

15. q<u>ueue</u>

A. quit
B. chew
C. quest
D. church

SECTION 2

*From the words **A** to **D**, choose the word that has the **same consonant sound** as the one represented by the letter(s) underlined.*

16. wive<u>s</u>

A. chose
B. chokes
C. verse
D. noose

17. <u>ch</u>ic

A. chick
B. machine
C. chemist
D. champion

18. chief<u>s</u>

A. bags
B. kites
C. moves
D. thieves

19. <u>m</u>ate

A. stand
B. damn
C. punt
D. pawn

20. smi<u>th</u>

A. both
B. boot
C. clothe
D. smooth

21. r<u>e</u>d

A. erred
B. arid
C. aired
D. are

22. w<u>ings</u>

A. pins
B. winds
C. wigs
D. lungs

23. <u>qu</u>ite

A. scud

B. quay

C. screw

D. queasy

24. o<u>x</u>en

A. buzz

B. dusk

C. books

D. toss

25. ba<u>lc</u>ony

A. talk

B. local

C. sulk

D. colt

26. e<u>x</u>amine

A. assume

B. excess

C. axle

D. exhaust

27. <u>g</u>uitar

A. gem

B. gnarl

C. nought

D. get

28. sa<u>tch</u>el

A. sachet

B. cheer

C. sack

D. mash

29. <u>wh</u>om

A. when

B. ahoy

C. dawn

D. war

30. car<u>v</u>e

A. laugh

B. half

C. new

D. vein

SECTION 3

*From the words **A** to **D**, choose the word that **rhymes** with the given word.*

31. Owe

A. Awe
B. Dough
C. Won
D. How

32. Caught

A. Found
B. Laugh
C. Court
D. Cough

33. Leapt

A. Left
B. Jumped
C. Pumped
D. Kept

34. Write

A. Bright
B. Writ
C. Writhe
D. Brat

35. First

A. Pest
B. Worst
C. Next
D. Birds

SECTION 4

*In each of the following questions, the main/primary stress is indicated by writing the syllable on which it occurs in capital letters. From the words lettered **A** to **D**, choose the one that has the **correct stress pattern**.*

36. mannerism

A. MAN-ner-i-sm
B. man-NER-i-sm
C. man-ner-I-sm
D. man-ner-i-SM

37. intimately

A. IN-ti-mate-ly
B. in-TI-mate-ly
C. in-ti-MATE-ly
D. in-ti-mate-LY

38. manufacture

A. MAN-u-fac-ture
B. man-U-fac-ture
C. man-u-FAC-ture
D. man-u-fac-TURE

39. accidental

A. AC-ci-den-tal
B. ac-CI-den-tal
C. ac-ci-DEN-tal
D. ac-ci-den-TAL

40. directorate

A. DI-rec-tor-ate
B. di-REC-tor-ate
C. di-rec-TOR-ate
D. di-rec-tor-ATE

SECTION 5

*In the following options lettered **A** to **D**, all the words **except one** have the same stress pattern. Identify the one with the **different stress pattern**.*

41.
A. dinner
B. cardboard
C. postage
D. advice

42.
A. picture
B. doctor
C. pattern
D. receive

43.
A. special
B. revise
C. molest
D. sincere

44.
A. invitation
B. graduation

C. photography
D. photographic

45.
A. mosquito
B. recorder
C. possible
D. laconic

SECTION 6

*In each of the following sentences, the word that receives the **emphatic stress** is written in **capital letters**. From the questions lettered **A** to **D**, choose the one to which the given sentence is the appropriate answer.*

46. Lyn SUCCEEDED in her ambitious business.

A. Did Jane succeed in her modest business?
B. Did Lyn succeed in her ambitious business?
C. Did Lyn fail in her ambitious business?
D. Did Lyn succeed in her ambitious studies?

47. Some DECENTLY dressed men are dishonest.

A. Are some decently dressed women dishonest?
B. Are all decently dressed men dishonest?
C. Ar some decently dressed men dishonest?
D. Are some shabbily dressed men dishonest?

48. My favourite AUNT sings like a nightingale.

A. Does my favourite aunt sing like an owl?
B. Does my favourite uncle sing like a nightingale?
C. Does my favourite aunt talk like a nightingale?
D. Does his favourite aunt sing like a nightingale?

49. Hardworking students usually PASS their examinations.

A. Do lazy students usually pass their examinations?
B. Do hardworking students usually fail their examinations?
C. Do hardworking students rarely pass their examinations?
D. Do hardworking students usually pass their interviews?

50. A fox is better than a WILD dog.

A. Is a cat better than a wild dog?
B. Is a fox worst than a wild dog?
C. Is a fox better than a domesticated dog?
D. Is a fox better than a wild cat?

SECTION 7

*From the words lettered **A** to **D**, choose the word that contains the **sound** represented by the given phonetic symbol.*

51. /ð/

A. bother
B. broader
C. udder
D. author

52. /æ**/**

A. hut
B. apt
C. jump
D. mace

53. /ɒ/

A. rot
B. wrap
C. wrought
D. wraith

54. /ŋ/

A. one
B. punk
C. none
D. pawn

55. /j/

A. cut
B. pay
C. cute

D. wire

56. /tʃ/

A. watch
B. wedge
C. leash
D. purge

57. /l/

A. calm
B. could
C. talk
D. vale

58. /əʊ/

A. hot
B. goat
C. fund
D. laid

59. /aɪ/

A. buy
B. power
C. tear
D. sail

60. /ɑʊ/

A. laugh
B. may
C. tough
D. plough

ANSWERS TO WAEC 2011 ENGLISH ORAL QUESTIONS

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

31. B **32.** C **33.** B **34.** A **35.** B **36.** A **37.** A **38.** A **39.** C **40.** B **41.** B **42.** D **43.** A **44.** C **45.** C **46.** C **47.** D **48.** B **49.** B **50.** C **51.** A **52.** B **53.** A **54.** B **55.** C **56.** A **57.** D **58.** B **59.** A **60.** D

WAEC 2012 ENGLISH ORAL QUESTIONS

SECTION 1

*From the words **A** to **D**, choose the word that has the **same vowel sound** as the one represented by the letter(s) underlined.*

1. market

A. favourite
B. seed
C. margarine
D. sell

2. many

A. marry
B. said
C. lamb
D. money

3. young

A. blood
B. bound
C. found
D. loud

4. doctor

A. story
B. trial
C. alone
D. toured

5. watch

A. batch
B. cot
C. catch
D. caught

6. cook

A. pool
B. pull
C. cooled
D. schooled

7. jaw

A. shot
B. short
C. jam
D. jack

8. c<u>oi</u>n

A. doing
B. coke
C. boy
D. course

9. s<u>ew</u>

A. dew
B. go
C. sane
D. seer

10. p<u>eo</u>ple

A. pie
B. pole
C. key
D. pear

11. b<u>ar</u>

A. bat
B. chat
C. father
D. arrow

12. h<u>eir</u>

A. here
B. air
C. ear
D. hear

13. r<u>ou</u>nd

A. fun
B. road
C. now
D. brought

14. <u>ear</u>

A. heard
B. cheer
C. fare
D. bear

15. h<u>igh</u>

A. hill
B. heel
C. buy
D. coat

SECTION 2

*From the words **A** to **D**, choose the word that has the **same consonant sound** as the one represented by the letter(s) underlined.*

16. bent

A. hitch
B. catch
C. think
D. tin

17. king

A. knife
B. know
C. blink
D. knew

18. sword

A. keys
B. star
C. poise
D. boys

19. chagrin

A. challenge
B. chemistry
C. shell
D. catch

20. shelf

A. halves
B. cough
C. shell
D. sheaves

21. both

A. these
B. them
C. theirs
D. athlete

22. chocolate

A. shock
B. champagne
C. choir
D. latch

23. bail

A. talk

B. folk

C. calm

D. fall

24. b<u>r</u>east

A. marked

B. cream

C. calm

D. fall

25. <u>u</u>nite

A. untie

B. uncover

C. you

D. until

26. brai<u>n</u>

A. column

B. bang

C. banana

D. sing

27. mer<u>ge</u>

A. jerk

B. game

C. grease

D. leg

28. <u>fl</u>ock

A. physics

B. phlegm

C. calf

D. block

29. lock<u>ed</u>

A. look

B. dull

C. take

D. keep

30. <u>pl</u>ait

A. lump

B. apply

C. police

D. prank

SECTION 3

*From the words **A** to **D**, choose the word that **rhymes** with the given word.*

31. Suite

A. Suit
B. Sweet
C. Suitor
D. Swim

32. Punch

A. Tongue
B. Lunch
C. Lunge
D. Lung

33. Whale

A. Where
B. Wail
C. Whelp
D. Well

34. Sawed

A. Sawn
B. Swear
C. Sword
D. Swayed

35. Unarmed

A. Unhinge
B. Unharmed
C. Unmanned
D. Unplug

SECTION 4

*In each of the following questions, the main/primary stress is indicated by writing the syllable on which it occurs in capital letters. From the words lettered **A** to **D**, choose the one that has the **correct stress**.*

36. capitulate

A. CA-pi-tu-late
B. ca-PI-tu-late
C. ca-pi-TU-late
D. ca-pi-tu-LATE

37. decorative

A. DE-co-ra-tive
B. de-CO-ra-tive
C. de-co-RA-tive
D. de-co-ra-TIVE

38. technology

A. TECH-no-lo-gy
B. tech-NO-lo-gy
C. tech-no-LO-gy
D. tech-no-lo-GY

39. apologize

A. A-po-lo-gize
B. a-PO-lo-gize
C. a-po-LO-gize
D. a-po-lo-GIZE

40. captivating

A. CAP-ti-va-ting
B. cap-TI-va-ting
C. cap-ti-VA-ting
D. cap-ti-va-TING

SECTION 5

*In the following options lettered **A** to **D**, all the words **except one** have the same stress pattern. Identify the one with the **different stress pattern**.*

41.
A. matter
B. enshrine
C. elbow
D. triumph

42.
A. gangster
B. garnish
C. garbage
D. gazelle

43.
A. endurance
B. enterprise
C. familiar
D. habitual

44.
A. governor
B. eloquence

C. genocide
D. graffiti

45.
A. elergy
B. fellowship
C. elephant
D. harmonious

SECTION 6

*In each of the following sentences, the word that receives the **emphatic stress** is written in **capital letters**. From the questions lettered **A** to **D**, choose the one to which the given sentence is the appropriate answer.*

46. Jane borrowed her mother's HAT for the party.

A. Did Susan borrow her mother's hat for the party?
B. Did Jane steal her mother's hat for the party?
C. Did Jane borrow her father's hat for the party?
D. Did borrow her mother's dress for the party?

47. The principal expect the TEACHERS to be punctual for staff meetings.

A. Does the proprietor expect the teachers to be punctual for staff meetings?
B. Does the principal expect the students to be punctual for staff meetings?
C. Does the principal expect the teachers to be late for staff meetings?
D. Does the principal expect the teachers to be punctual for school meetings?

48. Salamatu believed she would PASS the Commerce examination.

A. Did Aisha believe she would pass the Commerce examination?
B. Did Salamatu believe she will fail the Commerce examination?

C. Did Salamatu believe she would pass the Biology examination?
D. Did Salamatu believe she would pass the Commerce test?

49. Her beauty enslaved many YOUNG men.

A. Did his beauty enslave many young men?
B. Did her ugliness enslave many young men?
C. Did her beauty enslave few young men?
D. Did her beauty enslave many old men?

50. His FIRST performance as a musician was a complete failure.

A. Was her first performance as a musician a complete failure?
B. Was his last performance as a musician a complete failure?
C. Was his first performance as a teacher a complete failure?
D. Was his first performance as a musician a partial failure?

SECTION 7

*From the words lettered **A** to **D**, choose the word that contains the **sound** represented by the given phonetic symbol.*

51. /e/

A. week
B. leap
C. many
D. receive

52. /ɪ/

A. meal
B. wanted
C. reel
D. fight

53. /æ/

A. plait
B. mate
C. came
D. father

54. /ɔɪ/

A. cot
B. claw
C. young
D. plough

55. /ʌ/

A. money
B. shirt
C. word
D. sword

56. /dʒ/

A. go
B. soldier
C. occasion
D. treasure

57. /θ/

A. these
B. those
C. think
D. there

58. /ʒ/

A. misery
B. zoo
C. church
D. leisure

59. /tʃ/

A. sachet
B. child
C. chef
D. ocean

60. /ʃ/

A. scoop
B. cheque
C. measure
D. lash

ANSWERS TO WAEC 2012 ENGLISH ORAL QUESTIONS

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WAEC 2013 ENGLISH ORAL QUESTIONS

SECTION 1

*From the words **A** to **D**, choose the word that has the **same vowel sound** as the one represented by the letter(s) underlined.*

1. f<u>u</u>ssy

A. buffalo
B. burn
C. could
D. bout

2. g<u>uar</u>d

A. slack
B. gourd
C. father
D. haven

3. sh<u>i</u>p

A. peep
B. feast
C. wine
D. brick

4. p<u>ur</u>pose

A. kernel
B. pun
C. moustache
D. sage

5. fl<u>ee</u>

A. sway
B. creative
C. breaches
D. dread

6. l<u>a</u>d

A. palm
B. format
C. squat
D. wonder

7. tr<u>ou</u>pe

A. cook
B. paw
C. push
D. who

8. afford

A. earn
B. fern
C. lead
D. matter

9. dent

A. leopard
B. germ
C. legal
D. she

10. spot

A. court
B. probe
C. nod
D. snort

11. over

A. brush
B. burn
C. lock
D. load

12. brow

A. slush
B. know
C. now
D. show

13. tray

A. straw
B. tyre
C. sleigh
D. fear

14. heir

A. peer
B. liar
C. dire
D. chair

15. spear

A. feat
B. heat
C. weird
D. where

SECTION 2

*From the words **A** to **D**, choose the word that has the **same consonant sound** as the one represented by the letter(s) underlined.*

16. so<u>b</u>er

A. climb
B. plumber
C. lumber
D. lamb

17. <u>m</u>ate

A. funny
B. comb
C. knew
D. bran

18. <u>ch</u>aos

A. chiffon
B. match
C. clinic
D. smash

19. <u>n</u>ote

A. design
B. song
C. solemn
D. bring

20. <u>d</u>ose

A. debris
B. goes
C. goose
D. lose

21. day<u>s</u>

A. freeze
B. island
C. face
D. thanks

22. <u>ch</u>eap

A. joggle
B. sober
C. sachet
D. culture

23. in<u>s</u>ure

A. pleasure

B. cheap

C. vision

D. ocean

24. mixed

A. pumped

B. thronged

C. climbed

D. sponged

25. gear

A. gesture

B. germ

C. ghetto

D. neighbour

26. drink

A. sting

B. dent

C. snag

D. singe

27. axe

A. sacks

B. slumped

C. school

D. bask

28. whole

A. whale

B. hour

C. hide

D. heir

29. grip

A. cart

B. fearing

C. burnt

D. courting

30. thrive

A. wreathe

B. thus

C. though

D. tooth

SECTION 3

*From the words **A** to **D**, choose the word that **rhymes** with the given word.*

31. Clone

A. Crown
B. Lawn
C. Brown
D. Loan

32. Monk

A. Smack
B. Pluck
C. Sunk
D. Shock

33. Pride

A. Sprout
B. Kite
C. Spade
D. Wide

34. Hind

A. Void
B. Laud
C. Signed
D. Speed

35. Disdain

A. Convey
B. Curtain
C. Avail
D. Ordain

SECTION 4

*In each of the following questions, the main/primary stress is indicated by writing the syllable on which it occurs in capital letters. From the words lettered **A** to **D**, choose the one that has the **correct stress**.*

36. indoctrinate

A. IN-doc-tri-nate
B. in-DOC-tri-nate
C. in-doc-TRI-nate
D. in-doc-tri-NATE

37. refinery

A. RE-fin-e-ry
B. re-FIN-e-ry
C. re-fin-E-ry
D. re-fin-e-RY

38. phenomenal

A. PHE-no-mi-nal
B. phe-NO-mi-nal
C. phe-no-MI-nal
D. phe-no-mi-NAL

39. consistency

A. CON-sis-ten-cy
B. con-SIS-ten-cy
C. con-sis-TEN-cy
D. con-sis-ten-CY

40. acrobatic

A. AC-ro-ba-tic
B. ac-RO-ba-tic
C. ac-ro-BA-tic
D. ac-ro-ba-TIC

SECTION 5

*In the following options lettered **A** to **D**, all the words **except one** have the same stress pattern. Identify the one with the **different stress pattern**.*

41.
A. swindle
B. sandals
C. bucket
D. extreme

42.
A. convenient
B. excellent
C. durable
D. camouflage

43.
A. accede
B. convey
C. dissuade
D. closure

44.
A. tradition
B. affiliate

C. beautiful

D. consistent

45.

A. constructive

B. technique

C. necessary

D. plentiful

SECTION 6

*In each of the following sentences, the word that receives the **emphatic stress** is written in **capital letters**. From the questions lettered **A** to **D**, choose the one to which the given sentence is the appropriate answer.*

46. The playwright gave a TRIBUTE to her mother.

A. Did the playwright give a gift to her mother?

B. Did the singer give a tribute to her mother?

C. Did the playwright dedicate a tribute to her mother?

D. Did the playwright give a tribute to her father?

47. The WRITER sold a million copies of his new book.

A. Did the writer sell a thousand copy of his new book?

B. Did the writer publish a million copies of his new book?

C. Did the artist sell a million copies of his new book?

D. Did the writer sell a million copies of his old book?

48. The union congratulated the ELECTED president.

A. Did the union congratulated the ousted president?

B. Did the management congratulate the elected president?

C. Did the union reject the elected president?

D. Did the union congratulate the elected chairman?

49. A good description INCLUDES specific nouns.

A. Does a good description include specific verbs?
B. Does a good description exclude specific nouns?
C. Does a poor description include specific nouns?
D. Does a good description include obscure nouns?

50. The MANAGEMENT will continue to encourage hardworking staff.

A. Will the management continue to retrench hardworking staff?
B. Will the principal continue to encourage hardworking staff?
C. Will the management refuse to encourage hardworking staff?
D. Will the management continue to encourage hardworking client?

SECTION 7

*From the words lettered **A** to **D**, choose the word that contains the **sound** represented by the given phonetic symbol.*

51. /ɪ/

A. dream
B. seize
C. fee
D. funny

52. /ə/

A. coral
B. draft
C. then
D. spleen

53. /ʊ/

A. cook
B. dew
C. blunt
D. bloom

54. /ʌ/

A. council
B. fulfill
C. plung

D. wiles

55. /ɪ:/

A. early
B. pile
C. putrid
D. cleave

56. /ʃ/

A. measure
B. huge
C. pressure
D. church

57. /l/

A. helm
B. calm
C. palm
D. alms

58. /s/

A. purse
B. bees
C. whose
D. ways

59. /ð/

A. theme
B. smooth
C. method
D. bath

60. /dʒ/

A. gauge
B. match
C. gear
D. wag

ANSWERS TO WAEC 2013 ENGLISH ORAL QUESTIONS

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

31. D **32.** C **33.** D **34.** C **35.** D **36.** B **37.** B **38.** B **39.** B **40.** C **41.** D **42.** A **43.** D **44.** C **45.** A **46.** A **47.** C **48.** A **49.** B **50.** B

51. D **52.** A **53.** A **54.** C **55.** D
56. C **57.** D **58.** A **59.** B **60.** A

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WAEC 2014 ENGLISH ORAL QUESTIONS

SECTION 1

*From the words **A** to **D**, choose the word that has the **same vowel sound** as the one represented by the letter(s) underlined.*

1. m<u>i</u>tten

A. firm
B. knowledge
C. vice
D. marine

2. m<u>oo</u>d

A. took
B. look
C. moon
D. mode

3. s<u>ay</u>s

A. end
B. bay
C. rain
D. fern

4. c<u>a</u>price

A. bed
B. matrix
C. concern
D. cape

5. p<u>ur</u>se

A. currant
B. leisure
C. first
D. sure

6. m<u>a</u>n

A. part
B. hand
C. market
D. charade

7. m<u>o</u>nth

A. mug
B. font
C. cost
D. moth

8. b<u>u</u>ll

A. hoof
B. crude
C. soup
D. stood

9. f<u>ee</u>l

A. beat
B. buffet
C. head
D. seer

10. <u>o</u>pen

A. chaos
B. coin
C. boar
D. phone

11. dr<u>ough</u>t

A. drown
B. draft
C. should
D. tough

12. f<u>ear</u>

A. bear
B. swear
C. spear
D. beer

13. p<u>ar</u>t

A. cat
B. shout
C. cane
D. aunt

14. b<u>uy</u>

A. supper
B. bang
C. coy
D. tie

15. p<u>aw</u>n

A. word
B. call
C. won
D. sown

SECTION 2

*From the words **A** to **D**, choose the word that has the **same consonant sound** as the one represented by the letter(s) underlined.*

16. bank<u>ed</u>

A. led
B. filed
C. taken
D. ludo

17. zoolo<u>gy</u>

A. give
B. sag
C. beg
D. vigil

18. <u>th</u>ump

A. think
B. there
C. breathe
D. them

19. ca<u>s</u>ualty

A. lace
B. steal
C. vision
D. lesson

20. caly<u>x</u>

A. blinks
B. eclipse
C. example
D. desk

21. si<u>ng</u>

A. bog
B. nagged
C. zonked
D. game

22. <u>p</u>aper

A. physical
B. psychic
C. lap
D. psalm

23. <u>w</u>as

A. rowdy

B. bow

C. quiet

D. wrench

24. <u>ch</u>oose

A. chimera

B. chic

C. soldier

D. batch

25. <u>b</u>est

A. comb

B. lamp

C. labour

D. plumber

26. disea<u>s</u>e

A. decease

B. case

C. seats

D. zeal

27. <u>h</u>eavy

A. honour

B. heir

C. beehive

D. when

28. <u>d</u>id

A. handsome

B. marked

C. banked

D. land

29. <u>r</u>iver

A. bar

B. diary

C. ear

D. bare

30. ma<u>n</u>

A. sing

B. bring

C. manager

D. finger

SECTION 3

*From the words **A** to **D**, choose the word that **rhymes** with the given word.*

31. Battle

A. Bitter
B. Latter
C. Kettle
D. Raffle

32. Great

A. Heat
B. Freight
C. Boast
D. Greet

33. Leech

A. Fetch
B. Witch
C. Bleach
D. Lease

34. Written

A. Bitten
B. Brighter
C. Rotting
D. Writing

35. Coffee

A. Curfew
B. Muffle
C. Feeder
D. Toffee

SECTION 4

*From the words lettered **A** to **D**, choose the one that has the **correct stress**.*

36. conglomerate

A. CON-glo-me-rate
B. con-GLO-me-rate
C. con-glo-ME-rate
D. con-glo-me-RATE

37. defensible

A. DE-fen-si-ble
B. de-FEN-si-ble

C. de-fen-SI-ble

D. de-fen-si-BLE

38. superstitious

A. SU-per-sti-tious

B. su-PER-sti-tious

C. su-per-STI-tious

D. su-per-sti-TIOUS

39. bilateral

A. BI-la-te-ral

B. bi-LA-te-ral

C. bi-la-TE-ral

D. bi-la-te-RAL

40. generally

A. GE-ne-ra-lly

B. ge-NE-ra-lly

C. ge-ne-RA-lly

D. ge-ne-ra-LLY

SECTION 5

*In the following options lettered **A** to **D**, all the words **except one** have the same stress pattern. Identify the one with the **different stress pattern**.*

41.

A. gobble

B. failure

C. goodness

D. clope

42.

A. ceiling

B. yoghurt

C. vanquish

D. career

43.

A. lexical

B. interview

C. cardigan

D. catharsis

44.

A. colonel

B. routine

C. connive

D. balloon

45.

A. voracious

B. congenial
C. intestate
D. elevate

SECTION 6

*In each of the following sentences, the word that receives the **emphatic stress** is written in **capital letters**. From the questions lettered **A** to **D**, choose the one to which the given sentence is the appropriate answer.*

46. The Nigerian FOOTBALL team has many foreign players.

A. Does the South African football team have many foreign players?
B. Does the Nigerian volleyball team have many foreign players?
C. Does the Nigerian football team have few foreign players?
D. Does the Nigerian football team have many foreign coaches?

47. John must PAY for the broken glass immediately.

A. Must Jane pay for the broken glass immediately?
B. Must John repair the broken glass immediately?
C. Must John pay for the broken plank immediately?
D. Must John pay for the broken glass tomorrow?

48. The workers agreed to forgo their DECEMBER salaries.

A. Did the workers agree to forgo their December bonus?
B. Did the workers refuse to forgo their December salaries?
C. Did the workers agree to claim their December salaries?
D. Did the workers agree to forgo their March salaries?

49. The landlord refused to eject the TENANT.

A. Did the caretaker refuse to eject the tenant?
B. Did the landlord agree to eject the tenant?

C. Did the landlord refuse to accept the tenant?
D. Did the landlord refuse to eject the guest?

50. The principal REBUKED the teachers for lateness.

A. Did the governor rebuked the teachers for lateness?
B. Did the principal commend the teachers for lateness?
C. Did the principal rebuke the students for lateness?
D. Did the principal rebuke the teachers for negligence?

SECTION 7

*From the words lettered **A** to **D**, choose the word that contains the **sound** represented by the given phonetic symbol.*

51. /æ**/**

A. yacht
B. yowl
C. claw
D. band

52. /ʌ/

A. bush
B. tough
C. cop
D. loot

53. /ɔɪ/

A. caught
B. jump
C. dwarf
D. problem

54. /uː/

A. plumber
B. pull
C. suit
D. hunger

55. /ɪː/

A. fit
B. seal
C. sailing
D. career

56. / /

A. low
B. sugar
C. casual
D. fire

57. /k/

A. axe
B. cease
C. knew
D. knob

58. /s/

A. cash
B. church
C. slash
D. bees

59. /z/

A. lice
B. exist
C. leave
D. measure

60. /tʃ/

A. leaf
B. peach
C. chic
D. cede

ANSWERS TO WAEC 2014 ENGLISH ORAL QUESTIONS

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

31. C **32.** B **33.** C **34.** A **35.** D **36.** B **37.** B **38.** C **39.** B **40.** A **41.** D **42.** D **43.** B **44.** A **45.** D **46.** B **47.** B **48.** D **49.** D **50.** B **51.** D **52.** B **53.** C **54.** C **55.** B **56.** C **57.** A **58.** C **59.** B **60.** B

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SECTION 1

*From the words **A** to **D**, choose the word that has the **same vowel sound** as the one represented by the letter(s) underlined.*

1. Monday

A. age
B. day
C. pretty
D. heal

2. many

A. village
B. fern
C. pap
D. friend

3. want

A. dog
B. ant
C. wane
D. walk

4. woman

A. woo
B. put
C. lock
D. song

5. blood

A. cop
B. loop
C. fool
D. young

6. observe

A. float
B. mother
C. dog
D. form

7. people

A. quay
B. wedge
C. silk
D. pep

8. b<u>ough</u>t

A. dough
B. could
C. saw
D. stock

9. h<u>ear</u>t

A. ask
B. pack
C. as
D. swear

10. v<u>iew</u>

A. could
B. pull
C. hood
D. due

11. <u>eigh</u>t

A. height
B. face
C. west
D. fight

12. p<u>o</u>ke

A. pork
B. look
C. snow
D. work

13. h<u>ou</u>nd

A. cold
B. load
C. snore
D. mouse

14. h<u>ear</u>

A. heap
B. beer
C. fare
D. chair

15. <u>air</u>

A. care
B. fail
C. pile
D. cheer

SECTION 2

*From the words **A** to **D**, choose the word that has the **same consonant sound** as the one represented by the letter(s) underlined.*

16. <u>ch</u>eap

A. sheep
B. lashes
C. poach
D. chemistry

17. li<u>qu</u>or

A. quiz
B. square
C. account
D. lizard

18. stri<u>f</u>e

A. strive
B. strip
C. phase
D. vibes

19. <u>th</u>ank

A. tick
B tank
C. stick
D. thin

20. <u>th</u>en

A. through
B. den
C. bathe
D. think

21. <u>c</u>ease

A. coat
B. back
C. chaff
D. seat

22. boy<u>s</u>

A. zinc
B. street
C. pots
D. keeps

23. <u>sh</u>ow

A. cheque
B. sure
C. chemist
D. church

24. seizure

A. sink
B. usual
C. zero
D. daze

25. mature

A. lash
B. turning
C. tube
D. ritual

26. giant

A. girl
B. ghetto
C. joke
D. leg

27. paste

A. physics
B. photo
C. lap
D. phlegm

28. team

A. them
B. thyme
C. listen
D. think

29. moved

A. drive
B. rove
C. more
D. kicked

30. bin

A. doubt
B. debt
C. lamb
D. bomb

SECTION 3

*From the words **A** to **D**, choose the word that **rhymes** with the given word.*

31. Roam

A. From
B. Come
C. Home
D. Loan

32. Bough

A. Thought
B. Dough
C. Low
D. How

33. Rain

A. Frighten
B. Frame
C. Feign
D. Many

34. Knight

A. Knife
B. Cite
C. Knot
D. Cent

35. Jeer

A. Jeep
B. Gear
C. Gauge
D. Bear

SECTION 4

*From the words lettered **A** to **D**, choose the one that has the **correct stress**.*

36. beneficial

A. BE-ne-fi-cial
B. be-NE-fi-cial
C. be-ne-FI-cial
D. be-ne-fi-CIAL

37. pecuniary

A. PE-cu-ni-ary
B. pe-CU-ni-ary

C. pe-cu-NI-ary

D. pe-cu-ni-ARY

38. reduplicate

A. RE-du-pli-cate

B. re-DU-pli-cate

C. re-du-PLI-cate

D. re-du-pli-CATE

39. satisfactory

A. SAT-is-fact-ory

B. sat-IS-fact-ory

C. sat-is-FACT-ory

D. sat-is-fact-ORY

40. disputatious

A. DIS-pu-ta-tious

B. dis-PU-ta-tious

C. dis-pu-TA-tious

D. dis-pu-ta-TIOUS

SECTION 5

*In the following options lettered **A** to **D**, all the words **except one** have the same stress pattern. Identify the one with the **different stress pattern**.*

41.

A. mullato

B. mystery

C. pucker

D. public

42.

A. genius

B. enthrone

C. matron

D. eager

43.

A. multiple

B. never

C. rotter

D. distaste

44.

A. motivate

B. invade

C. concern

D. inveigh

45.

A. income

B. nibble

C. confirm

D. muffler

SECTION 6

*In each of the following sentences, the word that receives the **emphatic stress** is written in **capital letters**. From the questions lettered **A** to **D**, choose the one to which the given sentence is the appropriate answer.*

46. The project is designed to alleviate poverty in the COUNTRY.

A. Is the constitution designed to alleviate poverty in the country?

B. Is the project designed to alleviate poverty in the city?

C. Is the project designed to increase poverty in the country?

D. Is the project designed to alleviate crime in the country?

47. Students are usually advised to stay out of POLITICS.

A. Are teachers usually advised to stay out of politics?

B. Are students usually advised to go into politics?

C. Are students usually advised to stay out of business?

D. Are students rarely advised to stay out of politics?

48. The angry WORKERS vowed not to return to work.

A. Did the happy workers vow not to return to work?

B. Did the angry students vow not to return to work?

C. Did the angry workers choose not to return to work?

D. Did the angry workers vow not to return to school?

49. Mr Peter GOT his hearing aid last week.

A. Did Mr Peter lose his hearing aid last week?

B. Did Mr James get his hearing aid last week?

C. Did Mr Peter get his reading aid last week?
D. Did Mr Peter get his hearing aid last year?

50. They have been on the PHONE for an hour.

A. Has she been on the phone for an hour?
B. Have they been off the phone for an hour?
C. Have they been on the sofa for an hour?
D. Have they been on the phone for two hours?

SECTION 7

*From the words lettered **A** to **D**, choose the word that contains the **sound** represented by the given phonetic symbol.*

51. /ɪ/

A. weak
B. symbol
C. people
D. heal

52. /ʌ/

A. shoot
B. mug
C. shirt
D. curly

53. /æ**/**

A. cart
B. heart
C. plait
D. core

54. /uː/

A. cook
B. float
C. hew
D. full

55. /ɜː/

A. walk
B. worm
C. trek
D. fire

56. /t/

A. listen
B. wrestle
C. castle
D. looked

57. /k/

A. knight
B. chassis
C. chime
D. count

58. /ð/

A. thin
B. then
C. teeth
D. three

59. /s/

A. plays
B. lose
C. hens
D. place

60. /ʒ/

A. pleasure
B. bag
C. rush
D. sharpen

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

31. C **32.** B **33.** B **34.** B **35.** B **36.** C **37.** B **38.** B **39.** C **40.** C **41.** A **42.** B **43.** D **44.** A **45.** C **46.** B **47.** C **48.** B **49.** A **50.** C **51.** B **52.** B **53.** C **54.** C **55.** B **56.** D **57.** D **58.** D **59.** D **60.** A

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