

## LITERACY RESIT 2023

1. Did you ever care ..... what could have happened to your colleagues?

**A. about**

B. for

C. of

D. with

2. The other day, Adoma run ..... her old friend at the market.

A. by

**B. into**

C. onto

D. up

3. Suddenly, Asibi gave a loud scream and ..... to the ground.

A. fall

**B. fell**

C. had fallen

D. has fallen

Fell is the past tense of fall

4. The performance of candidates ..... that the GhanaTeacher Licensure Examination is achieving its objectives.

A. are indicating

B. have indicated

C. indicate

**D. indicates**

Performance is singular and uncountable.

5. No one among the villagers who beat up the men ..... why they did that.

A. do know

B. have known

C. know

**D. knows**

No one knows (indefinite pronoun: singular)

6. I wish Afrifa ..... the work himself.

A. can do

**B. could do**

C. have done

D. will do

Wish + past tense

7. If Emefa ..... time, she would have attended her uncle's birthday party.

**A. had**

B. had had

C. has

D. has had

**Conditional Sentence Type III:** General Rule: If + Past Perfect ..... would + have+verb(in participle)

8. If you help me to finish the assignment on time, I ..... you a lift.

**A. will give**

B. will have given

C. would give

D. would have given

**Conditional Sentence Type I:** General rule / Grammatical structure: If + simple present .....  
simple future

9. You could scarcely raise your head, .....

A. can you

**B. could you**

C. couldn't you

D. Isn't it

The adverbs *never, rarely, seldom, hardly, barely and scarcely* have a negative sense. Even though they may be in a positive statement, the feeling of the statement is negative. We treat statements with these words like negative statements, so the question tag is normally **positive**.

10. You will all bear ..... that COVID-19 has seriously affected our economy.

**A. me out**

B. me up

C. on me

D. with me

Bear me out: to show to be true or truthful; confirm.

Bear with me is an expression meaning “be patient with me.”

11. One of the girls ..... present during the fire outbreak last Monday.

A. are

B. is

C. were

**D. was**

One of the girls (without relative pronoun; who, which, that, etc) means a singular verb must be used. The verb tense is in the past.

12. Neither the teacher nor the students ..... regularly.

A. is reading

**B. read**

C. reads

D. was reading

Neither the teacher nor the students .....rule of proximity: Use the second noun.

The students read.....

13. My father needs ..... salt.

**A. little**

B. few

C. many

D. any

Salt is uncountable so go for little.

Few for countable.

14. How ..... alumni were at the meeting?

**A. many**

B. more

C. much

D. plenty

"Many" is a plural determiner that indicates a large number of people. Also note that alumni is a group of people and also a plural noun.

*For questions 15 and 16, choose from the alternatives lettered A.D, one which completes the sentence with the correct order of adjectives.*

15. The class was introduced to the ..... English tutor.

**A. beautiful young dark**

B. dark young beautiful

C. young beautiful dark

D. young dark beautiful

Looking at all the options, the correct arrangement of adjectives is option A.

Order of adjectives : DOSASCOMP

Opinion: beautiful

Age: young

Colour: dark

16. When I was coming to school today, I saw ..... police officers.

**A. two handsome young**

B. two young handsome

C. young handsome two

D. young two handsome

Looking at all the options, the correct arrangement of adjectives is option A.

Order of adjectives : DOSASCOMP

Determiner(number): two

Opinion: handsome

Age: young

*For questions 17 and 18, choose from the alternatives lettered A-D, one which best represents the direct speech form of the indirect speech.*

17. Mariama said she was writing a letter to her brother. Mariama said,

**A. "I am writing a letter to my brother."**

B. "I was writing a letter to her brother."

C. "I was writing a letter to my brother."

D. "I wrote a letter to her brother."

18. Kwame said that his wife went to the dinner with him the previous day.

Kwame said,

- A. "His wife went to the dinner with him the previous day."
- B. "went with my wife to the dinner yesterday."
- C. "My wife went to the dinner with me the day before."
- D. "My wife went to the dinner with me yesterday."**

*For questions 19 and 20, choose from the options following each of the sentences lettered A - D, the one that best gives the meaning of the underlined expression.*

19. The Black Stars can win the World Cup only **when pigs fly**. It means it will

- A. be extremely difficult.
- B. happen by all means.
- C. never happen.**
- D. take a long time.

Pigs do not fly which means it is impossible that Black Stars can win.

20. The secretary **pulled a long face** when the house rejected the proposal. It means that the secretary

- A. got agitated.
- B. got annoyed.
- C. started a quarrel.
- D. was disappointed.**

To pull a long face means to become sad or disappointed

For questions 21 and 22, choose from the alternatives lettered A-D, one which is nearest in meaning to the words underlined.

21. Mrs. Azuma built a **luxurious** mansion for her husband.

- A. Awkward
- B. Dilapidated
- C. Inexpensive
- D. Lavish**

22. Issues like these have a way of shaking my **resolve**.

- A. Action
- B. Determination**
- C. Explanation
- D. Solution

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*For questions 23 and 24, choose from the alternatives A-D, the one that is the active form of the passive sentence.*

23. The prefect was teased by the students. The students

- A. have been teasing the prefect.
- B. teased the prefect.**
- C. tease the prefect.
- D. have teased the prefect.

We take away one verb when reversing indirect to direct. The statement was in the past(was) so the main verb should be in past.

24. The food would have been cooked by him.

- A. He will cook the food.
- B. He will have cooked the food.
- C. He would cook the food..
- D. He would have cooked the food.**

Modals do not change in active and passive voices

*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. I was told Victoria has a **violent** temper.

**A. calm**

B. flexible

C. obnoxious

D. pleasant

26. The **plaintiff** called for the speedy trial of the case.

A. combatant

**B. defendant**

C. jury

D. witness

27. Which of the following sentences is correctly punctuated?

A. The manager as far as I can see, is likely to give us the loan.

B. The manager, as far as I can see is likely to give us the loan.

**C. The manager, as far as I can see, is likely to give us the loan.**

D. The manager, as far as, I can see is likely to give us the loan.

*Read the passage below and use it to answer questions 27-30.*

(1) The price of eggs in the Bono Region, which is considered to be one of the hub for the production of the commodity, have risen by about 50% in the last two months, causing concerns among poultry industry players. (2) The price of crate of eggs, which was between GH¢13 and GH¢18 in November last year, is now between GH¢20 to GH¢25. (3) Formers in the region have expressed concern about the situation, especially, the decision by traders in Accra and Tamale not to come and buy the eggs due to the high price of the commodity. (4) Apart from the wholesalers, boiled and fried egg vendors on the streets, markets and lorry stations are also complaining about low patronage.

28. Which sentence contains an error in subject-verb agreement (concord)?



**A. Sentence 1**

B. Sentence 2

C. Sentence 3

D. Sentence 4

(1) **The prices** ☒ **not the price** of eggs in the Bono Region, which is considered to be one of the hub for the production of the commodity, **have risen**

29. Which sentence contains an error in spelling?

A. Sentence 1

B. Sentence 2

C. Sentence 3

**D. Sentence 4**

(4) Apart from the wholesalers, ☒ (wholesalers ☒).....

30. In which sentence(s) is "to" wrongly used?

A. Sentence 1

**B. Sentence 2**

C. Sentence 3

D. Sentences 1, 2 and 3

The price of crate of eggs, which was between GH¢13 and GH¢18 in November last year, is now between GH¢20 **to** GH¢25.

(....between GH¢20 **and** GH¢25.) ☒