

**CHRISTIAN SERVICE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE**

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**BACHELOR'S DEGREE**

**ALL DEPARTMENTS**

**END OF FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS – 2023/2024 ACADEMIC YEAR**

**LEVEL 100**

**CSUC 101: WRITING SKILLS I**

**May 2024**

**100 marks**

**Time Allowed: 2hrs. 30mins**

**GENERAL INSTRUCTION TO CANDIDATES:**

- Write your index number at the top of the question paper.
- Answer any **four** questions.
- Answer all questions in the answer booklet.
- Do not take the question paper out of the examination room.

*Examiner: Dr. K. Sarfo-Adu*

**Question One (25 marks)**

**A. Read the following sentences carefully and identify the word class/part of speech of the underlined word as used in each sentence.**

1. Goodness and mercies shall follow me all the days of my life.
2. My mom is still holidaying in Canada.
3. The opposition party called on the government to bridge the gap between the rich and the poor.
4. He is my brother.
5. There is a cat under the table.
6. The clothes did not dry as it was raining all night.
7. Sheena and her sister dance well.
8. I am wearing an expensive dress for the party.
9. Oh! That is really sad.
10. Please, come in and sit down.

**B. A feature that the major/open class words have is that quite a number of them have common endings/suffixes. Supply appropriate suffixes to each of the following words to turn it into the part of speech indicated in the brackets.**

11. postpone (noun)
12. nation (adjective)
13. sincere (adverb)
14. clock (adverb)
15. normal (verb)
16. courage (adjective)
17. kind (noun)
18. religious (adverb)
19. worse (verb)
20. child (adjective)

**Question Two (25 marks)**

**Read the following passage carefully and identify the type of phrase underlined.**

English is <sup>1</sup>probably <sup>2</sup>the most widely used language in the world, with around 400 million native speakers and a similar number <sup>3</sup>of bilingual speakers in several dozen partially English-speaking countries, and hundreds of <sup>3</sup>millions more users <sup>4</sup>other countries where English is <sup>5</sup>widely known and used in business, government, or media. It <sup>6</sup>is used for government communications in India; a <sup>7</sup>daily newspaper in Cairo; and the speeches in the

parliament of Papua New Guinea. You <sup>8</sup>may hear it when <sup>9</sup>a hotel receptionist greets an Iranian guest in Helsinki; when a German professor talks to a Japanese graduate student in Amsterdam; or when a Korean scientist lectures to Hungarian and Nigerian colleagues <sup>10</sup>at a conference in Bangkok.

### **Question Three (25 marks)**

**Write each of the following sentences and underline the correct form of verb in the parentheses.**

1. His cousin and companion (thinks, think) highly of him.
2. The cost of the books (was/were) not disclosed to us.
3. Behind the school building (live, lives) a lunatic and his partner.
4. Neither the children nor their father (visit, visits) their ailing mother.
5. Every man and woman who (lives, live) in that house should vacate the premises.
6. Banku and tilapia (are, is) enjoyed by many.
7. The outer rings of the target (was/were) hit by several people.
8. The young man with the field glasses (watch/watches) the swimmer
9. "Kente" is one of the new words that (is/are) gaining acceptance in English.
10. Are you the teacher who (likes/like) my son?
11. Neither you, nor anyone else (knows/know) where the key is hidden.
12. Each of us (tries, try) to do better than the other.
13. A long chain of volcanoes (stretches, stretch) across the Pacific Ocean.
14. The President, together with six ministers, (is, are) visiting the flood victims.
15. Many facts in this textbook (is, are) important.
16. Few of the students (was, were) invited.
17. (Don't, Doesn't) these new developments bother you?
18. Discipline and order (need, needs) to be part of the discussion
19. That boy of all his sons (is, are) the most brilliant.
20. The scissors (was, were) seized from the stubborn boy.
21. The movie, including the previews, (take, takes) about two hours.
22. All the pen-drives, as well as the corrupted one (was, were) stolen.
23. Your trousers (needs, need) washing.
24. One of the girls who (has, have) been visiting us saw the thief entering the house.
25. To lament over your problems (is, are) never a solution.



**Question Four (25 marks)**

**A. Fill in each blank with the appropriate reflexive/emphatic pronoun.**

1. We must congratulate ----- on this phenomenal achievement.
2. The Vice Chancellor ----- has offered to chair the disciplinary committee.
3. I believe that when you go there-----, it will help matters.
4. I have decided to confront him-----not matter the consequences.
5. I wonder why they are doing that to-----
6. She does not have to get-----involved in this mess.
7. He-----must apologize to me.
8. Is it necessary for us to be there-----?
9. Everybody, help-----with the best meal in town.
10. The woman-----must come here to see us.

**B. Combine each of the following pairs of sentences using either coordination or subordination.**

1. I celebrate my birthday with my wife.  
Both of us were born on the same date.
2. I have observed your behaviour under strange circumstances.  
I have formed an opinion about you.
3. He has said anything bad.  
Please forgive him.
4. He lives.  
I can face tomorrow.
5. John read through a write-up with several errors.  
He could not identify even one.

**Question Five (25 marks)**

**Supply brief answers to the following questions.**

1. In one sentence, explain why pronouns, conjunctions, prepositions and articles are collectively described as a closed class.
2. Differentiate between regular verbs and irregular verbs.
3. Analyse the structure of the following noun phrase: *a beautiful lady*
4. Create a noun phrase which has the following structure:  
*possessive + numeral (ordinal) + numeral (cardinal) + Head*
5. What does it mean to say that an adjective is used attributively?

6. Briefly explain why the adjective in the phrase, *my old friend*, is non-inherent.
7. Choose the verbless clause in the following sentence: *When in Rome, do what the Romans do.*
8. A ..... sentence contains a main clause and one or more subordinate clauses.
9. A postposed adjective can usually be treated as a reduced relative clause. Expand the underlined postposed adjective in the following sentence into a relative clause.  
*Something good is going to happen.*
10. In one sentence explain why the adverbial underlined in the following sentence,  
*Frankly speaking, the man is not my taste* is described as a disjunct adverbial.

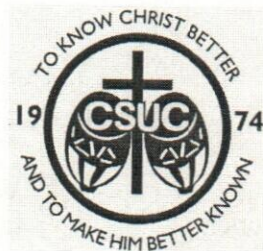




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**BACHELOR OF ARTS IN THEOLOGY (WITH ADMINISTRATION)**  
**Level 100**

**CSUC 101: WRITING SKILLS 1**

**January, 2021**

**[30 marks]**

**Time: 50 minutes**

**SECTION A**

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:**

- Answer **ALL** Questions
- From the alternatives lettered **A** to **D**, choose the one which most suitably completes each sentence.
- Write your index number and signature clearly at the top of the question paper.



1. The smallest grammatical unit of a language is known as
  - a. Phrase
  - b. Word
  - c. Affix
  - d. Morpheme
2. Which of the following is an open word class?
  - a. Noun
  - b. Pronoun
  - c. Preposition
  - d. Articles
3. Morphemes that create new word and change the grammatical class of a word are
  - a. Inflectional
  - b. Derivational
  - c. Functional
  - d. Lexicons
4. The prefix 'anti-' means
  - a. Before
  - b. After
  - c. Against
  - d. Bad
5. Which of the following inflectional morphemes indicates number?
  - a. -ed
  - b. -est
  - c. -er
  - d. -s
6. In the word **government**, the suffix **-ment** has changed the root word **govern** from...
  - a. verb to adjective
  - b. adjective to noun
  - c. verb to noun
  - d. noun to adjective
7. These are the morphemes which can stand alone as words
  - a. inflectional
  - b. derivational
  - c. free
  - d. bound
8. Which of the following is a fricative?
  - a. /f/
  - b. /b/
  - c. /m/
  - d. /g/
9. Which of the following is not a speech organ?
  - a. alveolar ridge
  - b. epiglottis
  - c. oral cavity
  - d. the heart
10. Which of the following vowel sounds is in the word **heal**?
  - a. /I/
  - b. /i:/
  - c. /e/
  - d. /3:/
11. All the words below contain the diphthong /au/ except.
  - a. owl
  - b. buy
  - c. house
  - d. announce
12. Identify the nasal sound in the following.
  - a. /n/
  - b. /t/
  - c. /p/
  - d. /k/
13. Our prefect is not a very reliable person, .....?
  - a. is he
  - b. isn't he
  - c. does he
  - d. isn't he
14. He said there was too much pepper in the stew, .....?
  - a. wasn't it
  - b. was it
  - c. didn't he
  - d. Isn't it
15. They feel I am stupid, .....?
  - a. aren't I
  - b. don't they
  - c. isn't it
  - d. am I



16. Elizabeth won't be at the party next week, .....?

- a. is she
- b. will she
- c. isn't it
- d. not so

17. Were they at the show last night? Yes,.....

- a. I saw them
- b. they weren't
- c. they were
- d. they did go

18. Have you paid your fees?

- a. Yes, I haven't
- b. No, I haven't
- c. Yes, I will
- d. No, I have

19. If the match.....like this, it means Italy will take a gold medal.

- a. ends
- b. ended
- c. has ended
- d. have been ended

20. Cocoa brings a great deal of money to a farmer if he ..... the trouble to cultivate it.

- a. took
- b. takes
- c. taking
- d. is taking

21. Jennifer expects ..... the work done.

- a. seeing
- b. in seeing
- c. to seeing
- d. to see

22. In my long life I..... many changes.

- a. see
- b. saw
- c. have seen
- d. had seen

23. We ..... English for ten years now.

- a. studied
- b. are studying
- c. have been studied
- d. have been studying

24. How dare you ..... to me so rudely?

- a. to speak
- b. spoke
- c. speak
- d. speaking

25. The marriage was dissolved ..... the grounds of infidelity.

- a. from
- b. on
- c. for
- d. With

26. Throughout his stay at the school, he could not adapt.....boarding life.

- a. from
- b. with
- c. to
- d. into

27. The pastor is accustomed.....her behaviour.

- a. to
- b. by
- c. from
- d. in

28. The children accord me high respect by virtue.....my age.

- a. of
- b. with
- c. at
- d. for

29. Everyone knows that Mountain Everest is.....mountain in the world.

- a. highest
- b. the highest
- c. the higher
- d. the most high

30. Victoria is not .....girl in the school but she is certainly prettier than Jane.

- a. the pretty
- b. a pretty
- c. the prettier
- d. the prettiest

31. Bola is the ....wanted person among the fugitives.

- a. more
- b. most
- c. much more
- d. much



32. Kojo gave up smoking five years.....  
a. for  
b. since  
c. ago  
d. over
33. He was.....clever that everybody liked her.  
a. so  
b. very  
c. too  
d. quite
34. The table is.....wide to go through the door.  
a. very  
b. so  
c. much  
d. too
35. .... the army came to power, there has been a great deal of progress.  
a. When  
b. Since  
c. Unless  
d. Now that
36. They did not have .....difficulty in the exams.  
a. little  
b. much  
c. few  
d. the
37. The letter contained.....  
a. a bad news  
b. some bad news  
c. most bad news  
d. a news
38. Since Mary and Alice have recovered very well, .....are expected in school today.  
a. all of them  
b. two of them  
c. any of them  
d. both of them
39. The two boys became so angry that they began to fight.....  
a. one another  
b. the other  
c. their selves  
d. each other
40. Mr Baiden has two sons; one is in Nigeria,.....in London.  
a. another  
b. each  
c. the other  
d. either
41. "You **seem** tired". The verb 'seem' in the sentence is an example of  
a. action verb  
b. linking verb  
c. transitive verb  
d. auxiliary verb
42. Which of the following affixes identify nouns?  
a. en-  
b. -ship  
c. -ify  
d. be-
43. Not only is she pretty.....respectful.  
a. but also  
b. and also  
c. then also  
d. and even
44. A ....is a combination of two vowel sounds within the same syllable.  
a. Monophthong  
b. consonant  
c. pure vowel  
d. diphthong
45. Which of the following sounds is voiceless?  
a. /b/  
b. /d/  
c. /s/  
d. /g/
46. This type of verb does not allow noun groups to follow it.  
a. intransitive  
b. linking  
c. Transitive  
d. Finite



47. Identifying parts of speech by considering the bound morphemes attached to them is known as...criteria.
- Syntactical
  - Lexical
  - Morphological
  - Semantical
48. Beautiful women are mostly proud. The word 'beautiful' in the sentence is a.....
- Determiner
  - Pre-modifier
  - Post-modifier
  - Preposition
49. No sooner had Kwame slept.....Yaa arrived
- and
  - then
  - than
  - when
50. Which of the following is a prefix?
- un
  - tion
  - ment
  - Ness
51. The process whereby a word is made smaller without any change in its meaning or its grammatical class is called
- clipping
  - duplication
  - acronymy
  - compound formation
52. Which word formation process produces words such as *zig-zag*, *tick-tock*, *dilly-dally*, *hanky-panky*?
- Clipping
  - duplication
  - acronymy
  - compound formation
53. The study of the origin or history of a word is known as
- Etymology
  - Neologism
  - Analogy
  - Eponyms
54. The word formation process whereby a multi-syllabic word is reduced to shorter form (gasoline →gas, influenza →flu, dormitory →dorm, etc.) is
- Compounding
  - Clipping
  - Infix
  - Blending
55. New words can enter the language in several ways, which shows how language is continually
- compounding
  - coining
  - blending
  - evolving and changing
56. The letter *b* is sometimes silent when it follows the letter *m*. Which of the following words affirms the above statement?
- Crumble
  - Number
  - Lamb
  - Combine
57. Which of the following derivational morphemes identifies nouns?
- ment
  - ise
  - en
  - en-
58. These pronouns are used to ask questions
- Reflexive
  - Relative
  - Personal
  - Interrogative
59. Liza is the girl with.... I'm driving to Accra.
- who
  - whom
  - which
  - whose
60. This exam is not difficult,....?
- are you sure
  - is that so
  - is it
  - isn't it

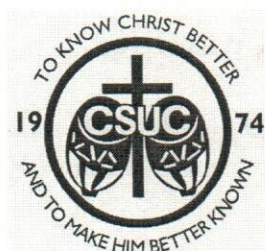




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**Time: 1 Hour, 30 Minutes**

**SECTION B**

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:**

- Answer **TWO** Questions from this section
- Write your answer in the **Answer Booklet** provided
- Write your index number clearly at the top of the question paper and on every page of the answer booklet used.
- **Note:** Marks will be awarded for correct grammar, and clarity of expression



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### **ESSAY WRITING [40 Marks]**

**Answer TWO questions from this section.**

**Your composition should be about 400 words long.**

**Question 1:**

The outbreak of the novel coronavirus (COVID – 19) has sparked global concern. It is now obvious that it has come to stay and hence there is the need for behavioural change. Write an article to be published in a national newspaper on how Ghanaians should live with this virus.

**Question 2:**

Write an article for publication in a national newspaper on the benefits that will be derived from the government showing interest in agriculture.

**Question 3:**

Your younger sister, who lives in a mining town in the country, has stopped schooling. Instead, she has decided to go into trading, her reason being that she can become financially more secured than going to school. Write a letter convincing her to reconsider her decision, drawing her attention to some of the equally vital benefits derived from schooling.

**Question 4:**

Write a story, real or imagined ending with: "He reaped what he sowed."