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  - In the spaces marked *Examination*, *Year*, *Subject* and *Paper*, check 'WASSCE', 'PC 2019', 'GOVERNMENT', and '1' in that order.
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- An example is given below. This is for a female candidate whose *name* is Ama Kumi DJAN. Her *index number* is 7102143958 and she is offering *Government 1*.

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ANSWER SHEET

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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Use grade 2B pencil throughout.
- Answer each question by choosing one letter and shading it like this:  A  B  C  D  E
- Erase completely any answer you wish to change.
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Answer **all** the questions.

Each question is followed by four options lettered A to D. Find the **correct** option for **each** question and shade in **pencil** on your answer sheet, the answer space which bears the same letter as the option you have chosen. Give only **one** answer to **each** question. An example is given below.

Indirect rule was introduced into the British West Africa by

- A. George Goldie.
- B. Frederick Lugard.
- C. Donald Cameron.
- D. Margery Perham.

The correct answer is Frederick Lugard, which is lettered B and therefore answer space B would be shaded.

A  B  C  D  E

Think carefully before you shade the answer spaces; erase completely any answer(s) you wish to change.

Now answer the following questions.

1. Bodies created by an Act of Parliament to provide essential goods and services at reasonable prices are known as
  - A. credit unions.
  - B. statutory corporations.
  - C. government agencies.
  - D. parliamentary institutions.
2. Which of the following features **cannot** enhance the operation of Rule of Law?
  - A. Press freedom
  - B. Independent judiciary
  - C. Secrecy of law
  - D. Freedom of movement
3. One advantage of centralization is that it
  - A. encourages quick decision making.
  - B. skews development.
  - C. leads to arbitrary rule.
  - D. is expensive to operate.
4. Which of the following is **not** a characteristic of the Civil Service?
  - A. Anonymity
  - B. Permanence
  - C. Independence
  - D. Neutrality
5. The power exercised by both the central and component units in a federal state is known as
  - A. residual powers.
  - B. concurrent powers.
  - C. delegated powers.
  - D. reserved powers.
6. A constitution is termed as rigid when the
  - A. legislature alone can amend it.
  - B. legislature alone cannot amend it.
  - C. provisions are ambiguous.
  - D. provisions are easy to understand.



7. Fundamental human rights may be limited if it
- causes embarrassment to the state.
  - causes disrespect to ministers of state.
  - endangers state security.
  - denies loyalty to the party in government.
8. The term used for a member of a minority party in parliament who joins the majority party, is
- political transfer.
  - cross carpet.
  - party rebellion.
  - party loyalty.
9. Majority votes in a constituency to remove an elected representative from the legislature before the end of tenure is
- bye-election.
  - recall.
  - rejection.
  - initiation.
10. Which of the following is **not** a source of revenue for local government?
- Basic rates
  - Market tolls
  - Property rates
  - Custom duties
11. The study of government is essential for the promotion of all the following **except**
- good governance.
  - political anarchy.
  - political stability.
  - political participation.
12. A group of people bound by common historical ties is a
- society.
  - nation.
  - community.
  - government.
13. An organization involving people living together based on shared resources and values is referred to as
- community.
  - communism.
  - communality.
  - communalism.
14. *De-facto* one-party system means
- a party with only elite as members.
  - many parties are legally allowed but one is always victorious.
  - one party ruling with a strong opposition which can win election.
  - a ruling party with a shadow cabinet.
15. Capturing of power legitimately is the **main** objective of
- the military.
  - freedom fighters.
  - pressure groups.
  - political parties.

16. Public opinion is the
- opinion expressed on radio only.
  - opinion expressed by public officials only.
  - sum total of views of the citizens on national issues.
  - sum total of views expressed by the executive.
17. The agency through which the will of the state is formulated, expressed and realized is the
- political party.
  - constitution.
  - pressure group.
  - government.
18. A state is sovereign when
- it is dependent.
  - its geographical jurisdiction is defined.
  - it reflects its temporary status.
  - it exercises absolute and unrestricted power.
19. The practice of soliciting the support of members of the legislature with the intention of influencing legislation is
- lobbying.
  - petitioning.
  - manipulation.
  - politicking.
20. The opinion of different individuals can be harmonized by pressure groups through interest
- mobilization.
  - articulation.
  - aggregation.
  - manipulation.
21. The rigidity or flexibility of any constitution determines its
- amendment procedure.
  - method of application.
  - workability.
  - acceptability.
22. A disadvantage of multi-party system of government is that it
- caters for majority interest only.
  - breeds factionalism and bitterness.
  - creates frustration among contestants.
  - weakens democratic governance.
23. Public opinion is essential in any political system because it
- helps to give direction to the government.
  - settles disputes among citizens.
  - ensures formation of a coalition government.
  - promotes national integration.
24. A medium through which communication can inform the mass audience simultaneously is through
- broadcasting.
  - print media.
  - editorial comment.
  - Public address system.

25. The ability to compel people to behave in a certain manner is known as
- influence.
  - authority.
  - power.
  - legitimacy.
26. The following external factors influenced nationalism after the World War II **except**
- signing of the Atlantic Charter.
  - independence of some former colonies.
  - abolition of slave trade.
  - the establishment of the Organization of African Unity (OAU).
27. Which of the following impeded nationalism in French West Africa? The
- policy of alienation
  - Brazzaville conference
  - enabling framework law
  - policy of assimilation
28. Nationalism, characterized by protests against specific grievances before the end of World War II is referred to as
- proto-nationalism.
  - pragmatic nationalism.
  - true nationalism.
  - elite nationalism.
29. The headquarters of the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) is situated at
- Abuja, Nigeria.
  - Rabat, Morocco.
  - Nairobi, Kenya.
  - Midrand, South Africa.
30. The New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) is formed on the underlying principle of
- harmonization of cultures.
  - empowerment of men.
  - inequality among nations.
  - commitment to good governance.
31. Which of the following **best** describes the operations of the public corporation?
- Renders services to parliamentarians
  - Provides essential services to the people
  - Monitors activities of service providers
  - Renders services to the presidency only
32. In a federal state, ultimate power resides in the
- central government.
  - prime minister.
  - governor.
  - ceremonial president.
33. A **basic** feature of feudalism is
- public ownership.
  - fief.
  - government.
  - secret police.



34. The capacity to issue instructions accepted without resort to force is
- power.
  - authority.
  - democracy.
  - influence.
35. A monarch who only assents to bill agreed to by an elected parliament is termed
- absolute monarch.
  - constitutional monarch.
  - elected monarch.
  - conventional monarch.
36. The relationship between France and its autonomous West African colonies in 1958 was known as the French
- union.
  - community.
  - unification.
  - confederation.
37. An advantage of direct election is that it
- removes the evils of party politics.
  - creates a neutral body called electoral college.
  - establishes closeness between voters and their representatives.
  - removes all forms of restricted franchise.
38. The need to transfer the ownership of public corporations into private hands is to
- make excessive profit.
  - improve government control.
  - achieve the indigenization policy of government.
  - ensure efficient and effective management.

*Use the following election results in a single-member constituency to answer questions 39 to 41.*

John — 2149 votes  
 Amina — 1429 votes  
 Ebou — 2836 votes  
 Lizzy — 2575 votes  
 André — 1709 votes  
 Saffie — 1448 votes

39. If the single plurality system is used, who won the elections?
- André
  - Ebou
  - John
  - Lizzy
40. If the electoral system involves run-off election, who will contest the election?
- John and Lizzy
  - Ebou and Amina
  - Lizzy and Ebou
  - Lizzy and André

41. The election result above is a reflection of what party system?
- One-party system
  - Zero-party system
  - Two-party system
  - Multi-party system
42. Which electoral system is normally practised in countries with multi-member constituency?
- Proportional representation
  - Simple plurality system
  - Alternative vote system
  - Second ballot system
43. The parliamentary system of government violates the principle of separation of powers because it
- tends to make the exercise autocratic.
  - tends to be flexible form of government.
  - combines both executive and legislative personnel in the cabinet.
  - ensures harmony between the legislature and the judiciary.
44. Participation in the affairs of the state relates to one's
- legal rights.
  - political rights.
  - social rights.
  - moral rights.
45. Which of the following is **not** an effect of military rule?
- Corruption is enhanced
  - Democratic governance is undermined
  - Good management of the economy
  - Bad human rights records
46. One advantage of universal adult suffrage is that it
- leads to rule of the elite.
  - is an expression of popular sovereignty.
  - stifles political education.
  - leads to political instability.
47. Which of the following countries is **not** a member of the Commonwealth?
- Nigeria
  - Australia
  - Canada
  - Netherlands
48. Which of the following factors limits universal adult suffrage?
- Wealth
  - Education
  - Age
  - Sex
49. The United Nations (UN) headquarters is in
- Britain.
  - United States of America (USA).
  - Germany.
  - France.
50. A system of government in which no single person serves as Head of State and Head of government is
- fascist.
  - monarchical.
  - parliamentary.
  - presidential.

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