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QUESTIONS

TOPIC: COMPREHENSION***DIRECTION: Choose the correct answer from the lettered options.***

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1. Some of the immigrants end up as social misfits due to _____.

- A. their high taste
- B. lack of jobs and money
- C. their anger
- D. disappointments
- E. bad friends

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2. You can't take good photographs unless you _____.

- A. have an expensive camera
- B. spend a lot on development and printing
- C. are a teenager
- D. keep your eyes open for interesting pictures
- E. you keep them in an album

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3. According to the passage, photography is expensive for _____.

- A. villagers
- B. just teenagers
- C. camera owners
- D. paired camera owners
- E. the poor

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4. What is the major result of the kind of movement talked about in the text?

- A. Depopulated countrysides and over-crowded cities.
- B. Over-crowded cities and social vices.
- C. Depopulated country sides and job creation.
- D. Lack of jobs and depopulated cities.
- E. Increase in agriculture and factories.

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5. Which of the following description according to the passage is most TRUE of the world of books?

- A. Fast and vast from the start.
- B. Full of bookshops and libraries all the time.
- C. Small and slow growing at first, fast growing and vast later.
- D. Fast growing and complex from the start.
- E. Full of flood gates throughout.

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6. A harsh sentence was expected from the magistrate because _____.

- A. he had a reputation for being strict
- B. he always gave the same sentence
- C. he had told the policeman the night before
- D. the police inspectors knew it
- E. he was well disciplined

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7. According to the passage, what did Aina promise to speak under oath?

- A. The story.
- B. The incidence.
- C. The all truth.
- D. The truth.
- E. Half truth.

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8. According to the passage _____ was the best writing surface ever invented by man.

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- B. Babylonian clay
- C. Egyptian papyrus
- D. Paper
- E. Animal skins

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9. What did Sango think he should have done?

- A. Proposed to her.
- B. Spoken with her.
- C. Arrested her.
- D. Bailed her.
- E. Rescued her.

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10. "writing was done, on the early man's cave walls". What is the grammatical name of the expression "writing" as used above?

- A. Verb phrase
- B. A noun phrase
- C. Noun
- D. Verb
- E. Adjective

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11. According to the passage, where are books collected in large quantities?

- A. Egypt, bookshops and caves
- B. Flood-gate, surfaces and libraries
- C. Bookshops, libraries and people's homes
- D. Your homes, caves and bookshops
- E. The world of books, bookshops and libraries

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12. What is the grammatical function of "writing" in the expression "...writing was done on the early man's cave walls"?

- A. Subject of the sentence
- B. Object of the verb
- C. Object of the preposition
- D. Complement to the subject
- E. In apposition to the noun

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13. According to the passage, _____ helped to expand the world of books at an amazing speed.

- A. the invention of printing
- B. the invention of writing
- C. the writing surfaces
- D. the flood-gate of books
- E. the building of libraries

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There was once a terrible famine in the land of the animals. Food and money was scarce. Hunger made everyone very weak.

Dinso the tortoise became very worried because his mother fell ill and was at the point of death. He didn't have money for her funeral rites if she died. He thought of what to do, but ran out of ideas. Just when he got tired of thinking, he had an idea; a tricky one

He assembled all the animals and said to them, "I am going to a distant land in search of food for all of us who are hungry. Do not send for me unless something unusual happens". Everyone agreed.

So, Dinso left without his mother. Three days later, his mother died and Dinso could not be sent for. Discovering the trick, the elephant advised, "Let's tell Dinso that the palm tree bears fruits at the end of its leaves. This is unusual and should make him return quickly"

The other animals welcomed the idea, thanked the elephant for the good advice and sent for Dinso. On hearing of palm trees bearing fruits at the end of the leaves, he hastened back. When he arrived, the animals said to him, "Your mother is dead. Now, you have to arrange for her funeral according to our custom. You can't deceive people all the time".

14. The most suitable title for the passage could be _____.

- A. Dinso and the Elephant
- B. Dinso's Mother's Death
- C. Dinso's Trick
- D. Famine in Animals' Land
- E. Searching for Food

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15. According to the writer, the number of people who own a camera will _____.

- A. increase as time passes
- B. decrease as time passes
- C. remain the same with time
- D. become less than it used to be
- E. be increased by government at once

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16. What effect would the sentence have on the convict?

- A. Fear and panic
- B. Guilt and repentance
- C. Joy and happiness
- D. Shock and sadness
- E. None of the above

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17. What category of people are usually left behind in the villages?

- A. Lazy people and famers.
- B. Old people and children.
- C. Women and children.
- D. Fisherman and famers.
- E. Drivers and carpenters.

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18. What did Sango see outside, under the mango tree?

- A. Dark maria
- B. Harsh maria
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- D. White maria
- E. Blue maria

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19. According to the writer, people leave the villages for the urban areas _____.

- A. to look for jobs
- B. in search of better ideas
- C. in search of white-collar jobs
- D. to check for blue-collar jobs
- E. in search of better jobs

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20. For older people, photographs are valuable because they enable them to

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- A. look back at memorable moments
- B. practise composition
- C. learn something useful from teenagers
- D. to be more observant
- E. save money for the rainy day

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21. According to the passage, the writer thinks that photography is _____.

- A. a hobby for teenagers only
- B. difficult for teenagers
- C. a lifetime hobby
- D. only enjoyed by youths
- E. an easily learned hobby

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22. According to the passage, which three important developments led to the growth of the world of books?

- A. Paper machines and clay tablets.
- B. The invention of writing, surfaces to write on, and printing.
- C. Walls, papyrus, and animal skin.
- D. Early man, Babylonians, and Egyptians.
- E. Bookshops, libraries, and private home.

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23. What might have been told Aina the night before?

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- B. To plead sorry.
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- D. To plead guilty.
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24. According to the writer, what is the wrong impression of our youths concerning agriculture?

- A. They regard agriculture as a poor man's business.
- B. They regard agriculture as useful.
- C. They regard agriculture as a dirty job.
- D. They regard agriculture as a white-collar job.
- E. They don't regard agriculture as a profession.

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The capital and chief port of Mauritius is Port Louis on the West Coast. Behind it, rises a picturesque range of hills, and of trees bordering the central plateau. The coastal plain around the plateau is narrow except in the North.

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25. According to the author, the Island is enclosed by _____.

- A. ports
- B. plateaus
- C. coastal plains
- D. coral reefs
- E. ranges of hills

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26. Which of the following lists most correctly states all the writing surfaces mentioned in the passage?

- A. Caves, paper, skin, tablets, and Egyptians.
- B. Walls, clay, animal surface, and papyrus.
- C. Papyrus, caves walls, and Babylonians.
- D. Paper, animal skins, papyrus, clay, tablets, and cave walls.
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27. The expression flood-gate as used in the passage refers to a _____.

- A. passage that allows a great flow of water into where books are kept
- B. big gate which allows light pass to a reader of books
- C. means of supplying water to bookshops, libraries and homes
- D. dam gate allowing flood water to irrigate farms in those days
- E. means through which books were made available to readers

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- B. She said not guilty.
- C. She pleaded guilty in a faint voice.
- D. She pleaded guilty, with a smile.
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29. According to Sango's thoughts, when Aina pleaded guilty, it meant that _____.

- A. she may have accepted the policeman's advice.
- B. she did not know what she was saying.
- C. she would do it again.
- D. she had actually been caught stealing.
- E. none of the above.

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30. What type of jobs do the modern youths like most?

- A. Farming
- B. Mechanical work
- C. White-collar job
- D. Oil bunkering
- E. Petro-chemical

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- A. The Development of Books
- B. Types of Writing
- C. Development of Writing Styles
- D. The Flood-Gate of Books
- E. The Invention of Printing

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32. Why did Sango feel a lump in his throat?

- A. He swallowed a big object.
- B. He was too sad to speak.
- C. He felt sorry for the girl.
- D. He had a disease.
- E. He was crying.

TOPIC: COMPREHENSION: UNDERSTANDING CONTEXTUAL MEANING

DIRECTION: Choose the correct answer from the lettered options.

From option A - E, choose the one that BEST INTERPRETS the sentence below:

1. This woman is married to my grandfather. This means that _____.

- A. she is my wife's grand father
- B. she is my grandfather's wife
- C. she is my wife's grandfather's woman
- D. she is my grandfather's wife woman
- E. my grandfather is a married woman

2. Igwe will be ill unless he starts taking a little more salt in his food. This means that Igwe _____.

- A. doesn't eat enough salt
- B. eats too much salt
- C. doesn't eat any salt at all
- D. has just the right amount of salt and so is never ill
- E. is ill because he eats too much salt

3. You are allowed to write your names in pencil only. This means that _____.

- A. you may not write your names with a pen
- B. use a pen if you haven't got a pencil
- C. you mustn't use a pencil to write your names
- D. writing your names in ink is better than in pencil
- E. you will be punished if you don't write your names in pencil

4. Ngozi said she didn't mind looking after her sister's baby. This means that she _____.

- A. didn't think she can look after her sister's baby.
- B. was not ready to look after her sister's baby
- C. was willing to look after her sister's baby
- D. doesn't know how to look after her sister's baby
- E. didn't remember looking after her sister's baby

5. As well as arriving late everyday, Barida's work is terribly untidy. This means that _____.

- A. Barida's only fault is untidiness.
- B. Barida's only fault is lateness.
- C. Barida has two faults, untidiness and lateness.
- D. Barida will not come late except for his untidiness.
- E. Barida was untidy due to his lateness.

*Below the following statement, are five other statements lettered A - E, only **ONE** of which agrees with the first. Identify that one.*

6. Students are allowed to play ball games in the back yard only. This means that _____.

- A. students can't play ball games anywhere else
- B. students can play ball games anywhere within the premises
- C. students are expected to play all games
- D. students are exempted from playing ball games
- E. students can play ball games anywhere they like

7. Idahtonye said he didn't mind washing the dirty clothes for his father. This means that he_____.

- A. was not willing to wash his father's dirty clothes

- B. was willing to wash his father's dirty clothes
- C. does not know how to wash dirty clothes
- D. was not ready to wash his father's dirty clothes

8. Most of these cattle once belonged to the chief. This means that _____.

- A. the chief kept these cattle for a long time
- B. the chief owns most of the cattle
- C. only few of these cows belongs to the chief
- D. the chief used to own nearly all these cows
- E. the chief hasn't got many cows now

9. Omene has not been going to school for the past two weeks. This means that _____.

- A. Omene is going to school now
- B. Omene has been in school
- C. Omene will come to school
- D. Omene has stopped going to school
- E. Omene was driven from school

10. The electricity was cut off about an hour ago. This means that _____.

- A. the electricity is on again now
- B. there is no electricity at the moment
- C. we had the electricity on for an hour
- D. we've had electricity for an hour now
- E. we never have electricity for more than one hour

TOPIC: DETERMINERS

DIRECTION: Choose the correct answer from the lettered options.

Fill in the blank space with the most appropriate option.

1. Oroma said she had _____ of work to do this weekend.

- A. a few
- B. a lot
- C. few
- D. many
- E. a little

2. The teacher said she could use _____ help from us.

- A. few
- B. little
- C. a few
- D. a little
- E. many

3. Our English Language teacher gives us _____ assignments.

- A. many
- B. little
- C. few
- D. much
- E. a little

4. Jemina is a reserved person and that is why she has _____ friends.

- A. any
- B. a little

- C. a few
- D. much
- E. little

5. I had so _____ fun at Jumai's party.

- A. much
- B. any
- C. few
- D. many
- E. a little

6. I would be glad to have _____ water.

- A. most
- B. a few
- C. many
- D. few
- E. some

From the options lettered A - E, choose the word/group of words that BEST COMPLETES the gap in the following sentence.

7. The assignment looked _____ simple that Asama thought she would not fail any one of them.

- A. very
- B. quite
- C. much
- D. so
- E. extremely

8. The farmers didn't use _____ fertilizer last year.

- A. much
- B. many
- C. most
- D. little
- E. a little

9. The yellow bag on the table is _____.

- A. James'
- B. Jamesis
- C. Jameses
- D. James
- E. Jame's

10. Why don't you wait _____ longer?

- A. a little
- B. very
- C. many
- D. little
- E. more

11. Give the child _____ bread.

- A. a
- B. some
- C. few
- D. lots of
- E. many

12. The care-giver has paid very _____ attention to the child.

- A. plenty
- B. most
- C. little
- D. few
- E. many

13. Can you give me _____ money please?

- A. either
- B. a
- C. each
- D. no
- E. some

TOPIC: LITERARY TERMS

DIRECTION: Choose the correct answer from the lettered options.

1. The character in conflict with the hero in a literary work is called _____.

- A. protagonist
- B. antagonist
- C. character
- D. actor
- E. adversary

2. _____ refers to an individual's personal account of an event, or incident.

- A. Prose
- B. Anecdote
- C. Novel
- D. Pun
- E. Synecdoche

3. _____ is a device used to reveal a past experience in a story.

- A. Flashback
- B. Flash forward
- C. Foreshadow
- D. Flash sideways
- E. Memory flash

4. A panegyric poem is meant to _____.

- A. abuse evil doers
- B. advise people
- C. praise people

- D. welcome people
- E. say goodbye

5. _____ is a poem in which a single person who is not the poet himself, utters the entire poem in a specific situation at a critical moment all by himself. He addresses and interacts with one or more other people in the poem; unintentionally saying things that reveal his temperament and character.

- A. Epic
- B. Ballard
- C. Dramatic monologue
- D. Ballad
- E. Monometonymy

6. A _____ is a brief narrative poem in the form of a song; strongly marked by emotion, melody and imagination. The musical element is realised through rhythm.

- A. solilogny
- B. farce
- C. lyric
- D. rhyme
- E. none of the above

7. The central idea of any piece of writing is called the _____.

- A. theme
- B. plot
- C. spectacle
- D. setting
- E. style

From options A - E, choose the most appropriate answer.

8. Which of the following describes a ballad ?
- A. Physical courage and love are the frequent themes.
 - B. It is usually based on things that happen to important people.
 - C. Each of its stanza consists of six lines.
 - D. It brings imaginary characters to life.
 - E. None of the above
9. A novelist may decide to use all of the following EXCEPT _____.
- A. plain narration
 - B. decriptions
 - C. dialogue
 - D. epic
 - E. proverbs
10. Which of the following best describes an ode?
- A. It is addressed to a person or thing.
 - B. It is a poem of nine lines.
 - C. It is a poem meant to be danced.
 - D. It is a poem with fourteen stanzas.
 - E. None of the above.
11. The statement: "The housewife is as busy as a bee" is an example of _____.
- A. simile
 - B. metaphor
 - C. oxymoron
 - D. repetition
 - E. hyperbole

12. Literature is concerned with a writer's _____.

- A. method of expression
- B. object of discussion
- C. favourite topic
- D. cultural heritage
- E. none of the above

13. The following are types of novels EXCEPT _____.

- A. historical novel
- B. political novel
- C. propaganda novel
- D. fragments novel
- E. psychological novel

14. Two types of satire include _____.

- A. Horatian and Petrarchan
- B. Shakespearian and Petrarchan
- C. Italian and English
- D. Horatian and Juvenalian
- E. Petrarchan and English

15. The play on words that are identical or similar in sound but different in meaning is called _____.

- A. plot
- B. simile
- C. pun
- D. hyperbole
- E. metaphor

16. Identify the option that least characterises an Ode.

- A. it's a lyric poem
- B. can be rhymed or unrhymed
- C. usually of about fifty to two hundred lines long.
- D. addressed to a person, object or idea
- E. None of the above

17. A writer of plays is called a _____.

- A. playwright
- B. playwright
- C. playwrite
- D. playrite
- E. playwrist

18. One of the main sections of a play is _____.

- A. diction
- B. act
- C. stanza
- D. paragraph
- E. chapter

19. A lengthy narrative poem in an elevated style is called _____.

- A. an epic
- B. a ballad
- C. an ode
- D. an elegy
- E. a farce

Choose the most appropriate option.

20. What are the elements of a novel?

- A. Theme, plot, setting and character.
- B. Story, history, theme, pun.
- C. Conflict, dictate, ballad and elegy.
- D. Anecdote, plot, character and conflict.
- E. Story, history, theme, conflict..

21. A literary tone used to make fun of human weakness, often with the intent to cause change is called _____.

- A. metaphor
- B. drama
- C. satire
- D. plot.
- E. suspense

22. Tragedy is the story of exceptional calamity leading to the death of the _____.

- A. hero
- B. antagonist
- C. playwright
- D. victim
- E. innocent

23. The author's state of mind is called _____.

- A. theme
- B. plot
- C. mood
- D. diction
- E. tone

Choose the most appropriate option.

24. All the following are elements which make up setting EXCEPT _____.

- A. geographical location of the play
- B. occupation of the characters
- C. time the play takes place
- D. environment of the characters
- E. the development of the play

25. _____ represents life through story, plot, characters, conflict and realism.

- A. Novel
- B. Poem
- C. Short story
- D. Anecdote
- E. all of the above

26. The following are characteristics of an epic EXCEPT _____.

- A. the setting is vast
- B. it is a poem of 14 lyric lines
- C. the hero is a figure of an imposing stature
- D. a style of sustained elevation is used
- E. the action requires superhuman courage

27. A person in a story is known as _____.

- A. actor
- B. protagonist
- C. antagonist
- D. plot
- E. character

28. Style in literature, is known as author's manner of _____.

- A. dancing and writing
- B. writing and speaking
- C. acting and speaking
- D. acting and speaking
- E. writing and acting

29. The novel type that deals with one major subject like religion, politics, economics or psychology is called a _____.

- A. psychology novel
- B. political novel
- C. philosophical novel
- D. propaganda novel
- E. historical novel

30. The subject matter in literature is also known as the _____.

- A. theme
- B. plot
- C. diction
- D. style
- E. vice

31. Identify the similarity between an elegy and a dirge.

- A. They are short and less formal.
- B. Both are represented as a text to be sung.
- C. Both express grief at funerals.
- D. They are long and less formal.
- E. None of the above.

32. All of the following, EXCEPT _____ are types of poetry.

- A. sonnet
- B. lyric
- C. dirge
- D. tactile
- E. ballad

33. The three elements of drama include _____.

- A. screenplay, story and flashback
- B. writers, caster and actors
- C. character, plot, dialogue
- D. prose, novel and actors
- E. none of the above

34. Which of the following does not describe prose?

- A. It's in ordinary spoken and written language of man.
- B. It is written in paragraphs.
- C. The message is conveyed without acting.
- D. It is written in lines.
- E. It involves creative imagination.

35. The Italian and English sonnets are also known as the _____ sonnets.

- A. Petrarchan and Shakespearean
- B. Shelley and Beauty
- C. Shakespearean and Partisan
- D. Onomatopoeic and Shakespearean
- E. Synecdocheic and Oxymoronic

36. _____ are the branches of literature.

- A. Subject matter, plot and theme
- B. Theme, plot and prose
- C. Prose, drama and poetry
- D. Theme, drama and plot
- E. Drama, prose and subject matter

37. A tone could take any of the following forms EXCEPT_____.

- A. indifferent and zealous
- B. sentimental and humorous
- C. satirical and passionate
- D. sarcastic and serious
- E. metaphor and simile

38. Literature and _____ are inseparable.

- A. poem
- B. language
- C. English
- D. literature
- E. literacy

TOPIC: PARTS OF SPEECH

DIRECTION: Choose the correct answer from the lettered options.

From the options lettered A - E, choose the word that BEST COMPLETES the gap in the following sentence.

1. I can't come _____ the Church as the day's work has tired me.

- A. through
- B. over
- C. on
- D. down
- E. to

2. Ngozi finds it _____ hard to read.

- A. far
- B. many
- C. much
- D. more
- E. so

3. I think she is now _____ Kano.

- A. in
- B. at
- C. with
- D. from
- E. by

4. She has been playing _____ morning.

- A. until
- B. by
- C. since
- D. for
- E. at

5. I wonder what would come out _____ the Oputa Panel.

- A. from
- B. off
- C. of
- D. to
- E. on

6. Ben gave the pen to_____.

- A. their
- B. my
- C. we
- D. our
- E. me

Fill in the blank space with the most appropriate option

7. The floor was swept _____ Nduka.

- A. on
- B. to
- C. by
- D. from
- E. at

8. Neither Diki _____ Qiana was willing to work at home.

- A. or
- B. with
- C. nor
- D. either
- E. and

9. I came _____ you sent for me.

- A. as much as
- B. as soon as
- C. sooner
- D. as long as
- E. as although

10. _____ peace has eluded Iraq for so long.

- A. Lasts
- B. Last
- C. Lasting
- D. Lastingly
- E. Lastly

11. The principal announced that _____ the recent disturbances, the school would be closed down at midday.

- A. in case of
- B. because of
- C. due to
- D. inspite of
- E. despite

12. I wonder _____ car this is.

- A. whose
- B. which
- C. who
- D. whom
- E. what

13. The soldier fired a shot _____ the air.

- A. into
- B. unto
- C. onto
- D. in
- E. by

14. She looks much better _____ a distance.

- A. on
- B. for
- C. in
- D. by
- E. from

15. All his books are _____ the table.

- A. on
- B. to
- C. of
- D. by
- E. with

16. The dogs played _____ the table.

- A. among
- B. between
- C. under
- D. above
- E. over

17. I first saw her _____ the train station.

- A. down
- B. at
- C. with
- D. from
- E. of

18. Diseye and Emi are the newly wed _____.

- A. coupling
- B. couplet
- C. couples
- D. couple
- E. coupler

19. _____ brother are you?

- A. Which
- B. Who
- C. Whose
- D. Whom
- E. none of the above

20. I heard of _____ in debts.

- A. his being
- B. him being
- C. his been
- D. him been
- E. his be

21. Mr. Dauda lives in the house _____ the bridge.

- A. beyond
- B. from
- C. against
- D. through
- E. about

22. "Please wait _____ me", cried the little lad.

- A. on
- B. for
- C. with
- D. on
- E. by

23. They studied the pictures _____ a long time.

- A. with
- B. for
- C. at
- D. on
- E. in

24. Every teacher must remain _____ the boundaries of the school compound.

- A. in
- B. on
- C. within
- D. for
- E. against

25. My hat is quite different _____ yours.

- A. and
- B. with
- C. from
- D. of
- E. by

26. One of the buttons has come _____ your shirt.

- A. out
- B. off
- C. of
- D. to
- E. on

Fill in the blank space with the most appropriate answer

27. Please, keep the clock _____ the table.

- A. in
- B. with
- C. from
- D. at
- E. on

28. Don't worry, you can always count _____ me.

- A. from
- B. with
- C. by
- D. for
- E. on

29. Dienne _____ goes to the zoo.

- A. seldomly
- B. hard
- C. seldom
- D. regular
- E. fastly

30. I prefer drinking milk _____ eating cheese.

- A. in
- B. for
- C. from
- D. to
- E. with

31. Mathematics _____ a useful subject.

- A. are
- B. is
- C. will
- D. were
- E. make

32. Our house is _____ on the express way.

- A. loudly
- B. deeply
- C. extremely
- D. well
- E. practically

33. Apart _____ what he has told you, I know nothing more.

- A. for
- B. at
- C. on
- D. from
- E. with

34. She knocked gently _____ the door.

- A. by
- B. on
- C. at
- D. in
- E. with

35. We waited for Dele _____ the station.

- A. for
- B. with
- C. from
- D. at
- E. of

36. The ball went _____ the fence.

- A. beneath
- B. above
- C. over
- D. within
- E. across

37. Opubo washed many clothes _____ his master.

- A. from
- B. for
- C. by
- D. as
- E. at

38. I can recognise her _____ her voice.

- A. in
- B. at
- C. by
- D. with
- E. for

39. Audu is the _____ boy in the family.

- A. more taller
- B. most tall
- C. tall
- D. tallest
- E. taller

40. Robert is ugly, _____ he is kind hearted.

- A. because
- B. and
- C. but
- D. even
- E. for

42. Tekena is good _____ fishing.

- A. for
- B. in
- C. on
- D. at
- E. over

43. The red car ran _____ the road and overturned.

- A. by
- B. off
- C. between
- D. under
- E. over

44. My pen is different _____ yours.

- A. as
- B. from
- C. by
- D. with
- E. for

From the options lettered A - E, choose the word/group of words that BEST COMPLETES the gap in the following sentence.

45. The boy greeted the _____.

- A. old kind man
- B. kind old man
- C. kind man old
- D. man old kind
- E. old man kind

46. They were reported to _____ in the examination.

- A. cheat
- B. be cheating
- C. have cheated
- D. being cheated
- E. having cheated

47. Whoever says there is no God must be a _____.

- A. fool
- B. wise
- C. wisdom
- D. foolish
- E. none of the above

48. Do not take that boy _____ granted

- A. for
- B. of
- C. on
- D. off
- E. in

49. The bird perched _____ a branch of the tree.

- A. on
- B. with
- C. by
- D. of
- E. from

50. Share the gifts _____ the two sisters.

- A. between
- B. among
- C. against
- D. of
- E. till

51. The thief was severely beaten _____.

- A. through
- B. down
- C. up
- D. off
- E. on

52. I ran _____ an old friend of mine _____ Broad Street.

- A. on/at
- B. under/in
- C. into/in
- D. for/on
- E. through/in

53. The farm belongs to us. It is _____.

- A. us
- B. ours
- C. our's
- D. mine
- E. we

54. The sheep ran _____ the field.

- A. between
- B. against
- C. over
- D. across
- E. among

55. The explorers died _____ malaria.

- A. of
- B. with
- C. for
- D. from
- E. by

56. I kept the cat's food _____ the roof

- A. at
- B. on
- C. above
- D. up
- E. in

57. He jumped _____ the gutter.

- A. on
- B. down
- C. over
- D. under
- E. up

58. I sent for Tonye _____ he did not come.

- A. and
- B. for
- C. but
- D. although
- E. that

59. I saw the book _____ you left.

- A. which
- B. whom
- C. that
- D. when
- E. how

60. The boy looked _____ the new moon.

- A. for
- B. at
- C. in
- D. to
- E. by

61. The farmer suffered _____ leprosy.

- A. on
- B. from
- C. of
- D. with
- E. for

62. I cannot see well because _____ sight is bad.

- A. mine
- B. me
- C. our
- D. my
- E. your

63. The boy complained _____ headache.

- A. with
- B. of
- C. for
- D. about
- E. to

64. Do not let the cat _____ the bag.

- A. out from
- B. in from
- C. in at
- D. out of
- E. out for

65. Qiana accused her brothers _____ tearing her book.

- A. off
- B. from
- C. of
- D. about
- E. with

66. They put him there _____ purpose.

- A. with
- B. for
- C. on
- D. by
- E. in

67. It is only wise to live _____ one's income.

- A. within
- B. upon
- C. through
- D. with
- E. in

68. The book _____ has torn pages is still readable.

- A. whose
- B. which
- C. whom
- D. where
- E. none of the above

69. That is the man _____ son was knocked down.

- A. who
- B. where
- C. which
- D. whose
- E. whom

70. I can't wait _____ she comes.

- A. for
- B. till
- C. when
- D. on
- E. why

From the options lettered A - E, choose the word/group of words that BEST COMPLETES the gap in the following sentence.

71. My _____ house is by the side of the road.

- A. father-in-law's
- B. fathers-in-law
- C. fathers'-in-law
- D. father-in-laws'
- E. father's-in-law

72. We have sold _____ sheep.

- A. we
- B. mine
- C. me
- D. our
- E. us

73. _____ Joe nor Anita is my friend.

- A. Neither
- B. Either
- C. Whether
- D. Maybe
- E. none of the above

74. What are you really _____?

- A. up at
- B. up to
- C. in to
- D. in at
- E. in by

75. Eric came here _____ noon.

- A. in
- B. for
- C. at
- D. since
- E. on

76. I see nothing wrong _____ what he said.

- A. with
- B. among
- C. between
- D. through
- E. below

77. James and John are sweeping _____ room.

- A. there
- B. theirs
- C. them
- D. their
- E. those

78. Your chance of passing exams depends _____ the amount of effort you make.

- A. after
- B. to
- C. from
- D. on
- E. for

79. _____ of these houses is Mr. Eze's?

- A. Where
- B. Who
- C. When
- D. Which
- E. Whom

80. The commissioner attended the ceremony on behalf _____ the governor who was ill.

- A. of
- B. for
- C. to
- D. in
- E. off

81. This book belongs to me. It is _____.

- A. ours
- B. me
- C. my
- D. I
- E. mine

82. 'Look _____ that window, you will see her'.

- A. through
- B. from
- C. at
- D. in
- E. on

83. Look at _____ herd of cattle over there.

- A. those
- B. these
- C. that
- D. this
- E. them

84. Mathematics is the subject I found _____ difficult in school.

- A. great
- B. more
- C. most
- D. much
- E. little

85. The sheep jumped _____ the moon.

- A. into
- B. on
- C. over
- D. under
- E. in

86. The ball just rolled _____ the table.

- A. out
- B. off
- C. through
- D. of
- E. to

87. Do not copy during the test _____, you will be penalised.

- A. though
- B. as soon as
- C. but
- D. then
- E. otherwise

88. Many traders went to Sabongari market _____ foot.

- A. at
- B. on
- C. in
- D. with
- E. from

89. The old car is has been put ____ for sale.

- A. on
- B. up
- C. off
- D. by
- E. with

90. We _____ live on the highway.

- A. practical
- B. seldomly
- C. well
- D. hard
- E. practically

91. _____, you have seen the pen.

- A. At last
- B. Last
- C. Lastingly
- D. Lastly
- E. Lasts

TOPIC: QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES

DIRECTION: Choose the correct answer from the lettered options.

From the options lettered A - E choose the most appropriate question tag.

1. He brought you home, _____

- A. didn't he?
- B. did he?
- C. does he?
- D. will he?
- E. can he?

2. That is her house, _____

- A. isn't it?
- B. is that?
- C. is it?
- D. ain't it?
- E. could it?

3. We did not forget to lock the door, _____

- A. don't we?
- B. didn't we?
- C. we did?
- D. did we?
- E. could we?

4. They paid for the book, _____

- A. have they?
- B. did they?

C. didn't they?

D. will they?

E. they have?

5. She isn't afraid of snakes, _____

A. isn't she?

B. is she?

C. does she?

D. will she?

E. won't she?

6. Are you angry?

A. No, I am.

B. Yes, am not.

C. Yes, I did.

D. No, I am not.

E. No, I didn't.

7. You shouldn't be doing this, _____

A. do you?

B. shan't you?

C. shall you?

D. should you?

E. shouldn't you ?

8. You will come, _____

A. won't you?

B. will you?

- C. don't you?
- D. are you?
- E. wouldn't you?

9. Did you go to school today?

- A. Yes, I did.
- B. Yes, I didn't.
- C. No, I did.
- D. I did.
- E. Maybe I did.

10. She was right, _____

- A. was she?
- B. wasn't she?
- C. she was?
- D. she wasn't?
- E. she is?

TOPIC: REPORTED SPEECH

DIRECTION: Choose the correct answer from the lettered options.

1. "I received the money from my sister", is best reported as: He explained that he _____ the money from his sister.

- A. had received
- B. has received
- C. have received
- D. receives
- E. received

2. "Did you pass the exam?" is best reported as: He asked him whether he _____ the exam.

- A. had passed
- B. has passed
- C. has pass
- D. passed
- E. was passing

TOPIC: SPEECH: CONSONANTS

DIRECTION: Choose the correct answer from the lettered options.

From the options lettered A - E, choose the word that has the same CONSONANT SOUND as the one represented by the letter underlined below.

1. measure

- A. show
- B. torture
- C. sin
- D. treasure
- E. weather

2. they

- A. tin
- B. geese
- C. thin
- D. these
- E. tank

3. church

- A. John
- B. judge
- C. nature
- D. rush
- E. sure

4. Song

A. bug

B. bag

C. bring

D. knight

E. gauge

5. yet

A. wet

B. yacht

C. get

D. naught

E. knife

TOPIC: SPEECH: VOWELS

DIRECTION: Choose the correct answer from the lettered options.

Choose from the options lettered A-E the one that has the given phonetic symbol.

1. / u: /

- A. Luck
- B. Burn
- C. Lock
- D. Blue
- E. Morning

2. / ɑ: /

- A. Cart
- B. Cat
- C. Bag
- D. Lack
- E. War

TOPIC: TENSES

DIRECTION: Choose the correct answer from the lettered options.

1. Obi is _____ to Abuja this morning.

- A. travel
- B. travels
- C. travelling
- D. travelled
- E. travailling

2. Deborah waits patiently while Bridget _____ the tickets.

- A. books
- B. bukked
- C. buked
- D. book
- E. none of the above

3. They _____ down that lane.

- A. live
- B. lives
- C. leave
- D. living
- E. liven

4. Yemisi often _____ with children.

- A. play
- B. plays
- C. playing

- D. had played
- E. placed

Fill in the blank space with the most appropriate option

5. The teacher made Obinna _____ the classroom.

- A. sweeping
- B. swept
- C. sweep
- D. sweeps
- E. swept

6. Have you _____ a drink?

- A. have
- B. has
- C. had
- D. having
- E. None of the above

From the options lettered A - E, choose the word/group of words that BEST COMPLETES the gap in the following sentence.

7. The story Igoni was reading made her _____.

- A. laughed
- B. laugh
- C. laughing
- D. to laughed
- E. to have laugh

8. Boma _____ fish daily.

- A. smoke
- B. smokes
- C. smoking
- D. smoken
- E. smoked

9. The radiator in a car engine _____ water.

- A. contained
- B. containing
- C. contain
- D. contains
- E. contains

10. Our teacher _____ us many new things.

- A. teachies
- B. teaches
- C. teaching
- D. teach
- E. taught

11. Few minutes after the bell had been _____, Ade walked into the school compound.

- A. rung
- B. rong
- C. ringed
- D. rang
- E. ring

12. Emeka _____ his pair of trousers two hours ago.

- A. wears
- B. wored
- C. wearing
- D. wore
- E. weared

13. Inifie _____ not go to my school.

- A. does
- B. do
- C. is
- D. done
- E. was

14. How long have you _____ in Nembe?

- A. living
- B. live
- C. lived
- D. lives
- E. leaved

15. The Iboris _____ parking.

- A. have started
- B. has started
- C. have starts
- D. have start
- E. has starting

TOPIC: VOCABULARY

DIRECTION: Choose the correct answer from the lettered options.

From the options lettered A - E, choose the one that is ALMOST OPPOSITE IN MEANING to the underlined word in the following sentence.

1. The principal's announcements are often rather muddled, but our teacher's explanation of them to us is always quite _____.

- A. interesting
- B. shot
- C. valuable
- D. clear
- E. good

2. In the world today, not many rich people are GENEROUS.

- A. liberal
- B. magnanimous
- C. selfish
- D. gracious
- E. noble-minded

From the options lettered A - E, choose the one that correctly fills the gap.

3. The witness gives his _____ in court.

- A. take
- B. account
- C. evidence
- D. verdict
- E. speech

4. The _____ is a group of persons selected according to law and sworn to determine the facts concerning an accusation submitted to them and then give a verdict to a court.

- A. audience
- B. jury
- C. lawyer
- D. learned friends
- E. judiciary

5. In a democratic government, the governor is usually _____.

- A. zoned
- B. norminated
- C. elected
- D. appointed
- E. selected

6. She sang so _____ that everybody admired her.

- A. audibly
- B. fluently
- C. melodiously
- D. solemnly
- E. sonorously

7. The guests were USHERED in by my uncle's wife.

- A. ordered
- B. commanded
- C. guided
- D. forced
- E. drafted

8. The jury gives the _____ after considering evidences.

- A. opinion
- B. final say
- C. reason
- D. verdict
- E. thought

From the options lettered A - E, choose the one NEAREST IN MEANING to the word underlined in the following sentence.

9. Death is an inevitable end for man.

- A. unnecessary
- B. uncertain
- C. immortal
- D. unavoidable
- E. incidental

From the options lettered A - E, choose the word or group of words that is OPPOSITE IN MEANING to the word written in capital letters

10. At the end of the case, the suspect was CONVICTED.

- A. encouraged
- B. charged
- C. imprisoned
- D. acquitted
- E. executed

11. The boy entered the classroom QUIETLY.

- A. silently
- B. enthusiastically

- C. noisily
- D. calmly
- E. gently

12. The man INADVERTENTLY killed his wife.

- A. unconsciously
- B. unintentionally
- C. intentionally
- D. negligently
- E. needlessly

13. The knees of old people are FEEBLE.

- A. bony
- B. bent
- C. strong
- D. stable
- E. weak

From the options lettered A - E, choose the word(s) that is NEAREST IN MEANING to the word written in capital letters.

14. The tailor bought an ORIGINAL sewing machine.

- A. fake
- B. counterfeit
- C. worn out
- D. outdated
- E. genuine

15. For one to attain eminence one must work very hard.

- A. reverence
- B. failure
- C. elevation
- D. greatness
- E. success

From the options lettered A - E, choose the option that best interprets the word(s) written in capital letters.

16. Opiribo is SHORT TEMPERED means that he _____.

- A. can be calm
- B. is a quiet person
- C. easily gets angry
- D. has short temple marks
- E. likes short cuts

17. Avian influenza is a/an _____ disease.

- A. dangerous
- B. infected
- C. infectious
- D. relapsing
- E. water-borne

From the options lettered A - E, choose the word NEAREST IN MEANING to the word written in capital letters

18. He kept the book UNDER the bed.

- A. inside
- B. beneath

- C. outside
- D. within
- E. over

19. The value of a new car normally depreciates with use.

- A. deepens
- B. rises
- C. weakens
- D. adjusts
- E. falls

20. The squad leader commanded the squad to HALT.

- A. stop
- B. march
- C. jump
- D. rest
- E. salute

21. Those students caught for cult activities did not show any remorse for their actions.

- A. apology
- B. sorry
- C. sympathy
- D. repentance
- E. thoughtfulness

22. Ngozi is SOFT-SPOKEN means that she speaks _____.

- A. gently

- B. slowly
- C. fluently
- D. well
- E. timidly

23. These buildings are NEW.

- A. fine
- B. foreign
- C. outdated
- D. perfect
- E. current

From the options lettered A - E, choose the one that is ALMOST OPPOSITE IN MEANING to the underlined word in the following sentence.

24. He intentionally threw the document away and somebody _____ burnt them.

- A. accidentally
- B. foolishly
- C. fortunately
- D. carelessly
- E. willingly

25. There were many mistakes in the newspaper reports because the _____ had not been carefully edited.

- A. articles
- B. captions
- C. columns
- D. drafts
- E. jottings

26. The punishment Awala recommended was too mild to be effective, but what Omiete did was rather _____.

- A. great
- B. exorbitant
- C. severe
- D. sophisticated
- E. sharp

27. The newly-wed bride wore her ring on her SLIM finger.

- A. slimmer
- B. slender
- C. small
- D. little
- E. big

28. The man rejected the offer of a job in the rural area, but preferred the one in the _____ area.

- A. local
- B. municipal
- C. township
- D. urban
- E. zonal

29. Anna ran BEHIND her mother for safety.

- A. the back of
- B. in front of
- C. at the side of
- D. backing off
- E. downwards

30. It is curious how Bayo has become very carefree in his ways while his elder brother is rather _____.

- A. eccentric
- B. lovable
- C. indifferent
- D. easy-going
- E. meticulous

31. The area which the judge sits to preside over the case is called the _____.

- A. chair
- B. judge stand
- C. alter
- D. bench
- E. podium

32. His answers became evasive when he noticed that the lawyer's questions were not _____.

- A. simple
- B. direct
- C. through
- D. honest
- E. logical

33. He was **WRONGLY** dismissed from office.

- A. unfairly
- B. maliciously
- C. rightly
- D. carelessly
- E. purposely

34. Barivule likes to plan his activities so meticulously.

- A. officially
- B. tactfully
- C. carefully
- D. sincerely
- E. suddenly

35. Don't expect anything but hypocrisy from politicians.

- A. manifestoes
- B. promises
- C. insincerity
- D. distrust
- E. rigging

36. The ____ can also be requested to approach the bench.

- A. complain
- B. innocent
- C. detainee
- D. defender
- E. defendant

37. The accused may be found _____ if the case goes against him.

- A. in jail
- B. innocent
- C. guilty
- D. implicated
- E. wicked

38. The young graduate REJECTED the offer without hesitation

- A. refused
- B. turned down
- C. received
- D. rescinded
- E. accepted

39. Some of the villagers make use of MODERN communication facilities.

- A. latest
- B. popular
- C. outdated
- D. barbaric
- E. new

40. The ____ usually announces the arrival of the ____ into the courtroom.

- A. Usher, Police
- B. Bailiff, Judge
- C. Court messenger, Inspector
- D. Lawyer, Prosecutor
- E. Director, Criminal

41. Emeka's outspokenness contrasts with the _____ of his father.

- A. humour
- B. sobriety
- C. deafness
- D. doggedness
- E. quietness

42. Edet GREETs his father every morning.

- A. hails
- B. salutes
- C. abuses
- D. praises
- E. worships

43. The death of Osaro's father derailed his plans to enter the university.

- A. stopped
- B. approved
- C. enhanced
- D. boosted
- E. ruined

44. He could not make a withdrawal because his cheque was not _____.

- A. honoured
- B. received
- C. blank
- D. unclear
- E. unopen

From the options lettered A - E, choose the word NEAREST IN MEANING to the word written in capital letters

45. The growth of stationary business is RAPID.

- A. quick
- B. slow
- C. growing
- D. dull
- E. discouraging

46. Ebere and her husband decided on a JOINT account.

- A. fixed
- B. personal
- C. company
- D. current
- E. combined

47. At the beginning of a court session, the judge requests the _____ to approach the bench.

- A. plaintiff
- B. accused
- C. prisoner
- D. offender
- E. witness

48. The load is WEIGHTY.

- A. light
- B. big
- C. small
- D. heavy
- E. huge

49. The press meeting STARTED at about 2pm.

- A. commenced
- B. ended
- C. opened
- D. finished
- E. occurred

50. Having achieved so much early in life, Mr Brown did not anticipate any downfall.

- A. expect
- B. participate
- C. imagine
- D. experience
- E. recall

51. The man was IMPOVERISHED by the expensive demands of his wife.

- A. ruined
- B. devastated
- C. retrenched
- D. sacked
- E. enriched

52. The seamstress has just finished MAKING my new dress.

- A. steaming
- B. sewing
- C. dying
- D. designing
- E. knitting

53. Show that child some AFFECTION.

- A. emotion
- B. hatred
- C. love
- D. happiness
- E. joy

54. Whatever my father says is irrevocable.

- A. unclear
- B. debatable
- C. false
- D. final
- E. special

55. A 10% _____ was given to my friend when he bought a radio set.

- A. balance
- B. bonanza
- C. change
- D. cost
- E. discount

56. The journalist was REBUKED for being too inquisitive.

- A. blamed
- B. castigated
- C. commended
- D. reproached
- E. indicted

57. After the hearing, the accused _____ not guilty.

- A. appealed
- B. argued
- C. claimed
- D. pleaded
- E. protested

58. The judge uses _____ to restore order in court.

- A. a hammer
- B. an anvil
- C. a baton
- D. a gravel
- E. a hand

59. Before a judge _____ his final judgement, the lawyer is free to plead for his client.

- A. passes
- B. comments
- C. proceeds
- D. declares
- E. states

60. During recess, the _____ withdraws into the _____ to confer among themselves.

- A. judge and lawyers/inner circle
- B. lawyers/inner cocus
- C. jury/inner chamber
- D. plaintiff/inner courtroom
- E. defendant/chambers

61. The plaintiff or defendant is allowed to _____ the witness.

- A. question
- B. cross examine
- C. inspect
- D. accuse
- E. escort

62. The witness is usually called to the _____.

- A. bench
- B. witness box
- C. witness stand
- D. elevator
- E. court stand

63. My cousin is the son of my _____.

- A. brother
- B. nephew
- C. sister
- D. step brother
- E. uncle

From the options lettered A - E, choose the word or group of words that is OPPOSITE IN MEANING to the word written in capital letters

64. Some people are DISCOURAGED by their failures.

- A. frustrated
- B. disheartened
- C. persuaded
- D. encouraged
- E. disillusioned

65. The principal goes to the zonal education office REGULARLY.

- A. often
- B. frequently
- C. steadily
- D. always
- E. rarely

66. The doctor admitted that the patient's condition was so _____, he might not survive.

- A. critical
- B. disturbing
- C. feverish
- D. pathetic
- E. pitiable

67. The annulment of the elections caused great tension in the country.

- A. withdrawal
- B. cancellation
- C. postponement
- D. restoration
- E. rigging

68. Eze went to a DISTANT country.

- A. long
- B. far
- C. mile
- D. near
- E. hidden

69. Old laws were EXPUNGED from the new constitution.

- A. erased
- B. extracted
- C. deleted
- D. concerted
- E. inserted

70. A gully which is a natural phenomenon, could not be taken for a tunnel, which is _____.

- A. supernatural
- B. artificial
- C. imitative
- D. modern
- E. false

71. He travelled in a LUXURIOUS bus.

- A. inconvenient
- B. sizable
- C. coaster
- D. expensive
- E. uncomfortable

72. Cholera is the most dreadful _____ I know.

- A. attack
- B. danger
- C. disease
- D. disturbance
- E. sickness

73. When the court is not in session, it is said to be on _____.

- A. holiday
- B. lunch
- C. leave
- D. break
- E. recess

74. The government is looking for ways to help PAUPERS in this country.

- A. sorrowful
- B. the aggrieved
- C. destitutes
- D. the rich
- E. weaklings

75. If you do not pay your rent, you will be _____.

- A. dismissed
- B. expelled
- C. evicted
- D. aborted
- E. dissuaded

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DIRECTION: Choose the correct answer from the lettered options.

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- B. lack of jobs and money
- C. their anger
- D. disappointments
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- A. have an expensive camera
- B. spend a lot on development and printing
- C. are a teenager
- D. keep your eyes open for interesting pictures
- E. you keep them in an album

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- B. just teenagers
- C. camera owners
- D. paired camera owners
- E. the poor

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4. What is the major result of the kind of movement talked about in the text?

- A. Depopulated countrysides and over-crowded cities.
- B. Over-crowded cities and social vices.
- C. Depopulated country sides and job creation.
- D. Lack of jobs and depopulated cities.
- E. Increase in agriculture and factories.

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5. Which of the following description according to the passage is most TRUE of the world of books?

- A. Fast and vast from the start.
- B. Full of bookshops and libraries all the time.
- C. Small and slow growing at first, fast growing and vast later.
- D. Fast growing and complex from the start.
- E. Full of flood gates throughout.

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6. A harsh sentence was expected from the magistrate because _____.

- A. he had a reputation for being strict
- B. he always gave the same sentence
- C. he had told the policeman the night before
- D. the police inspectors knew it
- E. he was well disciplined

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- A. The story.
- B. The incidence.
- C. The all truth.
- D. The truth.
- E. Half truth.

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8. According to the passage _____ was the best writing surface ever invented by man.

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- B. Babylonian clay
- C. Egyptian papyrus
- D. Paper
- E. Animal skins

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9. What did Sango think he should have done?

- A. Proposed to her.
- B. Spoken with her.
- C. Arrested her.
- D. Bailed her.
- E. Rescued her.

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10. "writing was done, on the early man's cave walls". What is the grammatical name of the expression "writing" as used above?

- A. Verb phrase
- B. A noun phrase
- C. Noun
- D. Verb
- E. Adjective

The correct answer is option [C].

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11. According to the passage, where are books collected in large quantities?

- A. Egypt, bookshops and caves
- B. Flood-gate, surfaces and libraries
- C. Bookshops, libraries and people's homes
- D. Your homes, caves and bookshops
- E. The world of books, bookshops and libraries

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12. What is the grammatical function of "writing" in the expression "...writing was done on the early man's cave walls"?

- A. Subject of the sentence
- B. Object of the verb
- C. Object of the preposition
- D. Complement to the subject
- E. In apposition to the noun

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- B. the invention of writing
- C. the writing surfaces
- D. the flood-gate of books
- E. the building of libraries

The correct answer is option [A].

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There was once a terrible famine in the land of the animals. Food and money was scarce. Hunger made everyone very weak.

Dinso the tortoise became very worried because his mother fell ill and was at the point of death. He didn't have money for her funeral rites if she died. He thought of what to do, but ran out of ideas. Just when he got tired of thinking, he had an idea; a tricky one

He assembled all the animals and said to them, "I am going to a distant land in search of food for all of us who are hungry. Do not send for me unless something unusual happens". Everyone agreed.

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The other animals welcomed the idea, thanked the elephant for the good advice and sent for Dinso. On hearing of palm trees bearing fruits at the end of the leaves, he hastened back. When he arrived, the animals said to him, "Your mother is dead. Now, you have to arrange for her funeral according to our custom. You can't deceive people all the time".

14. The most suitable title for the passage could be _____.

- A. Dinso and the Elephant
- B. Dinso's Mother's Death
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- E. Searching for Food

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- B. decrease as time passes
- C. remain the same with time
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- E. be increased by government at once

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16. What effect would the sentence have on the convict?

- A. Fear and panic
- B. Guilt and repentance
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- D. Shock and sadness
- E. None of the above

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17. What category of people are usually left behind in the villages?

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- B. Old people and children.
- C. Women and children.
- D. Fisherman and famers.
- E. Drivers and carpenters.

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- A. Dark maria
- B. Harsh maria
- C. Black maria
- D. White maria
- E. Blue maria

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- C. in search of white-collar jobs
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- E. in search of better jobs

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20. For older people, photographs are valuable because they enable them to

_____.

- A. look back at memorable moments
- B. practise composition
- C. learn something useful from teenagers
- D. to be more observant
- E. save money for the rainy day

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21. According to the passage, the writer thinks that photography is _____.

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- B. difficult for teenagers
- C. a lifetime hobby
- D. only enjoyed by youths
- E. an easily learned hobby

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- A. Paper machines and clay tablets.
- B. The invention of writing, surfaces to write on, and printing.
- C. Walls, papyrus, and animal skin.
- D. Early man, Babylonians, and Egyptians.
- E. Bookshops, libraries, and private home.

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23. What might have been told Aina the night before?

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- B. To plead sorry.
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- D. To plead guilty.
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24. According to the writer, what is the wrong impression of our youths concerning agriculture?

- A. They regard agriculture as a poor man's business.
- B. They regard agriculture as useful.
- C. They regard agriculture as a dirty job.
- D. They regard agriculture as a white-collar job.
- E. They don't regard agriculture as a profession.

The correct answer is option [A]

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The Island of Mauritius is on the Indian Ocean about 885 kilometres east of Madagascar. It is named after a Dutch prince, Maurice of Nassau. The country is an independent state and is a member of the Commonwealth of Nations.

Mauritius is an egg-shaped Island, surrounded by coral reefs. The climate is very hot from November to April but cool and fairly dry for the rest of the year. She usually experiences hurricanes which sometimes do great damage. Mauritius was once thickly forested with ebony and ironwood trees but most of the land has been cleared for crops. Its unique wildlife, now in danger, is of great interest. The dodo, a large flightless bird, was killed off in 1681.

The capital and chief port of Mauritius is Port Louis on the West Coast. Behind it, rises a picturesque range of hills, and of trees bordering the central plateau. The coastal plain around the plateau is narrow except in the North.

The fertile red clay soil suits nearly all tropical crops but most of the plains form a vast sugar cane plantation. Some tea and aloe (plants whose juice is used for medicine) are also grown. Much of the money earned from the sugar crop is used to bring in food; chiefly rice, for the people. There are light industries around Port Louis and tourism has become an important industry.

25. According to the author, the Island is enclosed by _____.

- A. ports
- B. plateaus
- C. coastal plains
- D. coral reefs
- E. ranges of hills

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26. Which of the following lists most correctly states all the writing surfaces mentioned in the passage?

- A. Caves, paper, skin, tablets, and Egyptians.
- B. Walls, clay, animal surface, and papyrus.
- C. Papyrus, caves walls, and Babylonians.
- D. Paper, animal skins, papyrus, clay, tablets, and cave walls.
- E. Egyptians, early man, and animal skins.

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27. The expression flood-gate as used in the passage refers to a _____.

- A. passage that allows a great flow of water into where books are kept
- B. big gate which allows light pass to a reader of books
- C. means of supplying water to bookshops, libraries and homes
- D. dam gate allowing flood water to irrigate farms in those days
- E. means through which books were made available to readers

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- A. She pleaded guilty in a harsh tone.
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29. According to Sango's thoughts, when Aina pleaded guilty, it meant that _____.

- A. she may have accepted the policeman's advice.
- B. she did not know what she was saying.
- C. she would do it again.
- D. she had actually been caught stealing.
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30. What type of jobs do the modern youths like most?

- A. Farming
- B. Mechanical work
- C. White-collar job
- D. Oil bunkering
- E. Petro-chemical

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- B. Types of Writing
- C. Development of Writing Styles
- D. The Flood-Gate of Books
- E. The Invention of Printing

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32. Why did Sango feel a lump in his throat?

- A. He swallowed a big object.
- B. He was too sad to speak.
- C. He felt sorry for the girl.
- D. He had a disease.
- E. He was crying.

The correct answer is option [C]

TOPIC: COMPREHENSION: UNDERSTANDING CONTEXTUAL MEANING

DIRECTION: Choose the correct answer from the lettered options.

From option A - E, choose the one that BEST INTERPRETS the sentence below:

1. This woman is married to my grandfather. This means that _____.

- A. she is my wife's grand father
- B. she is my grandfather's wife
- C. she is my wife's grandfather's woman
- D. she is my grandfather's wife woman
- E. my grandfather is a married woman

The correct answer is option [B]

2. Igwe will be ill unless he starts taking a little more salt in his food. This means that Igwe _____.

- A. doesn't eat enough salt
- B. eats too much salt
- C. doesn't eat any salt at all
- D. has just the right amount of salt and so is never ill
- E. is ill because he eats too much salt

The correct answer is option [A]

3. You are allowed to write your names in pencil only. This means that _____.

- A. you may not write your names with a pen
- B. use a pen if you haven't got a pencil
- C. you mustn't use a pencil to write your names
- D. writing your names in ink is better than in pencil
- E. you will be punished if you don't write your names in pencil

The correct answer is option [A]

4. Ngozi said she didn't mind looking after her sister's baby. This means that she _____.

- A. didn't think she can look after her sister's baby.
- B. was not ready to look after her sister's baby
- C. was willing to look after her sister's baby
- D. doesn't know how to look after her sister's baby
- E. didn't remember looking after her sister's baby

The correct answer is option [C]

5. As well as arriving late everyday, Barida's work is terribly untidy. This means that _____.

- A. Barida's only fault is untidiness.
- B. Barida's only fault is lateness.
- C. Barida has two faults, untidiness and lateness.
- D. Barida will not come late except for his untidiness.
- E. Barida was untidy due to his lateness.

The correct answer is option [C]

*Below the following statement, are five other statements lettered A - E, only **ONE** of which agrees with the first. Identify that one.*

6. Students are allowed to play ball games in the back yard only. This means that _____.

- A. students can't play ball games anywhere else
- B. students can play ball games anywhere within the premises
- C. students are expected to play all games
- D. students are exempted from playing ball games
- E. students can play ball games anywhere they like

The correct answer is option [A]

7. Idahtonye said he didn't mind washing the dirty clothes for his father. This means that he_____.

- A. was not willing to wash his father's dirty clothes
- B. was willing to wash his father's dirty clothes
- C. does not know how to wash dirty clothes
- D. was not ready to wash his father's dirty clothes

The correct answer is option [B]

8. Most of these cattle once belonged to the chief. This means that _____.

- A. the chief kept these cattle for a long time
- B. the chief owns most of the cattle
- C. only few of these cows belongs to the chief
- D. the chief used to own nearly all these cows
- E. the chief hasn't got many cows now

The correct answer is option [D]

9. Omene has not been going to school for the past two weeks. This means that _____.

- A. Omene is going to school now
- B. Omene has been in school
- C. Omene will come to school
- D. Omene has stopped going to school
- E. Omene was driven from school

The correct answer is option [D]

10. The electricity was cut off about an hour ago. This means that _____.

- A. the electricity is on again now
- B. there is no electricity at the moment
- C. we had the electricity on for an hour
- D. we've had electricity for an hour now
- E. we never have electricity for more than one hour

The correct answer is option [B]

TOPIC: DETERMINERS

DIRECTION: Choose the correct answer from the lettered options.

Fill in the blank space with the most appropriate option.

1. Oroma said she had _____ of work to do this weekend.

- A. a few
- B. a lot
- C. few
- D. many
- E. a little

The correct answer is option [B]

2. The teacher said she could use _____ help from us.

- A. few
- B. little
- C. a few
- D. a little
- E. many

The correct answer is option [D]

3. Our English Language teacher gives us _____ assignments.

- A. many
- B. little
- C. few
- D. much
- E. a little

The correct answer is option [A]

4. Jemina is a reserved person and that is why she has _____ friends.

- A. any
- B. a little
- C. a few
- D. much
- E. little

The correct answer is option [C].

5. I had so _____ fun at Jumai's party.

- A. much
- B. any
- C. few
- D. many
- E. a little

The correct answer is option [A]

6. I would be glad to have _____ water.

- A. most
- B. a few
- C. many
- D. few
- E. some

The correct answer is option [E]

From the options lettered A - E, choose the word/group of words that BEST COMPLETES the gap in the following sentence.

7. The assignment looked _____ simple that Asama thought she would not fail any one of them.

- A. very
- B. quite
- C. much
- D. so
- E. extremely

The correct answer is option [D].

8. The farmers didn't use _____ fertilizer last year.

- A. much
- B. many
- C. most
- D. little
- E. a little

The correct answer is option [A]

9. The yellow bag on the table is _____.

- A. James'
- B. Jamesis
- C. Jameses
- D. James
- E. Jame's

The correct answer is option [A]

10. Why don't you wait _____ longer?

- A. a little
- B. very
- C. many
- D. little
- E. more

The correct answer is option [A]

11. Give the child _____ bread.

- A. a
- B. some
- C. few
- D. lots of
- E. many

The correct answer is option [B]

12. The care-giver has paid very _____ attention to the child.

- A. plenty
- B. most
- C. little
- D. few
- E. many

The correct answer is option [C]

13. Can you give me _____ money please?

- A. either
- B. a
- C. each
- D. no
- E. some

The correct answer is option [E]

TOPIC: LITERARY TERMS

DIRECTION: Choose the correct answer from the lettered options.

1. The character in conflict with the hero in a literary work is called _____.

- A. protagonist
- B. antagonist
- C. character
- D. actor
- E. adversary

The correct answer is option [B]

2. _____ refers to an individual's personal account of an event, or incident.

- A. Prose
- B. Anecdote
- C. Novel
- D. Pun
- E. Synecdoche

The correct answer is option [B]

3. _____ is a device used to reveal a past experience in a story.

- A. Flashback
- B. Flash forward
- C. Foreshadow
- D. Flash sideways
- E. Memory flash

The correct answer is option [A]

4. A panegyric poem is meant to _____.

- A. abuse evil doers
- B. advise people
- C. praise people
- D. welcome people
- E. say goodbye

The correct answer is option [C]

5. _____ is a poem in which a single person who is not the poet himself, utters the entire poem in a specific situation at a critical moment all by himself. He addresses and interacts with one or more other people in the poem; unintentionally saying things that reveal his temperament and character.

- A. Epic
- B. Ballard
- C. Dramatic monologue
- D. Ballad
- E. Monometonymy

The correct answer is option [C]

6. A _____ is a brief narrative poem in the form of a song; strongly marked by emotion, melody and imagination. The musical element is realised through rhythm.

- A. solilogy
- B. farce
- C. lyric
- D. rhyme
- E. none of the above

The correct answer is option [C]

7. The central idea of any piece of writing is called the _____.

- A. theme
- B. plot
- C. spectacle
- D. setting
- E. style

The correct answer is option [A]

From options A - E, choose the most appropriate answer.

8. Which of the following describes a ballad ?

- A. Physical courage and love are the frequent themes.
- B. It is usually based on things that happen to important people.
- C. Each of its stanza consists of six lines.
- D. It brings imaginary characters to life.
- E. None of the above

The correct answer is option [A]

9. A novelist may decide to use all of the following EXCEPT _____.

- A. plain narration
- B. descriptions
- C. dialogue
- D. epic
- E. proverbs

The correct answer is option [E]

10. Which of the following best describes an ode?

- A. It is addressed to a person or thing.
- B. It is a poem of nine lines.

- C. It is a poem meant to be danced.
- D. It is a poem with fourteen stanzas.
- E. None of the above.

The correct answer is option [A]

11. The statement: "The housewife is as busy as a bee" is an example of _____.

- A. simile
- B. metaphor
- C. oxymoron
- D. repetition
- E. hyperbole

The correct answer is option [A]

12. Literature is concerned with a writer's _____.

- A. method of expression
- B. object of discussion
- C. favourite topic
- D. cultural heritage
- E. none of the above

The correct answer is option [A]

13. The following are types of novels EXCEPT _____.

- A. historical novel
- B. political novel
- C. propaganda novel
- D. fragments novel
- E. psychological novel

The correct answer is option [D]

14. Two types of satire include _____.

- A. Horatian and Petrarchan
- B. Shakespearian and Petrarchan
- C. Italian and English
- D. Horatian and Juvenalian
- E. Petrarchan and English

The correct answer is option [D]

15. The play on words that are identical or similar in sound but different in meaning is called _____.

- A. plot
- B. simile
- C. pun
- D. hyperbole
- E. metaphor

The correct answer is option [C]

16. Identify the option that least characterises an Ode.

- A. it's a lyric poem
- B. can be rhymed or unrhymed
- C. usually of about fifty to two hundred lines long.
- D. addressed to a person, object or idea
- E. None of the above

The correct answer is option [E]

17. A writer of plays is called a _____.

- A. playwright
- B. playwright

- C. playwright
- D. playrite
- E. playwrist

The correct answer is option [B]

18. One of the main sections of a play is _____.

- A. diction
- B. act
- C. stanza
- D. paragraph
- E. chapter

The correct answer is option [B]

19. A lengthy narrative poem in an elevated style is called _____.

- A. an epic
- B. a ballad
- C. an ode
- D. an elegy
- E. a farce

The correct answer is option [A]

Choose the most appropriate option.

20. What are the elements of a novel?

- A. Theme, plot, setting and character.
- B. Story, history, theme, pun.
- C. Conflict, dictate, ballad and elegy.
- D. Anecdote, plot, character and conflict.
- E. Story, history, theme, conflict..

The correct answer is option [A]

21. A literary tone used to make fun of human weakness, often with the intent to cause change is called _____.

- A. metaphor
- B. drama
- C. satire
- D. plot.
- E. suspense

The correct answer is option [C]

22. Tragedy is the story of exceptional calamity leading to the death of the _____.

- A. hero
- B. antagonist
- C. playwright
- D. victim
- E. innocent

The correct answer is option [A]

23. The author's state of mind is called _____.

- A. theme
- B. plot
- C. mood
- D. diction
- E. tone

The correct answer is option [C]

Choose the most appropriate option.

24. All the following are elements which make up setting EXCEPT _____.

- A. geographical location of the play
- B. occupation of the characters
- C. time the play takes place
- D. environment of the characters
- E. the development of the play

The correct answer is option [E]

25. _____ represents life through story, plot, characters, conflict and realism.

- A. Novel
- B. Poem
- C. Short story
- D. Anecdote
- E. all of the above

The correct answer is option [A]

26. The following are characteristics of an epic EXCEPT _____.

- A. the setting is vast
- B. it is a poem of 14 lyric lines
- C. the hero is a figure of an imposing stature
- D. a style of sustained elevation is used
- E. the action requires superhuman courage

The correct answer is option [B]

27. A person in a story is known as _____.

- A. actor
- B. protagonist

C. antagonist

D. plot

E. character

The correct answer is option [E]

28. Style in literature, is known as author's manner of _____.

A. dancing and writing

B. writing and speaking

C. acting and speaking

D. acting and speaking

E. writing and acting

The correct answer is option [B]

29. The novel type that deals with one major subject like religion, politics, economics or psychology is called a _____.

A. psychology novel

B. political novel

C. philosophical novel

D. propaganda novel

E. historical novel

The correct answer is option [D]

30. The subject matter in literature is also known as the _____.

A. theme

B. plot

C. diction

D. style

E. vice

The correct answer is option [A]

31. Identify the similarity between an elegy and a dirge.

- A. They are short and less formal.
- B. Both are represented as a text to be sung.
- C. Both express grief at funerals.
- D. They are long and less formal.
- E. None of the above.

The correct answer is option [C]

32. All of the following, EXCEPT _____ are types of poetry.

- A. sonnet
- B. lyric
- C. dirge
- D. tactile
- E. ballad

The correct answer is option [D]

33. The three elements of drama include _____.

- A. screenplay, story and flashback
- B. writers, caster and actors
- C. character, plot, dialogue
- D. prose, novel and actors
- E. none of the above

The correct answer is option [C]

Other elements of drama are; theme, genre, convention, conversions, design, audience.

34. Which of the following does not describe prose?

- A. It's in ordinary spoken and written language of man.
- B. It is written in paragraphs.
- C. The message is conveyed without acting.
- D. It is written in lines.
- E. It involves creative imagination.

The correct answer is option [D]

35. The Italian and English sonnets are also known as the _____ sonnets.

- A. Petrarchan and Shakespearean
- B. Shelley and Beauty
- C. Shakespearean and Partisan
- D. Onomatopoeic and Shakespearean
- E. Synecdocheic and Oxymoronic

The correct answer is option [A]

36. _____ are the branches of literature.

- A. Subject matter, plot and theme
- B. Theme, plot and prose
- C. Prose, drama and poetry
- D. Theme, drama and plot
- E. Drama, prose and subject matter

The correct answer is option [C]

37. A tone could take any of the following forms EXCEPT_____.

- A. indifferent and zealous
- B. sentimental and humorous
- C. satirical and passionate

D. sarcastic and serious

E. metaphor and simile

The correct answer is option [E]

38. Literature and _____ are inseparable.

A. poem

B. language

C. English

D. literature

E. literacy

The correct answer is option [B]

TOPIC: PARTS OF SPEECH

DIRECTION: Choose the correct answer from the lettered options.

From the options lettered A - E, choose the word that BEST COMPLETES the gap in the following sentence.

1. I can't come _____ the Church as the day's work has tired me.

- A. through
- B. over
- C. on
- D. down
- E. to

The correct answer is option [E].

2. Ngozi finds it _____ hard to read.

- A. far
- B. many
- C. much
- D. more
- E. so

The correct answer is option [E]

3. I think she is now _____ Kano.

- A. in
- B. at
- C. with
- D. from
- E. by

The correct answer is option [A]

4. She has been playing _____ morning.

- A. until
- B. by
- C. since
- D. for
- E. at

The correct answer is option [C]

5. I wonder what would come out _____ the Oputa Panel.

- A. from
- B. off
- C. of
- D. to
- E. on

The correct answer is option [C]

6. Ben gave the pen to_____.

- A. their
- B. my
- C. we
- D. our
- E. me

The correct answer option is [E]

Fill in the blank space with the most appropriate option

7. The floor was swept _____ Nduka.

- A. on
- B. to

- C. by
- D. from
- E. at

The correct answer option is [C]

8. Neither Diki _____ Qiana was willing to work at home.

- A. or
- B. with
- C. nor
- D. either
- E. and

The correct answer is option [C]

9. I came _____ you sent for me.

- A. as much as
- B. as soon as
- C. sooner
- D. as long as
- E. as although

The correct answer is option [B]

10. _____ peace has eluded Iraq for so long.

- A. Lasts
- B. Last
- C. Lasting
- D. Lastingly
- E. Lastly

The correct answer is option [C]

11. The principal announced that _____ the recent disturbances, the school would be closed down at midday.

- A. in case of
- B. because of
- C. due to
- D. inspite of
- E. despite

The correct answer is option [C].

12. I wonder _____ car this is.

- A. whose
- B. which
- C. who
- D. whom
- E. what

The correct answer is option [A].

13. The soldier fired a shot _____ the air.

- A. into
- B. unto
- C. onto
- D. in
- E. by

The correct answer option is [A]

14. She looks much better _____ a distance.

- A. on
- B. for
- C. in
- D. by
- E. from

The correct answer is option [E]

15. All his books are _____ the table.

- A. on
- B. to
- C. of
- D. by
- E. with

The correct answer option is [A]

16. The dogs played _____ the table.

- A. among
- B. between
- C. under
- D. above
- E. over

The correct answer option is [C]

17. I first saw her _____ the train station.

- A. down
- B. at
- C. with

D. from

E. of

The correct answer is option [B]

18. Diseye and Emi are the newly wed _____.

A. coupling

B. couplet

C. couples

D. couple

E. coupler

The correct answer is option [D]

19. _____ brother are you?

A. Which

B. Who

C. Whose

D. Whom

E. none of the above

The correct answer is option [C]

20. I heard of _____ in debts.

A. his being

B. him being

C. his been

D. him been

E. his be

The correct answer is option [A]

21. Mr. Dauda lives in the house _____ the bridge.

- A. beyond
- B. from
- C. against
- D. through
- E. about

The correct answer is option [A]

22. "Please wait _____ me", cried the little lad.

- A. on
- B. for
- C. with
- D. on
- E. by

The correct answer option is [B]

23. They studied the pictures _____ a long time.

- A. with
- B. for
- C. at
- D. on
- E. in

The correct answer is option [B]

24. Every teacher must remain _____ the boundaries of the school compound.

- A. in
- B. on
- C. within

- D. for
- E. against

The correct answer is option [C].

25. My hat is quite different _____ yours.

- A. and
- B. with
- C. from
- D. of
- E. by

The correct answer option is [C]

26. One of the buttons has come _____ your shirt.

- A. out
- B. off
- C. of
- D. to
- E. on

The correct answer is option [B]

Fill in the blank space with the most appropriate answer

27. Please, keep the clock _____ the table.

- A. in
- B. with
- C. from
- D. at
- E. on

The correct answer option is [E]

28. Don't worry, you can always count _____ me.

- A. from
- B. with
- C. by
- D. for
- E. on

The correct answer is option [E]

29. Dienne _____ goes to the zoo.

- A. seldomly
- B. hard
- C. seldom
- D. regular
- E. fastly

The correct answer is option [C]

30. I prefer drinking milk _____ eating cheese.

- A. in
- B. for
- C. from
- D. to
- E. with

The correct answer is option [D]

31. Mathematics _____ a useful subject.

- A. are
- B. is
- C. will

- D. were
- E. make

The correct answer is option [B]

32. Our house is _____ on the express way.

- A. loudly
- B. deeply
- C. extremely
- D. well
- E. practically

The correct answer is option [E]

33. Apart _____ what he has told you, I know nothing more.

- A. for
- B. at
- C. on
- D. from
- E. with

The correct answer is option [D]

34. She knocked gently _____ the door.

- A. by
- B. on
- C. at
- D. in
- E. with

The correct answer option is [B]

35. We waited for Dele _____ the station.

- A. for
- B. with
- C. from
- D. at
- E. of

The correct answer option is [D]

36. The ball went _____ the fence.

- A. beneath
- B. above
- C. over
- D. within
- E. across

The correct answer option is [C]

37. Opubo washed many clothes _____ his master.

- A. from
- B. for
- C. by
- D. as
- E. at

The correct answer option is [B]

38. I can recognise her _____ her voice.

- A. in
- B. at
- C. by

D. with

E. for

The correct answer is option [C]

39. Audu is the _____ boy in the family.

A. more taller

B. most tall

C. tall

D. tallest

E. taller

The correct answer is option [D]

40. Robert is ugly, _____ he is kind hearted.

A. because

B. and

C. but

D. even

E. for

The correct answer is option [C]

42. Tekena is good _____ fishing.

A. for

B. in

C. on

D. at

E. over

The correct answer is option [D]

43. The red car ran _____ the road and overturned.

- A. by
- B. off
- C. between
- D. under
- E. over

The correct answer option is [B]

44. My pen is different _____ yours.

- A. as
- B. from
- C. by
- D. with
- E. for

The correct answer option is [B]

From the options lettered A - E, choose the word/group of words that BEST COMPLETES the gap in the following sentence.

45. The boy greeted the _____.

- A. old kind man
- B. kind old man
- C. kind man old
- D. man old kind
- E. old man kind

The correct answer is option [B].

46. They were reported to _____ in the examination.

- A. cheat
- B. be cheating
- C. have cheated
- D. being cheated
- E. having cheated

The correct answer is option [C].

47. Whoever says there is no God must be a _____.

- A. fool
- B. wise
- C. wisdom
- D. foolish
- E. none of the above

The correct answer is option [A]

48. Do not take that boy _____ granted

- A. for
- B. of
- C. on
- D. off
- E. in

The correct answer is option [A]

49. The bird perched _____ a branch of the tree.

- A. on
- B. with
- C. by

- D. of
- E. from

The correct answer option is [A]

50. Share the gifts _____ the two sisters.

- A. between
- B. among
- C. against
- D. of
- E. till

The correct answer is option [A]

51. The thief was severely beaten _____.

- A. through
- B. down
- C. up
- D. off
- E. on

The correct answer is option [C]

52. I ran _____ an old friend of mine _____ Broad Street.

- A. on/at
- B. under/in
- C. into/in
- D. for/on
- E. through/in

The correct answer is option [C]

53. The farm belongs to us. It is _____.

- A. us
- B. ours
- C. our's
- D. mine
- E. we

The correct answer option is [B]

54. The sheep ran _____ the field.

- A. between
- B. against
- C. over
- D. across
- E. among

The correct answer option is [D]

55. The explorers died _____ malaria.

- A. of
- B. with
- C. for
- D. from
- E. by

The correct answer option is [A]

56. I kept the cat's food ____ the roof

- A. at
- B. on
- C. above

D. up

E. in

The correct answer is option [B]

57. He jumped _____ the gutter.

A. on

B. down

C. over

D. under

E. up

The correct answer option is [C]

58. I sent for Tonye _____ he did not come.

A. and

B. for

C. but

D. although

E. that

The correct answer option is [C]

59. I saw the book _____ you left.

A. which

B. whom

C. that

D. when

E. how

The correct answer option is [A]

60. The boy looked _____ the new moon.

- A. for
- B. at
- C. in
- D. to
- E. by

The correct answer option is [B]

61. The farmer suffered _____ leprosy.

- A. on
- B. from
- C. of
- D. with
- E. for

The correct answer option is [B]

62. I cannot see well because _____ sight is bad.

- A. mine
- B. me
- C. our
- D. my
- E. your

The correct answer option is [D]

63. The boy complained _____ headache.

- A. with
- B. of
- C. for

D. about

E. to

The correct answer option is [B]

64. Do not let the cat _____ the bag.

A. out from

B. in from

C. in at

D. out of

E. out for

The correct answer is option [D]

65. Qiana accused her brothers _____ tearing her book.

A. off

B. from

C. of

D. about

E. with

The correct answer is option [C]

66. They put him there _____ purpose.

A. with

B. for

C. on

D. by

E. in

The correct answer is option [C]

67. It is only wise to live ____ one's income.

- A. within
- B. upon
- C. through
- D. with
- E. in

The correct answer is option [A]

68. The book _____ has torn pages is still readable.

- A. whose
- B. which
- C. whom
- D. where
- E. none of the above

The correct answer is option [B]

69. That is the man _____ son was knocked down.

- A. who
- B. where
- C. which
- D. whose
- E. whom

The correct answer is option [D]

70. I can't wait _____ she comes.

- A. for
- B. till
- C. when

- D. on
- E. why

The correct answer is option [B]

From the options lettered A - E, choose the word/group of words that BEST COMPLETES the gap in the following sentence.

71. My _____ house is by the side of the road.

- A. father-in-law's
- B. fathers-in-law
- C. fathers'-in-law
- D. father-in-laws'
- E. father's-in-law

The correct answer is option [A].

72. We have sold _____ sheep.

- A. we
- B. mine
- C. me
- D. our
- E. us

The correct answer option is [D]

73. _____ Joe nor Anita is my friend.

- A. Neither
- B. Either
- C. Whether
- D. Maybe
- E. none of the above

The correct answer is option [A]

74. What are you really _____?

- A. up at
- B. up to
- C. in to
- D. in at
- E. in by

The correct answer is option [B]

75. Eric came here _____ noon.

- A. in
- B. for
- C. at
- D. since
- E. on

The correct answer is option [C]

76. I see nothing wrong _____ what he said.

- A. with
- B. among
- C. between
- D. through
- E. below

The correct answer is option [A]

77. James and John are sweeping _____ room.

- A. there
- B. theirs
- C. them

- D. their
- E. those

The correct answer is option [D]

78. Your chance of passing exams depends _____ the amount of effort you make.

- A. after
- B. to
- C. from
- D. on
- E. for

The correct answer is option [D]

79. _____ of these houses is Mr. Eze's?

- A. Where
- B. Who
- C. When
- D. Which
- E. Whom

The correct answer option is [D]

80. The commissioner attended the ceremony on behalf _____ the governor who was ill.

- A. of
- B. for
- C. to
- D. in
- E. off

The correct answer is option [A]

81. This book belongs to me. It is _____.

- A. ours
- B. me
- C. my
- D. I
- E. mine

The correct answer option is [E]

82. 'Look _____ that window, you will see her'.

- A. through
- B. from
- C. at
- D. in
- E. on

The correct answer option is [A]

83. Look at _____ herd of cattle over there.

- A. those
- B. these
- C. that
- D. this
- E. them

The correct answer is option [C]

84. Mathematics is the subject I found _____ difficult in school.

- A. great
- B. more
- C. most

D. much

E. little

The correct answer is option [C]

85. The sheep jumped _____ the moon.

A. into

B. on

C. over

D. under

E. in

The correct answer option is [C]

86. The ball just rolled _____ the table.

A. out

B. off

C. through

D. of

E. to

The correct answer is option [B]

87. Do not copy during the test _____, you will be penalised.

A. though

B. as soon as

C. but

D. then

E. otherwise

The correct answer is option [E]

88. Many traders went to Sabongari market ____ foot.

- A. at
- B. on
- C. in
- D. with
- E. from

The correct answer option is [B]

89. The old car is has been put ____ for sale.

- A. on
- B. up
- C. off
- D. by
- E. with

The correct answer is option [B]

90. We _____ live on the highway.

- A. practical
- B. seldomly
- C. well
- D. hard
- E. practically

The correct answer is option [E]

The correct answer is none of the above because 'you keep your mouth shut not close'

91. _____, you have seen the pen.

- A. At last
- B. Last
- C. Lastingly
- D. Lastly
- E. Lasts

The correct answer is option [A]

TOPIC: QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES

DIRECTION: Choose the correct answer from the lettered options.

From the options lettered A - E choose the most appropriate question tag.

1. He brought you home, _____

- A. didn't he?
- B. did he?
- C. does he?
- D. will he?
- E. can he?

The correct answer is option [A]

2. That is her house, _____

- A. isn't it?
- B. is that?
- C. is it?
- D. ain't it?
- E. could it?

The correct answer is option [A]

3. We did not forget to lock the door, _____

- A. don't we?
- B. didn't we?
- C. we did?
- D. did we?
- E. could we?

The correct answer is option [D]

4. They paid for the book, _____

- A. have they?
- B. did they?
- C. didn't they?
- D. will they?
- E. they have?

The correct answer is option [C]

5. She isn't afraid of snakes, _____

- A. isn't she?
- B. is she?
- C. does she?
- D. will she?
- E. won't she?

The correct answer is option [B]

6. Are you angry?

- A. No, I am.
- B. Yes, am not.
- C. Yes, I did.
- D. No, I am not.
- E. No, I didn't.

The correct answer is option [D]

7. You shouldn't be doing this, _____

- A. do you?
- B. shan't you?
- C. shall you?

- D. should you?
- E. shouldn't you ?

The correct answer is option [D]

8. You will come, _____

- A. won't you?
- B. will you?
- C. don't you?
- D. are you?
- E. wouldn't you?

The correct answer is option [A]

9. Did you go to school today?

- A. Yes, I did.
- B. Yes, I didn't.
- C. No, I did.
- D. I did.
- E. Maybe I did.

The correct answer is option [A]

10. She was right, _____

- A. was she?
- B. wasn't she?
- C. she was?
- D. she wasn't?
- E. she is?

The correct answer is option [B]

TOPIC: REPORTED SPEECH

DIRECTION: Choose the correct answer from the lettered options.

1. "I received the money from my sister", is best reported as: He explained that he _____ the money from his sister.

- A. had received
- B. has received
- C. have received
- D. receives
- E. received

The correct answer is option [E]

2. "Did you pass the exam?" is best reported as: He asked him whether he _____ the exam.

- A. had passed
- B. has passed
- C. has pass
- D. passed
- E. was passing

The correct answer is option [D]

TOPIC: SPEECH: CONSONANTS

DIRECTION: Choose the correct answer from the lettered options.

From the options lettered A - E, choose the word that has the same CONSONANT SOUND as the one represented by the letter underlined below.

1. measure

- A. show
- B. torture
- C. sin
- D. treasure
- E. weather

The correct answer is option [D].

2. they

- A. tin
- B. geese
- C. thin
- D. these
- E. tank

The correct answer is option [D].

3. church

- A. John
- B. judge
- C. nature
- D. rush
- E. sure

The correct answer is option [C].

4. Song

A. bug

B. bag

C. bring

D. knight

E. gauge

The correct answer is option [C].

5. yet

A. wet

B. yacht

C. get

D. naught

E. knife

The correct answer is option [B]

TOPIC: SPEECH: VOWELS

DIRECTION: Choose the correct answer from the lettered options.

Choose from the options lettered A-E the one that has the given phonetic symbol.

1. / u: /

- A. Luck
- B. Burn
- C. Lock
- D. Blue
- E. Morning

The correct answer option is [D].

2. / a: /

- A. Cart
- B. Cat
- C. Bag
- D. Lack
- E. War

The correct answer option is [A].

TOPIC: TENSES

DIRECTION: Choose the correct answer from the lettered options.

1. Obi is _____ to Abuja this morning.

- A. travel
- B. travels
- C. travelling
- D. travelled
- E. travailling

The correct answer is option [C]

2. Deborah waits patiently while Bridget _____ the tickets.

- A. books
- B. bukked
- C. buked
- D. book
- E. none of the above

The correct answer is option [A]

3. They _____ down that lane.

- A. live
- B. lives
- C. leave
- D. living
- E. liven

The correct answer option is [A]

4. Yemisi often _____ with children.

- A. play
- B. plays
- C. playing
- D. had played
- E. placed

The correct answer option is [B]

Fill in the blank space with the most appropriate option

5. The teacher made Obinna _____ the classroom.

- A. sweeping
- B. swept
- C. sweep
- D. sweeps
- E. swept

The correct answer option is [C]

6. Have you _____ a drink?

- A. have
- B. has
- C. had
- D. having
- E. None of the above

The correct answer is option [C]

From the options lettered A - E, choose the word/group of words that BEST COMPLETES the gap in the following sentence.

7. The story Igoni was reading made her _____.

- A. laughed
- B. laugh
- C. laughing
- D. to laughed
- E. to have laugh

The correct answer is option [B].

8. Boma _____ fish daily.

- A. smoke
- B. smokes
- C. smoking
- D. smoken
- E. smoked

The correct answer is option [B]

9. The radiator in a car engine _____ water.

- A. contained
- B. containing
- C. contain
- D. contains
- E. contains

The correct answer is option [E]

10. Our teacher _____ us many new things.

- A. teachies
- B. teaches
- C. teaching
- D. teach
- E. teached

The correct answer is option [B]

11. Few minutes after the bell had been _____, Ade walked into the school compound.

- A. rung
- B. rong
- C. ringed
- D. rang
- E. ring

The correct answer is option [A]

12. Emeka _____ his pair of trousers two hours ago.

- A. wears
- B. wored
- C. wearing
- D. wore
- E. weared

The correct answer is option [D]

13. Inifie _____ not go to my school.

- A. does
- B. do

- C. is
- D. done
- E. was

The correct answer is option [A]

14. How long have you _____ in Nembe?

- A. living
- B. live
- C. lived
- D. lives
- E. leaved

The correct answer is option [C]

15. The Iboris _____ parking.

- A. have started
- B. has started
- C. have starts
- D. have start
- E. has starting

The correct answer is option [A]

TOPIC: VOCABULARY

DIRECTION: Choose the correct answer from the lettered options.

From the options lettered A - E, choose the one that is ALMOST OPPOSITE IN MEANING to the underlined word in the following sentence.

1. The principal's announcements are often rather muddled, but our teacher's explanation of them to us is always quite _____.

- A. interesting
- B. shot
- C. valuable
- D. clear
- E. good

The correct answer is option [D].

2. In the world today, not many rich people are GENEROUS.

- A. liberal
- B. magnanimous
- C. selfish
- D. gracious
- E. noble-minded

The correct answer is option [C]

From the options lettered A - E, choose the one that correctly fills the gap.

3. The witness gives his _____ in court.

- A. take
- B. account
- C. evidence
- D. verdict

E. speech

The correct answer is option [C].

4. The _____ is a group of persons selected according to law and sworn to determine the facts concerning an accusation submitted to them and then give a verdict to a court.

A. audience

B. jury

C. lawyer

D. learned friends

E. judiciary

The correct answer is option [B].

5. In a democratic government, the governor is usually _____.

A. zoned

B. norminated

C. elected

D. appointed

E. selected

The correct answer is option [C]

6. She sang so _____ that everybody admired her.

A. audibly

B. fluently

C. melodiously

D. solemnly

E. sonorously

The correct answer is option [C]

7. The guests were USHERED in by my uncle's wife.

- A. ordered
- B. commanded
- C. guided
- D. forced
- E. drafted

The correct answer is option [C]

8. The jury gives the _____ after considering evidences.

- A. opinion
- B. final say
- C. reason
- D. verdict
- E. thought

The correct answer is option [D].

From the options lettered A - E, choose the one NEAREST IN MEANING to the word underlined in the following sentence.

9. Death is an inevitable end for man.

- A. unnecessary
- B. uncertain
- C. immortal
- D. unavoidable
- E. incidental

The correct answer is option [D].

From the options lettered A - E, choose the word or group of words that is OPPOSITE IN MEANING to the word written in capital letters

10. At the end of the case, the suspect was CONVICTED.

- A. encouraged
- B. charged
- C. imprisoned
- D. acquitted
- E. executed

The correct answer is option [D]

11. The boy entered the classroom QUIETLY.

- A. silently
- B. enthusiastically
- C. noisily
- D. calmly
- E. gently

The correct answer is option [C]

12. The man INADVERTENTLY killed his wife.

- A. unconsciously
- B. unintentionally
- C. intentionally
- D. negligently
- E. needlessly

The correct answer is option [C]

13. The knees of old people are FEEBLE.

- A. bony

- B. bent
- C. strong
- D. stable
- E. weak

The correct answer option is [E]

From the options lettered A - E, choose the word(s) that is NEAREST IN MEANING to the word written in capital letters.

14. The tailor bought an ORIGINAL sewing machine.

- A. fake
- B. counterfeit
- C. worn out
- D. outdated
- E. genuine

The correct answer option is [E]

15. For one to attain eminence one must work very hard.

- A. reverence
- B. failure
- C. elevation
- D. greatness
- E. success

The correct answer is option [D].

From the options lettered A - E, choose the option that best interprets the word(s) written in capital letters.

16. Opiribo is SHORT TEMPERED means that he _____.

- A. can be calm

- B. is a quiet person
- C. easily gets angry
- D. has short temple marks
- E. likes short cuts

The correct answer is option [C]

17. Avian influenza is a/an _____ disease.

- A. dangerous
- B. infected
- C. infectious
- D. relapsing
- E. water-borne

The correct answer is option [C]

From the options lettered A - E, choose the word NEAREST IN MEANING to the word written in capital letters

18. He kept the book UNDER the bed.

- A. inside
- B. beneath
- C. outside
- D. within
- E. over

The correct answer option is [B]

19. The value of a new car normally depreciates with use.

- A. deepens
- B. rises
- C. weakens

- D. adjusts
- E. falls

The correct answer is option [E].

20. The squad leader commanded the squad to HALT.

- A. stop
- B. march
- C. jump
- D. rest
- E. salute

The correct answer option is [A]

21. Those students caught for cult activities did not show any remorse for their actions.

- A. apology
- B. sorry
- C. sympathy
- D. repentance
- E. thoughtfulness

The correct answer is option [D].

22. Ngozi is SOFT-SPOKEN means that she speaks _____.

- A. gently
- B. slowly
- C. fluently
- D. well
- E. timidly

The correct answer is option [A]

23. These buildings are NEW.

- A. fine
- B. foreign
- C. outdated
- D. perfect
- E. current

The correct answer is option [E]

From the options lettered A - E, choose the one that is ALMOST OPPOSITE IN MEANING to the underlined word in the following sentence.

24. He intentionally threw the document away and somebody _____ burnt them.

- A. accidentally
- B. foolishly
- C. fortunately
- D. carelessly
- E. willingly

The correct answer is option [A].

25. There were many mistakes in the newspaper reports because the _____ had not been carefully edited.

- A. articles
- B. captions
- C. columns
- D. drafts
- E. jottings

The correct answer is option [A]

26. The punishment Awala recommended was too mild to be effective, but what Omiete did was rather _____.

- A. great
- B. exorbitant
- C. severe
- D. sophisticated
- E. sharp

The correct answer is option [C].

27. The newly-wed bride wore her ring on her SLIM finger.

- A. slimmer
- B. slender
- C. small
- D. little
- E. big

The correct answer option is [B]

28. The man rejected the offer of a job in the rural area, but preferred the one in the _____ area.

- A. local
- B. municipal
- C. township
- D. urban
- E. zonal

The correct answer is option [D].

29. Anna ran BEHIND her mother for safety.

- A. the back of

- B. in front of
- C. at the side of
- D. backing off
- E. downwards

The correct answer option is [A]

30. It is curious how Bayo has become very carefree in his ways while his elder brother is rather _____.

- A. eccentric
- B. lovable
- C. indifferent
- D. easy-going
- E. meticulous

The correct answer is option [E].

31. The area which the judge sits to preside over the case is called the _____.

- A. chair
- B. judge stand
- C. alter
- D. bench
- E. podium

The correct answer is option [D].

32. His answers became evasive when he noticed that the lawyer's questions were not _____.

- A. simple
- B. direct
- C. through

D. honest

E. logical

The correct answer is option [B].

33. He was **WRONGLY** dismissed from office.

A. unfairly

B. maliciously

C. rightly

D. carelessly

E. purposely

The correct answer is option [C]

34. Barivule likes to plan his activities so meticulously.

A. officially

B. tactfully

C. carefully

D. sincerely

E. suddenly

The correct answer is option [C].

35. Don't expect anything but hypocrisy from politicians.

A. manifestoes

B. promises

C. insincerity

D. distrust

E. rigging

The correct answer is option [C].

36. The ____ can also be requested to approach the bench.

- A. complain
- B. innocent
- C. detainee
- D. defender
- E. defendant

The correct answer is option [E].

37. The accused may be found _____ if the case goes against him.

- A. in jail
- B. innocent
- C. guilty
- D. implicated
- E. wicked

The correct answer is option [C].

38. The young graduate REJECTED the offer without hesitation

- A. refused
- B. turned down
- C. received
- D. rescinded
- E. accepted

The correct answer is option [E]

39. Some of the villagers make use of MODERN communication facilities.

- A. latest
- B. popular
- C. outdated

- D. barbaric
- E. new

The correct answer is option [C]

40. The _____ usually announces the arrival of the _____ into the courtroom.

- A. Usher, Police
- B. Bailiff, Judge
- C. Court messenger, Inspector
- D. Lawyer, Prosecutor
- E. Director, Criminal

The correct answer is option [B].

41. Emeka's outspokenness contrasts with the _____ of his father.

- A. humour
- B. sobriety
- C. deafness
- D. doggedness
- E. quietness

The correct answer is option [E].

42. Edet GREETs his father every morning.

- A. hails
- B. salutes
- C. abuses
- D. praises
- E. worships

The correct answer option is [B]

43. The death of Osaro's father derailed his plans to enter the university.

- A. stopped
- B. approved
- C. enhanced
- D. boosted
- E. ruined

The correct answer is option [A].

44. He could not make a withdrawal because his cheque was not _____.

- A. honoured
- B. received
- C. blank
- D. unclear
- E. unopen

The correct answer is option [A]

From the options lettered A - E, choose the word NEAREST IN MEANING to the word written in capital letters

45. The growth of stationary business is RAPID.

- A. quick
- B. slow
- C. growing
- D. dull
- E. discouraging

The correct answer option is [A]

46. Ebere and her husband decided on a JOINT account.

- A. fixed
- B. personal
- C. company
- D. current
- E. combined

The correct answer option is [E]

47. At the beginning of a court session, the judge requests the _____ to approach the bench.

- A. plaintiff
- B. accused
- C. prisoner
- D. offender
- E. witness

The correct answer is option [A].

48. The load is WEIGHTY.

- A. light
- B. big
- C. small
- D. heavy
- E. huge

The correct answer option is [D]

49. The press meeting STARTED at about 2pm.

- A. commenced
- B. ended

C. opened

D. finished

E. occurred

The correct answer is option [A]

50. Having achieved so much early in life, Mr Brown did not anticipate any downfall.

A. expect

B. participate

C. imagine

D. experience

E. recall

The correct answer is option [A].

51. The man was IMPOVERISHED by the expensive demands of his wife.

A. ruined

B. devastated

C. retrenched

D. sacked

E. enriched

The correct answer is option [E]

52. The seamstress has just finished MAKING my new dress.

A. steaming

B. sewing

C. dying

D. designing

E. knitting

The correct answer option is [B]

53. Show that child some AFFECTION.

- A. emotion
- B. hatred
- C. love
- D. happiness
- E. joy

The correct answer option is [C]

54. Whatever my father says is irrevocable.

- A. unclear
- B. debatable
- C. false
- D. final
- E. special

The correct answer is option [D].

55. A 10% _____ was given to my friend when he bought a radio set.

- A. balance
- B. bonanza
- C. change
- D. cost
- E. discount

The correct answer is option [E]

56. The journalist was REBUKED for being too inquisitive.

- A. blamed
- B. castigated
- C. commended

- D. reproached
- E. indicted

The correct answer is option [C]

57. After the hearing, the accused _____ not guilty.

- A. appealed
- B. argued
- C. claimed
- D. pleaded
- E. protested

The correct answer is option [D]

58. The judge uses _____ to restore order in court.

- A. a hammer
- B. an anvil
- C. a baton
- D. a gavel
- E. a hand

The correct answer is option [D].

59. Before a judge _____ his final judgement, the lawyer is free to plead for his client.

- A. passes
- B. comments
- C. proceeds
- D. declares
- E. states

The correct answer is option [A]

60. During recess, the _____ withdraws into the _____ to confer among themselves.

- A. judge and lawyers/inner circle
- B. lawyers/inner cocus
- C. jury/inner chamber
- D. plaintiff/inner courtroom
- E. defendant/chambers

The correct answer is option [C].

61. The plaintiff or defendant is allowed to _____ the witness.

- A. question
- B. cross examine
- C. inspect
- D. accuse
- E. escort

The correct answer is option [B].

62. The witness is usually called to the _____.

- A. bench
- B. witness box
- C. witness stand
- D. elevator
- E. court stand

The correct answer is option [B].

63. My cousin is the son of my _____.

- A. brother
- B. nephew

- C. sister
- D. step brother
- E. uncle

The correct answer is option [E]

From the options lettered A - E, choose the word or group of words that is OPPOSITE IN MEANING to the word written in capital letters

64. Some people are DISCOURAGED by their failures.

- A. frustrated
- B. disheartened
- C. persuaded
- D. encouraged
- E. disillusioned

The correct answer is option [D]

65. The principal goes to the zonal education office REGULARLY.

- A. often
- B. frequently
- C. steadily
- D. always
- E. rarely

The correct answer is option [E]

66. The doctor admitted that the patient's condition was so _____, he might not survive.

- A. critical
- B. disturbing
- C. feverish

- D. pathetic
- E. pitiable

The correct answer is option [A]

67. The annulment of the elections caused great tension in the country.

- A. withdrawal
- B. cancellation
- C. postponement
- D. restoration
- E. rigging

The correct answer is option [B].

68. Eze went to a DISTANT country.

- A. long
- B. far
- C. mile
- D. near
- E. hidden

The correct answer option is [B]

69. Old laws were EXPUNGED from the new constitution.

- A. erased
- B. extracted
- C. deleted
- D. concerted
- E. inserted

The correct answer is option [E]

70. A gully which is a natural phenomenon, could not be taken for a tunnel, which is _____.

- A. supernatural
- B. artificial
- C. imitative
- D. modern
- E. false

The correct answer is option [B].

71. He travelled in a LUXURIOUS bus.

- A. inconvenient
- B. sizable
- C. coaster
- D. expensive
- E. uncomfortable

The correct answer is option [E]

72. Cholera is the most dreadful _____ I know.

- A. attack
- B. danger
- C. disease
- D. disturbance
- E. sickness

The correct answer is option [C]

73. When the court is not in session, it is said to be on _____.

- A. holiday
- B. lunch

- C. leave
- D. break
- E. recess

The correct answer is option [E].

74. The government is looking for ways to help PAUPERS in this country.

- A. sorrowful
- B. the aggrieved
- C. destitutes
- D. the rich
- E. weaklings

The correct answer is option [C]

75. If you do not pay your rent, you will be _____.

- A. dismissed
- B. expelled
- C. evicted
- D. aborted
- E. dissuaded

The correct answer is option [C]