

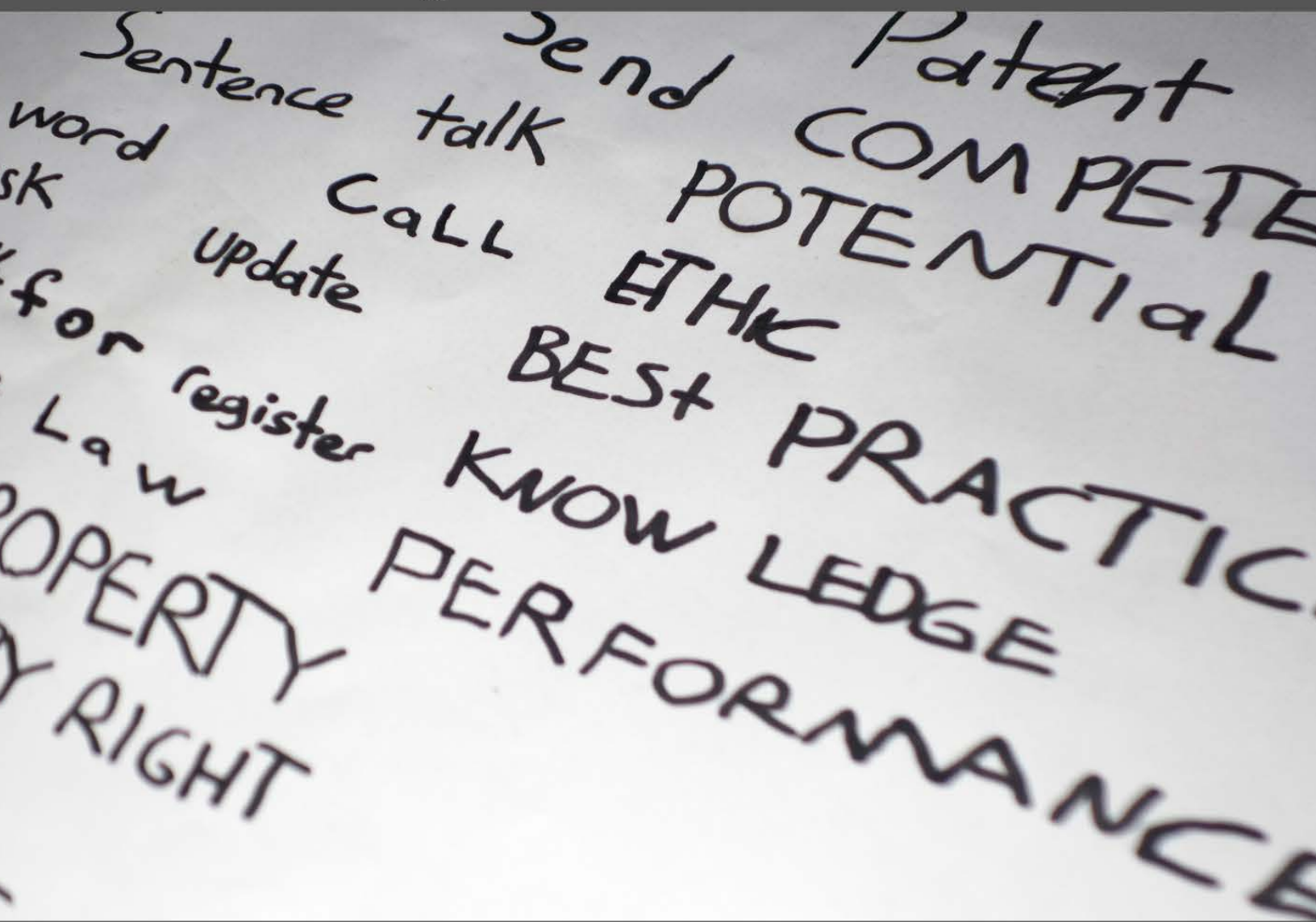
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## Junior Secondary School

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## Practice Questions and Answers



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# QUESTIONS

**TOPIC: COMPREHENSION**

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

Read the passage carefully and answer the question.

1. A toy is one of the best presents you can buy for a child. With toys around children, they tend to be focused while playing. Even when they are alone playing, you will hear them talking excitedly as though a living being was there with them. Some children are frightened at terrifying toys and most times cry for such toys to be taken far away from them. Toys help the imaginations of children and they easily relate what they see to the environment. Most times, the toys of children are replaced with new ones at Christmas as gift comes in from parents, uncles, aunties, Santa clause etc., giving them a lasting joy throughout the year that follows.

Schools understand the imaginary status of the child and as such, toys and colours are used to get their attention in learning. Toys come in sizes and colours that a child cannot resist. It is not expensive and can be afforded by even the poorest family. Parents are encouraged to put a smile on the faces of their children by buying them toys.

What makes some children cry in the passage?

- A. Toys
- B. Refusal of parents to buy toys
- C. Some toys are terrifying
- D. Schools and their method of teaching
- E. Possessed toys

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2. Coal is a black solid mineral found underneath the ground. It is formed from dead trees and vegetation buried under ground. There are two types of coal; the hard coal or anthracite which burns slowly without smoke and the bituminous coal which burns with smoke. Coal is mined beneath the earth's surface. Miners dig into the ground and use machines to get coal from the coal mines.

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Nigeria's coal reserve consists mainly of \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. bituminous and anthracite coal
- B. anthracite coal
- C. bituminous coal
- D. coal products
- E. coal

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3. As one grows up to the teenage stage of life, one seeks to be more independent, make decisions for oneself and take up responsibilities as they come. This is a very sensitive stage of life, as the teenager wants to grow faster into the adult that he/she sees.

The teenager is that young boy or girl within the age range of 13 and 19 years; the age range where "peer pressure" is very high. The young boy or girl is easily influenced by "fellow teens" to do that which appears to be standard to their age range irrespective of whether the outcome of such a decision is positive or negative.

Parents who have teenagers are admonished to be involved in their lives, as to help them make the right decisions for life.

The teenager wants to grow faster into \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. a beautiful woman
- B. the adult he sees

- C. into a father
- D. into a youth
- E. into a handsome man

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Toys help to develop a child's creative skills and schools recognise it. That is why toys and colours are used to catch children's attention in learning. Toys come in different sizes and colours that a child cannot resist. They also come in different ranges that are affordable for even the poorest family. Parents are encouraged to put a smile on the faces of their children by buying them toys.

According to the writer, who replaces the toys of children?

- A. Friends only.
- B. Relations and acquaintances.
- C. Friends and acquaintances.
- D. Relations and friends.
- E. Relations only

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5. Over four hundred rats once lived in a thatched mud house. Though there was plenty of food and holes were easily made in the mud, these rats were most unhappy because black pussy, the cat, was also living in the same house.

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Who had a good idea?

- A. a small rat
- B. a big rat
- C. a brave rat
- D. a young rat
- E. a old rat

6. The rate at which people from rural areas migrate to the urban areas is on the increase every year. Many of the immigrants are school leavers in search of gainful employment in the urban areas. This results in over-crowded cities and depopulated country sides. Country life, with its fresh air, is forgotten. Only old people and children are left behind. Our forests are in their natural state. Valuable customs, crafts and art become things of the past. While the main occupation of the people living in most rural areas is agriculture, the youths seem to have a wrong perception about it; they see it as a poor man's business. They prefer white-collar jobs to farming and don't see the wealth that can come to them from agriculture. When these youths get to the cities, they get so disappointed as they don't get what they want and realise that life in the city is not as easy as they were made to believe. They experience hardship and lack jobs and money. Thus, most of them end up stranded and frustrated and indulge in so many social vices in order to make ends meet. Many of them end up as criminals while others dust themselves and head back to their villages. One way the government can check this movement is by setting up factories in the rural areas. Other ways include providing good medical services, means of transportation and



communication; building libraries, and post offices are equally important amenities necessary in rural areas. This way, the white collar jobs so desired by the youths will be created. The villages will then become attractive and healthy for the people and the youth especially, will appreciate living there.

Who does the writer say needs to check migration?

- A. Government
- B. Politicians
- C. Soldiers
- D. Students

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Who was willing to bell the cat?

- A. Nobody
- B. Somebody
- C. Anybody

- D. The cat
- E. Everybody

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One major way of checking migration is by \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. setting up factories in rural areas
- B. building more schools
- C. providing pipe borne water
- D. encouraging agriculture

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Give the most suitable title for the passage?

- A. The Young Rat
- B. The Brave Young Rats
- C. Belling the Cat
- D. The Rats and the Pussy Cat
- E. Hunger in the Land of the Rats

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What made the rats weak?

- A. Running
- B. Hunger
- C. Fear
- D. Food
- E. none of the above

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The house of the rats is built with \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. mud
- B. sand
- C. clay
- D. bricks
- E. none of the above

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The bell was to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. warn the rats
- B. give the rats some music
- C. make the rats dance
- D. provide food for the rats
- E. warm the rats

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Why were the rats unhappy?

- A. There was a dog in that same house.
- B. There was a cat in that same house.
- C. There was a snake in that same house.
- D. There was a lion in that same house.
- E. A cat used to live in the same house

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They returned to their holes with a clear understanding that \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. things were harder than they thought
- B. it was easier to say things than do them
- C. things said are hard to do
- D. saying things was harder than doing them
- E. none of the above

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Nigeria has an estimated \_\_\_\_\_ tones reserve of bituminous coal.

- A. 250 billion
- B. 450 million
- C. 250 thousand million
- D. 350 million

E. 350 billion

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Another word for chatting as used in the passage is \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. talking
- B. speaking
- C. playing
- D. eavesdropping
- E. teaching

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According to the passage, the writer thinks that toys

- A. are harmful and dangerous.
- B. frightens all the children.
- C. make them talk to themselves like mad people.
- D. helps the creativity of children.
- E. all of the above

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According to the passage, what were they supposed to tie around Pussy's neck?

- A. A bell
- B. A fish
- C. A net
- D. A radio
- E. A torch light

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According to the passage, coal is produced from \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. solidified crude oil
- B. molten rock
- C. molten sand
- D. long dead trees and vegetation
- E. spilled petroleum

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According to the passage, there are \_\_\_\_\_ types of coal?

- A. two
- B. four
- C. three
- D. one
- E. none of the above

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Extracted chemicals from coal can be used to make \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. perfumes
- B. oil
- C. gas
- D. tar
- E. coke

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According to the passage, the main difference between bituminous coal and anthracite coal is that \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. bituminous coal produces electricity while anthracite coal does not
- B. bituminous coal produces oil while anthracite coal does not
- C. bituminous coal burns with smoke while anthracite coal burns slowly without smoke
- D. bituminous coal burns with smoke while anthracite coal burns slowly with smoke
- E. bituminous coal burns off easily anthracite coal does not

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Nigeria's coal reserve is situated mainly in the \_\_\_\_\_ States of Nigeria.

- A. Southern
- B. Eastern
- C. Northern
- D. Western
- E. three

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Coal can be got through \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. drilling
- B. mining
- C. excavation
- D. sucking
- E. burning

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25. Until the later part of the nineteenth century, the Europeans knew little about the interior of Africa. By then, much had been learnt about America, Asia and Australia. Africa was then named 'The Dark Continent' by Stanley, the British explorer who had explored the Congo Basin; a river with beautiful falls that was named after him. Besides this, the dark skinned nature of the people of Africa may have earned her the name 'Dark Continent'.

In trying to answer the question why so little was known about the hinterlands of Africa until the last two hundred years, one is drawn to think that it was because the natives were unfriendly to the Europeans. This could be as a result of the enslaving treatment the natives received from the Arab slave raiders. This made many Negroes look upon all white people as slave dealers.

But we must not forget the difficulties in exploring Africa. The geographical setting in Africa which includes the Sahara Desert, rapids on rivers and the thick forest made travelling into the hinterlands very difficult. The harsh climatic conditions, mosquitoes, tsetse flies, etc, caused illness for and made the European explorers uncomfortable.

Who called Africa the 'Dark Continent'?

- A. Europeans
- B. Explorers
- C. The Americans
- D. The British
- E. Stanley

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What caused ill health to European explorers?

- A. Snake bites and malaria
- B. The climate and insects
- C. The dangerous rivers and deserts
- D. The rapids on Africa rivers
- E. The slave raiders unfriendliness

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The writer states that 'with toys around children', they tend to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. play too much



- B. be focused while playing
- C. be frightened as they play
- D. talk too much while playing
- E. be so happy

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28. Over four hundred rats once lived in a thatched mud house. Though there was plenty of food and holes were easily made in the mud, these rats were most unhappy because black pussy, the cat, was also living in the same house.

Pussy, their chief enemy, always lay in wait for them. This made them miserable and restless, for they were not free to move about. Hunger often made them weak, for they could not go in search for food.

One night, all the rats met together to plan how to solve their difficulties. Some of them suggested fighting the cat but this was found to be impossible. "I have a good idea", said a young rat, "let's tie a small bell round her neck while she is fast asleep to warn us of her movements. We shall then run into our holes whenever we hear the tinkling of the bell".

All the rats clapped their hands in support; brave young rats were asked to do the job. Then the chief of the rats remarked: "This is a good idea, dear citizens, but who will bell the cat? Let them step forward".

No one volunteered. All then went back to their holes realising that saying things was easier than doing them.

How many rats lived in the house?

- A. Over four hundred rats and a dog.
- B. Over one hundred and twenty rats.
- C. So many rats of different colours.
- D. Over two hundred rats of the same colour.
- E. Over four hundred rats.

Read the passage carefully and answer the question.

29. The rate at which people from rural areas migrate to the urban areas is on the increase every year. Many of the immigrants are school leavers in search of gainful employment in the urban areas. This results in over-crowded cities and depopulated country sides. Country life, with its fresh air, is forgotten. Only old people and children are left behind. Our forests are in their natural state. Valuable customs, crafts and art become things of the past. While the main occupation of the people living in most rural areas is agriculture, the youths seem to have a wrong perception about it; they see it as a poor man's business. They prefer white-collar jobs to farming and don't see the wealth that can come to them from agriculture. When these youths get to the cities, they get so disappointed as they don't get what they want and realise that life in the city is not as easy as they were made to believe. They experience hardship and lack jobs and money. Thus, most of them end up stranded and frustrated and indulge in so many social vices in order to make ends meet. Many of them end up as criminals while others dust themselves and head back to their villages. One way the government can check this movement is by setting up factories in the rural areas. Other ways include providing good medical services, means of transportation and communication; building libraries, and post offices are equally important amenities necessary in rural areas. This way, the white collar jobs so desired by the youths will be created. The villages will then become attractive and healthy for the people and the youth especially, will appreciate living there.

\_\_\_\_\_ is a word that can replace "migrate" without changing the meaning of the first sentence in the first paragraph.

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- B. stroll
- C. move
- D. come
- E. stay

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According to the passage, the rats once lived in a \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. roofed school house
- B. thatched, church house
- C. thatched, mud house
- D. modern skyscraper
- E. thatched, mud duplex

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Children \_\_\_\_\_ what they see to the environment.

- A. easily dominate
- B. hardly relate
- C. slightly relate
- D. hardly dominate
- E. easily relate

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A word that can replace "natives" as it is used in the passage is?

- A. Indigenes
- B. Leaders

- C. Traders
- D. Visitors
- E. Warriors

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33. Coal is a black solid mineral found underneath the ground. It is formed from dead trees and vegetation buried under ground. There are two types of coal; the hard coal or anthracite which burns slowly without smoke and the bituminous coal which burns with smoke. Coal is mined beneath the earth's surface. Miners dig into the ground and use machines to get coal from the coal mines.

Coal is used to generate heat for raising steam which in turn is used to run locomotive trains or conduct electricity. The following are products can be extracted from coal: gas, coke, tar, oils and other chemicals which can be used for making plastics, explosives, perfumes etc.

Nigeria has an estimated reserve of about 350 million tones of bituminous coal located mainly in Anambra, Enugu and Imo States. Coal is consumed mainly by the Nigerian Railways Cooperation, the Power Holding Company of Nigeria and the cement factories.

According to the passage, which are the products that could be extracted from coal?

- A. Coal, gas, coke, tar, oils
- B. Coal, petrol, coke, tar, oils
- C. Coal, gas, kerosene, tar, oils
- D. Coal, gas, diesel, tar, oils
- E. Coal, petroleum, gas, tar, oils

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According to the writer, a toy is one of

- A. the worse gift.
- B. the best gift.
- C. the best presents.
- D. the good gift.
- E. none of the above.

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The \_\_\_\_\_ was explored by Stanley.

- A. Africa Coast
- B. Congo Basin
- C. forested part of Africa
- D. interior of Africa
- E. Stanley falls

## TOPIC: DETERMINERS

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

Fill in the blank space with the most appropriate option

1. There isn't \_\_\_\_\_ dirt on the paper.

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

2. There aren't \_\_\_\_\_ books on the table.

- A. any
- B. few
- C. lots
- D. much
- E. some

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

3. There were big tropical trees on \_\_\_\_\_ side of the river.

- A. such
- B. all



- C. any
- D. both
- E. either

Fill in the blank space with the most appropriate option.

4. My friend asked me to drink \_\_\_\_\_ water.

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

## TOPIC: LITERARY TERMS

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

Fill in the blank space with the most appropriate option.

1. The man is a lion. This statement is an example of a \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. simile
- B. mood
- C. heroin
- D. metaphor
- E. villain

2. A person in a story, or literary work is called \_\_\_\_\_.

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

3. The three types of Literature are \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. story, essay and letter
- B. epic, elegy and sonnet
- C. poetry, drama and songs
- D. drama, poetry and prose
- E. dance, drama and songs

4. The \_\_\_\_\_ idea of any piece of writing is called the theme.

- A. entire
- B. whole
- C. basic
- D. centre
- E. central

5. Non-fiction in literature refers to a work that deals with \_\_\_\_\_ life events.

- A. real
- B. recorded
- C. past
- D. imaginary
- E. unseen

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

6. Literature that is spoken and not written down is called \_\_\_\_\_ literature.

- A. oral
- B. aural
- C. local
- E. ancient

Fill in the blank space with the most appropriate option.

7. When an author compares two things by using the words "like" or "as", what imagery does he apply?

- A. hyperbole
- B. irony
- C. simile

- D. paradox
- E. oxymoron

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

8. A piece of writing in which the writer records his own life history is called \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. an autobiography
- B. an epigram
- C. a biography
- D. a fable
- E. a ballad

Fill in the blank space with the most appropriate option.

9. \_\_\_\_\_ is also known as the time and a place of a story.

- A. Theme
- B. Setting
- C. Plot
- D. Oxymoron
- E. Simile

10. A playwright is one who \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. acts drama
- B. plays and writes
- C. writes plays
- D. recites poem
- E. sings in play.

11. The enemy, or bad person of a story, or literary work. is known as a \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. antagonist

- B. character
- C. foe
- D. protagonist
- E. aside

## TOPIC: PARTS OF SPEECH

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

Fill in the blank space with the most appropriate option.

1. He drove \_\_\_\_\_ me without stopping.

- A. from
- B. towards
- C. along
- D. in
- E. past

2. They are friends of \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. theirs'
- B. them
- C. me
- D. their
- E. mine

3. Nene has a strong dislike \_\_\_\_\_ scandals.

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

4. Divide the banana \_\_\_\_\_ the two of them.

- A. among

- B. between
- C. to
- D. as
- E. for

5. My shirt is quite different \_\_\_\_\_ yours.

- A. from
- B. upon
- C. above
- D. after
- E. towards

Fill in the blank space with the most appropriate option.

6. They like going to Abuja \_\_\_\_\_ road.

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

7. I came \_\_\_\_\_ the rain.

- A. in
- B. on
- C. at
- D. as

E. over

8. The father was angry \_\_\_\_\_ his son.

A. of

B. with

C. for

D. off

E. among

9. I travelled to London \_\_\_\_\_ air.

A. off

B. towards

C. by

D. above

E. upon

10. She went \_\_\_\_\_ the hill.

A. over

B. up

C. down

D. accross

E. inside



11. Obomate \_\_\_\_\_ Kunle can play well.

- A. and
- B. lest
- C. as
- D. but
- E. for

Fill in the blank space with the most appropriate option.

12. \_\_\_\_\_ of the cars is better?

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

13. Look! That car is \_\_\_\_\_ fire.

- A. through
- B. with
- C. on
- D. in
- E. into

14. \_\_\_\_\_ has ever seen a lion?

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

15. I work \_\_\_\_\_ a bank.

- A. out
- B. on
- C. around
- D. next
- E. in

16. Olu looked \_\_\_\_\_ the window.

- A. against
- B. by
- C. from
- D. over
- E. through

17. Two boats sank \_\_\_\_\_ the river yesterday.

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

18. The teacher shouted \_\_\_\_\_ the pupil.

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

E. at

From options A - E, choose the most appropriate plural form of the word written in capital letters.

19. Nigeria has beautiful STADIUM but they need to be properly maintained.

- A. stadia
- B. stadium
- C. stadia
- D. stadias
- E. stadiars

From options A - E, choose the most appropriate answer to the question

20. Which of these is a noun?

- A. Dog
- B. To
- C. Under
- D. There
- E. Above

Fill in the blank space with the most appropriate option.

21. My bed is made \_\_\_\_\_ iron.

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

22. Jane said that she wasn't familiar \_\_\_\_\_ that particular play written by Soyinka.

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

23. She took the key \_\_\_\_\_ her pocket.

- A. into
- B. out of
- C. by
- D. up to
- E. off

24. Emily is the \_\_\_\_\_ of them all.

- A. taller
- B. tall
- C. tallest
- D. talling
- E. talls

25. Tonye accused his brother \_\_\_\_\_ taking his book.

- A. of
- B. for
- C. about
- D. in
- E. form

26. Tunde jumped \_\_\_\_ a waiting car.

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

Fill in the blank space with the most appropriate option.

27. \_\_\_\_\_ broke those glasses?

- A. Who
- B. Where
- C. When
- D. Which
- E. none of the above

28. Johnson is still \_\_\_\_ bed, sleeping.

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

29. We live \_\_\_\_ that house.

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

From options A - E, choose the most appropriate plural form of the word written in capital letters.

30. The THIEF jumped over the wall.

- A. thieves
- B. theives
- C. theves
- D. thiefes
- E. thieves

Fill in the blank space with the most appropriate option.

31. The supermarket is located \_\_\_\_\_ the road.

- A. across
- B. at
- C. inside
- D. in
- E. over

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

32. Dango wanted to know if Ikiomo was \_\_\_\_\_ the phone.

- A. with
- B. over
- C. for
- D. against
- E. shout

Fill in the blank space with the most appropriate option.

33. Mr. Engine expects us to start the meeting \_\_\_\_\_ time.

- A. by
- B. for
- C. at
- D. of
- E. on

34. \_\_\_\_\_ saw Tammy last week?

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

35. Divide the mangoes \_\_\_\_\_ those two ladies.

- A. among
- B. between
- C. against
- D. for
- E. from

36. The angry mob threw stones \_\_\_\_\_ the thief.

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

37. He quarrelled \_\_\_\_\_ the driver over his balance.

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

38. Aisha was \_\_\_\_\_ than Dupe in the 100 metre race.

- A. fast
- B. faster
- C. fastest
- D. more faster
- E. most faster

Fill in the blank space with the most appropriate option.

39. I was accused \_\_\_\_\_ picking his pencil.

- A. of
- B. by
- C. for
- D. about
- E. at

40. My school bus is made \_\_\_\_\_ steel.

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



E. by

41. I asked \_\_\_\_\_ two stamps at the post office.

A. by

B. for

C. with

D. on

E. at

42. My brother came \_\_\_\_\_ Lagos.

A. with

B. by

C. of

D. on

E. from

Complete the following question with the most appropriate of the options lettered A - E.

43. Every participant \_\_\_\_\_ reported for the opening ceremony.

A. have

B. has

C. had

D. is

E. was

Fill in the blank space with the most appropriate option.

44. John jumped \_\_\_\_\_ the river.

A. onto

- B. on to
- C. by
- D. into
- E. over

45. He does everything with great care, so he is a man of \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. fashion
- B. conscience
- C. caution
- D. attention
- E. attendance

46. Ineba's behaviour was so terrible. She ought to be ashamed \_\_\_\_\_ herself.

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

47. Ebiowei is afraid \_\_\_\_\_ snakes.

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

48. The doctor put a plaster \_\_\_\_\_ my cut.

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

49. He refused \_\_\_\_\_ dance with us.

- A. and
- B. with
- C. for
- D. is
- E. to

From options A - E, choose the most appropriate plural form of the word written in capital letters.

50. The WOMAN took the sharp knife.

- A. woman
- B. womans
- C. womanies
- D. women
- E. womens

51. The stranger asked, "\_\_\_\_\_ does the farmer live?"

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

E. Were

52. He saw a parking space \_\_\_\_\_ two cars.

A. over

B. between

C. along

D. by

E. up

53. \_\_\_\_\_ did the teacher keep the duster?

A. What

B. Where

C. Which

D. Who

E. When

Fill in the blank space with the most appropriate option.

54. I walked \_\_\_\_\_ him and asked him the best way to get \_\_\_\_\_ town.

A. from / into

B. towards / over

C. along / up

D. by / on

E. up to / out of

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55. I know the CHIEF of his village.

- A. chieves
- B. chiefs
- C. chiefes
- D. chievies
- E. chief

Fill in the blank space with the most appropriate option.

56. She stood \_\_\_\_\_ a chair.

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

57. Emeka failed the test \_\_\_\_ he did not study.

- A. because
- B. for
- C. on
- D. with
- E. during

From options A - E, choose the most appropriate preposition to fill in the blank space.

58. Were you \_\_\_\_ the school team?

- A. of

- B. for
- C. at
- D. under
- E. on

Fill in the blank space with the most appropriate option.

59. The man \_\_\_\_\_ wrote that poem is an architect.

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

60. It is \_\_\_\_\_ the box.

- A. inside
- B. of
- C. atop
- D. from
- E. up

61. \_\_\_\_\_ it is raining, I always drive slowly.

- A. Although
- B. Nevertheless
- C. Until
- D. In spite of
- E. When

62. The bird is on the tree \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. over
- B. up
- C. top
- D. cover
- E. above

63. Put it \_\_\_\_\_ the desk.

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

64. We \_\_\_\_\_ rice every evening.

- A. ate
- B. eating
- C. eat
- D. eats
- E. eaten

Fill in the blank space with the most appropriate option.

65. Harry comes to work \_\_\_\_\_ car.

- A. at
- B. beside
- C. by
- D. in
- E. at

66. The hunter shot \_\_\_\_\_ the rabbit.

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

67. Please, put it \_\_\_\_\_ the desk.

- A. on
- B. into
- C. with
- D. of
- E. over

68. Bimbo was looking \_\_\_\_\_ the picture.

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

69. I need \_\_\_\_\_ study hard.

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



Fill in the blank space with the most appropriate option.

70. There was no meat in the market, \_\_\_\_\_ Preye bought some fish.

- A. unless
- B. since
- C. so
- D. in case
- E. when

71. The goats jumped \_\_\_\_\_ the fence.

- A. of
- B. by
- C. without
- D. in
- E. over

72. Onari walked \_\_\_\_\_ his office.

- A. on
- B. at
- C. into
- D. off
- E. with

73. The old woman said happily to the boy; 'thank you \_\_\_\_\_ son'.

- A. another woman's son
- B. them
- C. me
- D. my
- E. mine

74. Fishes live \_\_\_\_\_ water.

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

75. Rats live \_\_\_\_\_ holes.

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

Fill in the blank space with the most appropriate option.

76. Sunny walked slowly \_\_\_\_\_ the road.

- A. by
- B. of
- C. behind
- D. at
- E. down

77. I am looking for an electrician who \_\_\_\_\_ mount my ceiling fan.

- A. can
- B. could
- C. might
- D. shall

E. ought to

78. I saw something about it \_\_\_\_\_ television.

A. with

B. through

C. by

D. on

E. at

79. Did you eat rice \_\_\_\_\_ Sunday, last week?

A. in

B. by

C. with

D. for

E. on

Fill in the blank space with the most appropriate option.

80. They went \_\_\_\_\_ the hill.

A. under

B. up

C. inside

D. on

E. above

81. The dog was eating \_\_\_\_\_ food.

A. its

B. its'

C. it's

D. his

E. is

82. Sokeiprim is sick \_\_\_\_\_ fever.

A. along

B. of

C. in

D. by

E. with

83. Please, let me \_\_\_\_\_ you.

A. help

B. helps

C. helped

D. hepled

E. helping

From options A - E, choose the most appropriate plural form of the word written in capital letters.

84. Please, meet my SON-IN-LAW.

A. sons-in-law

B. son-inlaws

C. sons-inlaws

D. son-in-law

E. none of the above

85. The old man died \_\_\_\_\_ hunger.

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

86. He didn't think it was a very good idea to set the bush \_\_\_\_\_ fire.

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

87. He refused \_\_\_\_\_ with us.

- A. to gone
- B. to comings
- C. to comes
- D. to come
- E. to came

88. Neither Mr. Ogaluzo nor the students \_\_\_\_\_ satisfied with their performance.

- A. is
- B. have
- C. has
- D. are
- E. been

89. Okey lives \_\_\_\_\_ Onitsha.

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

Fill in the blank space with the most appropriate option.

90. They stood \_\_\_\_\_ me.

- A. beneath
- B. inside
- C. beside
- D. into
- E. under

91. Priscilla was blamed \_\_\_\_\_ the accident.

- A. off
- B. for
- C. on
- D. with
- E. about

92. He abuses me as if he \_\_\_\_\_ my father.

- A. wasn't
- B. is
- C. was
- D. be
- E. were

Fill in the blank space with the most appropriate option.

93. God is loving and can \_\_\_\_\_ whomever He wants, including you.

- A. bless
- B. blessed
- C. blessing
- D. blesses
- E. blest

94. I put the key \_\_\_\_\_ the lock.

- A. with
- B. by
- C. on
- D. in
- E. out of

Fill in the blank space with the most appropriate option.

95. \_\_\_\_\_ did the boy come here?

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

96. My dad listened \_\_\_\_\_ the news at 7am.

- A. for
- B. by
- C. to

- D. at
- E. on

97. It's a bad omen to pass \_\_\_\_\_ a dead animal.

- A. through
- B. out of
- C. by
- D. out
- E. up

98. I met Mienye early \_\_\_\_\_ the morning.

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

99. Which of \_\_\_\_\_ roads lead to her house?

- A. this
- B. that
- C. these
- D. there
- E. their



100. I drove \_\_\_\_\_ the garage.

- A. by
- B. out off
- C. up
- D. on
- E. into

Fill in the blank space with the most appropriate option.

101. This book is \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. her
- B. my
- C. mine
- D. I
- E. him

102. The players ran \_\_\_\_\_ the field.

- A. round
- B. over
- C. between
- D. against
- E. for

103. We often go to Kano \_\_\_\_\_ train.

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

104. \_\_\_\_\_ did he go?

- A. Where
- B. Who
- C. Which
- D. Whom
- E. None of the above

105. Parents punish their children because of the love they have \_\_\_\_\_ them.

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

106. My father is a \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. man
- B. woman
- C. men
- D. women
- E. boy

107. Please John, tell \_\_\_\_\_ the story.

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

108. Please, Gbenro wait \_\_\_\_\_ me.

- A. at
- B. of
- C. among
- D. for
- E. between

109. The man was angry \_\_\_\_\_ his sons.

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

Fill in the blank space with the most appropriate option.

110. He gave up smoking based \_\_\_\_\_ the advice of his doctor.

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

111. It is rude to \_\_\_\_\_ when an elder is speaking.

- A. cut off
- B. cut in
- C. cut out
- D. shout up

E. shout at

112. I prefer to come \_\_\_\_\_ foot.

A. into

B. in

C. from

D. on

E. with

113. We feel very cold \_\_\_\_\_ the harmattan season.

A. from

B. on

C. with

D. during

E. by

114. Keep the book \_\_\_\_\_ the table.

A. with

B. on

C. away

D. for

E. at

115. Boma lives \_\_\_\_\_ the lane.

A. upon

B. by

C. down

D. from

E. at

116. Since childhood, I have always had a passion \_\_\_\_\_ music.

A. from

B. for

C. in

D. about

E. on

117. Share the cake \_\_\_\_\_ the children.

A. of

B. from

C. in

D. at

E. among

118. He was guilty \_\_\_\_\_ the offence.

A. for

B. off

C. of

D. on

E. with

119. We are equal \_\_\_\_\_ the task.

A. by

B. to

C. off

D. for

E. of

Fill in the blank space with the most appropriate option.

120. I couldn't get \_\_\_\_\_ the door.

- A. through
- B. out of
- C. between
- D. over
- E. to

121. The lion seems \_\_\_\_\_ than the jackal, but both are dangerous.

- A. most ferocious
- B. most ferociousest
- C. ferociouser
- D. more ferocious
- E. ferociousest

122. Tina stopped \_\_\_\_\_ the market to buy oranges.

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

The correct answer option is [E]

123. The barber's shop is located \_\_\_\_\_ the road.

- A. across
- B. at

C. inside

D. on

E. over

The correct answer option is [A].

124. Fishes live \_\_\_\_\_ water.

A. by

B. in

C. to

D. on

E. upon

125. My father's hat is \_\_\_\_\_ the table.

A. over

B. above

C. in

D. on

E. of

126. Biseni is a town \_\_\_\_\_ Bayelsa State.

A. in

B. with

C. for

D. on

E. by

## TOPIC: PUNCTUATION

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

Identify the mark in the bracket.

1. [,]

- A. comma
- B. semicolon
- C. exclamation mark
- D. full stop
- E. dash

Identify the mark in the bracket.

2. [ \_ ]

- A. circular mark
- B. zero mark
- C. dash
- D. hyphen
- E. dashed



3. [:]

- A. semicolon
- B. apostrophe
- C. comma
- D. fullstop
- E. colon

Identify the mark in the bracket.

4. [.]

- A. dot
- B. colon
- C. . com
- D. apostrophe
- E. full stop

Identify the mark in the bracket.

5. [:]

- A. colon
- B. semicolon
- C. dash
- D. apostrophe
- E. two dots

Identify the mark in the bracket.

6. [']

- A. comma
- B. exclamation mark

- C. dash
- D. apostrophe
- E. semicolon

7. [" "]

- A. quotation mark
- B. double quotation marks
- C. comma
- D. exclamation mark
- E. none of the above

Identify the mark in the bracket.

8. [!]

- A. exclamation mark
- B. quotation mark
- C. question mark
- D. apostrophe
- E. all of the above

Identify the mark in the bracket.

9. [?]

- A. exclamation mark
- B. double quotation mark
- C. question mark
- D. comma
- E. fullstop

10. [-]

- A. semicolon
- B. colon
- C. question mark
- D. hyphen
- E. dash

Identify the mark in the bracket.

11. [' ']

- A. single quotation marks
- B. hyphen
- C. comma
- D. colon
- E. quotation mark

The correct answer is option [A]

## TOPIC: QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES

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

Choose the most appropriate response to the question below.

1. You have been promoted, haven't you?

- A. No, I have.
- B. Yes, I have.
- C. Yes, I haven't.
- D. No, I did.
- E. Yes, I has.

Fill in the blank space with the most appropriate question tag.

2. The headmaster was here, \_\_\_\_\_

- A. won't he?
- B. was he?
- C. he was?
- D. isn't he?
- E. wasn't he?

From the options lettered A - E, choose the correct response to the question.

3. What is he drinking?

- A. No, he isn't.
- B. He likes milk.
- C. He is drinking coffee.
- D. Apple
- E. Is he drinking?

Fill in the blank space with the most appropriate option.

4. What's your name? \_\_\_\_\_ name is Boneri.

- A. I
- B. Me
- C. Mine
- D. My
- E. Our

From the options lettered A – E, choose the correct response to the question.

5. May I come in?

- A. You can.
- B. Yes, you can.
- C. Yes, you may.
- D. Yes, you may not.
- E. No, you can't.

Choose the most appropriate response to the question below

6. You do want to travel to Abuja, don't you?

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

Fill in the blank space with the most appropriate question tag.

7. We aren't late for this meeting, \_\_\_\_\_

- A. won't we?
- B. are we?

- C. we are?
- D. aren't we?
- E. can't we?

Fill in the blank space with the most appropriate option.

8. They went to church together, \_\_\_\_\_

- A. isn't it?
- B. didn't they?
- C. won't they?
- D. they didn't?
- E. did they?

9. Will Glory come tomorrow? Yes, she\_\_\_\_\_.

- A. won't
- B. will
- C. would
- D. is
- E. isn't

10. Did you see the doctor? Yes, I \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. did
- B. have
- C. saw
- D. will
- E. am

Fill in the blank space with the most appropriate question tag.

11. Edna doesn't like reading, \_\_\_\_\_

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

From the options lettered A - E, choose the correct response to the question.

12. Have you ever been to Lagos?

- A. Yes, I have.
- B. No, I wasn't.
- C. Yes, I did.
- D. Yes, it was.
- E. Not on my life!

From the options lettered A - E, choose the correct question tag.

13. They all saw mummy when she came, \_\_\_\_\_?

- A. did they
- B. don't she
- C. didn't they
- D. wasn't it
- E. did she

From the options lettered A - E, choose the correct response to the question.

14. How often do you visit the hospital?

- A. Not really.
- B. Yes, often.

- C. I do.
- D. I rarely do.
- E. Sometimes.

Fill in the blank space with the most appropriate option.

15. Where do you think you are going? \_\_\_\_\_ going no where.

- A. I is
- B. I have
- C. I will
- D. I am
- E. I was

16. Does Ala live in Port Harcourt? No, she \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. lives
- B. is
- C. isn't
- D. doesn't
- E. does

From the options lettered A - E, choose the correct response to the question.

17. Did John go to the market with Boma?

- A. Only John went.
- B. Only Aina went.
- C. No, he went to the market with Aina
- D. They went with friends
- E. They did not go at all



Fill in the blank space with the most appropriate option.

18. You are travelling to Lagos, \_\_\_\_\_

- A. are you?
- B. aren't you?
- C. won't you?
- D. you aren't?

19. We are ready, \_\_\_\_\_ we?

- A. are
- B. aren't
- C. have
- D. were
- E. weren't

Fill in the blank space with the most appropriate question tag.

20. Dele hasn't seen his book yet, \_\_\_\_\_

- A. does he?
- B. he hasn't?
- C. hasn't he?
- D. doesn't he?
- E. has he?

21. I did all the work today, \_\_\_\_\_

- A. aren't I?
- B. did I not?
- C. didn't I?
- D. don't I?
- E. isn't it?

Fill in the blank space with the most appropriate option.

22. We will come to your house this evening, \_\_\_\_\_

- A. won't we?
- B. isn't it?
- C. we won't?
- D. not so?
- E. shan't we?

From the options lettered A - E, choose the correct response to the question.

23. When are you going?

- A. I am coming.
- B. I am going tomorrow.
- C. I am going to Ekpeta-ama.
- D. Why me?
- E. Yes, I am going.

## TOPIC: SPEECH: CONSONANTS

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

Choose from options A - E the word that has the given consonant sound.

1. /k/

- A. cease
- B. choice
- C. knight
- D. know
- E. physique

Choose from options A - E the word that has the given consonant sound

2. /d/

- A. midget
- B. judge
- C. width
- D. goad
- E. hissed

Choose from options A - E the word that has the given consonant sound

3. /s/

- A. circle
- B. prize
- C. pressure
- D. zest
- E. sure

Choose from options A - E the word that has the given consonant sound

4. /t/

- A. chide
- B. God
- C. kissed
- D. other
- E. then

## TOPIC: SPEECH: VOWELS

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

Choose from options A - E the word that has the given diphthong

1. /aʊ/

- A. cry
- B. crook
- C. crown
- D. swamp
- E. crow

Choose from options A - E the word that has the given vowel sound

2. /e/

- A. leopard
- B. heart
- C. many
- D. plait
- E. verse

Choose from options A - E the word that has the given vowel sound

3. / i: /

- A. bird
- B. bitch
- C. dead
- D. teach
- E. tunic

**TOPIC: SPELLING**

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

Fill in the blank space with the most appropriate option.

1. The bus \_\_\_\_\_ for Sokoto tomorrow

- A. lifes
- B. leeves
- C. lives
- D. leaves

2. People who live in slums sholud be provided good \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. accommodation
- B. accomodation
- C. accomodation
- D. acommodation
- E. acoomodation

3. The mother hastened to \_\_\_\_\_her frightened daughter.

- A. reasure
- B. riasure
- C. reassure
- D. ressure

4. The \_\_\_\_\_ pupil started crying.

- A. frieghtened
- B. fryghtened
- C. frightened

D. fritened

5. The noise \_\_\_\_\_ the students.

A. detracted

B. distracted

C. destracted

D. destrated

E. ditracted

6. Amenzee's birthday is \_\_\_\_\_.

A. tomorrow

B. tumorrow

C. tommorrow

D. tomorow

7. Chinenye's beauty and brightness gives her a strong \_\_\_\_\_.

A. appeal

B. appeel

C. apeal

D. appael

8. During the \_\_\_\_\_ season, the weather is dry and dusty.

A. harmarttan

B. harmatown

C. hamattan

D. harmattan

E. hanmerthan

9. In a bid to \_\_\_\_\_ the police, the armed robbers jumped over the fence.

- A. escape
- B. scape
- C. xcape
- D. excape

10. The cashier was accused of \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. embezlement
- B. embezzlement
- C. embezilment
- D. embezzulment
- E. embizzlement



**TOPIC: TENSES**

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

Fill in the blank space with the most appropriate option.

1. I can't go today because I \_\_\_\_\_ to work tomorrow.

- A. has
- B. have
- C. had
- D. having
- E. to have

2. She \_\_\_\_\_ through this path everyday.

- A. passes
- B. pass
- C. past
- D. passed
- E. passing

3. She \_\_\_\_\_ to this house everyday.

- A. comed
- B. came
- C. comes
- D. come
- E. coming

4. The dog is tired and hungry. It \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. plays

- B. had being playing
- C. has been playing
- D. has playing
- E. is playing

5. Ihunda always \_\_\_\_\_ late to school.

- A. commes
- B. comed
- C. comes
- D. coming
- E. come

6. Ada \_\_\_\_\_ with the old woman.

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

Fill in the blank space with the correct option from the options lettered A- E.

7. We \_\_\_\_\_ rice every Saturday.

- A. cooks
- B. cook
- C. cooking
- D. have cooked
- E. are cook

8. What \_\_\_\_\_ you to my house?

- A. brought
- B. bring
- C. brings
- D. bringing
- E. none of the above`

9. Boma \_\_\_\_\_ you yesterday.

- A. sees
- B. seed
- C. saw
- D. see
- E. seeing

Fill in the blank space with the most appropriate option

10. Somie \_\_\_\_\_ to school tomorrow.

- A. went
- B. has gone
- C. has been going
- D. will go
- E. is gone

Fill in the blank space with the correct option from the options lettered A- E.

11. She has finished \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. cook
- B. cooking
- C. cooks
- D. cooked

Fill in the blank space with the most appropriate answer

12. When the rain began, I was \_\_\_\_\_ home.

- A. walked
- B. walks
- C. walking
- D. walken
- E. walk

Fill in the blank space with the most appropriate option.

13. Who usually \_\_\_\_\_ care of that child?

- A. take
- B. takes
- C. taken
- D. taking
- E. took

14. What \_\_\_\_\_ you thinking about now?

- A. are
- B. is
- C. was
- D. am
- E. were

15. We can play when the moon \_\_\_\_\_ out.

- A. is come
- B. comes
- C. had come

- D. was coming
- E. come

16. Before last year, I \_\_\_\_\_ never flown in a plane.

- A. have
- B. had
- C. has
- D. having
- E. to have

17. I decided \_\_\_\_\_ to Ikeja last night.

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

18. When did you get \_\_\_\_\_?

- A. marry
- B. married
- C. marries
- D. marrying
- E. to marry

19. Seiyefa \_\_\_\_\_ to me this morning.

- A. sung
- B. sings
- C. sang
- D. singing
- E. sing

20. Every day, my mother \_\_\_\_\_ her husband a cup of tea.

- A. gave
- B. giving
- C. gave out
- D. gives
- E. gaves

Fill in the blank space with the most appropriate option

21. The carpenter has finished \_\_\_\_\_ the chair.

- A. repairing
- B. repair
- C. repaired
- D. repairs
- E. for repairing

22. He \_\_\_\_\_ to the market every day.

- A. go
- B. going
- C. goes
- D. went
- E. come

23. Our boys played very well and \_\_\_\_\_ the other team.

- A. defeated
- B. defeating
- C. defeat
- D. defend
- E. defeced

24. The rabbit \_\_\_\_\_ carrot right now.

- A. is eating
- B. to eat
- C. has eaten
- D. are eating
- E. has eating

25. Joe \_\_\_\_\_ Anita.

- A. love
- B. is love
- C. loving
- D. loves
- E. none of the above

26. Everyday, that little girl \_\_\_\_\_ through this path.

- A. walked
- B. walks
- C. walking
- D. works
- E. working

27. Mr. Barango \_\_\_\_\_ mathematics at a senior school.

- A. teach
- B. teaches
- C. to teach
- D. is taught
- E. teaching



**TOPIC: VOCABULARY**

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

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

1. This is an ANCIENT building.

- A. old
- B. new
- C. big
- D. modern
- E. real

Choose the option that BEST INTERPRETS the word or group of words WRITTEN in capital letters.

2. Asawo refused to JUMP ON THE BANDWAGON. This means that \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. the wagon was too fast for him
- B. he doesn't like to take risks
- C. he does not like people in the fashion world
- D. he doesn't want to be involved in popular events
- E. he is old fashioned and loves his own company

From the options lettered A - E, choose the option that BEST INTERPRETS the words in capital letters.

3. Mr. Jonathan has a WAYWARD son. This means that his son is \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. road-worthy
- B. a traffic warden
- C. uncontrollable

- D. intelligent
- E. impatient

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

4. Tonye was moved FORWARD because of her height.

- A. back
- B. sideways
- C. middle
- D. froward
- E. backward

From the options lettered A - E, choose the appropriate homonym for the given word.

5. **Flower**

- A. Flow
- B. Flair
- C. Follow
- D. Flour
- E. Floor

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

6. God is the AUTHOR of all good things.

- A. creator
- B. distributor
- C. discoverer
- D. winner
- E. composer

7. Do not ANTICIPATE the chief's return.

- A. forecast
- B. calculate
- C. expect
- D. antedate
- E. get ready

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

8. The FEMALE students were flogged for wearing short skirts to school.

- A. girls
- B. boys
- C. male
- D. man
- E. women

Fill in the blank space with the most appropriate option.

9. My team played very well and \_\_\_\_\_ the other team.

- A. defeat
- B. won
- C. win
- D. defeated
- E. conquered

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

10. The invigilator stood at the center of the hall and AIDED the students.

- A. called
- B. controlled
- C. ordered
- D. treated
- E. assisted

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

11. My sister PURCHASED some items from the supermarket.

- A. sold
- B. carried
- C. sent
- D. bought
- E. lifted

12. The TEACHER taught the class for three hours.

- A. Instructor
- B. headmaster
- C. principal
- D. monitor
- E. guide

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

13. We have to SYMPATHISE with the bereaved family.

- A. regret
- B. mourn
- C. ignore

- D. pity
- E. inform

Choose the correct option.

14. My niece is \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. my mother's daughter
- B. my sister's daughter's son
- C. my sister's child
- D. my brother's son
- E. my sister's daughter

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

15. Please, buy a DOZEN eggs from that store.

- A. twelve
- B. twenty four
- C. 1 crate
- D. thirteen
- E. two

From the options lettered A - E, choose the appropriate homonym for the given word.

16. **Blue**

- A. Blew
- B. Beau
- C. Blow
- D. Blaire
- E. Brew

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

17. Rivers State is in the SOUTHERN part of Nigeria.

- A. North-Southern
- B. Eastern
- C. Western
- D. Northern
- E. South-Eastern

18. Many people have talked about his KINDNESS.

- A. mildness
- B. tenderness
- C. helpfulness
- D. wickedness
- E. goodness

Choose the option that BEST INTERPRETS the word or group of words WRITTEN in capital letters.

19. It is wrong to CUT IN ON elders. This means that it is wrong to \_\_\_\_\_ elders.

- A. bleed
- B. respect
- C. interrupt
- D. insult
- E. abuse

From the options lettered A - E, choose the appropriate homonym for the given word.

20. **Hymn**

- A. Hyne
- B. He
- C. Hum
- D. Him
- E. Solemn

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

21. The WIDE river is shallow.

- A. deep
- B. narrow
- C. breadth
- D. big
- E. broad

Fill in the blank space with the most appropriate option.

22. Don't argue with your mother; it is a sign of \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. disrespect
- B. respect
- C. misreport
- D. no respect
- E. unrespect

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

23. The path that leads to the stream is WIDE.

- A. short
- B. small

- C. long
- D. narrow
- E. big

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

24. The former principal REJECTED the offer which the present one \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. turned down
- B. confirmed
- C. upheld
- D. accepted
- E. refused

25. My mother is AWARE of Ogori's problems.

- A. forgiven
- B. awareness
- C. ignorant
- D. has knowledge
- E. conscious

26. That MAN returned the box.

- A. maid
- B. woman
- C. men
- D. young man
- E. father



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

27. Ibiere is the most ELIGIBLE of them all.

- A. illegible
- B. qualified
- C. unqualified
- D. unaccepted
- E. clarified

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

28. Due to the weather condition, I was ABLE to fly by air.

- A. inability
- B. inable
- C. incapable
- D. disable
- E. unable

From the options lettered A - E, choose the option that BEST INTERPRETS the words in capital letters.

29. Tunde has A VERY FINELY CUT FACE. This means that he \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. is ugly
- B. has tatoos on his face
- C. has good features
- D. is handsome
- E. has a designed face

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

30. The journalist refused to DIVULGE the source of his information.

- A. dispute
- B. confirm
- C. disclose
- D. divide
- E. enclose

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

31. That's a WHITE sheep.

- A. whiter
- B. black
- C. dark
- D. dim
- E. light

From the options lettered A - E, choose the option that BEST INTERPRETS the words in capital letters.

32. The thieves were caught RED-HANDED means that they were caught \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. in a red trap
- B. by men in red
- C. soaked in blood
- D. in the act
- E. with red paints

Fill in the blank space with the most appropriate option..

33. You should not be taken \_\_\_\_\_ by false appearances.

- A. aback
- B. off
- C. on
- D. out
- E. up

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

34. The pastor STRESSES on the need for discipline among members.

- A. expresses
- B. says
- C. emphasises
- D. feels
- E. implies

35. The youths TURNED DOWN the offer.

- A. accepted

- B. reduced
- C. rejected
- D. removed
- E. reviewed

From the options lettered A - E, choose the appropriate homonym for the given word.

**36. Higher**

- A. high
- B. hire
- C. hide
- D. hussle
- E. hare

**37. Maid**

- A. mad
- B. morn
- C. made
- D. paid
- E. mild

From the options lettered A - E, choose the appropriate homonym for the word written in capital letters.

**38. THROUGH**

- A. Threw
- B. Thorough
- C. Drew
- D. Pew

E. Throw

From the options lettered from A - E choose the one that BEST INTERPRETS the words written in capital letters.

39. Ofonime asked the children to HIT THE HAY. This means that she asked them to go to \_\_\_\_\_.

A. sleep

B. play

C. work

D. clean

E. wash

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

40. The principal asked Ike, a JUNIOR boy, to call the maths teacher.

A. monitor

B. lower

C. small

D. big

E. senior

41. Nweke did not do well in the examination and was PROMOTED.

A. confused

B. rejected

C. demoted

D. resisted

E. beaten

Fill in the blank space with the most appropriate option.

42. The condition of the patient is \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. criminal
- B. critical
- C. crucial
- D. decisive
- E. low-spirited

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

43. Mr. Eze is an EDUCATED man.

- A. learned
- B. knowledgeable
- C. uneducated
- D. literate
- E. none of the above

44. What are the ADVANTAGES of education?

- A. merits
- B. benefits
- C. salvages
- D. disadvantages

From the options lettered A - E, choose the appropriate homonym for the given word.

45. **Knight**

- A. Nile
- B. Knot

- C. Night
- D. Nine
- E. Kine

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

46. My father is a RICH man.

- A. handsome
- B. generous
- C. wealthy
- D. compassionate
- E. poor

47. Ngozi is not AUDIBLE. This means that she does not \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. speak roughly
- B. speak rudely
- C. speak loudly
- D. speaks slowly
- E. speaks harshly

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

48. Tunde is the NEW BOY in my school and he is now my FRIEND.

- A. old girl, enemy
- B. new girl, friend
- C. old girl, friend
- D. new girl, enemy

E. old boy, enemy

Fill in the blank space with the most appropriate option.

49. Tamuno is still at the hospital, and her case is now \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. critical
- B. pathetic
- C. crucial
- D. pitiable
- E. sympathetic

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

50. Mathematics is A DIFFICULT subject.

- A. an essay
- B. a bitter
- C. a different
- D. an easy
- E. hard

51. Boneri was ABSENT from school yesterday.

- A. sitting
- B. present
- C. absented
- D. attentive

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

52. The lady is very ANXIOUS about her husband who has been in the hospital for so long.



- A. great
- B. angry
- C. prayerful
- D. worried
- E. afraid

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

53. The accused pleaded GUILTY and was sentenced to two years imprisonment.

- A. innocent
- B. insanity
- C. mercy
- D. innocence
- E. liable

Fill in the blank space with the most appropriate option.

54. The doctor decided to \_\_\_\_\_ the severely damaged arm.

- A. amputate
- B. cut off
- C. caught up
- D. caught in
- E. injured

55. Somie is an UNGRATEFUL boy.

- A. appreciative
- B. graceful
- C. unthankful
- D. thankless

E. insensitive

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

56. That child is so LEAN.

- A. fat
- B. tall
- C. short
- D. thin

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

57. That is an INDECENT dress to wear.

- A. a beautiful
- B. a neat
- C. a decent
- D. obscene
- E. a nasty

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

58. That is a DIFFICULT task.

- A. strong
- B. simple
- C. easy
- D. hard
- E. meticulous

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

59. There will be a QUESTION session this afternoon.

- A. answer
- B. talking
- C. discussion
- D. reply
- E. responds

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

60. Mary is usually PUNCTUAL to every occasion.

- A. early
- B. present
- C. late
- D. promptly
- E. absent

Fill in the blank space with the most appropriate option.

61. Crude oil is sold to other countries in containers called \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. barrels
- B. bottles
- C. drums
- D. jars
- E. tanks

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

62. That is the PERMANENT structure of the River State stadium.

- A. temporary
- B. beautiful
- C. highest
- D. stable
- E. strong

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

63. The table in John's house has a CIRCULAR shape.

- A. prism
- B. triangle
- C. round
- D. square
- E. rectangle

The correct answer option is [C]

64. The trader will REJECT your offer if you do not. \_\_\_\_\_ her terms.

- A. accept
- B. request
- C. confirm
- D. refuse
- E. maintain

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

65. Politicians only make EMPTY promises to the electorate.

- A. deceitful
- B. false
- C. worthwhile
- D. boastful
- E. fake

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

66. Mercy received BAD news from home.

- A. dangerous
- B. good
- C. ugly
- D. soothing
- E. comforting

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

67. What did you BUY?

- A. bought
- B. purchase
- C. sold
- D. sell
- E. borrow

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

68. The soldiers RETREATED for a better organisation.

- A. advanced
- B. withdrew

- C. rioted
- D. disorganized
- E. fought

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

69. The new mathematics teacher is my uncle. This means that he is \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. my father's brother
- B. my father's cousin
- C. my father's oldest son
- D. married to my sister
- E. a family friend

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

70. Anita enjoys IMITATING Kunle.

- A. representing
- B. studying
- C. mimicking
- D. inspecting
- E. admiring

From the options lettered A - E, choose the appropriate homonym for the given word.

71. Steel

- A. sold
- B. steal
- C. still
- D. seal

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

72. The way to SUCCESS is NARROW.

- A. success, wide
- B. failure, narrow
- C. success, straight
- D. failure, wide
- E. failure, long

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

73. I gave Obi some money to MAKE UP for what he lost.

- A. retire
- B. multiply
- C. include
- D. deduct
- E. compensate

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

74. Musa left the barn DIRTY.

- A. clean
- B. neat
- C. filthy
- D. tidy
- E. arranged

75. The teacher ABANDONED his class when he heard that the mob was coming.

- A. entered
- B. dismissed
- C. surrendered
- D. left

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

76. Our market is NEAR the school.

- A. close to
- B. far away
- C. adjacent
- D. in between
- E. between

From the options lettered from A - E choose the one that BEST INTERPRETS the words written in capital letters.

77. A reasonable man often decides not to follow the BAND WAGON. This means that the reasonable man does not follow the \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. audience
- B. crowd
- C. clowns
- D. crusade
- E. congregation



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

78. Our government ought to UPHOLD the voice of the people.

- A. confirm
- B. receive
- C. disregard
- D. accept
- E. support

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

79. The rains have COMMENCED in earnest this year.

- A. began
- B. entered
- C. delayed
- D. ended
- E. started

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

80. We TALKED into the night.

- A. gisted
- B. stared
- C. spoke
- D. sang
- E. watched

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

81. The community hates him because of his DISHONESTY.

- A. falsehood
- B. prevarication
- C. uprightness
- D. equivocation
- E. wickedness

From the options lettered A - E, choose the appropriate homonym for the given word.

82. **Won**

- A. One
- B. Warm
- C. Worm
- D. On
- E. Warn

83. **Tale**

- A. Tile
- B. Tell
- C. Ten
- D. Tail
- E. Trail

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

84. His COWARDICE worries his parents.

- A. weakness

- B. timidity
- C. shyness
- D. boldness
- E. fearfulness

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

85. Mr. Alonge is full of WICKED devices.

- A. evil
- B. beautiful
- C. intelligent
- D. good
- E. ingenious

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

86. Do not go through the CROOKED way.

- A. wide
- B. long
- C. straightened
- D. bent
- E. straight

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

87. The dispute was settled AMICABLY.

- A. quietly
- B. secretly

- C. softly
- D. easily
- E. peacefully

From the options lettered from A - E choose the one that BEST INTERPRETS the words written in capital letters.

88. That dress COSTS AN ARM AND A LEG. This means that the dress is \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. very inexpensive
- B. less expensive
- C. very expensive
- D. ridiculously cheap
- E. roughly expensive

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

89. The Prime Minister of Britain is a BLACK man.

- A. oyibo
- B. yellow
- C. black American
- D. white
- E. American

From the options lettered A - E, choose the appropriate homonym for the word written in capital letters.

90. **HERD**

- A. Hard
- B. Head
- C. Hoard

- D. Heard
- E. Had

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

91. Studious students will SUCCEED.

- A. pass
- B. fail
- C. repeat
- D. carryover
- E. copy

From the options lettered A - E, choose the appropriate homonym for the word written in capital letters.

92. **NEW**

- A. Knew
- B. News
- C. Mew
- D. Nude
- E. Knee

Fill in the blank space with the most appropriate option.

93. My nephew is the son of my \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. mother
- B. father
- C. my uncle
- D. brother
- E. friend

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

94. Mr Eze has a SCORE of goats.

- A. fight
- B. case
- C. twenty
- D. ten
- E. fifteen

95. Writing is an ADVANTAGE to journalism.

- A. asset
- B. disadvantage
- C. demerit
- D. liability
- E. merit

From the options lettered A - E, choose the appropriate homonym for the given word.

96. **See**

- A. Sleep
- B. Sea
- C. Slew
- D. Seal
- E. Sin

From the options lettered A - E, choose the appropriate homonym for the word written in capital letters.

97. **HERE**

- A. Her
- B. Hear
- C. Fear
- D. Hair
- E. Hare

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

98. Ala has FOUND her hand bag.

- A. founded
- B. lost
- C. lose
- D. loss
- E. lots

99. Tonye told us a very SAD story.

- A. pitiable
- B. pathetic
- C. happy
- D. useless
- E. long

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

100. Eric is paid N125, 000 ANNUALLY.

- A. quarterly
- B. yearly

- C. monthly
- D. weekly
- E. hourly

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

101. The DEPARTURE time is 8:00 A.M.

- A. take-off
- B. arrival
- C. arriving
- D. leaving
- E. birth

Choose the option that BEST INTERPRETS the word or group of words WRITTEN in capital letters.

102. While Kunle and Obomate were arguing, Diki SAT ON THE FENCE. This means that she \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. listened to their argument from the fence
- B. decided to sit on the fence
- C. did not support any of them
- D. was double minded about the argument
- E. felt very comfortable resting on the fence



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

103. That woman committed an IMMORAL act.

- A. a normal
- B. a virtuous
- C. abominable
- D. a moral
- E. shameful

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

104. The accused was GUILTY of the crime.

- A. responsible
- B. acquitted
- C. acquainted
- D. free of
- E. innocent

From the options lettered A - E, choose the appropriate homonym for the given word.

105. **Eight**

- A. ate
- B. eat
- C. aids
- D. date
- E. hate

106. **Whether**

- A. weldder

- B. weather
- C. western
- D. warder
- E. waiter

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

107. The young lady DECLINED the invitation to the party.

- A. turned down
- B. accepted
- C. offered
- D. fell down
- E. rejected.

Fill in the blank space with the most appropriate option.

108. Those students will \_\_\_\_\_ your support to win this case.

- A. count down
- B. cut in
- C. cut off
- D. count on
- E. count up

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

109. Seimokumo lives at the BACK of my house.

- A. behind
- B. front
- C. side

- D. up
- E. down

110. I have SELDOM seen him quarrelling.

- A. always
- B. sometimes
- C. never
- D. rarely
- E. often

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

111. That is an EASY arithmetic.

- A. unnecessary
- B. simple
- C. hard
- D. difficult
- E. soft

112. The car is in such a bad STATE that nobody wants to travel in it.

- A. position
- B. situation
- C. condition
- D. circumstance
- E. ranking

Fill in the blank space with the most appropriate option.

113. The warder denied seeing the \_\_\_\_\_ of the prison before they escaped.

- A. contingents
- B. inmates
- C. partners
- D. people
- E. prisoners

114.

I long \_\_\_\_\_ the holidays.

- B. at
- C. for
- D. of
- E. in

# ANSWERS

**TOPIC: COMPREHENSION**

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

Read the passage carefully and answer the question.

1. A toy is one of the best presents you can buy for a child. With toys around children, they tend to be focused while playing. Even when they are alone playing, you will hear them talking excitedly as though a living being was there with them. Some children are frightened at terrifying toys and most times cry for such toys to be taken far away from them. Toys help the imaginations of children and they easily relate what they see to the environment. Most times, the toys of children are replaced with new ones at Christmas as gift comes in from parents, uncles, aunts, Santa Claus etc., giving them a lasting joy throughout the year that follows.

Schools understand the imaginary status of the child and as such, toys and colours are used to get their attention in learning. Toys come in sizes and colours that a child cannot resist. It is not expensive and can be afforded by even the poorest family. Parents are encouraged to put a smile on the faces of their children by buying them toys.

What makes some children cry in the passage?

- A. Toys
- B. Refusal of parents to buy toys
- C. Some toys are terrifying
- D. Schools and their method of teaching
- E. Possessed toys

The correct answer option is [C].

Read the passage carefully and answer the question.

2. Coal is a black solid mineral found underneath the ground. It is formed from dead trees and vegetation buried under ground. There are two types of coal; the hard coal or anthracite which burns slowly without smoke and the bituminous coal which burns with smoke. Coal is mined beneath the earth's surface. Miners dig into the ground and use machines to get coal from the coal mines.

Coal is used to generate heat for raising steam which in turn is used to run locomotive trains or conduct electricity. The following are products can be extracted from coal: gas, coke, tar, oils and other chemicals which can be used for making plastics, explosives, perfumes etc.

Nigeria has an estimated reserve of about 350 million tones of bituminous coal located mainly in Anambra, Enugu and Imo States. Coal is consumed mainly by the Nigerian Railways Cooperation, the Power Holding Company of Nigeria and the cement factories.

Nigeria's coal reserve consists mainly of \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. bituminous and anthracite coal
- B. anthracite coal
- C. bituminous coal
- D. coal products
- E. coal

The correct answer is option [C]

Read the passage carefully and answer the question.

3. As one grows up to the teenage stage of life, one seeks to be more independent, make decisions for oneself and take up responsibilities as they come. This is a very sensitive stage of life, as the teenager wants to grow faster into the adult that he/she sees.

The teenager is that young boy or girl within the age range of 13 and 19 years; the age range where "peer pressure" is very high. The young boy or girl is easily

influenced by "fellow teens" to do that which appears to be standard to their age range irrespective of whether the outcome of such a decision is positive or negative.

Parents who have teenagers are admonished to be involved in their lives, as to help them make the right decisions for life.

The teenager wants to grow faster into \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. a beautiful woman
- B. the adult he sees
- C. into a father
- D. into a youth
- E. into a handsome man

The correct answer is option [B]



Read the passage carefully and answer the question.

4. A toy is one of the best presents you can buy for a child. With toys around children, they tend to be focused while playing. You can hear them chatting excitedly with their toys as though a living being were there with them. Toys help the imaginations of children and they easily relate what they see to the environment. Yet it is surprising to know that some children are frightened by the features of some toys and most times cry for such toys to be taken far away from them.

Most times, old toys are replaced with new ones as gifts to children at Christmas. They come from parents, uncles, aunties, friends, etc. Children love to receive new toys at Christmas as it gives them lasting joy throughout the year that follows.

Toys help to develop a child's creative skills and schools recognise it. That is why toys and colours are used to catch children's attention in learning. Toys come in different sizes and colours that a child cannot resist. They also come in different ranges that are affordable for even the poorest family. Parents are encouraged to put a smile on the faces of their children by buying them toys.

According to the writer, who replaces the toys of children?

- A. Friends only.
- B. Relations and acquaintances.
- C. Friends and acquaintances.
- D. Relations and friends.
- E. Relations only

The correct answer option is [D].

Read the passage carefully and answer the question.

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Who had a good idea?

- A. a small rat
- B. a big rat
- C. a brave rat
- D. a young rat
- E. a old rat

The correct answer option is [D]

6. The rate at which people from rural areas migrate to the urban areas is on the increase every year. Many of the immigrants are school leavers in search of gainful employment in the urban areas. This results in over-crowded cities and depopulated country sides. Country life, with its fresh air, is forgotten. Only old people and children are left behind. Our forests are in their natural state. Valuable customs, crafts and art become things of the past. While the main occupation of the people living in most rural areas is agriculture, the youths seem to have a wrong perception about it; they see it as a poor man's business. They prefer white-collar jobs to farming and don't see the wealth that can come to them from agriculture. When these youths get to the cities, they get so disappointed as they don't get what they want and realise that life in the city is not as easy as they were made to believe. They experience hardship and lack jobs and money. Thus, most of them end up stranded and frustrated and indulge in so many social vices in order to make ends meet. Many of them end up as criminals while others dust themselves and head back to their villages. One way the government can check this movement is by setting up factories in the rural areas. Other ways include providing good medical services, means of transportation and communication; building libraries, and post offices are equally important amenities necessary in rural areas. This way, the white collar jobs so desired by the youths will be created. The villages will then become attractive and healthy for the people and the youth especially, will appreciate living there.

Who does the writer say needs to check migration?

- A. Government
- B. Politicians
- C. Soldiers
- D. Students

The correct answer is option [A]

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Who was willing to bell the cat?

- A. Nobody
- B. Somebody
- C. Anybody
- D. The cat
- E. Everybody

The correct answer option is [A]

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One major way of checking migration is by \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. setting up factories in rural areas
- B. building more schools
- C. providing pipe borne water
- D. encouraging agriculture

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Give the most suitable title for the passage?

- A. The Young Rat
- B. The Brave Young Rats
- C. Belling the Cat
- D. The Rats and the Pussy Cat
- E. Hunger in the Land of the Rats

The correct answer option is [C]

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What made the rats weak?

- A. Running
- B. Hunger

- C. Fear
- D. Food
- E. none of the above

The correct answer option is [B]

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The house of the rats is built with \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. mud
- B. sand
- C. clay
- D. bricks
- E. none of the above

The correct answer option is [A]

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The bell was to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. warn the rats
- B. give the rats some music
- C. make the rats dance
- D. provide food for the rats
- E. warn the rats

The correct answer option is [A]



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Why were the rats unhappy?

- A. There was a dog in that same house.
- B. There was a cat in that same house.
- C. There was a snake in that same house.
- D. There was a lion in that same house.
- E. A cat used to live in the same house

The correct answer option is [B]

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14. Over four hundred rats once lived in a thatched mud house. Though there was plenty of food and holes were easily made in the mud, these rats were most unhappy because Black Pussy, the cat, was also living in the same house. Pussy, their chief enemy, always lay in wait for them. This made them miserable and restless, for they were not free to move about. Hunger often made them weak, for they could not go in search for food. One night, all the rats met together to plan how to solve their difficulties. Some of them suggested fighting the cat but this was found to be impossible. "I have a good idea", said a young rat, "let's tie a small bell round her neck while she is fast asleep to warn us of her movements. We shall then run into our holes whenever we hear the tinkling of the bell". All the rats clapped their hands in support; brave young rats were asked to do the job. Then the chief of the rats remarked: "This is a good idea, dear citizens, but who will bell the cat? Let them step forward".

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They returned to their holes with a clear understanding that \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. things were harder than they thought
- B. it was easier to say things than do them
- C. things said are hard to do
- D. saying things was harder than doing them
- E. none of the above

The correct answer option is [B]

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15. Coal is a black solid mineral found underneath the ground. It is formed from dead trees and vegetation buried under ground. There are two types of coal; the hard coal or anthracite which burns slowly without smoke and the bituminous coal which burns with smoke. Coal is mined beneath the earth's surface. Miners dig into the ground and use machines to get coal from the coal mines.

Coal is used to generate heat for raising steam which in turn is used to run locomotive trains or conduct electricity. The following are products can be extracted from coal: gas, coke, tar, oils and other chemicals which can be used for making plastics, explosives, perfumes etc.

Nigeria has an estimated reserve of about 350 million tones of bituminous coal located mainly in Anambra, Enugu and Imo States. Coal is consumed mainly by the Nigerian Railways Cooperation, the Power Holding Company of Nigeria and the cement factories.

Nigeria has an estimated \_\_\_\_\_ tones reserve of bituminous coal.

- A. 250 billion
- B. 450 million
- C. 250 thousand million
- D. 350 million
- E. 350 billion

The correct answer is option [D]

Read the passage carefully and answer the question.

16. A toy is one of the best presents you can buy for a child. With toys around children, they tend to be focused while playing. You can hear them chatting excitedly with their toys as though a living being were there with them.

Toys help the imaginations of children and they easily relate what they see to the environment. Yet it is surprising to know that some children are frightened by the features of some toys and most times cry for such toys to be taken far away from them.

Most times, old toys are replaced with new ones as gifts to children at Christmas. They come from parents, uncles, aunties, friends, etc. Children love to receive new toys at Christmas as it gives them lasting joy throughout the year that follows.

Toys help to develop a child's creative skills and schools recognise it. That is why toys and colours are used to catch children's attention in learning. Toys come in different sizes and colours that a child cannot resist. They also come in different ranges that are affordable for even the poorest family. Parents are encouraged to put a smile on the faces of their children by buying them toys.

Another word for chatting as used in the passage is \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. talking

- B. speaking
- C. playing
- D. eavesdropping
- E. teaching

The correct answer option is [A].

Read the passage carefully and answer the question.

17. A toy is one of the best presents you can buy for a child. With toys around children, they tend to be focused while playing. Even when they are alone playing, you will hear them talking excitingly as though a living being was there with them. Some children are frightened at terrifying toys and most times cry for such toys to be taken far away from them. Toys helps the imaginations of children and they easily relate what they see to the environment.

Most times, the toys of children are replaced with new ones at christmas as gift comes in from parents, uncles, aunties, santa clause etc., giving them a lasting joy throughout the year that follows.

Schools understand the imaginary status of the child and as such, toys and colours are used to get their attention in learning. Toys come in sizes and colours that a child cannot resist. It is not expensive and can be afforded by even the poorest family. Parents are encouraged to put a smile on the faces of their children by buying them toys.

According to the passage, the writer thinks that toys

- A. are harmful and dangerous.
- B. frightens all the children.
- C. make them talk to themselves like mad people.
- D. helps the creativity of children.
- E. all of the above

The correct answer option is [D].

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18. Over four hundred rats once lived in a thatched mud house. Though there was plenty of food and holes were easily made in the mud, these rats were most unhappy because black pussy, the cat, was also living in the same house. Pussy, their chief enemy, always lay in wait for them. This made them miserable and restless, for they were not free to move about. Hunger often made them weak, for they could not go in search for food. One night, all the rats met together to plan how to solve their difficulties. Some of them suggested fighting the cat but this was found to be impossible. "I have a good idea", said a young rat, "let's tie a small bell round her neck while she is fast asleep to warn us of her movements. We shall then run into our holes whenever we hear the tinkling of the bell". All the rats clapped their hands in support; brave young rats were asked to do the job. Then the chief of the rats remarked: "This is a good idea, dear citizens, but who will bell the cat? Let them step forward". No one volunteered. All then went back to their holes realising that saying things was easier than doing them.

According to the passage, what were they supposed to tie around Pussy's neck?

- A. A bell
- B. A fish
- C. A net
- D. A radio
- E. A torch light

The correct answer option is [A]

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According to the passage, coal is produced from \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. solidified crude oil
- B. molten rock
- C. molten sand
- D. long dead trees and vegetation
- E. spilled petroleum

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According to the passage, there are \_\_\_\_\_ types of coal?

- A. two

- B. four
- C. three
- D. one
- E. none of the above

The correct answer is option [A]

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Extracted chemicals from coal can be used to make \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. perfumes
- B. oil
- C. gas
- D. tar
- E. coke

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According to the passage, the main difference between bituminous coal and anthracite coal is that \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. bituminous coal produces electricity while anthracite coal does not
- B. bituminous coal produces oil while anthracite coal does not
- C. bituminous coal burns with smoke while anthracite coal burns slowly without smoke
- D. bituminous coal burns with smoke while anthracite coal burns slowly with smoke
- E. bituminous coal burns off easily anthracite coal does not

The correct answer is option [C].

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Nigeria's coal reserve is situated mainly in the \_\_\_\_\_ States of Nigeria.

- A. Southern
- B. Eastern
- C. Northern
- D. Western
- E. three

The correct answer is option [B]

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Coal can be got through \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. drilling

- B. mining
- C. excavation
- D. sucking
- E. burning

The correct answer is option [B]

Read the passage carefully and answer the question.

25. Until the later part of the nineteenth century, the Europeans knew little about the interior of Africa. By then, much had been learnt about America, Asia and Australia. Africa was then named 'The Dark Continent' by Stanley, the British explorer who had explored the Congo Basin; a river with beautiful falls that was named after him. Besides this, the dark skinned nature of the people of Africa may have earned her the name 'Dark Continent'.

In trying to answer the question why so little was known about the hinterlands of Africa until the last two hundred years, one is drawn to think that it was because the natives were unfriendly to the Europeans. This could be as a result of the enslaving treatment the natives received from the Arab slave raiders. This made many Negroes look upon all white people as slave dealers.

But we must not forget the difficulties in exploring Africa. The geographical setting in Africa which includes the Sahara Desert, rapids on rivers and the thick forest made travelling into the hinterlands very difficult. The harsh climatic conditions, mosquitoes, tsetse flies, etc, caused illness for and made the European explorers uncomfortable.

Who called Africa the 'Dark Continent'?

- A. Europeans
- B. Explorers
- C. The Americans
- D. The British
- E. Stanley

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What caused ill health to European explorers?

- A. Snake bites and malaria
- B. The climate and insects
- C. The dangerous rivers and deserts
- D. The rapids on Africa rivers
- E. The slave raiders unfriendliness

The correct answer is option [B]

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27. A toy is one of the best presents you can buy for a child. With toys around children, they tend to be focused while playing. Even when they are alone playing, you will hear them talking excitedly as though a living being was there with them. Some children are frightened at terrifying toys and most times cry for such toys to be taken far away from them. Toys help the imaginations of children and they easily relate what they see to the environment.

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The writer states that 'with toys around children', they tend to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. play too much
- B. be focused while playing
- C. be frightened as they play
- D. talk too much while playing
- E. be so happy

The correct answer option is [B].

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How many rats lived in the house?

- A. Over four hundred rats and a dog.
- B. Over one hundred and twenty rats.
- C. So many rats of different colours.
- D. Over two hundred rats of the same colour.
- E. Over four hundred rats.

The correct answer option is [E]

Read the passage carefully and answer the question.

29. The rate at which people from rural areas migrate to the urban areas is on the increase every year. Many of the immigrants are school leavers in search of gainful employment in the urban areas. This results in over-crowded cities and depopulated country sides. Country life, with its fresh air, is forgotten. Only old people and children are left behind. Our forests are in their natural state. Valuable customs, crafts and art become things of the past. While the main occupation of the people living in most rural areas is agriculture, the youths seem to have a wrong perception about it; they see it as a poor man's business. They prefer white-collar jobs to farming and don't see the wealth that can come to them from agriculture. When these youths get to the cities, they get so disappointed as they don't get what they want and realise that life in the city is not as easy as they were made to believe. They experience hardship and lack jobs and money. Thus, most of them end up stranded and frustrated and indulge in so many social vices in order to make ends meet. Many of them end up as criminals while others dust themselves and head back to their villages. One way the government can check this movement is by setting up factories in the rural areas. Other ways include providing good medical services, means of transportation and communication; building libraries, and post offices are equally important amenities

necessary in rural areas. This way, the white collar jobs so desired by the youths will be created. The villages will then become attractive and healthy for the people and the youth especially, will appreciate living there.

\_\_\_\_\_ is a word that can replace "migrate" without changing the meaning of the first sentence in the first paragraph.

- A. pace
- B. stroll
- C. move
- D. come
- E. stay

The correct answer is option [C]

read the passage carefully and answer the question.

30. Over four hundred rats once lived in a thatched mud house. Though there was plenty of food and holes were easily made in the mud, these rats were most unhappy because black pussy, the cat, was also living in the same house. Pussy, their chief enemy, always lay in wait for them. This made them miserable and restless, for they were not free to move about. Hunger often made them weak, for they could not go in search for food. One night, all the rats met together to plan how to solve their difficulties. Some of them suggested fighting the cat but this was found to be impossible. "I have a good idea", said a young rat, "let's tie a small bell round her neck while she is fast asleep to warn us of her movements. We shall then run into our holes whenever we hear the tinkling of the bell". All the rats clapped their hands in support; brave young rats were asked to do the job. Then the chief of the rats remarked: "This is a good idea, dear citizens, but who will bell the cat? Let them step forward". No one volunteered. All then went back to their holes realising that saying things was easier than doing them.

According to the passage, the rats once lived in a \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. roofed school house
- B. thatched, church house
- C. thatched, mud house
- D. modern skyscraper
- E. thatched, mud duplex

The correct answer option is [C]

Read the passage carefully and answer the question.

31. A toy is one of the best presents you can buy for a child. With toys around children, they tend to be focused while playing. Even when they are alone playing, you will hear them talking excitingly as though a living being was there with them. Some children are frightened at terrifying toys and most times cry for such toys to be taken far away from them. Toys helps the imaginations of children and they easily relate what they see to the environment.

Most times, the toys of children are replaced with new ones at christmas as gift comes in from parents, uncles, aunties, santa clause etc., giving them a lasting joy throughout the year that follows.

Schools understand the imaginary status of the child and as such, toys and colours are used to get their attention in learning. Toys come in sizes and colours that a child cannot resist. It is not expensive and can be afforded by even the poorest family. Parents are encouraged to put a smile on the faces of their children by buying them toys.

Children \_\_\_\_\_ what they see to the environment.

- A. easily dominate
- B. hardly relate
- C. slightly relate
- D. hardly dominate
- E. easily relate

The correct answer option is [E].

Read the passage carefully and answer the question.

32. Until the later part of the nineteenth century, the Europeans knew little about the interior of Africa. By then, much had been learnt about America, Asia and Australia. Africa was then named 'The Dark Continent' by Stanley, the British explorer who had explored the Congo Basin; a river with beautiful falls that was named after him. Besides this, the dark skinned nature of the people of Africa may have earned her the name 'Dark Continent'. In trying to answer the question why so little was known about the hinterlands of Africa until the last two hundred years, one is drawn to think that it was because the natives were unfriendly to the Europeans. This could be as a result of the enslaving treatment the natives received from the Arab slave raiders. This made many Negroes look upon all white people as slave dealers.

But we must not forget the difficulties in exploring Africa. The geographical setting in Africa which includes the Sahara Desert, rapids on rivers and the thick forest made travelling into the hinterlands very difficult. The harsh climatic conditions, mosquitoes, tsetse flies, etc, caused illness for and made the European explorers uncomfortable.

A word that can replace "natives" as it is used in the passage is?

- A. Indigenes



- B. Leaders
- C. Traders
- D. Visitors
- E. Warriors

The correct answer is option [A]

Read the passage carefully and answer the question.

33. Coal is a black solid mineral found underneath the ground. It is formed from dead trees and vegetation buried under ground. There are two types of coal; the hard coal or anthracite which burns slowly without smoke and the bituminous coal which burns with smoke. Coal is mined beneath the earth's surface. Miners dig into the ground and use machines to get coal from the coal mines.

Coal is used to generate heat for raising steam which in turn is used to run locomotive trains or conduct electricity. The following are products can be extracted from coal: gas, coke, tar, oils and other chemicals which can be used for making plastics, explosives, perfumes etc.

Nigeria has an estimated reserve of about 350 million tones of bituminous coal located mainly in Anambra, Enugu and Imo States. Coal is consumed mainly by the Nigerian Railways Cooperation, the Power Holding Company of Nigeria and the cement factories.

According to the passage, which are the products that could be extracted from coal?

- A. Coal, gas, coke, tar, oils
- B. Coal, petrol, coke, tar, oils
- C. Coal, gas, kerosene, tar, oils
- D. Coal, gas, diesel, tar, oils
- E. Coal, petroleum, gas, tar, oils

The correct answer is option [A]

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According to the writer, a toy is one of

- A. the worse gift.
- B. the best gift.
- C. the best presents.
- D. the good gift.
- E. none of the above.

The correct answer option is [C].

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The \_\_\_\_\_ was explored by Stanley.

- A. Africa Coast
- B. Congo Basin
- C. forested part of Africa
- D. interior of Africa
- E. Stanley falls

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. There isn't \_\_\_\_\_ dirt on the paper.

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

The correct answer option is [B]

2. There aren't \_\_\_\_\_ books on the table.

- A. any
- B. few
- C. lots
- D. much
- E. some

The correct answer is option [A]

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

3. There were big tropical trees on \_\_\_\_\_ side of the river.

- A. such
- B. all

- C. any
- D. both
- E. either

The correct answer is option [E].

Fill in the blank space with the most appropriate option.

4. My friend asked me to drink \_\_\_\_\_ water.

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

The correct answer is option [B]

## TOPIC: LITERARY TERMS

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

Fill in the blank space with the most appropriate option.

1. The man is a lion. This statement is an example of a \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. simile
- B. mood
- C. heroin
- D. metaphor
- E. villain

The correct answer is option [D]

2. A person in a story, or literary work is called \_\_\_\_\_.

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

The correct answer is option [D]

3. The three types of Literature are \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. story, essay and letter
- B. epic, elegy and sonnet
- C. poetry, drama and songs
- D. drama, poetry and prose
- E. dance, drama and songs

The correct answer is option [D]

4. The \_\_\_\_\_ idea of any piece of writing is called the theme.

- A. entire
- B. whole
- C. basic
- D. centre
- E. central

The correct answer is option [E]

5. Non-fiction in literature refers to a work that deals with \_\_\_\_\_ life events.

- A. real
- B. recorded
- C. past
- D. imaginary
- E. unseen

The correct answer is option [A]

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

6. Literature that is spoken and not written down is called \_\_\_\_\_ literature.

- A. oral
- B. aural
- C. local
- E. ancient

The correct answer is option [A].

Fill in the blank space with the most appropriate option.

7. When an author compares two things by using the words "like" or "as", what imagery does he apply?

- A. hyperbole
- B. irony

- C. simile
- D. paradox
- E. oxymoron

The correct answer is option [C]

**HYPERBOLE** - exaggeration

**IRONY** - incongruity (the quality of disagreeing; being unsuitable and inappropriate) between what might be expected and what actually occurs.

**METONYMY** - substituting the name of an attribute or feature for the name of the thing itself e.g. "they counted heads".

**PARADOX** - a statement that is seemingly contradictory or opposed to common sense and yet is perhaps true or a self-contradictory statement that at first seems true.

**OXYMORON** - placing two contradictory words side by side e.g. "a deafening silence"



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

8. A piece of writing in which the writer records his own life history is called \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. an autobiography
- B. an epigram
- C. a biography
- D. a fable
- E. a ballad

The correct answer is option [A].

Fill in the blank space with the most appropriate option.

9. \_\_\_\_\_ is also known as the time and a place of a story.

- A. Theme
- B. Setting
- C. Plot
- D. Oxymoron
- E. Simile

The correct answer is option [B]

10. A playwright is one who \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. acts drama
- B. plays and writes
- C. writes plays
- D. recites poem
- E. sings in play.

The correct answer is option [C]

11. The enemy, or bad person of a story, or literary work. is known as a \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. antagonist
- B. character
- C. foe
- D. protagonist
- E. aside

The correct answer is option [A]

## TOPIC: PARTS OF SPEECH

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

Fill in the blank space with the most appropriate option.

1. He drove \_\_\_\_\_ me without stopping.

- A. from
- B. towards
- C. along
- D. in
- E. past

The correct answer option is [E]

2. They are friends of \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. theirs'
- B. them
- C. me
- D. their
- E. mine

The correct answer option is [E]

3. Nene has a strong dislike \_\_\_\_\_ scandals.

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

The correct answer option

4. Divide the banana \_\_\_\_\_ the two of them.

- A. among
- B. between
- C. to
- D. as
- E. for

The correct answer option is [B]

5. My shirt is quite different \_\_\_\_\_ yours.

- A. from
- B. upon
- C. above
- D. after
- E. towards

The correct answer is option [A]

Fill in the blank space with the most appropriate option.

6. They like going to Abuja \_\_\_\_\_ road.

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

The correct answer option is [C]

7. I came \_\_\_\_\_ the rain.

- A. in
- B. on

- C. at
- D. as
- E. over

The correct answer option is [A]

8. The father was angry \_\_\_\_\_ his son.

- A. of
- B. with
- C. for
- D. off
- E. among

The correct answer option is [B]

9. I travelled to London \_\_\_\_\_ air.

- A. off
- B. towards
- C. by
- D. above
- E. upon

The correct answer is option [C]

10. She went \_\_\_\_\_ the hill.

- A. over
- B. up
- C. down
- D. accross
- E. inside

The correct answer option is [B]

11. Obomate \_\_\_\_\_ Kunle can play well.

- A. and
- B. lest
- C. as
- D. but
- E. for

The correct answer option is [A]

Fill in the blank space with the most appropriate option.

12. \_\_\_\_\_ of the cars is better?

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

The correct answer is option [E]

13. Look! That car is \_\_\_\_\_ fire.

- A. through
- B. with
- C. on
- D. in
- E. into

The correct answer option is [C]

14. \_\_\_\_\_ has ever seen a lion?

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

The correct answer is option [D]

15. I work \_\_\_\_\_ a bank.

- A. out
- B. on
- C. around
- D. next
- E. in

The correct answer option is [E]

16. Olu looked \_\_\_\_\_ the window.

- A. against
- B. by
- C. from
- D. over
- E. through

The correct answer option is [E]

17. Two boats sank \_\_\_\_\_ the river yesterday.

- A. from
- B. on
- C. in

- D. by
- E. with

The correct answer option is [C]

18. The teacher shouted \_\_\_\_\_ the pupil.

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

The correct answer option is [E]

From options A - E, choose the most appropriate plural form of the word written in capital letters.

19. Nigeria has beautiful STADIUM but they need to be properly maintained.

- A. stadia
- B. stadium
- C. stadia
- D. stadias
- E. stadiars

The correct answer is option [A]



From options A - E, choose the most appropriate answer to the question

20. Which of these is a noun?

- A. Dog
- B. To
- C. Under
- D. There
- E. Above

The correct answer option is [A]

A noun is any word used as a name of a person, thing, place, concept, etc

Fill in the blank space with the most appropriate option.

21. My bed is made \_\_\_\_\_ iron.

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

The correct answer option is [C]

22. Jane said that she wasn't familiar \_\_\_\_\_ that particular play written by Soyinka.

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

The correct answer is option [C]

23. She took the key \_\_\_\_\_ her pocket.

- A. into
- B. out of
- C. by
- D. up to
- E. off

The correct answer option is [B]

24. Emily is the \_\_\_\_\_ of them all.

- A. taller
- B. tall
- C. tallest
- D. talling
- E. talls

The correct answer option is [C].

25. Tonye accused his brother \_\_\_\_\_ taking his book.

- A. of
- B. for
- C. about
- D. in
- E. form

The correct answer is option [A]

26. Tunde jumped \_\_\_\_\_ a waiting car.

- A. with
- B. into
- C. in

D. on

E. by

The correct answer option is [B]

Fill in the blank space with the most appropriate option.

27. \_\_\_\_\_ broke those glasses?

A. Who

B. Where

C. When

D. Which

E. none of the above

The correct answer is option [A]

28. Johnson is still \_\_\_\_\_ bed, sleeping.

A. on

B. in

C. by

D. with

E. from

The correct answer option is [B]

29. We live \_\_\_\_\_ that house.

A. in

B. at

C. on

D. across

E. over

The correct answer option is [A]

From options A - E, choose the most appropriate plural form of the word written in capital letters.

30. The THIEF jumped over the wall.

- A. thieves
- B. theives
- C. theves
- D. thiefes
- E. thieves

The correct answer is option [E]

Fill in the blank space with the most appropriate option.

31. The supermarket is located \_\_\_\_\_ the road.

- A. across
- B. at
- C. inside
- D. in
- E. over

The correct answer is option [A]

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

32. Dango wanted to know if Ikiomo was \_\_\_\_ the phone.

- A. with
- B. over
- C. for
- D. against
- E. shout

The correct answer is option [A].

Fill in the blank space with the most appropriate option.

33. Mr. Eugene expects us to start the meeting \_\_\_\_\_ time.

- A. by
- B. for
- C. at
- D. of
- E. on

The correct answer is option [E]

34. \_\_\_\_\_ saw Tammy last week?

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

The correct answer is option [A]

35. Divide the mangoes \_\_\_\_\_ those two ladies.

- A. among
- B. between
- C. against
- D. for
- E. from

The correct answer option is [B]

36. The angry mob threw stones \_\_\_\_\_ the thief.

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

The correct answer option is [A].

37. He quarrelled \_\_\_\_\_ the driver over his balance.

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

The correct answer option is [A]

38. Aisha was \_\_\_\_\_ than Dupe in the 100 metre race.

- A. fast
- B. faster
- C. fastest
- D. more faster
- E. most faster

The correct answer is option [B]

Fill in the blank space with the most appropriate option.

39. I was accused \_\_\_\_\_ picking his pencil.

- A. of
- B. by
- C. for

D. about

E. at

The correct answer is option [A]

40. My school bus is made \_\_\_\_\_ steel.

A. with

B. on

C. from

D. of

E. by

The correct answer option is [D]

41. I asked \_\_\_\_\_ two stamps at the post office.

A. by

B. for

C. with

D. on

E. at

The correct answer option is [B]

42. My brother came \_\_\_\_\_ Lagos.

A. with

B. by

C. of

D. on

E. from

The correct answer option is [E]

Complete the following question with the most appropriate of the options lettered A

- E.

43. Every participant \_\_\_\_\_ reported for the opening ceremony.

A. have

B. has

C. had

D. is

E. was

The correct answer is option [B]

Fill in the blank space with the most appropriate option.

44. John jumped \_\_\_\_ the river.

A. onto

B. on to

C. by

D. into

E. over

The correct answer option is [D]

45. He does everything with great care, so he is a man of \_\_\_\_\_.

A. fashion

B. conscience

C. caution

D. attention

E. attendance

The correct answer is option [C]



46. Ineba's behaviour was so terrible. She ought to be ashamed \_\_\_\_\_ herself.

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

The correct answer is option [C]

47. Ebiowei is afraid \_\_\_\_\_ snakes.

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

The correct answer is option [D]

48. The doctor put a plaster \_\_\_\_\_ my cut.

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

The correct answer option is [B]

49. He refused \_\_\_\_\_ dance with us.

- A. and
- B. with
- C. for

D. is

E. to

The correct answer option is [E]

From options A – E, choose the most appropriate plural form of the word written in capital letters.

50. The WOMAN took the sharp knife.

A. woman

B. womans

C. womanies

D. women

E. womens

The correct answer is option [D]

51. The stranger asked, "\_\_\_\_\_ does the farmer live?"

A. Where

B. Who

C. Which

D. When

E. Were

The correct answer is option [A]

52. He saw a parking space \_\_\_\_\_ two cars.

A. over

B. between

C. along

D. by

E. up

The correct answer option is [B]

53. \_\_\_\_\_ did the teacher keep the duster?

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

The correct answer is option [B]

Fill in the blank space with the most appropriate option.

54. I walked \_\_\_\_\_ him and asked him the best way to get \_\_\_\_\_ town.

- A. from / into
- B. towards / over
- C. along / up
- D. by / on
- E. up to / out of

The correct answer option is [E]

From options A - E, choose the most appropriate plural form of the word written in capital letters.

55. I know the CHIEF of his village.

- A. chieves
- B. chiefs
- C. chiefes
- D. chievies
- E. chief

The correct answer is option [B]

Fill in the blank space with the most appropriate option.

56. She stood \_\_\_\_\_ a chair.

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

The correct answer option is [D]

57. Emeka failed the test \_\_\_\_\_ he did not study.

- A. because
- B. for
- C. on
- D. with
- E. during

The correct answer option is [A]

From options A - E, choose the most appropriate preposition to fill in the blank space.

58. Were you \_\_\_\_\_ the school team?

- A. of
- B. for
- C. at
- D. under
- E. on

The correct answer is option [E]

Fill in the blank space with the most appropriate option.

59. The man \_\_\_\_\_ wrote that poem is an architect.

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

The correct answer is option [E]

60. It is \_\_\_\_\_ the box.

- A. inside
- B. of
- C. atop
- D. from
- E. up

The correct answer option is [A]

61. \_\_\_\_\_ it is raining, I always drive slowly.

- A. Although
- B. Nevertheless
- C. Until
- D. In spite of
- E. When

The correct answer is option [E]

62. The bird is on the tree \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. over
- B. up
- C. top
- D. cover
- E. above

The correct answer is option [C]

63. Put it \_\_\_\_\_ the desk.

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

The correct answer option is [B]

64. We \_\_\_\_\_ rice every evening.

- A. ate
- B. eating

- C. eat
- D. eats
- E. eaten

The correct answer is option [C]

Fill in the blank space with the most appropriate option.

65. Harry comes to work \_\_\_\_\_ car.

- A. at
- B. beside
- C. by
- D. in
- E. at

The correct answer option is [C]

66. The hunter shot \_\_\_\_\_ the rabbit.

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

The correct answer option is [E]

67. Please, put it \_\_\_\_\_ the desk.

- A. on
- B. into
- C. with
- D. of
- E. over

The correct answer is option [A]

68. Bimbo was looking \_\_\_\_\_ the picture.

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

The correct answer option is [A]

69. I need \_\_\_\_\_ study hard.

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

The correct answer option is [A]

Fill in the blank space with the most appropriate option.

70. There was no meat in the market, \_\_\_\_\_ Preye bought some fish.

- A. unless
- B. since
- C. so
- D. in case
- E. when

The correct answer is option [C]



71. The goats jumped \_\_\_\_\_ the fence.

- A. of
- B. by
- C. without
- D. in
- E. over

The correct answer option is [E]

72. Onari walked \_\_\_\_\_ his office.

- A. on
- B. at
- C. into
- D. off
- E. with

The correct answer option is [C]

73. The old woman said happily to the boy; 'thank you \_\_\_\_\_ son'.

- A. another woman's son
- B. them
- C. me
- D. my
- E. mine

The correct answer is option [D]

74. Fishes live \_\_\_\_\_ water.

- A. on
- B. in
- C. by

- D. with
- E. for

The correct answer option is [B]

75. Rats live \_\_\_\_\_ holes.

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

The correct answer option is [B]

Fill in the blank space with the most appropriate option.

76. Sunny walked slowly \_\_\_\_\_ the road.

- A. by
- B. of
- C. behind
- D. at
- E. down

The correct answer is option [E]

77. I am looking for an electrician who \_\_\_\_\_ mount my ceiling fan.

- A. can
- B. could
- C. might
- D. shall
- E. ought to

The correct answer is option [A]

78. I saw something about it \_\_\_\_\_ television.

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

The correct answer option is [D]

79. Did you eat rice \_\_\_\_\_ Sunday, last week?

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

The correct answer option is [E]

Fill in the blank space with the most appropriate option.

80. They went \_\_\_\_\_ the hill.

- A. under
- B. up
- C. inside
- D. on
- E. above

The correct answer is option [B]

81. The dog was eating \_\_\_\_\_ food.

- A. its
- B. its'

C. it's

D. his

E. is

The correct answer is option [A]

82. Sokeiprim is sick \_\_\_\_\_ fever.

A. along

B. of

C. in

D. by

E. with

The correct answer is option [E]

83. Please, let me \_\_\_\_\_ you.

A. help

B. helps

C. helped

D. hepled

E. helping

The correct answer is option [A]

From options A - E, choose the most appropriate plural form of the word written in capital letters.

84. Please, meet my SON-IN-LAW.

A. sons-in-law

B. son-inlaws

C. sons-inlaws

D. son-in-law

E. none of the above

The correct answer is option [A]

85. The old man died \_\_\_\_\_ hunger.

A. from

B. by

C. with

D. of

E. off

The correct answer option is [D]

86. He didn't think it was a very good idea to set the bush \_\_\_\_\_ fire.

A. at

B. in

C. of

D. on

E. with

The correct answer is option [D]

87. He refused \_\_\_\_\_ with us.

A. to gone

B. to comings

C. to comes

D. to come

E. to came

The correct answer option is [D]

88. Neither Mr. Ogaluzo nor the students \_\_\_\_\_ satisfied with their performance.

- A. is
- B. have
- C. has
- D. are
- E. been

The correct answer is option [D]

89. Okey lives \_\_\_\_\_ Onitsha.

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

The correct answer option is [A]

Fill in the blank space with the most appropriate option.

90. They stood \_\_\_\_\_ me.

- A. beneath
- B. inside
- C. beside
- D. into
- E. under

The correct answer option is [C]

91. Priscilla was blamed \_\_\_\_\_ the accident.

- A. off
- B. for

- C. on
- D. with
- E. about

The correct answer option is [B]

92. He abuses me as if he \_\_\_\_\_ my father.

- A. wasn't
- B. is
- C. was
- D. be
- E. were

The correct answer is option [E]

Fill in the blank space with the most appropriate option.

93. God is loving and can \_\_\_\_\_ whomever He wants, including you.

- A. bless
- B. blessed
- C. blessing
- D. blesses
- E. blest

The correct answer is option [A]

94. I put the key \_\_\_\_\_ the lock.

- A. with
- B. by
- C. on
- D. in
- E. out of

The correct answer option is [D]

Fill in the blank space with the most appropriate option.

95. \_\_\_\_\_ did the boy come here?

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

The correct answer is option [A]

96. My dad listened \_\_\_\_\_ the news at 7am.

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

The correct answer option is [C]

97. It's a bad omen to pass \_\_\_\_\_ a dead animal.

- A. through
- B. out of
- C. by
- D. out
- E. up

The correct answer option is [C]



98. I met Mienye early \_\_\_\_\_ the morning.

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

The correct answer is option [B]

99. Which of \_\_\_\_\_ roads lead to her house?

- A. this
- B. that
- C. these
- D. there
- E. their

The correct answer is option [C]

100. I drove \_\_\_\_\_ the garage.

- A. by
- B. out off
- C. up
- D. on
- E. into

The correct answer option is [E]

Fill in the blank space with the most appropriate option.

101. This book is \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. her

- B. my
- C. mine
- D. I
- E. him

The correct answer option is [C]

102. The players ran \_\_\_\_\_ the field.

- A. round
- B. over
- C. between
- D. against
- E. for

The correct answer option is [A]

103. We often go to Kano \_\_\_\_\_ train.

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

The correct answer is option [B]

104. \_\_\_\_\_ did he go?

- A. Where
- B. Who
- C. Which
- D. Whom
- E. None of the above

The correct answer is option [A]

105. Parents punish their children because of the love they have \_\_\_\_\_ them.

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

The correct answer is option [C]

106. My father is a \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. man
- B. woman
- C. men
- D. women
- E. boy

The correct answer is option [A]

107. Please John, tell \_\_\_\_\_ the story.

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

The correct answer option is [A]

108. Please, Gbenro wait \_\_\_\_\_ me.

- A. at

- B. of
- C. among
- D. for
- E. between

The correct answer option is [D]

109. The man was angry \_\_\_\_\_ his sons.

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

The correct answer option is [D]

Fill in the blank space with the most appropriate option.

110. He gave up smoking based \_\_\_\_\_ the advice of his doctor.

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

The correct answer is option [D]

111. It is rude to \_\_\_\_\_ when an elder is speaking.

- A. cut off
- B. cut in
- C. cut out

- D. shout up
- E. shout at

The correct answer is option [B]

112. I prefer to come \_\_\_\_\_ foot.

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

The correct answer option is [D]

113. We feel very cold \_\_\_\_\_ the harmattan season.

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

The correct answer option is [D]

114. Keep the book \_\_\_\_\_ the table.

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

The correct answer option is [B]

115. Boma lives \_\_\_\_\_ the lane.

- A. upon
- B. by
- C. down
- D. from
- E. at

The correct answer option is [C].

116. Since childhood, I have always had a passion \_\_\_\_\_ music.

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

The correct answer is option [B]

117. Share the cake \_\_\_\_\_ the children.

- A. of
- B. from
- C. in
- D. at
- E. among

The correct answer option is [E]

118. He was guilty \_\_\_\_\_ the offence.

- A. for
- B. off
- C. of

- D. on
- E. with

The correct answer option is [C]

119. We are equal \_\_\_\_\_ the task.

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

The correct answer option is [B]

Fill in the blank space with the most appropriate option.

120. I couldn't get \_\_\_\_\_ the door.

- A. through
- B. out of
- C. between
- D. over
- E. to

The correct answer option is [A]

121. The lion seems \_\_\_\_\_ than the jackal, but both are dangerous.

- A. most ferocious
- B. most ferociouslest
- C. ferociouser
- D. more ferocious
- E. ferociouslest

The correct answer is option [D]

122. Tina stopped \_\_\_\_\_ the market to buy oranges.

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

The correct answer option is [E]

123. The barber's shop is located \_\_\_\_\_ the road.

- A. across
- B. at
- C. inside
- D. on
- E. over

The correct answer option is [A].

124. Fishes live \_\_\_\_\_ water.

- A. by
- B. in
- C. to
- D. on
- E. upon

The correct answer option is [B]

125. My father's hat is \_\_\_\_\_ the table.

- A. over
- B. above
- C. in



D. on

E. of

The correct answer option is [D]

126. Biseni is a town \_\_\_\_\_ Bayelsa State.

A. in

B. with

C. for

D. on

E. by

The correct answer is option [A]

## TOPIC: PUNCTUATION

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

Identify the mark in the bracket.

1. [,]

- A. comma
- B. semicolon
- C. exclamation mark
- D. full stop
- E. dash

The correct answer is option [A]

Identify the mark in the bracket.

2. [ \_ ]

- A. circular mark
- B. zero mark
- C. dash
- D. hyphen
- E. dashed

The correct answer is option [C]

3. [:]

- A. semicolon
- B. apostrophe
- C. comma
- D. fullstop
- E. colon

The correct answer is option [E]

Identify the mark in the bracket.

4. [.]

- A. dot
- B. colon
- C. . com
- D. apostrophe
- E. full stop

The correct answer is option [E]

Identify the mark in the bracket.

5. [:]

- A. colon
- B. semicolon
- C. dash
- D. apostrophe
- E. two dots

The correct answer is option [B]

Identify the mark in the bracket.

6. [']

- A. comma
- B. exclamation mark
- C. dash
- D. apostrophe
- E. semicolon

The correct answer is option [D]

7. [ " " ]

- A. quotation mark
- B. double quotation marks
- C. comma
- D. exclamation mark
- E. none of the above

The correct answer is option [B]

Identify the mark in the bracket.

8. [!]

- A. exclamation mark
- B. quotation mark
- C. question mark
- D. apostrophe
- E. all of the above

The correct answer is option [A]

Identify the mark in the bracket.

9. [?]

- A. exclamation mark
- B. double quotation mark
- C. question mark
- D. comma
- E. fullstop

The correct answer is option [C]

10. [-]

- A. semicolon
- B. colon
- C. question mark
- D. hyphen
- E. dash

The correct answer is option [D]

Identify the mark in the bracket.

11. [' ']

- A. single quotation marks
- B. hyphen
- C. comma
- D. colon
- E. quotation mark

The correct answer is option [A]

## TOPIC: QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES

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

Choose the most appropriate response to the question below.

1. You have been promoted, haven't you?

- A. No, I have.
- B. Yes, I have.
- C. Yes, I haven't.
- D. No, I did.
- E. Yes, I has.

The correct answer is option [B]

Fill in the blank space with the most appropriate question tag.

2. The headmaster was here, \_\_\_\_\_

- A. won't he?
- B. was he?
- C. he was?
- D. isn't he?
- E. wasn't he?

The correct answer is option [E]

From the options lettered A - E, choose the correct response to the question.

3. What is he drinking?

- A. No, he isn't.
- B. He likes milk.
- C. He is drinking coffee.
- D. Apple
- E. Is he drinking?

The correct answer is option [C]

Fill in the blank space with the most appropriate option.

4. What's your name? \_\_\_\_\_ name is Boneri.

- A. I
- B. Me
- C. Mine
- D. My
- E. Our

The correct answer is option [D]

From the options lettered A - E, choose the correct response to the question.

5. May I come in?

- A. You can.
- B. Yes, you can.
- C. Yes, you may.
- D. Yes, you may not.
- E. No, you can't.

The correct answer is option [C]

Choose the most appropriate response to the question below

6. You do want to travel to Abuja, don't you?

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

The correct answer is option [A]

Fill in the blank space with the most appropriate question tag.

7. We aren't late for this meeting, \_\_\_\_\_

- A. won't we?
- B. are we?
- C. we are?
- D. aren't we?
- E. can't we?

The correct answer is option [B]

Fill in the blank space with the most appropriate option.

8. They went to church together, \_\_\_\_\_

- A. isn't it?
- B. didn't they?
- C. won't they?
- D. they didn't?
- E. did they?

The correct answer is option [B]

9. Will Glory come tomorrow? Yes, she\_\_\_\_\_.



- A. won't
- B. will
- C. would
- D. is
- E. isn't

The correct answer option is [B]

10. Did you see the doctor? Yes, I \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. did
- B. have
- C. saw
- D. will
- E. am

The correct answer option is [A]

Fill in the blank space with the most appropriate question tag.

11. Edna doesn't like reading, \_\_\_\_\_

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

The correct answer is option [C]

From the options lettered A - E, choose the correct response to the question.

12. Have you ever been to Lagos?

- A. Yes, I have.
- B. No, I wasn't.
- C. Yes, I did.
- D. Yes, it was.
- E. Not on my life!

The correct answer is option [A]

From the options lettered A - E, choose the correct question tag.

13. They all saw mummy when she came, \_\_\_\_\_?

- A. did they
- B. don't she
- C. didn't they
- D. wasn't it
- E. did she

The correct answer is option [C]

From the options lettered A - E, choose the correct response to the question.

14. How often do you visit the hospital?

- A. Not really.
- B. Yes, often.
- C. I do.
- D. I rarely do.
- E. Sometimes.

The correct answer is option [D]

Fill in the blank space with the most appropriate option.

15. Where do you think you are going? \_\_\_\_\_ going no where.

- A. I is
- B. I have
- C. I will
- D. I am
- E. I was

The correct answer is option [D]

16. Does Ala live in Port Harcourt? No, she \_\_\_\_.

- A. lives
- B. is
- C. isn't
- D. doesn't
- E. does

The correct answer option is [D]

From the options lettered A - E, choose the correct response to the question.

17. Did John go to the market with Boma?

- A. Only John went.
- B. Only Aina went.
- C. No, he went to the market with Aina
- D. They went with friends
- E. They did not go at all

The correct answer is option [C]

Fill in the blank space with the most appropriate option.

18. You are travelling to Lagos, \_\_\_\_\_

- A. are you?
- B. aren't you?
- C. won't you?
- D. you aren't?

The correct answer is option [B]

19. We are ready, \_\_\_\_\_ we?

- A. are
- B. aren't

- C. have
- D. were
- E. weren't

The correct answer is option [B]

Fill in the blank space with the most appropriate question tag.

20. Dele hasn't seen his book yet, \_\_\_\_\_

- A. does he?
- B. he hasn't?
- C. hasn't he?
- D. doesn't he?
- E. has he?

The correct answer is option [E]

21. I did all the work today, \_\_\_\_\_

- A. aren't I?
- B. did I not?
- C. didn't I?
- D. don't I?
- E. isn't it?

The correct answer is option [C]

Fill in the blank space with the most appropriate option.

22. We will come to your house this evening, \_\_\_\_\_

- A. won't we?
- B. isn't it?
- C. we won't?
- D. not so?

E. shan't we?

The correct answer is option [A]

From the options lettered A - E, choose the correct response to the question.

23. When are you going?

A. I am coming.

B. I am going tomorrow.

C. I am going to Ekpeti-ama.

D. Why me?

E. Yes, I am going.

The correct answer is option [B]

## TOPIC: SPEECH: CONSONANTS

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

Choose from options A - E the word that has the given consonant sound.

1. /k/

- A. cease
- B. choice
- C. knight
- D. know
- E. physique

The correct answer is option [E]

Choose from options A - E the word that has the given consonant sound

2. /d/

- A. midget
- B. judge
- C. width
- D. goad
- E. hissed

The correct answer is option [D]

Choose from options A - E the word that has the given consonant sound

3. /s/

- A. circle
- B. prize
- C. pressure
- D. zest
- E. sure

The correct answer is option [A]

Choose from options A - E the word that has the given consonant sound

4. /t/

- A. chide
- B. God
- C. kissed
- D. other
- E. then

The correct answer is option [C]



## TOPIC: SPEECH: VOWELS

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

Choose from options A - E the word that has the given diphthong

1. /aʊ/

- A. cry
- B. crook
- C. crown
- D. swamp
- E. crow

The correct answer is option [C]

Choose from options A - E the word that has the given vowel sound

2. /e/

- A. leopard
- B. heart
- C. many
- D. plait
- E. verse

The correct answer is option [C]

Choose from options A - E the word that has the given vowel sound

3. / i: /

- A. bird
- B. bitch
- C. dead
- D. teach
- E. tunic

The correct answer is option [B]

## TOPIC: SPELLING

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

Fill in the blank space with the most appropriate option.

1. The bus \_\_\_\_\_ for Sokoto tomorrow

- A. lifes
- B. leeves
- C. lives
- D. leaves

The correct answer is option [D]

2. People who live in slums sholud be provided good \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. accommodation
- B. accomodation
- C. accomodation
- D. acommodation
- E. acoomodation

The correct answer is option [B]

3. The mother hastened to \_\_\_\_\_her frightened daughter.

- A. reasure
- B. riasure
- C. reassure
- D. ressure

The correct answer is option [C]

4. The \_\_\_\_\_ pupil started crying.

- A. frieghtened

- B. fryghtened
- C. frightened
- D. fritened

The correct answer is option [C]

5. The noise \_\_\_\_\_ the students.

- A. detracted
- B. distracted
- C. destracted
- D. destrated
- E. ditracted

The correct answer is option [B]

6. Amenzee's birthday is \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. tomorrow
- B. tumorrow
- C. tommorrow
- D. tomorow

The correct answer is option [A]

7. Chinenye's beauty and brightness gives her a strong \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. appeal
- B. appeel
- C. apeal
- D. appael

The correct answer is option [A]

8. During the \_\_\_\_\_ season, the weather is dry and dusty.

- A. harmarttan
- B. harmatown
- C. hamattan
- D. harmattan
- E. hanmerthan

The correct answer is option [D]

9. In a bid to \_\_\_\_\_ the police, the armed robbers jumped over the fence.

- A. escape
- B. scape
- C. xcape
- D. excape

The correct answer is option [A]

10. The cashier was accused of \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. embezlement
- B. embezzlement
- C. embezilment
- D. embezzulment
- E. embizzlement

The correct answer is option [B]

## TOPIC: TENSES

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

Fill in the blank space with the most appropriate option.

1. I can't go today because I \_\_\_\_\_ to work tomorrow.

- A. has
- B. have
- C. had
- D. having
- E. to have

The correct answer is option [B]

2. She \_\_\_\_\_ through this path everyday.

- A. passes
- B. pass
- C. past
- D. passed
- E. passing

The correct answer option is [A]

3. She \_\_\_\_\_ to this house everyday.

- A. comed
- B. came
- C. comes
- D. come
- E. coming

The correct answer is option [C]

4. The dog is tired and hungry. It \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. plays
- B. had being playing
- C. has been playing
- D. has playing
- E. is playing

The correct answer is option [C]

5. Ihunda always \_\_\_\_\_ late to school.

- A. commes
- B. comed
- C. comes
- D. coming
- E. come

The correct answer option is [C].

6. Ada \_\_\_\_\_ with the old woman.

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

The correct answer option is [D]

Fill in the blank space with the correct option from the options lettered A- E.

7. We \_\_\_\_\_ rice every Saturday.

- A. cooks
- B. cook

- C. cooking
- D. have cooked
- E. are cook

The correct answer is option [B]

8. What \_\_\_\_\_ you to my house?

- A. brought
- B. bring
- C. brings
- D. bringing
- E. none of the above`

The correct answer option is [C]

9. Boma \_\_\_\_\_ you yesterday.

- A. sees
- B. seed
- C. saw
- D. see
- E. seeing

The correct answer is option [C]

Fill in the blank space with the most appropriate option

10. Somie \_\_\_\_\_ to school tomorrow.

- A. went
- B. has gone
- C. has been going
- D. will go
- E. is gone



The correct answer option is [D]

Fill in the blank space with the correct option from the options lettered A- E.

11. She has finished \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. cook
- B. cooking
- C. cooks
- D. cooked

The correct answer is option [B]

Fill in the blank space with the most appropriate answer

12. When the rain began, I was \_\_\_\_\_ home.

- A. walked
- B. walks
- C. walking
- D. walken
- E. walk

The correct answer option is [C]

Fill in the blank space with the most appropriate option.

13. Who usually \_\_\_\_\_ care of that child?

- A. take
- B. takes
- C. taken
- D. taking
- E. took

The correct answer option is [B]

14. What \_\_\_\_\_ you thinking about now?

- A. are
- B. is
- C. was
- D. am
- E. were

The correct answer is option [A]

15. We can play when the moon \_\_\_\_\_ out.

- A. is come
- B. comes
- C. had come
- D. was coming
- E. come

The correct answer option is [B]

16. Before last year, I \_\_\_\_\_ never flown in a plane.

- A. have
- B. had
- C. has
- D. having
- E. to have

The correct answer is option [A]

17. I decided \_\_\_\_\_ to Ikeja last night.

- A. travelling
- B. travelled
- C. travel

- D. to travel
- E. travels

The correct answer is option [D]

18. When did you get \_\_\_\_\_?

- A. marry
- B. married
- C. marries
- D. marrying
- E. to marry

The correct answer is option [B]

19. Seiyefa \_\_\_\_\_ to me this morning.

- A. sung
- B. sings
- C. sang
- D. singing
- E. sing

The correct answer is option [C]

20. Everyday, my mother \_\_\_\_\_ her husband a cup of tea.

- A. gave
- B. giving
- C. gave out
- D. gives
- E. gaves

The correct answer is option [D]

Fill in the blank space with the most appropriate option

21. The carpenter has finished \_\_\_\_\_ the chair.

- A. repairing
- B. repair
- C. repaired
- D. repairs
- E. for repairing

The correct answer option is [A]

22. He \_\_\_\_\_ to the market every day.

- A. go
- B. going
- C. goes
- D. went
- E. come

The correct answer is option [C]

23. Our boys played very well and \_\_\_\_\_ the other team.

- A. defeated
- B. defeating
- C. defeat
- D. defend
- E. defeced

The correct answer is option [A]

24. The rabbit \_\_\_\_\_ carrot right now.

- A. is eating
- B. to eat

C. has eaten

D. are eating

E. has eating

The correct answer is option [A]

25. Joe \_\_\_\_\_ Anita.

A. love

B. is love

C. loving

D. loves

E. none of the above

The correct answer option is [D]

26. Everyday, that little girl \_\_\_\_\_ through this path.

A. walked

B. walks

C. walking

D. works

E. working

The correct answer option is [B].

27. Mr. Barango \_\_\_\_\_ mathematics at a senior school.

A. teach

B. teaches

C. to teach

D. is taught

E. teaching

The correct answer is option [B]

## TOPIC: VOCABULARY

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

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

1. This is an ANCIENT building.

- A. old
- B. new
- C. big
- D. modern
- E. real

The correct answer is option [D]

Choose the option that BEST INTERPRETS the word or group of words WRITTEN in capital letters.

2. Asawo refused to JUMP ON THE BANDWAGON. This means that \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. the wagon was too fast for him
- B. he doesn't like to take risks
- C. he does not like people in the fashion world
- D. he doesn't want to be involved in popular events
- E. he is old fashioned and loves his own company

The correct answer option is [D].

From the options lettered A - E, choose the option that BEST INTERPRETS the words in capital letters.

3. Mr. Jonathan has a WAYWARD son. This means that his son is \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. road-worthy
- B. a traffic warden

- C. uncontrollable
- D. intelligent
- E. impatient

The correct answer is option [C]

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

4. Tonye was moved FORWARD because of her height.

- A. back
- B. sideways
- C. middle
- D. froward
- E. backward

The correct answer option is [E]

From the options lettered A - E, choose the appropriate homonym for the given word.

5. **Flower**

- A. Flow
- B. Flair
- C. Follow
- D. Flour
- E. Floor

The correct answer is option [D]

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

6. God is the AUTHOR of all good things.

- A. creator

- B. distributor
- C. discoverer
- D. winner
- E. composer

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.

7. Do not ANTICIPATE the chief's return.

- A. forecast
- B. calculate
- C. expect
- D. antedate
- E. get ready

The correct answer is option [C]

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

8. The FEMALE students were flogged for wearing short skirts to school.

- A. girls
- B. boys
- C. male
- D. man
- E. women

The correct answer is option [C]



Fill in the blank space with the most appropriate option.

9. My team played very well and \_\_\_\_\_ the other team.

- A. defeat
- B. won
- C. win
- D. defeated
- E. conquered

The correct answer option is [D].

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

10. The invigilator stood at the center of the hall and AIDED the students.

- A. called
- B. controlled
- C. ordered
- D. treated
- E. assisted

The correct answer is option [E]

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

11. My sister PURCHASED some items from the supermarket.

- A. sold
- B. carried
- C. sent
- D. bought
- E. lifted

The correct answer is option [D]

12. The TEACHER taught the class for three hours.

- A. Instructor
- B. headmaster
- C. principal
- D. monitor
- E. guide

The correct answer option is [A]

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

13. We have to SYMPATHISE with the bereaved family.

- A. regret
- B. mourn
- C. ignore
- D. pity
- E. inform

The correct answer is option [C]

Choose the correct option.

14. My niece is \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. my mother's daughter
- B. my sister's daughter's son
- C. my sister's child
- D. my brother's son
- E. my sister's daughter

The correct answer is option [E]

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

15. Please, buy a DOZEN eggs from that store.

- A. twelve
- B. twenty four
- C. 1 crate
- D. thirteen
- E. two

The correct answer option is [A]

From the options lettered A - E, choose the appropriate homonym for the given word.

16. **Blue**

- A. Blew
- B. Beau
- C. Blow
- D. Blaire
- E. Brew

The correct answer is option [A]

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

17. Rivers State is in the SOUTHERN part of Nigeria.

- A. North-Southern
- B. Eastern
- C. Western
- D. Northern
- E. South-Eastern

The correct answer is option [D]

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

18. Many people have talked about his KINDNESS.

- A. mildness
- B. tenderness
- C. helpfulness
- D. wickedness
- E. goodness

The correct answer is option [D]

Choose the option that BEST INTERPRETS the word or group of words WRITTEN in capital letters.

19. It is wrong to CUT IN ON elders. This means that it is wrong to \_\_\_\_\_ elders.

- A. bleed
- B. respect
- C. interrupt
- D. insult
- E. abuse

The correct answer option is [C].

From the options lettered A - E, choose the appropriate homonym for the given word.

20. **Hymn**

- A. Hyne
- B. He
- C. Hum
- D. Him
- E. Solemn

The correct answer is option [D].

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

21. The WIDE river is shallow.

- A. deep
- B. narrow
- C. breadth
- D. big
- E. broad

The correct answer option is [E]

Fill in the blank space with the most appropriate option.

22. Don't argue with your mother; it is a sign of \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. disrespect
- B. respect
- C. misreport
- D. no respect
- E. unrespect

The correct answer is option [A]

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

23. The path that leads to the stream is WIDE.

- A. short
- B. small
- C. long
- D. narrow

E. big

The correct answer is option [D]

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

24. The former principal REJECTED the offer which the present one \_\_\_\_\_.

A. turned down

B. confirmed

C. upheld

D. accepted

E. refused

The correct answer is option [D]

25. My mother is AWARE of Ogori's problems.

A. forgiven

B. awareness

C. ignorant

D. has knowledge

E. conscious

The correct answer option is [C]

26. That MAN returned the box.

A. maid

B. woman

C. men

D. young man

E. father

The correct answer is option [B]

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

27. Ibiere is the most ELIGIBLE of them all.

- A. illegible
- B. qualified
- C. unqualified
- D. unaccepted
- E. clarified

The correct answer is option [B]

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

28. Due to the weather condition, I was ABLE to fly by air.

- A. inability
- B. inable
- C. incapable
- D. disable
- E. unable

The correct answer option is [E]

From the options lettered A - E, choose the option that BEST INTERPRETS the words in capital letters.

29. Tunde has A VERY FINELY CUT FACE. This means that he \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. is ugly
- B. has tatoos on his face
- C. has good features
- D. is handsome
- E. has a designed face

The correct answer is option [D]

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

30. The journalist refused to DIVULGE the source of his information.

- A. dispute
- B. confirm
- C. disclose
- D. divide
- E. enclose

The correct answer is option [C]

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

31. That's a WHITE sheep.

- A. whiter
- B. black
- C. dark
- D. dim
- E. light

The correct answer option is [B]

From the options lettered A - E, choose the option that BEST INTERPRETS the words in capital letters.

32. The thieves were caught RED-HANDED means that they were caught \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. in a red trap
- B. by men in red
- C. soaked in blood
- D. in the act



E. with red paints

The correct answer is option [D]

Fill in the blank space with the most appropriate option..

33. You should not be taken \_\_\_\_\_ by false appearances.

A. aback

B. off

C. on

D. out

E. up

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.

34. The pastor STRESSES on the need for discipline among members.

A. expresses

B. says

C. emphasises

D. feels

E. implies

The correct answer is option [C]

35. The youths TURNED DOWN the offer.

A. accepted

B. reduced

C. rejected

D. removed

E. reviewed

The correct answer is option [C]

From the options lettered A - E, choose the appropriate homonym for the given word.

36. **Higher**

- A. high
- B. hire
- C. hide
- D. hussle
- E. hare

The correct answer is option [B]

37. **Maid**

- A. mad
- B. morn
- C. made
- D. paid
- E. mild

The correct answer is option [C]

From the options lettered A - E, choose the appropriate homonym for the word written in capital letters.

38. **THROUGH**

- A. Threw
- B. Thorough
- C. Drew
- D. Pew
- E. Throw

The correct answer is option [A]

From the options lettered from A - E choose the one that BEST INTERPRETS the words written in capital letters.

39. Ofonime asked the children to HIT THE HAY. This means that she asked them to go to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. sleep
- B. play
- C. work
- D. clean
- E. wash

The correct answer is option [A]

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

40. The principal asked Ike, a JUNIOR boy, to call the maths teacher.

- A. monitor
- B. lower
- C. small
- D. big
- E. senior

The correct answer is option [E]

41. Nweke did not do well in the examination and was PROMOTED.

- A. confused
- B. rejected
- C. demoted
- D. resisted
- E. beaten

The correct answer is option [C]

Fill in the blank space with the most appropriate option.

42. The condition of the patient is \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. criminal
- B. critical
- C. crucial
- D. decisive
- E. low-spirited

The correct answer is option [B]

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

43. Mr. Eze is an EDUCATED man.

- A. learned
- B. knowledgeable
- C. uneducated
- D. literate
- E. none of the above

The correct answer is option [C]

44. What are the ADVANTAGES of education?

- A. merits
- B. benefits
- C. salvages
- D. disadvantages

The correct answer is option [D]

From the options lettered A - E, choose the appropriate homonym for the given word.

45. **Knight**

- A. Nile
- B. Knot
- C. Night
- D. Nine
- E. Kine

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

46. My father is a RICH man.

- A. handsome
- B. generous
- C. wealthy
- D. compassionate
- E. poor

The correct answer option is [C]

47. Ngozi is not AUDIBLE. This means that she does not \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. speak roughly
- B. speak rudely
- C. speak loudly
- D. speaks slowly
- E. speaks harshly

The correct answer is option [C]

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

48. Tunde is the NEW BOY in my school and he is now my FRIEND.

- A. old girl, enemy
- B. new girl, friend
- C. old girl, friend
- D. new girl, enemy
- E. old boy, enemy

The correct answer is option [A]

Fill in the blank space with the most appropriate option.

49. Tamuno is still at the hospital, and her case is now \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. critical
- B. pathetic
- C. crucial
- D. pitiable
- E. sympathetic

The correct answer option is [A].

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

50. Mathematics is A DIFFICULT subject.

- A. an essay
- B. a bitter
- C. a different
- D. an easy
- E. hard

The correct answer option is [D]

51. Boneri was ABSENT from school yesterday.

- A. sitting
- B. present
- C. absented
- D. attentive

The correct answer option is [C]

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

52. The lady is very ANXIOUS about her husband who has been in the hospital for so long.

- A. great
- B. angry
- C. prayerful
- D. worried
- E. afraid

The correct answer is option [D]

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

53. The accused pleaded GUILTY and was sentenced to two years imprisonment.

- A. innocent
- B. insanity
- C. mercy
- D. innocence
- E. liable

The correct answer is option [A]

Fill in the blank space with the most appropriate option.

54. The doctor decided to \_\_\_\_\_ the severely damaged arm.

- A. amputate
- B. cut off
- C. caught up
- D. caught in
- E. injured

The correct answer is option [A]

55. Somie is an UNGRATEFUL boy.

- A. appreciative
- B. graceful
- C. unthankful
- D. thankless
- E. insensitive

The correct answer is option [A]

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

56. That child is so LEAN.

- A. fat
- B. tall
- C. short
- D. thin

The correct answer option is [D]

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

57. That is an INDECENT dress to wear.



- A. a beautiful
- B. a neat
- C. a decent
- D. obscene
- E. a nasty

The correct answer is option [C]

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

58. That is a DIFFICULT task.

- A. strong
- B. simple
- C. easy
- D. hard
- E. meticulous

The correct answer option is [D]

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

59. There will be a QUESTION session this afternoon.

- A. answer
- B. talking
- C. discussion
- D. reply
- E. responds

The correct answer option is [A]

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

60. Mary is usually PUNCTUAL to every occasion.

- A. early
- B. present
- C. late
- D. promptly
- E. absent

The correct answer is option [C]

Fill in the blank space with the most appropriate option.

61. Crude oil is sold to other countries in containers called \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. barrels
- B. bottles
- C. drums
- D. jars
- E. tanks

The correct answer is option [A]

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

62. That is the PERMANENT structure of the River State stadium.

- A. temporary
- B. beautiful
- C. highest
- D. stable
- E. strong

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

63. The table in John's house has a CIRCULAR shape.

- A. prism
- B. triangle
- C. round
- D. square
- E. rectangle

The correct answer option is [C]

IN MEANING to the word written in capital letters.

64. The trader will REJECT your offer if you do not. \_\_\_\_\_ her terms.

- A. accept
- B. request
- C. confirm
- D. refuse
- E. maintain

The correct answer is option [A]

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

65. Politicians only make EMPTY promises to the electorate.

- A. deceitful
- B. false
- C. worthwhile
- D. boastful
- E. fake

The correct answer is option [C]

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

66. Mercy received BAD news from home.

- A. dangerous
- B. good
- C. ugly
- D. soothing
- E. comforting

The correct answer option is [B]

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

67. What did you BUY?

- A. bought
- B. purchase
- C. sold
- D. sell
- E. borrow

The correct answer option is [B]

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

68. The soldiers RETREATED for a better organisation.

- A. advanced
- B. withdrew
- C. rioted
- D. disorganized
- E. fought

The correct answer is option [A]

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

69. The new mathematics teacher is my uncle. This means that he is \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. my father's brother
- B. my father's cousin
- C. my father's oldest son
- D. married to my sister
- E. a family friend

The correct answer is option [A]

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

70. Anita enjoys IMITATING Kunle.

- A. representing
- B. studying
- C. mimicking
- D. inspecting
- E. admiring

The correct answer option is [C]

From the options lettered A - E, choose the appropriate homonym for the given word.

71. Steel

- A. sold
- B. steal
- C. still
- D. seal
- E. steam

The correct answer is option [B]

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

72. The way to SUCCESS is NARROW.

- A. success, wide
- B. failure, narrow
- C. success, straight
- D. failure, wide
- E. failure, long

The correct answer is option [D]

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

73. I gave Obi some money to MAKE UP for what he lost.

- A. retire
- B. multiply
- C. include
- D. deduct

E. compensate

The correct answer is option [E]

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

74. Musa left the barn DIRTY.

A. clean

B. neat

C. filthy

D. tidy

E. arranged

The correct answer option is [C]

75. The teacher ABANDONED his class when he heard that the mob was coming.

A. entered

B. dismissed

C. surrendered

D. left

The correct answer is option [D]

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

76. Our market is NEAR the school.

A. close to

B. far away

C. adjacent

D. in between

E. between

The correct answer option is [A]

From the options lettered from A - E choose the one that BEST INTERPRETS the words written in capital letters.

77. A reasonable man often decides not to follow the BAND WAGON. This means that the reasonable man does not follow the \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. audience
- B. crowd
- C. clowns
- D. crusade
- E. congregation

The correct answer is option [B]

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

78. Our government ought to UPHOLD the voice of the people.

- A. confirm
- B. receive
- C. disregard
- D. accept
- E. support

The correct answer is option [E]

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

79. The rains have COMMENCED in earnest this year.

- A. began
- B. entered
- C. delayed



D. ended

E. started

The correct answer is option [D]

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

80. We TALKED into the night.

A. gisted

B. stared

C. spoke

D. sang

E. watched

The correct answer option is [C]

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

81. The community hates him because of his DISHONESTY.

A. falsehood

B. prevarication

C. uprightness

D. equivocation

E. wickedness

The correct answer is option [C]

PREVARICATION -The deliberate act of deviating from the truth.

EQUIVOCATION - falsification by means of vague or ambiguous (having more than one possible meaning) language

From the options lettered A - E, choose the appropriate homonym for the given word.

82. **Won**

- A. One
- B. Warm
- C. Worm
- D. On
- E. Warn

The correct answer is option [A].

83. **Tale**

- A. Tile
- B. Tell
- C. Ten
- D. Tail
- E. Trail

The correct answer is option [D].

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

84. His COWARDICE worries his parents.

- A. weakness
- B. timidity
- C. shyness
- D. boldness
- E. fearfulness

The correct answer is option [D]

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

85. Mr. Alonge is full of WICKED devices.

- A. evil
- B. beautiful
- C. intelligent
- D. good
- E. ingenious

The correct answer option is [A]

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

86. Do not go through the CROOKED way.

- A. wide
- B. long
- C. straightened
- D. bent
- E. straight

The correct answer option is [E]

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

87. The dispute was settled AMICABLY.

- A. quietly
- B. secretly
- C. softly
- D. easily
- E. peacefully

The correct answer is option [E]

From the options lettered from A - E choose the one that BEST INTERPRETS the words written in capital letters.

88. That dress COSTS AN ARM AND A LEG. This means that the dress is \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. very inexpensive
- B. less expensive
- C. very expensive
- D. ridiculously cheap
- E. roughly expensive

The correct answer is option [C]

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

89. The Prime Minister of Britain is a BLACK man.

- A. oyibo
- B. yellow
- C. black American
- D. white
- E. American

The correct answer is option [D]

From the options lettered A - E, choose the appropriate homonym for the word written in capital letters.

90. **HERD**

- A. Hard
- B. Head
- C. Hoard
- D. Heard
- E. Had

The correct answer is option [D].

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

91. Studious students will SUCCEED.

- A. pass
- B. fail
- C. repeat
- D. carryover
- E. copy

The correct answer option is [A]

From the options lettered A - E, choose the appropriate homonym for the word written in capital letters.

92. **NEW**

- A. Knew
- B. News
- C. Mew
- D. Nude
- E. Knee

The correct answer is option [A]

Fill in the blank space with the most appropriate option.

93. My nephew is the son of my \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. mother
- B. father
- C. my uncle
- D. brother
- E. friend

The correct answer option is [D].

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

94. Mr Eze has a SCORE of goats.

- A. fight
- B. case
- C. twenty
- D. ten
- E. fifteen

The correct answer option is [C]

95. Writing is an ADVANTAGE to journalism.

- A. asset
- B. disadvantage
- C. demerit
- D. liability
- E. merit

The correct answer option is [E]

From the options lettered A - E, choose the appropriate homonym for the given word.

96. **See**

- A. Sleep
- B. Sea
- C. Slew
- D. Seal
- E. Sin

The correct answer is option [B].

From the options lettered A - E, choose the appropriate homonym for the word written in capital letters.

97. **HERE**

- A. Her
- B. Hear
- C. Fear
- D. Hair
- E. Hare

The correct answer is option [B]

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

98. Ala has **FOUND** her hand bag.

- A. founded
- B. lost
- C. lose
- D. loss
- E. lots

The correct answer option is [B]

99. Tonye told us a very **SAD** story.

- A. pitiable
- B. pathetic
- C. happy
- D. useless
- E. long

The correct answer is option [C]

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

100. Eric is paid N125, 000 ANNUALLY.

- A. quarterly
- B. yearly
- C. monthly
- D. weekly
- E. hourly

The correct answer option is [B]

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

101. The DEPARTURE time is 8:00 A.M.

- A. take-off
- B. arrival
- C. arriving
- D. leaving
- E. birth

The correct answer is option [B]

Choose the option that BEST INTERPRETS the word or group of words WRITTEN in capital letters.

102. While Kunle and Obomate were arguing, Diki SAT ON THE FENCE. This means that she \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. listened to their argument from the fence
- B. decided to sit on the fence
- C. did not support any of them



- D. was double minded about the argument
- E. felt very comfortable resting on the fence

The correct answer option is [C].

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

103. That woman committed an IMMORAL act.

- A. a normal
- B. a virtuous
- C. abominable
- D. a moral
- E. shameful

The correct answer option is [D]

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

104. The accused was GUILTY of the crime.

- A. responsible
- B. acquitted
- C. acquainted
- D. free of
- E. innocent

The correct answer is option [E]

From the options lettered A - E, choose the appropriate homonym for the given word.

105. **Eight**

- A. ate
- B. eat

- C. aids
- D. date
- E. hate

The correct answer is option [A]

106. **Whether**

- A. weldder
- B. weather
- C. western
- D. warder
- E. waiter

The correct answer is option [B] Homonyms are words that are either spelt or pronounced the same way but have different meanings. E.g, the verb and noun 'sow', 'sit' and 'seat'.

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

107. The young lady DECLINED the invitation to the party.

- A. turned down
- B. accepted
- C. offered
- D. fell down
- E. rejected.

The correct answer is option [B]

Fill in the blank space with the most appropriate option.

108. Those students will \_\_\_\_\_ your support to win this case.

- A. count down
- B. cut in
- C. cut off
- D. count on
- E. count up

The correct answer option is [D].

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

109. Seimokumo lives at the BACK of my house.

- A. behind
- B. front
- C. side
- D. up
- E. down

The correct answer option is [A]

110. I have SELDOM seen him quarrelling.

- A. always
- B. sometimes
- C. never
- D. rarely
- E. often

The correct answer is option [D]

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

111. That is an EASY arithmetic.

- A. unnecessary
- B. simple
- C. hard
- D. difficult
- E. soft

The correct answer option is [B]

112. The car is in such a bad STATE that nobody wants to travel in it.

- A. position
- B. situation
- C. condition
- D. circumstance
- E. ranking

The correct answer is option [C]

Fill in the blank space with the most appropriate option.

113. The warder denied seeing the \_\_\_\_\_ of the prison before they escaped.

- A. contingents
- B. inmates
- C. partners
- D. people
- E. prisoners

The correct answer is option [B]

114.

I long \_\_\_\_\_ the holidays.

B. at

C. for

D. of

E. in

The correct answer is option [C]