

# ENGLISH LANGUAGE

For

Senior Secondary School

# 3

Practice Questions and Answers

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# QUESTIONS

**TOPIC: COMPREHENSION**

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

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*(Adapted from Peculiar Truth)*

According to the passage, which of the following is not a characteristic of wives?

- A. Rigidity
- B. Flexibility
- C. Malleability
- D. Trustworthiness

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It can be inferred from the passage that the book was written by \_\_\_\_\_.

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- B. more than one author
- C. a prominent statistician
- D. a professor of statistics

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The changes that were made in the book were not motivated by \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. professional experience and popularity of topics
- B. teaching experience and statisticians' view of some topics
- C. the examination results of previous generations of students
- D. the need to avoid areas which students grasp easily.

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The writer is of the view that the diseases which prevail in contemporary western societies \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. result from modern life styles
- B. are concentrated among the elderly
- C. kill so many people at a time
- D. are resistant to drugs

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- A. Psychology and Education.
- B. Mathematics for undergraduate students.
- C. Quantitative skills for postgraduate students.
- D. Statistical procedure relating to research.

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- A. man developed an awareness of right and wrong.
- B. man's intellect improved tremendously.
- C. man acquired new habits.
- D. man became a critical creature.

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From the passage, the attitude of the writer can be described as \_\_\_\_\_

- A. partial.
- B. optimistic.
- C. indifferent.
- D. pessimistic.

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Many doctors, according to the passage, choose to live where \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. research facilities are available
- B. they are most needed
- C. they can be near colleagues
- D. conditions are favourable to them
- E. there is snow

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The basic causes of the elimination of certain animals from the earth include \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. man's decision to live in cities and the development of large farmlands
- B. extensive killing of animals and the fast disappearance of their favourable habitat
- C. man's penchant for meat and hides
- D. a deliberate battle against Nature and the quest for leopard skin

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The expression "necessary evil" means \_\_\_\_\_

- A. evil is essential in studying the subject.
- B. studying the subject is an unpleasant experience which must be endured.
- C. only those who are evil can understand the subject.
- D. those lacking in quantitative skills see the subject as an evil.

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The statement 'The diseases afflicting Western societies have undergone dramatic changes' implies that \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. striking changes have taken place in the mode of disease affliction
- B. medical services have been important in changing life expectancy
- C. a lot of significant progress has taken place in public health
- D. deaths from diseases in Western societies are minimal

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- A. minimal
- B. colossal
- C. infinitesimal
- D. wide
- E. magnificent

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The author's attitude to developments in medicine is \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. matter-of-fact
- B. cautious
- C. indifferent
- D. cynical
- E. humorous

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From the passage, it can be deduced that the inhabitants of developing countries

\_\_\_\_\_.

- A. take care of their environment more than those in developed countries
- B. generate more harmful industrial by-products
- C. degrade the environment to make a livelihood
- D. cut down trees only for farmlands and fuel
- E. produce most of all the commercial energy

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Without the preparatory period for wives, they will \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. be incomplete and unfulfilled in marriage
- B. not have good husbands and children
- C. have bad in-laws
- D. not have children

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**From the passage, we learn that the book discussed has been \_\_\_\_\_.**

- A. reprinted twice
- B. published three times
- C. rewritten three times
- D. revised twice

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- A. They want to have the men all to themselves.
- B. They are not prepared to handle the complications of relating with their in-laws.
- C. They are prepared to handle the complications of relating with their in-laws.
- D. They will always find it difficult impressing their in-laws.

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The message of the writer is the \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. need for the developed countries to assist the poorer ones
- B. grave dangers of global warming
- C. urgent need to protect the natural environment
- D. need to research on other uses of trees in our environment
- E. need for the United Nations to interfere in the affairs of men

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The sentence "there will be twice as many of us before most of us are dead," means

- A. some increase in human and animal population growth rates.
- B. mankind is fast spreading across the earth.
- C. many of us will die as a result of population explosion.
- D. the population growth rate will double before most of us die.

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The writer believes that the art of record keeping has \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. improved over the years
- B. endangered the art of writing
- C. changed human memory
- D. overcome all problems facing it
- E. declined over the years

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The risk referred to in the passage is \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. environmentally induced
- B. industrially produced
- C. man-made
- D. sociologically produced
- E. spiritually provoked

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Which of the following statements is true according to the passage?

- A. Man kills animals only when he can afford to do so.
- B. Man cannot spare those animals that eat his kind.
- C. Man eats all categories of animals.
- D. Man poses the greatest threat to nature.

*Read the passage carefully and answer the question.*

23. The diseases afflicting Western societies have undergone dramatic changes. In the course of a century, so many mass killers have vanished that two-thirds of all deaths are now associated with the diseases of old age. Those who die young are more often than not, the victims of accidents, violence and suicide.

These changes in public health are generally equated with progress and are attributed to more or better medical care. In fact, there is no evidence of any direct relationship between changing disease patterns and the so-called progress of medicine.

The impotence of medical services to change life expectancy and the insignificance of much contemporary clinical care in the curing of diseases are all obvious, well documented but well suppressed.

Neither the proportion of doctors in a population nor the quality of the clinical tools at their disposal nor the number of hospital beds is a causal factor in the striking changes in disease patterns. The new techniques available to recognise and treat such conditions as pernicious anaemia and hypertension, or to correct congenital malformations by surgical interventions, increase our understanding of disease but do not reduce its incidence. The fact that there are more doctors where certain diseases have become rare has little to do with their ability to control or eliminate them. It simply means that doctors, more than other professionals, determine where they work. Consequently, they tend to gather where the climate is healthy, where the water is clean and where people work and can pay for their services.

The writer thinks that the presence of a large number of doctors in a community \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. does not have much effect on the control of diseases
- B. disguises the true facts about diseases
- C. controls the spread of diseases
- D. improves the overall quality of life in the community

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The statement "...but most times they turn out to be what God wants them to be to the man so that he also can become what God wants him to be" means that \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. women are good advisers
- B. wives are made by God the way their husbands want them to be
- C. husbands are gods to their wives
- D. wives help their husbands fit into God's plan for them

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From the passage, when does a man find a good thing and obtain favour from the Lord?

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- B. When he finds a woman that loves his family.
- C. When he finds a woman that is groomed.
- D. When he finds a wife.

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From the writer's point of view, the period of singleness is a period of \_\_\_\_\_.

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- B. thinking of good men as husbands
- C. preparation and training for marriage
- D. becoming complete and fulfilled in God

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The writer holds the richer countries responsible for industrial pollution because of their \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. technological innovations
- B. energy requirements
- C. industrial revolution
- D. lack of interest in environmental protection
- E. need to overgraze grasslands

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- A. superior only to mental recording
- B. inferior to both mental recording and writing
- C. superior to both mental recording and writing
- D. inferior to only writing
- E. the last step in technological development

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From the passage, we gather that \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. wives are not women
- B. women are not wives
- C. marriage is for prepared women
- D. marriage is for all women

**TOPIC: LEXIS AND STRUCTURE**

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

*From the options lettered A-E, choose the word that best completes the sentence.*

1. He left the town early this morning \_\_\_\_\_ he arrived very late.

- A. although
- B. but
- C. despite
- D. even
- E. than

2. In the sentence "Femi enlisted HIMSELF in the JAMB examination", the underlined word is an example of \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. a relative pronoun
- B. a reflexive pronoun
- C. a personal pronoun
- D. a reciprocal pronoun
- E. an interrogative pronoun

Which of the options lettered A - E consists of all the types of nouns?

3. (i) Common (ii) Proper (iii) Abstract (iv) Collective (v) Concrete

- A. i, ii and iii
- B. i, ii, iii and v
- C. i, ii, iii and iv
- D. i, ii and v
- E. i, ii, iii, iv and v

4. FLEET OF CARS is an example of \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. a common noun

- B. a proper noun
- C. a collective noun
- D. an abstract noun
- E. a concrete noun

**From the options lettered A-E, choose the word that best completes the sentence.**

5. Poverty with peace and contentment is \_\_\_\_\_ than riches with incessant fear.

- A. more better
- B. most better
- C. very better
- D. far better
- E. so better

6. Which of the following sentences is in the passive voice?

- A. He preached a good sermon last Sunday.
- B. The students are being taught by the teacher.
- C. The student comes late every day.
- D. She made a promise to her son.
- E. We will go to the cinema in the evening.

***From the words lettered A-E, choose the word that best completes the sentence.***

7. African leaders should be cautious of \_\_\_\_\_ who praise every government action.

- A. critics
- B. parasites
- C. enthusiasts
- D. sycophants
- E. militants

*From the options lettered A to E, choose the word that best completes the sentence.*

8. The gateman asked me \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. who I am
- B. who I was
- C. who am I
- D. who are you
- E. whom I was

*From the options lettered A - E, choose the one that has the SAME MEANING as the words written in capital letters.*

9. On a crucial issue like this, I am sure that Nnenna will SIT ON THE FENCE.

- A. Nnenna will speak out her true feeling.
- B. Nnenna will not commit herself to any side.
- C. Nnenna will be defensive.
- D. Nnenna will judge between the two parties.

A fence divides two different plots (idea or opinion). So it stands 'in between'.

10. Good children should not disagree \_\_\_\_ their parents.

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

11. In the sentence "The boy COMES home by himself after school", the capitalised word is an example of \_\_\_\_.

- A. an intransitive verb

- B. a main verb
- C. a linking verb
- D. a modal verb
- E. an auxiliary verb

**From the words lettered A-E, choose the correct option that best completes the sentence.**

12. Madam Abike turned \_\_\_\_\_ 13 bags of maize at the first harvest.

- A. on
- B. out
- C. up
- D. in
- E. of

Fill in the blank space with the correct option.

13. He \_\_\_\_ say it to my face that I did that.

- A. daring
- B. dares not
- C. did not dare
- D. dares

***Fill in the blank space with the correct option.***

14. The telephone \_\_\_\_ in the nineteenth century and is now used in most countries in the world.

- A. had been invented
- B. was invented
- C. would have been invented
- D. has been invented
- E. was being invented

*From the words lettered A-E, choose the correct option that best completes the sentence.*

15. Mrs. Kofi is angry \_\_\_\_\_ her daughter's lack of interest in her business.

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

*From the options lettered A-E, choose the word that best completes the sentence.*

16. If they couldn't do it, they \_\_\_\_\_ have to increase their prices.

- A. could
- B. might
- C. will
- D. would
- E. should

17. There were \_\_\_\_\_ infant deaths in the town last year than in previous years.

- A. fewer
- B. few
- C. more few
- D. less few
- E. a fewer

Fill in the blank space with the correct option.

18. The team has suffered defeat \_\_\_\_\_ defeat.

- A. before
- B. with

- C. over
- D. after
- E. upon

19. In the sentence, "The man made his wife **HAPPY**", the capitalised word is correctly classified as \_\_\_\_.

- A. an object complement
- B. a predicate nominative
- C. a direct object
- D. an indirect object
- E. a predicate adjective

*Fill in the blank space with the correct option.*

20. They were warned, so they have \_\_\_\_\_ to blame for the problems they are now facing.

- A. themselves
- B. ourselves
- C. yourselves
- D. theirselves

Fill in the blank space with the correct option.

21. \_\_\_\_\_ normal circumstances, it is difficult to get all registered voters to vote.

- A. On
- B. By
- C. In
- D. Under
- E. Beneath

*Fill in the blank space with the correct option.*

22. She asked for \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. two white pairs of canvas tennis shoes
- B. two pairs of canvas tennis white shoes
- C. two pairs of tennis white canvas shoes
- D. two pairs of white canvas tennis shoes

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

23. Victor will not attend the dinner party tonight. He is AFRAID OF HIS OWN SHADOW.

- A. He is not in the mood.
- B. He will be attending another party.
- C. He is extremely timid.
- D. He is extremely unhappy.
- E. He is unable to overcome his fears.

24. In the sentence "John considered himself **SUCCESSFUL**", the capitalised word is correctly classified as \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. indirect object
- B. predicate nominative
- C. direct object
- D. object complement
- E. predicate adjective

*Fill in the blank space with the correct option.*

25. \_\_\_\_\_ kept the bicycle in the rain?

- A. Whose
- B. Who's

- C. Whom
- D. Who
- E. Who'd

26. In the sentence "Is **ANYONE** here?", the capitalised word is an example of \_\_\_\_.

- A. an adverb
- B. a coordinating conjunction
- C. an adjective
- D. an indefinite pronoun
- E. a relative pronoun

27. Doctor: How is the ulcer patient?

Nurse: He's recovering \_\_\_\_ faster than we expected.

- A. very
- B. much
- C. too
- D. so
- E. most

28. The \_\_\_\_ is in the class.

- A. America lecturer history
- B. American history's lecturer
- C. America's history lecturer
- D. American histories lecturer
- E. American history lecturer

29. Words different in meaning, but having the same spelling and pronunciation are referred to as \_\_\_\_.

- A. acronyms
- B. homonyms
- C. autonyms
- D. mononyms
- E. antonyms

30. In the sentence "The students are **SMART**," the capitalized word is correctly classified as \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. object complement
- B. predicate nominative
- C. direct object
- D. indirect object
- E. predicate adjective

*Fill in the blank space with the correct option.*

31. I admit it had been a hard thing to do, but I have finally \_\_\_\_ my way of thinking with yours.

- A. reconciled
- B. acclimatised
- C. suited
- D. matched
- E. all of the above

32. \_\_\_\_ so dejected, he decided to stay at home.

- A. Having feel
- B. Having feeled

- C. Having feeling
- D. Having felt
- E. Having feels

**Fill in the blank space with the correct option.**

33. We returned home late in the night because our car had a \_\_\_\_\_ .

- A. break up
- B. breakdown
- C. break off
- D. break in
- E. break out

*From the words lettered A-E, choose the correct option that best completes the sentence.*

34. Three kilometers \_\_\_\_\_ quite a long distance.

- A. are
- B. have been
- C. is
- D. were
- E. had

*Choose from the options lettered A-E, the option that most appropriately completes the sentence.*

35. Please put \_\_\_\_\_ milk in my tea.

- A. a
- B. any
- C. the
- D. some
- E. a few

36. In the sentence "THIS soup has too much salt in it", the capitalised word is correctly classified as \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. demonstrative adjective
- B. demonstrative pronoun
- C. article adjective
- D. descriptive adjective
- E. numerical pronoun

**Fill in the blank space with the correct option.**

37. A 'dependent clause' can otherwise be referred to as \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. a conjunctival clause
- B. a verbal clause
- C. a co-ordinate clause
- D. an independent clause
- E. a subordinate clause

38. In the sentence "SOMEONE is at the door", the capitalised word is an example of \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. an adverb
- B. a coordinating conjunction
- C. an adjective
- D. an indefinite pronoun
- E. a relative pronoun

**Fill in the blank space with the correct option.**

39. \_\_\_\_\_ lawyers enrolled at the Nigerian bar last year \_\_\_\_\_ this year.

- A. As much/as
- B. Very many/than

- C. More/than
- D. Some/as
- E. As many/than

*From the options lettered A-E, choose the word that best completes the sentence.*

40. The book gives a good \_\_\_\_ for preparing a delicious meal.

- A. guidance
- B. instruction
- C. order
- D. recipe
- E. menu

*Fill in the blank space with the correct option.*

41. We're travelling to France \_\_\_\_\_ train.

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

**Fill in the blank space with the correct option.**

42. Otokpa is not very bold. He's not \_\_\_\_ a rough life.

- A. cut up for
- B. cut for
- C. cut off for
- D. cut out for
- E. cut into

Fill in the blank space with the correct option.

43. The students refused to appear before the \_\_\_\_\_ panel set up to look into their demands.

- A. five-man's
- B. five-man
- C. five-men's
- D. five-men
- E. five man's

Fill in the blank space with the correct option.

44. This plan of yours really \_\_\_\_\_ me!

- A. suits
- B. matches
- C. fits
- D. suffices
- E. fitted

***Choose from the options lettered A-E, the one that best completes the sentence.***

45. She is \_\_\_\_\_ than Mary and Jane.

- A. thinner
- B. thin
- C. thinnest
- D. tiniest
- E. very thin

46. In the sentence "YOUR prejudices are showing", the capitalised pronoun is classified as \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. first person, singular, genitive

- B. second person, singular, nominative
- C. first person, singular, nominative
- D. second person, singular, genitive
- E. first person, singular, accusative

Fill in the blank space with the correct option.

47. They \_\_\_\_\_ our donation with thanks.

- A. recieved
- B. recived
- C. received
- D. resieved
- E. receipt

48. The exercise was very difficult; I finally \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. left
- B. resigned
- C. departed
- D. gave up
- E. dismissed it

Fill in the blank space with the correct option.

49. That book belongs to the \_\_\_\_\_ lady.

- A. tall American black
- B. American tall black
- C. tall black American
- D. black tall American

Fill in the blank space with the correct option.

50. The principal asked me \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. what is my name
- B. what was my name
- C. what my name was
- D. what my name should be
- E. what were my name

51. Which of the following sentences is in the present perfect progressive?

- A. The dog is sleeping on the sofa.
- B. The dog has been sleeping on the sofa.
- C. The dog had been sleeping on the sofa.
- D. The dog will be sleeping on the sofa.
- E. The dog is on the sofa.

*Fill in the blank space with the correct option.*

52. The measures taken were intended to bring \_\_\_\_ the prices of consumer goods.

- A. out
- B. off
- C. away
- D. down
- E. in

*Fill in the blank space with the correct option.*

53. Some robbers are on the prowl; we must be \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. alert
- B. at alert
- C. on the alert

- D. for alert
- E. alerted

54. The president promised a new deal for workers last year, \_\_\_\_?

- A. wasn't it
- B. isn't it
- C. didn't he
- D. did he
- E. was it

*From the words lettered A-E, choose the correct option that best completes the sentence.*

55. Until I heard him myself, I \_\_\_\_\_ imagined that he said that.

- A. did not
- B. could not have
- C. should not have
- D. will not have
- E. cannot have

56. In the sentence "Ireland is MUCH BETTER", the capitalised phrase is classified as \_\_\_\_.

- A. comparative adverb
- B. positive adverb
- C. superlative adverb
- D. accumulative adverb
- E. provocative adverb

57. In the sentence, "They have stolen my new BOOK," the capitalised word is correctly classified as \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. objective complement
- B. predicate nominative
- C. direct object
- D. indirect object
- E. predicate adjective

58. She \_\_\_\_ her bedroom every morning.

- A. has swept
- B. sweeps
- C. is sweeping
- D. sweeping
- E. swept

Fill in the blank space with the correct option.

59. The teacher's table is \_\_\_\_\_ the class and the blackboard.

- A. among
- B. between
- C. above
- D. across
- E. inside

*Fill in the blank space with the correct option.*

60. The road cannot be constructed without \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. those huge earth-moving machines
- B. those huge-moving earth machines
- C. those earth-moving huge machines
- D. machines those huge earth-moving

61. The form of the verb expressed in the sentence "I have been reading his new book" is \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. future progressive
- B. future perfect
- C. future perfect progressive
- D. present perfect progressive
- E. present progressive

62. Ahmed's ideas are \_\_\_\_ wrong.

- A. almost always
- B. almost often
- C. always almost
- D. often almost
- E. yet always

Fill in the blank space with the correct option.

63. The judge and his son \_\_\_\_\_ travelling to Lagos now.

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

*From the options lettered A-E, choose the word that best completes the question.*

64. Can a computer be properly regarded as an inanimate \_\_\_\_\_?

- A. machine
- B. creature
- C. invention

- D. object
- E. subject

***Choose from the options lettered A-E, the option that most appropriately completes the sentence.***

65. He said he \_\_\_\_\_ to go at once.

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

***Fill in the blank space with the correct option.***

66. \_\_\_\_\_ did the President appoint as a Special Adviser \_\_\_\_\_ Economic Affairs?

- A. When/for
- B. Who/on
- C. Where/in
- D. Whom/in
- E. Who/for

***From the options lettered A-E, choose the word that best completes the sentence.***

67. He agreed to lend us \_\_\_\_\_ after much persuasion.

- A. a hand
- B. assistance
- C. help
- D. aid
- E. encouragement

Fill in the blank space with the correct option.

68. By the end of this year, \_\_\_\_\_ in this town for eleven years.

- A. I'm living
- B. I'd be living
- C. I'll live
- D. I'll have lived
- E. I have lived

*Fill in the blank space with the correct option.*

69. Marian was very exhausted at the end of the day that she \_\_\_\_\_ slowly along the beach on her way back home.

- A. paced
- B. stalked
- C. walked
- D. strode
- E. stroll

*Choose from the options lettered A -E, the one that is the most appropriate interpretation for the underlined expression.*

70. All he needs to win the contest was just a mediocre arrangement.

This means she needs \_\_\_\_\_ arrangement.

- A. an extra-ordinary
- B. superlative
- C. very little
- D. an acceptable
- E. carefully planned

71. Any group of words that form a statement or command, exclamation or question is called a \_\_\_\_.

- A. clause
- B. sentence
- C. phrase
- D. morpheme
- E. grammar

72. In the sentence, "Your wife is PRETTY." the capitalised word is correctly classified as \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. objective complement
- B. predicate nominative
- C. direct object
- D. indirect object
- E. predicate adjective

*From the options lettered A-E, choose the word that best completes the sentence.*

73. He is said to be serving a two-year prison \_\_\_ for rape.

- A. conviction
- B. verdict
- C. sentence
- D. punishment
- E. charge

74. The sentence "This plan is unworkable", is classified as \_\_\_\_.

- A. complex sentence
- B. compound sentence
- C. compound-complex sentence

- D. simple sentence
- E. simple-complex sentence

75. Oby was absent for \_\_\_\_ time.

- A. much of
- B. most of
- C. the most
- D. most of the
- E. all of

76. In the sentence, "You have to put it IN their food", the capitalised word is \_\_\_\_.

- A. a coordinating conjunction
- B. a subordinating conjunction
- C. an indefinite pronoun
- D. an adverb
- E. a preposition

From the words lettered A-E, choose the word that best completes the sentence.

77. Doreen added a \_\_\_\_\_ to her letter to Yakubu.

- A. postscript
- B. poster
- C. postdate
- D. postmark
- E. postal

**Choose from the options lettered A -E, the one that best completes the sentence.**

78. The thieves \_\_\_\_\_ breaking into the house.

- A. are seeing
- B. have been seen
- C. were seen
- D. were being seen
- E. have seen

**Fill in the blank space with the correct option.**

79. Students will always blame their teacher when examination results are unfavourable, \_\_\_\_\_?

- A. won't they
- B. wouldn't they
- C. isn't it
- D. will they
- E. would they

From the options lettered A-E, choose the word that best completes the sentence.

80. The governors \_\_\_\_\_ their conference with a communique.

- A. rounded up
- B. rounded of
- C. rounded in
- D. rounded off
- E. rounded out

81. In the sentence "The good news is that he passed ICAN examination," the capitalised word is correctly classified as \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. subject complement

- B. object
- C. predicate
- D. simple subject
- E. clause

82. Which of these pairs does not belong to the group?

- A. Turmoil: confusion
- B. Execute: accomplish
- C. Inference: deduction
- D. Coerce: compel
- E. Extol: condemn

*From the options lettered A-E, choose the word that best completes the sentence.*

83. Our teacher was not speaking \_\_\_\_\_ when he said that the bursar was under a cloud.

- A. literally
- B. simply
- C. frankly
- D. directly
- E. prudently

84. His idea appears \_\_\_\_ odd for people to accept.

- A. little
- B. little too
- C. too little
- D. a little too
- E. much

*From the words lettered A-E, choose the word that best completes the sentence.*

85. Why are you always jealous \_\_\_\_\_ other people?

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

86. Which of the following is not a pronoun?

- A. These
- B. Several
- C. No one
- D. Something
- E. None of the above

87. The verb tense and aspect of the sentence "John will have completed his training by then" is \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. past progressive
- B. future perfect
- C. future perfect progressive
- D. past perfect progressive
- E. future progressive

*From the options lettered A-E, choose the word that best completes the sentence.*

88. Brother, it is high time you \_\_\_\_\_ smoking.

- A. stopping
- B. stopped
- C. stop

- D. are stopping
- E. stops

89. In the sentence "WHO was absent yesterday?", the capitalized word is an example of \_\_\_\_.

- A. a relative pronoun
- B. a personal pronoun
- C. an interrogative pronoun
- D. a reciprocal pronoun
- E. a reflexive pronoun

Fill in the blank space with the correct option.

90. You think she hasn't got any friends? Of course she's got \_\_\_\_.

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

*Fill in the blank space with the correct option.*

91. I have already \_\_\_\_ the picture on the sitting-room wall.

- A. hanged
- B. hunged
- C. hang
- D. hung
- E. hanging

*From the list of words lettered A-E, choose the one that is most nearly opposite in meaning to the underlined word and that will, at the same time, correctly fill the gap in the sentence.*

92. Many African men prefer \_\_\_\_\_ to the white man's monogamy.

- A. polygamy
- B. polyandry
- C. bigamy
- D. celibacy
- E. abstinence

*Choose from the options lettered A-E, the option that most appropriately completes the sentence.*

93. I saw my friend \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. in the evening at 4 o'clock in the market
- B. in the market at 4 o'clock in the evening
- C. in the market this evening at 4 o'clock
- D. in the evening in the market at 4 o'clock
- E. at 4 o'clock in the market in the evening

94. Our tour to London came to an end all \_\_\_\_ soon.

- A. very
- B. much
- C. rather
- D. too
- E. so

**Fill in the blank space with the correct option.**

95. That is not your book, it is \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Johns

- B. John's
- C. Johns'
- D. for John's
- E. for Johns'

*Fill in the blank space with the correct option.*

96. The two brothers came in \_\_\_\_\_ the back door.

- A. within
- B. along
- C. across
- D. through
- E. from

*Fill in the blank space with the correct option.*

97. Ranti: This is not my key.

Ayo: Then, \_\_\_\_\_ is it?

- A. whom's
- B. whose
- C. who's
- D. whom
- E. who

*Fill in the blank space with the correct option.*

98. You were punished because you \_\_\_\_\_ last week without permission.

- A. ought not to have travelled
- B. must not have travelled
- C. ought not to travel
- D. will not have travelled

*From the words lettered A-E, choose the correct option that best completes the sentence.*

99. We are no \_\_\_\_\_ friends.

- A. more
- B. longer
- C. again
- D. always
- E. much

*From the list of words lettered A-E, choose the one that is most nearly opposite in meaning to the underlined word and that will, at the same time, correctly fill the gap in the sentence.*

100. Most African countries face poverty while few enjoy.

- A. influence
- B. money
- C. affluence
- D. power
- E. penury

101. Let me know \_\_\_\_ you are ready.

- A. how
- B. as
- C. because
- D. since
- E. when

*From the options lettered A-E, choose the word that best completes the sentence.*

102. Students went on a \_\_\_\_ in protest of their union leaders' arrest.

- A. battle

- B. rancour
- C. rampage
- D. scuffle
- E. fire

103. In the sentence "He DOES not want the treatment", the capitalised word is an example of \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. a transitive verb
- B. a modal verb
- C. an auxiliary verb
- D. a linking verb
- E. a helping verb

Fill in the blank space with the correct option.

104. The freed robber expressed his gratitude in a \_\_\_\_\_ prayer of thanksgiving.

- A. spurious
- B. spasmodic
- C. spontaneous
- D. sporadic
- E. spasms

105. I would think Sam is \_\_\_\_\_ to join the senior football team.

- A. as good
- B. good enough
- C. more good
- D. better
- E. much good

*From the options lettered A-E, choose the word that best completes the sentence.*

106. Soon after the 3-day conference was over, the association issued a \_\_\_\_\_ which was released to the press.

- A. agenda
- B. command
- C. communique
- D. communication
- E. communiqua

107. In the sentence "Computers WILL not think for you," the capitalised word is an example of \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. intransitive verb
- B. transitive verb
- C. linking verb
- D. modal verb
- E. auxiliary verb

*Fill in the blank space with the correct option.*

108. After years of courtship, Jide is finally \_\_\_\_\_ Ngozi next Saturday.

- A. being married to
- B. marrying
- C. married to
- D. being married by
- E. being wedded

109. "They would have left by then."

The sentence above indicates that \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Event time precedes relevance time.

- B. Event time follows relevance time.
- C. Event time and relevance time are the same.
- D. All of the above
- E. None of the above

**From the words lettered A-E, choose the word that best completes the sentence.**

110. There would have been a riot in our school but for the timely \_\_\_\_\_ of our staff.

- A. intervention
- B. interruption
- C. interference
- D. invasion
- E. interjection

**Choose from the options lettered A-E, the one that best completes the sentence.**

111. I went to her house \_\_\_\_\_foot.

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

112. In the sentence "My father, who is standing over there by the wall, is a VERY good dancer", the capitalised word is an example of \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. an adverb
- B. a coordinating conjunction
- C. an adjective
- D. an indefinite pronoun
- E. a relative pronoun

113. In the sentence, "We judged him EDUCABLE", the capitalised word is classified as \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. objective complement
- B. predicate relative
- C. direct object
- D. indirect object
- E. predicate adjective

Fill in the blank space with the correct option.

114. \_\_\_\_\_ is the owner of this pair of scissors?

- A. Who
- B. Whom
- C. Which
- D. Whose
- E. What

115. Identify the sentence with the wrong adjective of numbers.

- A. The ten-man panel has just returned from overseas.
- B. The president has appointed a ten-men committee.
- C. The panel is made up of ten men and a woman.
- D. The committees set up three ten-man panels each.
- E. Ten men make up each panel.

**Choose from the options lettered A -E, the one that BEST COMPLETES the sentence.**

116. The statement "Many cities will experience sunny weather tomorrow" said the meteorologist, said many cities \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. will experience sunny weather the next day
- B. may experience sunny weather a day before tomorrow.

- C. would experience sunny weather the next day.
- D. would experience sunny weather the next day.
- E. will experience sunny weather tomorrow

117. What is the verb tense and aspect of the sentence "The fisherman has gone fishing with his son"?

- A. Future progressive
- B. Future perfect
- C. Future perfect progressive
- D. Present perfect
- E. Present progressive

118. In the sentence "We hired the woman WHOM you interviewed", the capitalised word is an example of \_\_\_\_.

- A. adverb
- B. coordinating conjunction
- C. adjective
- D. indefinite pronoun
- E. relative pronoun

119. In the sentence "I work WITH AN OIL COMPANY", the capitalised phrase is classified as \_\_\_\_.

- A. adverbial
- B. adjectival
- C. verbal
- D. infinitive
- E. prepositional

120. How I wish she \_\_\_\_ the note in time.

- A. has seen
- B. had sees
- C. had seen
- D. had seeing
- E. had saw

Fill in the blank space with the correct option.

121. I am disappointed \_\_\_\_ the way you conducted yourself at the party.

- A. by
- B. for
- C. due to
- D. at
- E. according to

From the options lettered A-E, choose the word that best completes the sentence.

122. Our elder brother working in the city \_\_\_\_ comes to visit us.

- A. hardly ever
- B. scarcely never
- C. never more
- D. almost ever
- E. rarely always

From the options lettered A-E, choose the word that best completes the sentence.

123. My dad bought \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. an imported belt pure leather
- B. an imported pure leather belt
- C. a leather belt impoted pure

- D. a pure imported leather belt
- E. a pure leather imported belt

Fill in the blank space with the correct option.

124. Vero was sent \_\_\_\_\_ the classroom for making noise.

- A. out for
- B. out of
- C. out off
- D. out from
- E. out

125. Which of the following is not correct?

- A. On our trip, we went to Japan, Thailand, Bali, and Australia.
- B. It was not surprising, that you failed the exam.
- C. My aunt Julie, who often visits us, will be here for Christmas
- D. 'I am not happy with your work', he said.
- E. None of the above

Fill in the blank space with the correct option.

126. The minister says he is accountable \_\_\_\_\_ the president, and nobody else.

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

Fill in the blank space with the correct option.

127. The school boys were told to refrain \_\_\_\_\_ smoking.

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

Fill in the blank space with the correct option.

128. We are happy to inform you that you are the candidate who best \_\_\_\_\_ our qualifications.

- A. harmonises
- B. adapts
- C. suits
- D. accommodates
- E. fitted

129. In the sentence "The traffic signal THAT controls this intersection is flawed", the capitalised word is an example \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. an adverb
- B. a coordinating conjunction
- C. a possessive pronoun
- D. an indefinite pronoun
- E. a relative pronoun

Fill in the blank space with the correct option.

130. The difference between the main clause and the dependent clause lies in the \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. length: the main clause is longer than the dependent clause

B. meaning: the main clause cannot stand on its own in terms of meaning, while the dependent clause can

C. length: the dependent clause is longer than the main clause

D. meaning: the dependent clause cannot stand on its own in terms of meaning, while the main clause can

E. length and meaning as expressed in options C and D

Fill in the blank space with the correct option.

131. The hospital can now boast of more \_\_\_\_.

A. women doctor

B. woman doctors

C. female doctors

D. woman's doctors

E. female doctor

From the options lettered A-E, choose the word that best completes the sentence.

132. We had better \_\_\_\_ before the rain falls.

A. left

B. be leaving

C. leave

D. do leave

E. leaves

Fill in the blank space with the correct option.

133. As Brian is having his summer vacation, he is \_\_\_\_ about the village all day long.

A. striding

B. staggering

C. running

- D. sauntering
- E. none of the above

Fill in the blank space with the correct option.

134. What is that book \_\_\_\_\_? It looks interesting.

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

135. The statement "The prisoners have been released" is in the \_\_\_\_ tense.

- A. past progressive
- B. present perfect
- C. present perfect progressive
- D. past perfect progressive
- E. present progressive

From the options lettered A-E, choose the word that best completes the sentence.

136. The signature on the document lacked \_\_\_\_\_; so it was rejected.

- A. clarity
- B. authenticity
- C. formality
- D. simplicity
- E. faults

137. The \_\_\_ is the part of a sentence which always says something about the subject.

- A. predicate
- B. object
- C. morpheme
- D. verb
- E. adverb

Choose from the options lettered A-E, the option that most appropriately completes the sentence.

138. It is the duty of any Minister to \_\_\_\_\_ his people.

- A. administer
- B. serve
- C. direct
- D. exhort
- E. defend

139. The bird has \_\_\_\_ away.

- A. fled
- B. flew
- C. fly
- D. flown
- E. fled

Fill in the blank space with the correct option.

140. \_\_\_\_\_ I was late for the seminar, I gained a lot.

- A. But
- B. Since
- C. Though

- D. Because
- E. If

141. The flight to Abuja \_\_\_\_ at 8:00 am every morning.

- A. exits
- B. goes
- C. departs
- D. taxis
- E. exeat

142. In the sentence "SOMETHING is burning", the capitalised word is an example of \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. a noun
- B. a personal pronoun
- C. a reciprocal pronoun
- D. an indefinite pronoun
- E. a demonstrative pronoun

From the options lettered A-E, choose the word that best completes the sentence.

143. If I were a president, I \_\_\_\_ to good advice.

- A. would have listened
- B. will listen
- C. will have listened
- D. would listen
- E. have listened

144. Which of the following pairs does not indicate a common noun and its proper noun relationship?

- A. Country: Russia, Nigeria, Ghana.
- B. Village: Market square, Health center, Palace.
- C. Woman: Ada, Folake, Amina.
- D. Airline: Arik, Aero contractors, Dana
- E. Ocean: Pacific, Atlantic, Indian

From the words lettered A-E, choose the correct option that best completes the sentence.

145. The robbers were subjected \_\_\_\_\_ a thorough beating by the irate mob.

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

146. \_\_\_\_\_ is a question which requires no answer.

- A. Indirect question
- B. Universal question
- C. Rhetorical question
- D. Historical question
- E. Controversial question

147. In the sentence, "My father, WHO is standing over there by the wall, is a very good dancer," the capitalised word is an example of \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. adverb
- B. coordinating conjunction
- C. adjective

- D. indefinite pronoun
- E. relative pronoun

Fill in the blank space with the correct option.

148. I didn't work hard when I was \_\_\_\_\_ school.

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

Fill in the blank space with the correct option.

149. It is pretty difficult to choose \_\_\_\_\_ the three boys.

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

Fill in the blank space with the correct option.

150. It has been rough so far, \_\_\_\_\_?

- A. hasn't it
- B. hadn't it
- C. isn't it
- D. has it

Fill in the blank space with the correct option.

151. The students did the assignment, but not \_\_\_\_\_ the way I had expected.

- A. so
- B. quite
- C. hardly
- D. as

152. In the sentence "The beer THAT I brought doesn't taste like this", the word THAT is an example of \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. a preposition
- B. a coordinating conjunction
- C. a subordinating conjunction
- D. an indefinite pronoun
- E. a relative pronoun

153. In the sentence "The NEW STUDENTS need more advice", the capitalised phrase is classified as the \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. complement
- B. object
- C. predicate
- D. subject
- E. clause

From the options lettered A - E, choose the one that best interprets the sentence below:

154. Even though Susan's position in the examination was last, her result wasn't too different from what had been expected. This means that \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Susan's result was a disappointment
- B. Susan's result was as expected

- C. Susan had not been serious with her studies
- D. Susan's result was known early
- E. Susan's poor performance made her feel sad

Fill in the blank space with the correct option.

155. My \_\_\_\_\_ house is by the side of the road.

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

156. Which of the following sentences is in the present progressive tense?

- A. The students have been sleeping.
- B. The students are sleeping.
- C. The students had been sleeping.
- D. The students will have been sleeping for a while.
- E. The students will be sleeping.

From the words lettered A-E, choose the word that best completes the sentence.

157. The new politician has nobody to \_\_\_\_\_ for his honesty.

- A. attest
- B. plead
- C. align
- D. vouch
- E. protest

From the options lettered A-E, choose the word that best completes the sentence.

158. It was a stroke of \_\_\_\_\_ that he arrived when he did.

- A. chance
- B. fortune
- C. opportunity
- D. luck
- E. destiny

Fill in the blank space with the correct option.

159. The military \_\_\_\_\_ is something to watch on national days.

- A. fight
- B. marching
- C. regalia
- D. match past
- E. parade

160. The boy drowned \_\_\_\_\_ he was not helped in time.

- A. because
- B. though
- C. and
- D. so
- E. besides

161. When I was coming back from Lagos, I saw a \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. one-legged young mad man
- B. young one-legged mad man
- C. one-legged mad man young

- D. mad man one-legged young
- E. one-legged mad young man

Choose from the options lettered A-E, the option that most appropriately completes the sentence.

162. The drought has been very severe. There is sure to be \_\_\_\_\_ next year.

- A. demonstration
- B. famine
- C. farming
- D. rain
- E. fertility

From the options lettered A-E, choose the word that best completes the sentence.

163. Plants need air, sunlight and water to \_\_\_\_\_ well.

- A. grow
- B. disperse
- C. pollinate
- D. scatter
- E. expand

164. He easily \_\_\_\_\_ his career.

- A. left
- B. departed
- C. abandoned
- D. stopped
- E. upheld

165. In the sentence "I WILL not be going to the party", the capitalised word is an example of \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. a preposition
- B. an auxiliary verb
- C. a modal verb
- D. a main verb
- E. an adjective

Fill in the blank space with the correct option.

166. The students' unrest resulted \_\_\_\_\_ the expulsion of the ringleaders.

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

167. The thief was \_\_\_ yesterday.

- A. cut
- B. caught
- C. cot
- D. coughed
- E. caught

Choose from the options lettered A-E, the option that most appropriately completes the sentence.

168. For any marriage to last, \_\_\_\_\_ must be the foundation.

- A. love
- B. children

- C. money
- D. education
- E. a good job

From the options lettered A-E, choose the word that best completes the sentence.

169. Many a promise \_\_\_\_\_ broken.

- A. have been
- B. has been
- C. have
- D. were
- E. was being

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

170. The fact that Ruth has inherited her late husband's house is COLD COMFORT to her.

- A. more comfort
- B. no comfort
- C. no comfort at all
- D. wet comfort
- E. solid comfort

Fill in the blank space with the correct option.

171. The \_\_\_\_ came here last week.

- A. handsome tall young man
- B. young tall handsome man
- C. tall handsome young man
- D. young handsome tall man

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

172. You have been asked to change your LAISSEZ-FAIRE attitude to work.

- A. stupid
- B. care-free
- C. careful
- D. serious
- E. responsible

173. English Language is made up \_\_\_\_ of units.

- A. four
- B. fifteen
- C. ten
- D. five
- E. one

From the options lettered A-E, choose the word that best completes the sentence.

174. His last novel was \_\_\_\_\_ by his visit to the prisons.

- A. inspired
- B. generated
- C. conceived
- D. revealed
- E. created

Fill in the blank space with the correct option.

175. \_\_\_\_ for the team for six years, he decided to join another.

- A. When he played
- B. Playing

- C. Having played
- D. In playing
- E. When he was playing

176. In the sentence "The milk TASTES spoilt", the capitalised word is an example of \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. a transitive verb
- B. an infinite verb
- C. an auxiliary verb
- D. a linking verb
- E. a finite verb

From the options lettered A to E, choose the word that best completes the sentence.

177. James should not have given \_\_\_\_\_ to the temptation of getting drunk.

- A. in
- B. over
- C. on
- D. off
- E. out

From the words lettered A-E, choose the correct option that best completes the sentence.

178. Though Yusuf is a much younger lawyer, you cannot compare his eloquence \_\_\_\_\_ his master's.

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

From the options lettered A-E, choose the word that best completes the sentence.

179. The Governor has predicted victory at the \_\_\_\_\_ for his party in the coming elections.

- A. ballot
- B. booth
- C. ward
- D. polls
- E. pools

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

180. FOR ALL HE CARED, the game was as good as lost.

- A. He did not care if the game was lost.
- B. He would not care if the game was lost.
- C. He was almost certain that the game would be lost.
- D. He was afraid the game would be lost.
- E. The game was very good, and he cared very much about losing it.

Fill in the blank space with the correct option.

181. They spent their first day as a married couple \_\_\_\_\_ about the streets of Venice as tourists.

- A. striding
- B. gadding
- C. tottering
- D. wandering
- E. none of the above

182. Have you heard that Mrs. Andrews \_\_\_\_\_ from the board of directors?

- A. departed

- B. abandoned
- C. deserted
- D. resigned
- E. embarked

Fill in the blank space with the correct option.

183. She went \_\_\_\_\_ to collect her exam results.

- A. pretty
- B. cleverly
- C. hopefully
- D. bitterly
- E. giggling

Choose from the options lettered A -E, the one that BEST COMPLETES the sentence.

184. The statement "We met Reuben at the airport" said James, rewritten in the reported speech form becomes, James said \_\_\_\_\_ the airport.

- A. they met Reuben after
- B. they had met Reuben at
- C. They were to meet Reuben at
- D. we met Reuben at
- E. they will meet Reuben

From the options lettered A-E, choose the word that best completes the sentence.

185. Do not \_\_\_\_\_ envious of other peoples achievements.

- A. by
- B. off
- C. be

- D. buy
- E. been

Choose from the options lettered A -E, the one that best completes the sentence.

186. The preacher's sermon is \_\_\_\_\_ this morning.

- A. much long
- B. rather long
- C. so long
- D. much longer
- E. most longer

From the words lettered A-E, choose the correct option that best completes the sentence.

187. My friends would not believe me if I \_\_\_\_\_ them this story.

- A. tell
- B. told
- C. am telling
- D. will tell
- E. had tell

Fill in the blank space with the correct option.

188. Many go to school \_\_\_\_\_ bus.

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

Fill in the blank space with the correct option.

189. The two cats are so similar that I cannot tell whether that one is \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. yourself or myself
- B. yours or mine
- C. my or you
- D. your's or my
- E. me or you

190. The sentence, "I had already sold the boat," indicates that \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. event time precedes relevance time
- B. event time follows relevance time
- C. event time and relevance time are the same
- D. All of the above
- E. None of the above

From the options lettered A-E, choose the word that best completes the sentence.

191. As a result of the power cut, production at the paint factory came to a \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. hold-up
- B. blackade
- C. standstill
- D. suspense
- E. conclusion

From the options lettered A-E, choose the word that best completes the sentence.

192. The work was assigned \_\_\_\_\_ me by my superior officer.

- A. to
- B. for
- C. at

- D. upon
- E. from

From the options lettered A-E, choose the word that best completes the sentence.

193. Everyone could tell that Binta was happy from the \_\_\_\_\_ on her face.

- A. picture
- B. appearance
- C. expression
- D. sight
- E. vision

Break the sentence given below into its 'MAIN' and 'DEPENDENT CLAUSES'.

194. We all ran for our dear lives when the lion in the zoo roared.

- A. We all ran for our dear lives / The lion in the zoo roared.
- B. We all ran for our dear lives when / The lion in the zoo roared.
- C. We all ran for our dear lives / When the lion in the zoo roared.
- D. We all ran for our dear lives / Because the lion in the zoo roared.
- E. The lion in the zoo roared / So we all ran for our dear lives.

Fill in the blank space with the correct option.

195. As it had no choice trying to escape from the vulture, the doe \_\_\_\_ quickly over the streamlet.

- A. strode
- B. ran
- C. strayed
- D. meandered
- E. none of the above

Choose from the options lettered A-E, the option that most appropriately completes the sentence.

196. The boy is \_\_\_\_\_ than his father.

- A. more taller
- B. most taller
- C. much taller
- D. more taller
- E. so taller

197. In the sentence, "Jesus WEPT," the capitalised word is correctly classified as \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. a subject
- B. a preposition
- C. an adverb
- D. a simple subject
- E. predicate

Fill in the blank space with the correct option.

198. The woman walked \_\_\_\_\_ fast that the little girl couldn't catch up with her.

- A. too
- B. very
- C. so
- D. quite
- E. over

Fill in the blank space with the correct option.

199. Our economic programme is \_\_\_\_\_ commitment to Nigeria's economic growth.

- A. deeply rooted in

- B. root in deep
- C. rooted in a deep
- D. deeply rooted to
- E. deeply rooted on

200. Which of the following is a function of an adverb?

- A. It modifies verbs.
- B. It modifies adjectives.
- C. It modifies other adverbs.
- D. All of the above.
- E. None of the above.

**TOPIC: VOCABULARY**

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

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

1. The engineers have been urged to make a PROTOTYPE of the long-awaited Nigerian car.

- A. specimen
- B. original
- C. copy
- D. replica
- E. sample

2. Usually, on entering into matrimonial union, the couple consider the \_\_\_\_ of children as the first and most \_\_\_\_ duty.

- A. rearing; necessary
- B. procreation; important
- C. conception; social
- D. tendering; voluntary
- E. moulding; essential

From the options lettered A - E, choose the word that is most nearly opposite in meaning to the expression written in capital letters.

3. Anyone who wants to keep friends must be MILD-MANNED. No one wants to be near a person who is always very \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. annoying
- B. severe
- C. abusive
- D. arrogant
- E. social

4. After the nurses \_\_\_\_ the man's wounds, he was carried on a \_\_\_\_ to the special care \_\_\_\_.

- A. cleaned/bed/ward
- B. plastered/trolley/ward
- C. dressed/bed/ward
- D. treated/ambulance/ward
- E. dressed/stretchers/ward

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

5. His PENURY gave him a life-time of hunger.

- A. avariciousness
- B. affluence
- C. poverty
- D. penny pinching
- E. greed

Choose the option OPPOSITE IN MEANING to the word written in capital letters.

6. The debtor's husband is LIABLE for his wife's debts.

- A. unanswerable
- B. responsible
- C. unquestionable
- D. accountable
- E. guilty

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

7. Our teacher SELDOM comes late to school.

- A. very often

- B. always
- C. frequently
- D. hardly
- E. often

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

8. The bond of unity in this country is FRAGILE.

- A. strong
- B. weak
- C. ductile
- D. attractive
- E. laudable

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

9. Soon after the accident, the driver came out of the wreckage of the car UNSCATHED.

- A. unconscious
- B. frightened
- C. slightly injured
- D. bleeding
- E. unhurt

Choose the word OPPOSITE IN MEANING to the word in capital letters.

10. She is a PROUD girl.

- A. arrogant
- B. kind
- C. shy

- D. gentle
- E. humble

11. The \_\_\_\_ to have children is deep-rooted in the hearts of both men and women.

- A. lust
- B. attraction
- C. fancy
- D. passion
- E. desire

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

12. His intention was not to punish the villagers, and in any case he is now making moves to PACIFY them.

- A. placate
- B. ridicule
- C. appease
- D. annoy
- E. praise

Fill in the blank space with the most appropriate option.

13. An apartment with a series of connecting rooms in a hotel is called a \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. suite
- B. suites
- C. sweet
- D. sute
- E. suith

From the options lettered A-E, choose the interpretation that you consider most appropriate for the sentence.

14. I had dinner with Tony and Nick and they talked shop the whole time. This means that they talked \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. about buying things from the shop
- B. about their job
- C. all the time
- D. about taking me to the shop
- E. about their shopkeepers

From the options lettered A to E, choose the word that is nearest in meaning to the underlined word as it is used in the sentence.

15. If he declines the offer, it will be better for him.

- A. ignore
- B. denies
- C. snubs
- D. rejects
- E. accepts

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

16. The guest speaker was described as a man of very ALLURING personality.

- A. tempestuous
- B. mercurial
- C. charming
- D. voluble

From the options lettered A to E, choose the word that is nearest in meaning to the underlined word as it is used in the sentence.

17. Everybody noticed that the chairman's excuse was lame.

- A. verbose
- B. precise
- C. unsatisfactory
- D. unconditional
- E. honest

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

18. Surveying the sky in the night gives me an **ETHEREAL** feeling.

- A. human
- B. angelic
- C. worldly
- D. heavenly
- E. celestial

Choose from the options lettered A - D the one that is most nearly opposite in meaning to the expression that is underlined in the question.

19. It is amazing that unlike her twin sister who is very bold, Taiwo is very \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. ambitious
- B. cruel
- C. timid
- D. reserved
- E. confident

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

20. There are many areas of CONVERGENCE between male and female behaviour.

- A. concomitance
- B. concordance
- C. incompatibility
- D. incomparability
- E. meeting

Fill in the blank spaces with the most appropriate option.

21. A hotel is supposed to be a home away from home, but the one we checked into was hell away from home. Initially, we were deceived by the beautiful surroundings and by the manager's reception which was warm and inviting. After the usual filling out and signing of forms, we were checked in. We later discovered, to our dismay, that the hotel \_\_\_\_ many facilities and the few available \_\_\_\_ were either faulty or \_\_\_\_.

- A. lacked/one/substandard
- B. lacked/ones'/functional
- C. lacked/ones/substandard
- D. lacks/once/subfunctional
- E. lacks/ones/substandard

From the options lettered A - E, fill in the blank space with the word OPPOSITE IN MEANING to the capitalised word.

22. Chukwuemeka is very PRESUMPTUOUS, unlike his father who is rather \_\_\_\_.

- A. chaste
- B. pure
- C. honest
- D. modest
- E. kind

After the sentence, a list of possible interpretations is given. Choose the interpretation that you consider most appropriate for the sentence.

23. The mysterious death of the popular teacher sparked off a wave of protests. This means that his death \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. caused a lot of trouble
- B. caused a fire outbreak
- C. took place amidst protests
- D. always try to be honest
- E. sparked fire

After the sentence, a list of possible interpretations is given. Choose the interpretation that you consider most appropriate for the sentence.

24. My parents always make sure they keep their heads above water. This means that they \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. know the techniques of swimming
- B. avoid financial difficulty
- C. are always careful with strangers
- D. always try to be honest
- E. always avoid drowning in water

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

25. The lawyer remarked that the fact that the accused did nothing when the innocent boy was being lynched, made him CULPABLE.

- A. innocent
- B. untrustworthy
- C. guilty
- D. unreliable
- E. blameworthy

From the options lettered A - E, fill in the blank space with the word OPPOSITE IN MEANING to the capitalised word.

26. Most people thought the accused would be CONVICTED, but surprisingly he was \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. acquitted
- B. released
- C. sentenced
- D. jailed
- E. pardoned

Choose from the options lettered A -D the one that is most nearly opposite in meaning to the expression that is underlined in the question.

27. In our area, participation in community development programmes is purely voluntary.

- A. compulsory
- B. necessary
- C. optional
- D. personal
- E. impulsive

Choose the word OPPOSITE IN MEANING to the word in capital letters.

28. Yusuf is a TIMID boy.

- A. arrogant
- B. shy
- C. weak
- D. bold
- E. selfish

From the options lettered A - E, fill in the blank space with the word OPPOSITE IN MEANING to the capitalised word.

29. The motorist said the splashing of water was \_\_\_\_\_, not DELIBERATE.

- A. incidental
- B. intentional
- C. accidental
- D. avoidable
- E. unnecessary

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

30. In spite of many days of fasting, Musa is still FASTIDIOUS about his food.

- A. particular
- B. undecided
- C. indifferent
- D. discreet
- E. concerned

Choose the word OPPOSITE IN MEANING to the word in capital letters.

31. Child welfare deals with parents or caregivers who abuse and NEGLECT their children.

- A. spurn
- B. expose
- C. nurture
- D. ridicule
- E. rebuke

Choose from the options lettered A-E, the most appropriate interpretation for the given statement.

32. When the storm started, houses were dropping like ninepins. This means that \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. many houses collapsed
- B. important personalities were killed
- C. nine houses were destroyed.
- D. only mud houses collapsed
- E. many houses dropped on pins

From the options lettered A to E, choose the word that is nearest in meaning to the underlined word as it is used in the sentence.

33. Many heads of state are very autocratic.

- A. self-conceited
- B. pompous
- C. dictatorial
- D. hypocritical
- E. democratic

From the options lettered A to E, choose the word that is nearest in meaning to the underlined word as it is used in the sentence.

34. Many African footballers play the game with great dexterity.

- A. skill
- B. wisdom
- C. pride
- D. joy
- E. arrogance

From the options lettered A - E, choose the word that is most nearly opposite in meaning to the word written in capital letters.

35. In the time of WAR, everyone desires \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. soldiers
- B. ceasefire
- C. ammunition
- D. peace
- E. conflict

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

36. Hypertension is a DEBILITATING disease that everyone should prevent.

- A. a deadly
- B. an enervating
- C. an energising
- D. a horrible
- E. weakening

37. One way to engage an audience is to \_\_\_\_ in the first few minutes of one's speech.

- A. pause in-between sentences
- B. chuckle as one reads on
- C. raise a thought-provoking question
- D. summarise the main points
- E. criticize the works of others

From the options lettered A - E, fill the blank space with the word that is OPPOSITE IN MEANING to the word written in capital letters.

38. Too many THEORIES will not help us, we need to be \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. bookish
- B. hypothetical
- C. antithetical
- D. shrewd
- E. practical

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

39. It seems fashionable in some quarters today to DECRY examinations and the ability to pass them.

- A. value
- B. establish
- C. entreat
- D. criticize
- E. devalue

Choose from the options lettered A - D the one that is most nearly opposite in meaning to the expression that is underlined in the question.

40. Spasmodic fighting took place in the war-torn area throughout last year.

- A. Continuous
- B. Intermittent
- C. Irregular
- D. Perennial
- E. Conflicting

Choose from the options lettered A -E, the one that is nearest in meaning to the words written in *italics* in the sentence below.

41. The fighting that broke out on the campus early this week had *ceased*.

- A. escalated
- B. reduced
- C. spread
- D. stopped
- E. persisted

From the options lettered A - E, fill in the blank space with the word **OPPOSITE IN MEANING** to the capitalised word.

42. Songo is **PESSIMISTIC**, unlike his friend Sodienye who is \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. fearful
- B. calm
- C. proud
- D. optimistic
- E. confident

43. The primary advantage of the manuscript speech delivery is that the speech may be highly \_\_\_\_ in terms of word choice, turns of phrase and development of ideas.

- A. anticipatory
- B. articulate
- C. limited
- D. vocal
- E. equivocal

From the options lettered A-E, choose the word that is most nearly opposite in meaning to the underlined word and will, at the same time, correctly fill the gap in the sentence.

44. It pays to be firm rather than \_\_\_\_ in a case like this.

- A. flexible
- B. frank
- C. irresponsible
- D. careless
- E. strict

Choose the option NEAREST IN MEANING to the word written in capital letters.

45. Some religious people PURIFY themselves by performing ablutions.

- A. cleanse
- B. edify
- C. wash
- D. empower
- E. soak

Choose the option NEAREST IN MEANING to the word written in capital letters.

46. The hooligans MADE OFF on sighting the police van.

- A. hurried away
- B. kept quiet
- C. shouted loudly
- D. stopped aside
- E. crawled away

Choose the word OPPOSITE IN MEANING to the word in capital letters.

47. The birthday party took place on a DULL day.

- A. cloudy
- B. unusual
- C. bright
- D. gloomy
- E. lengthy

Choose the option NEAREST IN MEANING to the word written in capital letters.

48. The preacher pointed out that too much love for oneself does not MAKE FOR happiness

- A. battle against
- B. destroy
- C. help to achieve
- D. turn away
- E. help to return

Choose the word OPPOSITE IN MEANING to the word in capital letters.

49. Steven was stationed so long in Iraq that he often YEARNED to see his wife and children again.

- A. craved
- B. refused
- C. brooded
- D. desired
- E. grieved

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

50. It was an **IMPORTANT** moment for you to make that suggestion.

- A. an ideal
- B. a wrong
- C. an exact
- D. a sad
- E. a bad

51. An unmarried man is known as a \_\_\_\_.

- A. single
- B. master
- C. lad
- D. bachelor
- E. bachelor

From the options lettered A - E, choose the word that is most nearly opposite in meaning to the expression written in capital letters.

52. Although he is usually **WELL-INFORMED** about most matters, he seems to be \_\_\_\_ of recent developments in the Senate.

- A. abreast
- B. absent-minded
- C. uninterested
- D. ignorant
- E. illiterate

Fill in the blank space with the most appropriate option.

53. Air travel is becoming increasingly popular with travellers who go from one country to another. A look at the international time table of any major airlines such as Pan America or Air France will show hundreds of flights departing at fixed times every week. Besides these \_\_\_\_ flights, you can travel nowadays on flights arranged by a club for its members which hires an airplane for the journey.

- A. public
- B. controlled
- C. scheduled
- D. commercial
- E. passenger

Choose the option OPPOSITE IN MEANING to the word written in capital letters.

54. You can use LETHAL means if necessary to prevent dangerous characters from molesting innocent citizens.

- A. fatal
- B. cruel
- C. harmless
- D. soft
- E. poisonous

Choose the option OPPOSITE IN MEANING to the word written in capital letters.

55. He gave a PAINSTAKING account of his encounter with the ghost of his father.

- A. sordid
- B. fearful
- C. half-baked
- D. tender-hearted
- E. painful

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

56. If you are really keen on immediate results, you just have to adopt the PRAGMATIC approach.

- A. practical
- B. unreasonable
- C. classical
- D. logical
- E. reasonable

From the options lettered A - D, fill the blank space with the word that is OPPOSITE IN MEANING to the words written in capital letters.

57. John is too LILY-LIVERED for the job.

- A. cowardly
- B. fearful
- C. strong
- D. brave
- E. apprehensive

Choose the word OPPOSITE IN MEANING to the word in capital letters.

58. Robert's AMIABLE mother was always trying to help people, such that she volunteered for many community services on a regular basis.

- A. lazy
- B. cordial
- C. sociable
- D. overzealous
- E. unfriendly

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

59. We have to identify the PROTAGONISTS of the new movement.

- A. enemies
- B. leading figures
- C. opponents
- D. advocates
- E. antagonists

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

60. We found out that cassava is a SINE-QUA-NON item in our industry.

- A. fundamental
- B. alternative
- C. useless
- D. dispensable
- E. essential

Choose from the options lettered A -E, the one that is nearest in meaning to the words written in italics in the sentence below.

61. The storm is a clear indication of early rain this year.

- A. announcement
- B. sign
- C. confidence
- D. promise
- E. omen

From the options lettered A to E, choose the word that is nearest in meaning to the underlined word as it is used in the sentence.

62. What do you intend to do with these inanimate objects?

- A. lively
- B. fascinating
- C. precious
- D. lifeless
- E. costly

Choose the word OPPOSITE IN MEANING to the word in capital letters.

63. Environmentalists around the world fight to PRESERVE the world's natural beauty and resources for future generations to come.

- A. divert
- B. safeguard
- C. conserve
- D. destroy
- E. nurture

Choose the option NEAREST IN MEANING to the word written in capital letters.

64. Looking after many active little children is a LABORIOUS task.

- A. compulsory
- B. easy
- C. hard
- D. simple
- E. tactful

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

65. COLLOSAL

- A. A break in column
- B. Gigantic
- C. Huge waste
- D. A calamity
- E. The sale of colos

After the sentence, a list of possible interpretations is given. Choose the interpretation that you consider most appropriate for the sentence.

66. Disciplined children do not let the grass grow under their feet. This means that they\_\_\_\_\_.

- A. do not delay in getting things done
- B. care only about themselves
- C. are very respectful
- D. cut the grass in their backyard regularly
- E. do not walk on grass

After the sentence, a list of possible interpretations is given. Choose the interpretation that you consider most appropriate for the sentence.

67. The bursar falsified the school's records so as to feather his own nest. This means that the bursar tried to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. avenge a wrong done to him by the principal
- B. enrich himself
- C. balance the accounts
- D. deceive the principal
- E. fill his office with feathers

68. One's \_\_\_\_ group also exerts a great deal of \_\_\_\_ on one.

- A. sex/pressure
- B. school/action
- C. volunteer/attitude
- D. peer/influence
- E. action/behaviour

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

69. The judge blamed the PLAINTIFF for misleading the court.

- A. defendant
- B. complainant
- C. accused
- D. prosecution
- E. convict

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

70. The college was worried about Tunji's GARRULOUS tendencies.

- A. reticent
- B. loquacious
- C. quarrelsome
- D. outspoken
- E. loud

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

71. The long war ended when an ARMISTICE was agreed upon.

- A. a truce

- B. a recess
- C. a surrender
- D. an intermission
- E. a declaration

From the options lettered A-E, choose the word that is most nearly opposite in meaning to the underlined word and will, at the same time, correctly fill the gap in the sentence.

72. The erring officer was suspended again just three months after his \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. absorption
- B. re-admission
- C. recollection
- D. reinstatement
- E. dismissal

Choose the word OPPOSITE IN MEANING to the word in capital letters.

73. No one understood why Kevin decided to REVOKE the agreement, but they went along with him anyway.

- A. oppose
- B. invalidate
- C. maintain
- D. convert
- E. disjoin

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

74. We watched in wonder as she rattled away in that ESOTERIC language.

- A. inscrutable
- B. familiar
- C. secret

- D. obscure
- E. private

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

75. I am happy to inform you that your boys are CONSCIENTIOUS.

- A. industrious
- B. carefree
- C. reliable
- D. corrupt
- E. discreet

Choose the option NEAREST IN MEANING to the word written in capital letters.

76. The MYRIAD problems of modern life make the attainment of happiness difficult.

- A. compounded
- B. many
- C. much
- D. multiple
- E. little

Choose the option NEAREST IN MEANING to the word written in capital letters.

77. He was TAKEN ABACK by the news of his wife's sudden arrival.

- A. displeased
- B. pushed backwards
- C. unmoved
- D. surprised
- E. terrified

78. The \_\_\_\_\_ is used to listen to the sound of the heart and lungs.

- A. scanner
- B. radiograph
- C. stethoscope
- D. cardiograph
- E. ventilator

From the options lettered A-E, choose the word that is most nearly opposite in meaning to the underlined word and will, at the same time, correctly fill the gap in the sentence.

79. Instead of reconciling her parents, Roxanne worked hard at \_\_\_\_\_ them.

- A. dividing
- B. destroying
- C. separating
- D. isolating
- E. confusing

Choose from the options lettered A -E, the one that is nearest in meaning to the word written in italics in the sentence below.

80. Attempts by the students to see the principal were all futile .

- A. discourage
- B. sabotaged
- C. unsuccessful
- D. hampered
- E. fertile

Choose the option NEAREST IN MEANING to the word written in capital letters.

81. A LITERAL translation of the scriptures is often meaningless.

- A. literary

- B. oral
- C. learned
- D. verbatim
- E. metaphorical

82. The stubborn student failed to heed the dangers of alcoholism

- A. see
- B. note
- C. embrace
- D. overcome
- E. refuse

Fill in the blank space with the most appropriate option.

83. The headmaster always \_\_\_\_\_ the students to be punctual.

- A. warn
- B. warns
- C. warn
- D. warn
- E. warn

Choose from the options lettered A -E, the one that is the most appropriate interpretation for the underlined expression.

84. Do not darken my door again.

This means that you should not \_\_\_\_\_ again.

- A. knock my door
- B. come to my house
- C. make my door dark
- D. come into my door
- E. block my door

From the options lettered A - D, fill the blank space with the word that is OPPOSITE IN MEANING to the word written in capital letters.

85. Your fiancé is an **INGENIOUS** young man.

- A. clever
- B. witty
- C. organised
- D. witless
- E. skillful

From the options lettered A to E, choose the word that is nearest in meaning to the underlined word as it is used in the sentence.

86. The decision taken by the disciplinary committee is irreversible.

- A. inevitable
- B. unacceptable
- C. irrevocable
- D. irresponsible
- E. inconclusive

87. Though we \_\_\_ a great deal from our mates, the \_\_\_ plays an important role in shaping our attitudes and conditioning our minds and responses to our society as a whole.

- A. listen; teacher
- B. think; instructor
- C. look; supervisor
- D. outshine; teacher
- E. learn; teacher

From the options lettered A - E, fill the blank space with the word that is OPPOSITE IN MEANING to the word written in capital letters.

88. Emeka's younger brother is naturally DOCILE.

- A. wicked
- B. submissive
- C. obstinate
- D. gentle
- E. passive

Fill in the blank space with the most appropriate option.

89. The \_\_\_\_\_ is a large building for housing aircrafts.

- A. hanger
- B. aerodrome
- C. runway
- D. hangar
- E. gangway

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

90. The politician was given a TUMULTOUS welcome when he came to address the rally.

- A. pleasant
- B. noisy
- C. discouraging
- D. strange
- E. well organised

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

91. Mr. Jonah plays the piano with great DEXTERITY.

- A. wisdom
- B. power
- C. force
- D. skill
- E. style

From the options lettered A - E, fill in the blank space with the word OPPOSITE IN MEANING to the capitalised word.

92. We should regard donations as \_\_\_\_\_ and not COMPULSORY.

- A. mandatory
- B. necessary
- C. voluntary
- D. gratuitous
- E. obligatory

Choose from the options lettered A -E, the one that is the most appropriate interpretation for the underlined expression.

93. You can't expect me to do that at the drop of a hat.

This means I can't \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. react without hesitation
- B. react willingly
- C. react unwillingly
- D. drop the hat immediately
- E. react when a hat drops

Choose from the options lettered A -E, the one that is the most appropriate interpretation for the underlined expression.

94. You will make a splash in this outfit.

This means that you will \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. make a nonsense in this outfit
- B. make a fool of yourself in this outfit
- C. attract a lot of attention to yourself
- D. attract a lot of people to yourself
- E. splash the outfit with water

Choose the word OPPOSITE IN MEANING to the word in capital letters.

95. Lou APPROVED of the behavior of his sons during the Church service last week.

- A. disliked
- B. disappointed
- C. sanctioned
- D. rejected
- E. endorsed

From the options lettered A-E, choose the word that is most nearly opposite in meaning to the underlined word and will, at the same time, correctly fill the gap in the sentence.

96. Usually, Joseph is articulate in his speech, but today he sounds \_\_\_\_\_

- A. clear
- B. turgid
- C. timid
- D. incoherent
- E. eloquent

97. A successful leader needs to see further than the end of his nose. This means he should be \_\_\_\_.

- A. sightful
- B. versatile
- C. disciplined
- D. sympathetic
- E. discerning

From the options lettered A-E, choose the word that is most nearly opposite in meaning to the underlined word and will, at the same time, correctly fill the gap in the sentence.

98. The man's first wife is loyal, while the second is \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. unfaithful
- B. unkind
- C. selfish
- D. hostile
- E. harsh

From the options lettered A-E, choose the interpretation that you consider most appropriate for the sentence.

99. Whenever my cousin comes to realise that I am telling the truth, she will eat humble pie. This means that my cousin will \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. respect me
- B. hate herself
- C. apologise
- D. be ashamed
- E. be humbled

Choose the option OPPOSITE IN MEANING to the word written in capital letters.

100. The pastor decided to EXORCISE the evil spirit as the afflicted member of his congregation cried for help.

- A. expel
- B. drive
- C. invite
- D. charm
- E. pacify

Choose from the options lettered A -E, the one that is the most appropriate interpretation for the underlined expression.

101. Her advice fell on deaf ears.

This means her advice was \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. a good one
- B. very serious one
- C. worth listening to
- D. ignored
- E. heeded

102. One thing you must consider when writing a speech is the \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. hearing ability of the listener
- B. audibility of the presenter
- C. writing skills and status of the writer
- D. occasion for the speech presentation
- E. appearance of the listeners

From the options lettered A to E, choose the word that is nearest in meaning to the underlined word as it is used in the sentence.

103. The winner of the wrestling contest was commended for his tenacity.

- A. strength
- B. wisdom
- C. doggedness
- D. gentility
- E. willingness

Choose the word OPPOSITE IN MEANING to the word in capital letters.

104. The soldiers RETREATED because their commander was shot.

- A. scattered
- B. surrendered
- C. separated
- D. advanced
- E. submitted

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

105. The boss made a CLEAN SWEEP of all the old hands in the office.

- A. The boss completely got rid of all the old hands in the office.
- B. The boss promoted all the old hands in the office.
- C. The boss made a ridicule of all the old hands in the office.
- D. The boss gave a quick charge to all the old hands in the office.
- E. The boss made an adjustment to the positions of all the old hands in the office.

Choose from the options lettered A -E, the one that is nearest in meaning to the word written in italics in the sentence below.

106. He has been mandated to search for a new candidate for the post.

- A. compelled
- B. convinced
- C. assigned
- D. demanded
- E. requested

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

107. It was their custom to KEEP AN OPEN HOUSE on Sundays.

- A. To welcome visitors.
- B. To keep the shutters open for proper ventilation.
- C. To leave the house open to only strangers.
- D. To put up the house on rent.
- E. To open their doors.

Fill in the blank space with the most appropriate option.

108. Air travel is becoming increasingly popular with travellers who go from one country to another. A look at the international time table of any major airlines such as Pan America or Air France will show hundreds of flights departing at fixed times every week. Besides these scheduled flights, you can travel nowadays on flights arranged by a club for its members which hires an airplane for the journey. Fares on these \_\_\_\_ flights are low because the club ensures that all seats are filled.

- A. airline
- B. private
- C. popular
- D. chartered
- E. excursion

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

109. My friend was reduced to BEGGARLINESS by various ill-advised business deals.

- A. affluence
- B. penury
- C. influence
- D. poverty
- E. impoverished

Choose the option OPPOSITE IN MEANING to the word written in capital letters.

110. Bala was put off by Lanre's COQUETTISH behaviour towards him.

- A. unfriendly
- B. flirty
- C. cold
- D. interesting
- E. friendly

Fill in the blank spaces with the most appropriate option.

111. We ate just to \_\_\_ alive since whatever was on the \_\_\_ gave no \_\_\_.

- A. stay/menu/diet
- B. be/server/nutrition
- C. become/food/satisfaction
- D. keep/menu/diet
- E. stay/menu/satisfaction

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

112. Wilfred was a MINDLESS criminal.

- A. zealous
- B. heedful
- C. witless
- D. memorable
- E. careless

113. I made a visit to the University Teaching Hospital the other day. At the \_\_\_\_ department where accident \_\_\_\_ are treated, the doctors were battling to save the life of a man who had just been knocked down in a road accident.

- A. Mortuary / occupants
- B. Psychiatry / culprits
- C. Paediatrics / motorists
- D. Anatomy / victims
- E. Casualty / victims

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

114. She was asked to SWALLOW HER PRIDE and get busy.

- A. To be more realistic.
- B. To ignore limitations.
- C. To be more insistent.
- D. To be less proud.
- E. To eat her pride

Choose the word OPPOSITE IN MEANING to the word in capital letters.

115. I hate my uncle because he is very SELFISH.

- A. wicked
- B. generous
- C. arrogant
- D. timid
- E. miserly

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

116. The climate of Nigeria is an ENERVATING one.

- A. a debilitating
- B. a weak
- C. an invigorating
- D. a harmonious
- E. exhausting

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

117. The chairman's verdict REDRESSED the injustice meted out by the secretary.

- A. corrected
- B. criticised
- C. aggravated
- D. addressed
- E. calmed

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

118. They have tried to CIRCUMVENT the restriction on the importation of the commodities.

- A. bypass
- B. confront
- C. oppose
- D. challenge
- E. alter

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

119. The party gathering was thrown into a state of EUPHORIA after the results of the election were announced.

- A. disorder
- B. tension
- C. excitement
- D. confusion
- E. sensation

Choose the option OPPOSITE IN MEANING to the word written in capital letters.

120. Since mortality is the lot of man, argued the preacher, we must all accept death with EQUANIMITY.

- A. placidity
- B. uncertainty
- C. serenity
- D. anxiety
- E. unpreparedness

121. \_\_\_\_ are used to view the internal parts of a patient's body.

- A. Radiographs
- B. X-rays
- C. Cardiographs
- D. Monitors
- E. Endo-rays

From the options lettered A to E, choose the word that is nearest in meaning to the underlined word as it is used in the sentence.

122. The chairman observed that Andrew was the most qualified candidate for the job.

- A. suitable
- B. accomodating
- C. responsible
- D. interesting
- E. obvious

Choose the option NEAREST IN MEANING to the word written in capital letters.

123. It takes a lot of STAMINA to run a marathon.

- A. cleverness
- B. courage
- C. determination
- D. energy
- E. stagnation

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

124. Though corruption is very prevalent in the society, there are still some VIRTUOUS men around.

- A. intelligent
- B. clever
- C. devious
- D. loquacious
- E. upright

From the options lettered A - E, fill in the blank space with the word OPPOSITE IN MEANING to the capitalised word.

125. Osemudiamen complained that while his colleagues were ELEVATED, he was \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. interdicted
- B. prompted
- C. suspended
- D. dismissed
- E. demoted

126. Words that are almost the same in meaning are referred to as \_\_\_\_.

- A. homonyms
- B. homophones
- C. mononyms
- D. acronyms
- E. synonyms

127. After the \_\_\_\_ of the first child, a married couple becomes the object of higher regard among their fellows.

- A. birth
- B. deliverance
- C. budding
- D. dedication
- E. berth

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

128. The leader called for CONCERTED effort in order to get over the problems.

- A. combined
- B. definite
- C. disparate
- D. individual
- E. joint

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

129. I was advised to stay away from cities that are RAVAGED by crime.

- A. spoilt by
- B. free from
- C. suffering from
- D. a haven of
- E. weakened with

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

130. I know you've been EAVESDROPPING all along.

- A. gradually saving
- B. paying attention
- C. overhearing
- D. dropping eaves
- E. hearing

131. A woman is said to \_\_\_\_ when she is pregnant with a child.

- A. conseave
- B. consieve
- C. conseive
- D. conceive
- E. concieve

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

132. The discussion became ANIMATED.

- A. specialised
- B. lively
- C. intellectual
- D. unruly
- E. filled with animations

Choose the option that is OPPOSITE IN MEANING to the capitalised word.

133. In the opinion of most observers, it was a DISINTERESTED decision.

- A. neutral

- B. heedless
- C. biased
- D. candid
- E. serious

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

134. Rich citizens are often NIGGARDLY in their ways.

- A. beggarly
- B. sordid
- C. miserly
- D. pompous
- E. generous

Fill in the blank space with the most appropriate option.

135. A hotel is supposed to be a home away from home, but the one we checked into was hell away from home. Initially, we were deceived by the beautiful surroundings and by the manager's reception which was warm and inviting. After the usual \_\_\_\_ and signing of forms, we were checked in.

- A. feeling
- B. filing
- C. fill in
- D. feel in
- E. filling out

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

136. A book on style without abundant examples seems to be as INEFFECTUAL as a book on Biology without abundant illustrations.

- A. useless

- B. difficult
- C. interesting
- D. satisfactory
- E. inept

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

137. He and his lieutenants have been accused of remaining INTRANSIGENT.

- A. rigid
- B. flawless
- C. compromising
- D. popular
- E. unwilling

138. Lack of familiarity with the \_\_\_\_ can prevent a speech presenter from maintaining eye contact with an audience being addressed.

- A. report
- B. text
- C. research
- D. context
- E. PA system

From the options lettered A to E, choose the word that is nearest in meaning to the underlined word as it is used in the sentence.

139. The little boy gave his candid opinion of the incident.

- A. quick
- B. brief
- C. frank

- D. hurried
- E. fast

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

140. The man was able to persuade his WILLFUL and OBSTINATE daughter to follow the career he chose for her.

- A. intelligent but arrogant
- B. unyielding and obdurate
- C. obscure and odious
- D. hardworking and intelligent
- E. skillful and indolent

141. A poor speech delivery could destroy any \_\_\_\_ effects created by carefully chosen words.

- A. language
- B. slang
- C. dialect
- D. rhetoric
- E. absurd

Fill in the blank space with the most appropriate option.

142. A hotel is supposed to be a home away from home, but the one we checked into was hell away from home. Initially, we were deceived by the beautiful surroundings and by the manager's \_\_\_\_ which was warm and inviting.

- A. reception
- B. intention
- C. rejection
- D. conception
- E. conclusion

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

143. The senior prefect had to CARRY THE CAN because he refused to identify the culprit.

- A. dispose the can of refuse
- B. take responsibility
- C. be made one of the scape-goats
- D. bear the brunt
- E. pick the can

From the options lettered A to E, choose the word that is nearest in meaning to the underlined word as it is used in the sentence.

144. Such utterances are inimical to the peaceful co-existence of the two communities.

- A. unhelpful
- B. unimportant
- C. harmful
- D. useless
- E. friendly

From the options lettered A - E, choose the word that is most nearly opposite in meaning to the word written in capital letters.

145. Most banks that were SOLVENT at the beginning of the reform have gone \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. bankrupt
- B. buoyant
- C. exile
- D. fraudulent
- E. merger

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

146. They attacked all regulations designed to EMASCULATE student militancy.

- A. condone
- B. isolate
- C. frustrate
- D. strengthen
- E. alienate

From the options lettered A-E, choose the word that is most nearly opposite in meaning to the underlined word and will, at the same time, correctly fill the gap in the sentence.

147. Chief Osa prefers fame in the village to \_\_\_\_\_ in the city.

- A. neglect
- B. ignorance
- C. poverty
- D. obscurity
- E. popularity

From the options lettered A to E, choose the word that is nearest in meaning to the underlined word as it is used in the sentence.

148. It is absurd to drink alcohol before going for an interview.

- A. ridiculous
- B. gratifying
- C. intoxicating
- D. dangerous
- E. absolute

149. Kunle's wife is in the hospitality \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. activity
- B. occupation
- C. profession
- D. hierarchy
- E. rank

150. In the formal set-up of our schools today, education is highly organised. There is the \_\_\_\_\_ of authority from the principal down to the class monitors. They have a fixed \_\_\_\_\_, which they adhere to strictly.

- A. rank/roaster
- B. order/schedule
- C. chain/office
- D. level/rank
- E. hierarchy/timetable

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

151. Our party is **WIELDING** potent political power.

- A. assuming
- B. ignoring
- C. utilizing
- D. reappraising
- E. employing

152. John was \_\_\_\_\_ about the story Ben told him.

- A. appalled
- B. appealed
- C. doubtful

- D. terrified
- E. exploited

From the options lettered A - E, fill in the blank space with the word OPPOSITE IN MEANING to the capitalised word.

153. I thought that the comments made by the secretary were quite INNOCUOUS, but the chairman considered them \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. polite
- B. inappropriate
- C. antagonistic
- D. unnecessary
- E. harmful

From the options lettered A - D, choose the one that is OPPOSITE IN MEANING to the word written in capital letters.

154. He MUMBLED a few words at the trial and then cried.

- A. uttered
- B. murmured
- C. whispered
- D. announced
- E. grumbled

155. \_\_\_\_\_ education is a form of education people get when they learn from parents, relations, society, etc.

- A. Formal
- B. Informal
- C. Civic
- D. Social
- E. Civil

Choose the option that is most nearly opposite in meaning to the words in capital letters.

156. The SICK values \_\_\_\_\_more.

- A. doctors
- B. hospitals
- C. health
- D. medicine
- E. healing

From the options lettered A - E, fill in the blank space with the word OPPOSITE IN MEANING to the capitalised word.

157. Mrs. Apata is always MOODY, while her husband is forever \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. cheerful
- B. willing
- C. tender
- D. loving
- E. petulant

158. The differences between the experimental procedures are IMPERCEPTIBLE to me.

- A. eligible
- B. significant
- C. obvious
- D. obscure
- E. vague

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

159. Most warring countries end up in a state of SATIATION.

- A. trouble
- B. deprivation
- C. release
- D. starvation
- E. lack

160. Ike is head-over-heels in love with Melly.

- A. Ike is friendly with Melly.
- B. Ike is trying to love Melly.
- C. Ike is pretending to be in love with Melly.
- D. Ike is so much in love with Melly.
- E. Ike is not sure he is absolutely in love with Melly.

161. The \_\_\_\_ is the section of a hospital that is responsible for the selling and \_\_\_\_ of medicinal drugs.

- A. casualty; giving
- B. pharmacy; dispensing
- C. theatre; donating
- D. pharmacist; dispensing
- E. private ward; distributing

Choose the option OPPOSITE IN MEANING to the words written in capital letters.

162. We admire the minister's PASSIONATE and DYNAMIC characteristics.

- A. cruel and passive
- B. kind and forceful

- C. passive and charmless
- D. charmless and cruel
- E. impossible and adamant

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

163. The thieves VANDALISED the vault's lock.

- A. repaired
- B. arranged
- C. serviced
- D. actuated
- E. cared for

164. The manuscript delivery is usually reserved for very \_\_\_\_ occasions when exact wording is \_\_\_\_, such as the State of the Union Address or speeches before the United Nations General \_\_\_\_.

- A. formal/critical/Assembly
- B. rare/speculative/Board
- C. informal/specific/Association
- D. impromptu/inconclusive/Committee
- E. critical/conclusive/Assembly

From the options lettered A to E, choose the word that is nearest in meaning to the underlined word as it is used in the sentence.

165. The headboy vehemently denied participating in the riot.

- A. foolishly
- B. strongly
- C. constantly
- D. annoyingly
- E. hardly

From the options lettered A - E, choose the one that is NEAREST IN MEANING to the given word.

166. OBSOLETE

- A. Up-to-date
- B. Outdated
- C. Upcoming
- D. Backdated
- E. Fashionable

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

167. It is surprising that this politician has now turned RENEGADE.

- A. militant
- B. crooked
- C. loyal
- D. fainthearted
- E. rogue

From the options lettered A - E, fill in the blank space with the word OPPOSITE IN MEANING to the capitalised word.

168. Emily is STUDIOUS, unlike her elder sister who is \_\_\_\_\_ to study.

- A. painstaking
- B. playful
- C. weary
- D. lazy
- E. joyful

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

169. The minister explained that the execution of the project had been IMPEDED by lack of funds.

- A. terminated
- B. suspended
- C. banned
- D. cancelled
- E. hindered

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

170. The Preacher warned the congregation against worrying unduly about MUNDANE things.

- A. worldly
- B. celestial
- C. unimaginable
- D. immoral
- E. evil

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

171. The masses are controlled by the WHIMS AND CAPRICES of their leaders.

- A. wishes
- B. parochialism
- C. will power
- D. headiness
- E. impulsiveness

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

172. I would not like you to do the work **PIECEMEAL**.

- A. abruptly
- B. bit by bit
- C. badly
- D. shabbily
- E. breakfast

173. They \_\_\_\_ the injured man thoroughly with the aid of several \_\_\_\_ instruments.

- A. examined; clinical
- B. inspected; laboratory
- C. tested; medical
- D. consulted; pathological
- E. treated; archeological

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

174. It was surprising how we **TOOK TO** the stranger at once.

- A. talked so long with
- B. introduced ourselves to
- C. formed a liking for
- D. started fighting with
- E. despised instantly

175. \_\_\_\_ are words that are opposite in meaning.

- A. Homonyms
- B. Antonyms

- C. Synonyms
- D. Autonyms
- E. Acronyms

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

176. The journalist's write-up contained a PLETHORA of details.

- A. lack
- B. simplicity
- C. complexity
- D. spectrum
- E. excess

From the options lettered A-E, choose the word that is most nearly opposite in meaning to the underlined word and will, at the same time, correctly fill the gap in the sentence.

177. The preacher stressed that the righteous shall be perpetually happy but the wicked may have \_\_\_\_\_ moments of peace.

- A. continual
- B. fleeting
- C. momentous
- D. periodical
- E. habitual

Choose the word OPPOSITE IN MEANING to the word in capital letters.

178. Ada was advised to attend Church REGULARLY.

- A. often
- B. early
- C. rarely

- D. religiously
- E. immediately

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

179. Lola was AGITATED when the sad news of her mother's accident was broken to her.

- A. excited
- B. calm
- C. uncontrollable
- D. broken
- E. inconsolable

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

180. As these boys never act in public, the police are now worried about their COVERT activities.

- A. ignoble
- B. evil
- C. open
- D. cryptic
- E. secret

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

181. He is travelling tomorrow.

- A. He may travel tomorrow.
- B. He will travel tomorrow.
- C. He should travel tomorrow.

- D. He can travel tomorrow.
- E. He would have travelled tomorrow.

From the options lettered A to E, choose the word that is nearest in meaning to the underlined word as it is used in the sentence.

182. The president appointed staunch supporters of his policies as advisers.

- A. trusted
- B. critical
- C. affluent
- D. strong
- E. regular

Fill in the blank spaces with the most appropriate option.

183. Once on the plane and in your seat, fasten your seat-belt and settle back to enjoy the flight. After each engine has been started and tested, the plane will begin to \_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_.

- A. drive/runway
- B. fly/runway
- C. shunt/tower
- D. glide/hanger
- E. taxi/runway

184. A group of people related by marriage or blood is called a \_\_\_\_.

- A. sect
- B. community
- C. partnership
- D. society
- E. family

After the sentence, a list of possible interpretations is given. Choose the interpretation that you consider most appropriate for the sentence.

185. Shipping of groundnuts to the North will only amount to carrying coal to Newcastle. This means carrying groundnuts to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. where they are plentiful
- B. a place where they are needed
- C. a place where profit will be realised
- D. where there are many buyers
- E. where they are planted

Choose from the options lettered A-E, the most appropriate interpretation for the given statement.

186. She talked through her hat during the workshop. This means that she demonstrated \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. ignorance of the subject matter
- B. mastery of the subject matter
- C. pride during the presentation
- D. the proper use of the hat
- E. excellent presentation skills

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

187. The cereal is FORTIFIED with multi-vitamins.

- A. enriched
- B. prepared
- C. endured
- D. mixed
- E. stired

Choose from the options lettered A -E, the one that is the most appropriate interpretation for the underlined expression.

188. The two young couple took to the altar yesterday. This means the two \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. climbed the altar
- B. got married
- C. ascended the altar
- D. could be at the altar
- E. left the altar

Choose the option OPPOSITE IN MEANING to the word written in capital letters.

189. His father is a SHREWD businessman.

- A. gullible
- B. orderly
- C. reliable
- D. resourceful
- E. clever

After the sentence, a list of possible interpretations is given. Choose the interpretation that you consider most appropriate for the sentence.

190. Our school athletes swept the board at this year's inter-school sports competition. This means that our school \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. cleaned the score board thoroughly
- B. won everything that could be won
- C. came out last in the competition
- D. won some of the events
- E. swept off the board

191. All of the following are synonyms of EXPEDIENT, except \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. convenient

- B. advantageous
- C. suitable
- D. inappropriate
- E. worthwhile

From the options lettered A-E, choose the word that is most nearly opposite in meaning to the underlined word and will, at the same time, correctly fill the gap in the sentence.

192. Most settlements in the rural areas are sparsely populated unlike major towns which are \_\_\_\_\_ populated.

- A. densely
- B. partially
- C. poorly
- D. scarcely
- E. rarely

Choose from the options lettered A -E, the one that is the most appropriate interpretation for the underlined expression.

193. The whole supermarket went up in smoke.

This means that the whole supermarket was \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. burnt down
- B. covered with smoke
- C. set ablaze
- D. on fire
- E. in commotion

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

194. We will surely BUY this idea of introducing an entirely new product.

- A. pay for

- B. accept
- C. trade in
- D. promote
- E. market

Which of these words is NEAREST IN MEANING to the capitalised word in the sentence?

195. His refusal to leave the office after so many years TRIGGERED the crisis.

- A. worsened
- B. caused
- C. increased
- D. heightened
- E. contributed to

From the options lettered A to E, choose the word that is nearest in meaning to the underlined word as it is used in the sentence.

196. Kwame is pessimistic about our chances of winning the trophy.

- A. concerned
- B. indifferent
- C. happy
- D. unconvinced
- E. optimistic

After the sentence, a list of possible interpretations is given. Choose the interpretation that you consider most appropriate for the sentence.

197. The exploitation of the masses makes my blood boil. This means that \_\_\_\_.

- A. my blood actually boils when the masses are exploited
- B. I am agitated by the exploitation of the masses

- C. I am disappointed when the masses are exploited
- D. the masses are not happy
- E. I always boil my blood to pacify the masses

Choose the word OPPOSITE IN MEANING to the word in capital letters.

198. Mary's JOVIAL uncle was always funny; she loved whenever he came over.

- A. quiet
- B. hilarious
- C. playful
- D. somber
- E. witty

From the options lettered A - D, choose the one that is OPPOSITE IN MEANING to the word written in capital letters.

199. The greenhouse effect is beginning to ABATE in Europe.

- A. intensify
- B. extenuate
- C. surface
- D. diminish
- E. reduce

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

200. You do not need to STUTTER in order to show your excitement.

- A. jump about
- B. shout
- C. sob
- D. stammer
- E. whisper

201. To \_\_\_\_ an audience is also considered a goal in speech writing.

- A. engage
- B. lecture
- C. repulse
- D. capture
- E. hypnotize

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

202. Our school prefect is too OFFICIOUS and we all dislike him because of his behaviour.

- A. efficient
- B. efficacious
- C. overzealous
- D. active
- E. showy

Choose the option that is NEAREST IN MEANING to the capitalised word in the sentence.

203. Belema was SCEPTICAL about the story Tombara told her.

- A. ignorant
- B. doubtful
- C. confused
- D. happy
- E. convinced

Choose the option OPPOSITE IN MEANING to the word written in capital letters.

204. Chidi is naturally TACITURN.

- A. friendly

- B. cheerful
- C. dumb
- D. lively
- E. garrulous

Choose the option OPPOSITE IN MEANING to the word written in capital letters.

205. The undesirable elements who PERPETUATE these vices are never detected.

- A. aggravate
- B. overlook
- C. discontinue
- D. encourage
- E. carry out

Choose the option NEAREST IN MEANING to the word written in capital letters.

206. I felt ROTTEN when I discovered that I had taken more than my share of the apples.

- A. angry
- B. contented
- C. dissatisfied
- D. guilty
- E. spoilt

207. An ailment caused by or related to a disease is said to be \_\_\_\_.

- A. biological
- B. epidemic
- C. scientific
- D. clinical
- E. communicable

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

208. He poured out lots of INVECTIVES in a speech that was supposed to be a vote of thanks.

- A. praises
- B. requests
- C. denials
- D. abuses
- E. apologies

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

209. We need an expert to DECIPHER the code.

- A. understand
- B. survey
- C. arrange
- D. normalise
- E. interpret

Choose the word OPPOSITE IN MEANING to the word in capital letters.

210. The old woman SMILED at me and walked away.

- A. laughed
- B. frowned
- C. blushed
- D. whispered
- E. moped

211. Every formal place of \_\_\_\_\_ should have a library where books can be \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. education/consulted

- B. learning/encoded
- C. education/encoded
- D. learning/consulted
- E. reading/consulted

From the options lettered A - E, fill the blank space with the word that is OPPOSITE IN MEANING to the word written in capital letters.

212. The tennis player SURREPTITIOUSLY swapped rackets after the first set.

- A. openly retained
- B. overly exchanged
- C. quietly surrendered
- D. violently swung
- E. secretly retained

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

213. We intend to make the reception a DIURNAL event.

- A. a nightly
- B. a regular
- C. a popular
- D. a befitting
- E. daily

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

214. The doctor was very GENTLE with his patient in the examination room.

- A. harsh
- B. rude
- C. tough

- D. benevolent
- E. kind

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

215. For millions of years, the world's resources have remained BOUNDLESS.

- A. under-utilized
- B. explorable
- C. indomitable
- D. limited
- E. limitless

216. The main disadvantage of the manuscript speech delivery method is that, it is difficult to perform. Reading aloud in meaningful \_\_\_\_ inflection requires the speaker to be very familiar with the text.

- A. interactive
- B. restrictive
- C. positive
- D. decisive
- E. impulsive

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

217. The hostess greeted her guests in a very RELAXED manner.

- A. energetic
- B. confrontational
- C. stiff
- D. perplexed
- E. calm

From the options lettered A-E, choose the word that is most nearly opposite in meaning to the underlined word and will, at the same time, correctly fill the gap in the sentence.

218. The contraband \_\_\_\_\_ by the customs officers may not be released to their owners.

- A. apprehended
- B. arrested
- C. detained
- D. impounded
- E. compounded

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

219. All we need is a CONCERTED EFFORT to combat the epidemic.

- A. persistent
- B. dramatic
- C. joint
- D. concentrated
- E. separate

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

220. My mother has refused to come to live in Lagos because she prefers the TRANQUIL life in the village to the hurly burly of the city.

- A. free
- B. prosperous
- C. peaceful
- D. decent
- E. happy

From the options lettered A-E, choose the word that is most nearly opposite in meaning to the underlined word and will, at the same time, correctly fill the gap in the sentence.

221. While the Registrar considers the matter insignificant, his deputy sees it as \_\_\_\_.

- A. minute
- B. crucial
- C. compulsory
- D. marvellous
- E. trivial

Fill in the blank space with the most appropriate option.

222. Air travel is becoming increasingly popular with travellers who go from one country to another. A look at the international time table of any major \_\_\_\_ such as Pan America or Air France will show hundreds of flights departing at fixed times every week.

- A. aircraft
- B. airline
- C. airfield
- D. airforce
- E. aureate

Choose from the options lettered A -E, the one that is nearest in meaning to the word written in italics in the sentence below.

223. The obstacles against his candidature are enormous.

- A. feasible
- B. huge
- C. small
- D. surmountable
- E. impossible

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

224. I would regard what he has done as a TREACHEROUS act.

- A. foolish
- B. reliable
- C. commendable
- D. loyal
- E. deceitful

From the options lettered A-E, choose the word that is most nearly opposite in meaning to the underlined word and will, at the same time, correctly fill the gap in the sentence.

225. We thought that Uncle Sam's health had improved but it had rather \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. persisted
- B. deteriorated
- C. deepened
- D. decreased
- E. aggravated

Choose from the options lettered A -E, the one that is nearest in meaning to the words written in italics in the sentence below.

226. Despite the *vociferous* demands for electorate reforms, the ruling party had its way.

- A. clamorous
- B. peaceful
- C. quiet
- D. spontaneous
- E. tranquil

Fill in the blank space with the most appropriate option.

227. The person who takes care of one's luggage in a hotel is called a \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. waiter
- B. concierge
- C. porter
- D. receptionist
- E. manager

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

228. My eldest brother is now faced with the VICISSITUDES of married life.

- A. uncertainties
- B. progression
- C. amiability
- D. stability
- E. instability

Choose the correct option.

229. The \_\_\_ ceremonies of young adults common to many cultures are part of the \_\_\_ education of those cultures, but there are very many informal ways of educating the young.

- A. processional/informal
- B. civil/perculiar
- C. graduation/informal
- D. initiation/formal
- E. award/informal

Fill in the blank spaces with the most appropriate option.

230. Now a uniformed hostess may bring you a candy or minty sweet to lick. Swallowing the saliva helps to adjust the pressure inside the eardrum as the plane gains altitude. Most large modern airlines go up to \_\_\_\_ of about 30,000 feet, where the air becomes too thin to breathe, and so, the cabin of the plane is pressurised to let you breathe easily. After a pleasant flight, with meals and refreshments, you will hear a dangling noise as the undercarriage, which has been retracted during flight, descends into a position, ready for \_\_\_\_.

- A. an atmosphere/take off
- B. an orbit/escape
- C. a velocity/take off
- D. an altitude/touch down
- E. an elevation/arrival

231. The social position of a \_\_\_\_ who have children is of greater importance and dignity than that of a bachelor or \_\_\_\_.

- A. family; spinster
- B. couple; damsel
- C. couple; spinster
- D. couple; lady
- E. family; maiden

Choose from the options lettered A -E, the one that is nearest in meaning to the words written in *italics* in the sentence below.

232. The organization has embarked on frequent media campaigns to sensitise the public.

- A. annual
- B. regular
- C. deliberate
- D. occasional
- E. spontaneous

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

233. Ayo takes his studies rather LIGHTLY.

- A. humorously
- B. tediously
- C. carefully
- D. seriously
- E. simply

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

234. Many species in creation have MUTATED over the years into new forms of life.

- A. stabilised
- B. manifested
- C. transformed
- D. standardised
- E. changed

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

235. The policeman was asked to INVESTIGATE the matter.

- A. adjourn
- B. ignore
- C. examine
- D. inquire
- E. judge

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

236. His ANTIPATHY to religious ideas makes him unpopular.

- A. opposition
- B. consciousness
- C. hostility
- D. appreciation
- E. aversion

From the options lettered A to E, choose the word that is nearest in meaning to the underlined word as it is used in the sentence.

237. Our club encourages benevolence.

- A. affluence
- B. sincerity
- C. charity
- D. association
- E. humility

From the options lettered A - E, choose the word that is most nearly opposite in meaning to the word written in capital letters.

238. When results are out, students who are sure of themselves are EAGER to go and check theirs while the dullards are \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. absent
- B. enthusiastic
- C. ashamed
- D. reluctant
- E. excited

Choose from the options lettered A -E, the one that is the most appropriate interpretation for the underlined expression.

239. Accepting your advice is to jump from the frying pan into fire.

This means that your advice \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. is adding more problem to the matter
- B. simplifies everything.
- C. is a good one
- D. is very important
- E. has started a fire

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

240. The urban environment tends to form the NUCLEUS of a common dialect.

- A. Setting
- B. Repository
- C. Cell
- D. Core
- E. atom

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

241. The instructions on the examination paper are EXPLICIT.

- A. simple
- B. ambiguous
- C. detailed
- D. definite
- E. clear

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

242. Most of the time, my boss tells COCK-AND-BULL stories.

- A. costly
- B. unreasonable
- C. clever
- D. untrue
- E. funny

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

243. Musa hates Hadiza for her constant BELLICOSE behaviour.

- A. aggressive
- B. gentle
- C. meek
- D. troublesome
- E. quarrelsome

From the options lettered A-E, choose the interpretation that you consider most appropriate for the sentence.

244. James and Henry were at daggers drawn when I knew them. This means that they \_\_\_\_.

- A. were always angry at each other
- B. always wore daggers
- C. were fighting everybody
- D. were good at drawing daggers
- E. have always been friends

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

245. Ogedengbe was an INTREPID fighter for human freedom and dignity.

- A. timid
- B. half-hearted
- C. fearless
- D. undaunted
- E. brave

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

246. Ojo's response INFURIATED his wife.

- A. annoyed
- B. pleased
- C. surprised
- D. confused
- E. angered

From the options lettered A - E, fill in the blank space with the word OPPOSITE IN MEANING to the capitalised word.

247. At the end of the crisis, the leader declared that there was no VICTOR and no \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. loser
- B. rebel
- C. patriot
- D. opponent
- E. vanquished

Choose the option that is NEAREST IN MEANING to the word written in capital letters.

248. I have IMPLICIT confidence in Ibiye's ability to win the race.

- A. partial
- B. absolute
- C. correct
- D. impervious
- E. doubtful

249. \_\_\_\_ is regarded as a state of being joined as husband and wife.

- A. Fraternity
- B. Dualism
- C. Matrimony
- D. Partnership
- E. Bigamy

The correct answer is [C].

250. The opposition party is merely making a mountain out of a molehill by insisting that the president resigns. This means that the opposition is \_\_\_\_.

- A. defending the president
- B. exaggerating the situation
- C. going mountaineering
- D. suspecting the president
- E. fighting a good course

251. One purpose of presenting a speech is to \_\_\_\_ a message to the \_\_\_\_.

- A. report/listeners
- B. convey/audience

- C. send/people
- D. speculate/audience
- E. share/hearers

252. Every community from time immemorial must have had \_\_\_\_ known and respected for their ability to guide and \_\_\_\_ younger members of their community towards the \_\_\_\_ of the desired goals of their group.

- A. teachers/direct/attainment
- B. leaders/follow/enforcement
- C. fathers/frustrate/creation
- D. coaches/frustrate/achievement
- E. members/control/development

Choose the word OPPOSITE IN MEANING to the word in capital letters.

253. Maureen usually felt DEPRESSED on Mondays because she never got enough sleep on the weekends.

- A. lifted
- B. salubrious
- C. neglected
- D. drained
- E. perturbed

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

254. The video tape recorder was made OBSOLETE by the introduction of the satellite dish.

- A. antiquated
- B. useless
- C. fashionable

- D. functional
- E. outdated

255. As soon as the accident victim stopped bleeding, \_\_\_\_\_ medication was applied to the wounds.

- A. anti-malaria
- B. anti-polio
- C. anti-rabies
- D. anti-tetanus
- E. anti-hepatitis

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

256. The lecturer was merely OBFUSCATING the issue with his endless examples.

- A. complicating
- B. clarifying
- C. confusing
- D. summarising
- E. darkening

257. The \_\_\_\_\_ of a family brings along a rise in social \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. rearing; value
- B. nursing; rank
- C. grooming; status
- D. governing; cadre
- E. reviving; promotion

From the options lettered A - E, choose the expression or word that BEST INTERPRETS the expression written in capital letters.

258. The men eventually gained their freedom and decided later, to GET THEIR OWN BACK ON their oppressors.

- A. strike against
- B. have their revenge on
- C. strategically ambush
- D. get something from
- E. beat up

Choose the option OPPOSITE IN MEANING to the word written in capital letters.

259. His fertile business deals are in GROSS.

- A. whole
- B. imports
- C. parts
- D. exports
- E. huge

Choose the option OPPOSITE IN MEANING to the words written in capital letters.

260. The government is INITIATING new effective programmes to BOOST production.

- A. ending; enhance
- B. reviewing; renew
- C. rearranging; increase
- D. terminating; reduce
- E. beginning; raise

Choose the word OPPOSITE IN MEANING to the word in capital letters.

261. Henry hoped that his sons would take over his retail business and MAINTAIN a high level of customer service.

- A. avow
- B. eliminate
- C. exploit
- D. assert
- E. uphold

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

262. The president took exception to the IGNOBLE role the young man played in the matter.

- A. honourable
- B. embarrassing
- C. heinous
- D. extraordinary
- E. shameful

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

263. Thompson was a PROSECUTION witness at the court hearing.

- A. false
- B. reliable
- C. government
- D. trial
- E. accused

From the options lettered A-E, choose the word that is most nearly opposite in meaning to the underlined word and will, at the same time, correctly fill the gap in the sentence.

264. Rather than convict him, the impartial judge \_\_\_\_\_ him.

- A. blamed
- B. dismissed
- C. upheld
- D. acquitted
- E. charged

Fill in the blank space with the most appropriate option.

265. A hotel is supposed to be a home away from home, but the one we \_\_\_\_ was hell away from home.

- A. moved into
- B. checked
- C. dropped by
- D. checked into
- E. stood in

266. The patient was taken to the unit where those under \_\_\_\_ are kept. The doctor asked the nurses to keep the patient under close \_\_\_\_.

- A. intensive care; observation
- B. medical care; watch
- C. immediate care; watch
- D. vigorous care; care
- E. authentic care; observation

Fill in the blank space with the most appropriate option.

267. The \_\_\_\_ time for my flight is 1600 hours.

- A. exit
- B. departure
- C. take-off
- D. flying
- E. send-off

Choose the option OPPOSITE IN MEANING to the word written in capital letters.

268. If you are really keen on immediate results you just have to adopt this PRAGMATIC approach.

- A. practical
- B. unbalistic
- C. opportunistic
- D. sensible
- E. realistic

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

269. The sudden death of the king PUT PAID TO the ambition of the minister.

- A. contributed
- B. rewarded
- C. benefited
- D. terminated
- E. started

Choose from the options lettered A -E, the one that is nearest in meaning to the words written in italics in the sentence below.

270. He promised to introduce measures to ameliorate their conditions.

- A. aggravate
- B. complicate
- C. highlight
- D. improve
- E. alienate

Choose from the options lettered A -E, the one that is nearest in meaning to the word written in italics in the sentence below.

271. Over reliance on importation often hampers economic growth.

- A. facilitates
- B. promotes
- C. quickens
- D. restrains
- E. pampers

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

272. The difference between the experimental procedures was IMPERCEPTIBLE to me.

- A. negligible
- B. significant
- C. obvious
- D. obscure
- E. vague

From the options lettered A-E, choose the word that is most nearly opposite in meaning to the underlined word and will, at the same time, correctly fill the gap in the sentence.

273. The handsome profit from her fish business made Mrs. Uba stop complaining about her husband's \_\_\_\_\_ salary.

- A. ugly
- B. meagre
- C. modest
- D. lowly
- E. substantial

From the options lettered A to E, choose the word that is nearest in meaning to the underlined word as it is used in the sentence.

274. If care is not taken, the avian flu will be ubiquitous.

- A. mundane
- B. disastrous
- C. everywhere
- D. conspicuous
- E. secluded

Choose the option OPPOSITE IN MEANING to the word written in capital letters.

275. The town was all AGOG at his unexpected return.

- A. troubled
- B. dumbfounded
- C. unexcited
- D. surprised
- E. ablaze

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

276. He accepted a MUNDANE task without hesitation.

- A. heavenly
- B. extraordinary
- C. menial
- D. moderate
- E. worldly

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

277. Many people have raised the issue of the need for an EQUITABLE distribution of our wealth.

- A. a fair
- B. an even
- C. an unjust
- D. an undue
- E. an equal

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

278. The ANGRY waves swallowed the boat.

- A. gentle
- B. unruffled
- C. sad
- D. serene
- E. calm

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

279. All the accident victims are bleeding PROFUSELY.

- A. slowly
- B. excessively
- C. diffusely
- D. clearly
- E. quickly

Choose the option OPPOSITE IN MEANING to the word written in capital letters.

280. Had I known about their plan earlier, I would have NIPPED IT IN THE BUD.

- A. stopped it
- B. initiated it
- C. squashed it
- D. promoted it
- E. destroyed it

From the options lettered A-E, choose the interpretation that you consider most appropriate for the sentence.

281. Musa does not believe that there is poverty in Africa; he is a dyed-in-the-wood capitalist. This means that Musa is \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. a kind capitalist
- B. a thoughtful capitalist
- C. an old capitalist
- D. an unbending capitalist
- E. an indifferent capitalist

Choose the option OPPOSITE IN MEANING to the word written in capital letters.

282. He is loved for his ALTRUISM.

- A. benevolence
- B. trustworthiness
- C. selfishness
- D. indecisiveness
- E. cordiality

From the options lettered A to E, choose the word that is nearest in meaning to the underlined word as it is used in the sentence.

283. The provocation had an instantaneous effect on him.

- A. a lasting
- B. an immediate
- C. a terrifying
- D. a momentous
- E. a lasting

Choose the option NEAREST IN MEANING to the word written in capital letters.

284. He's talking TRASH; don't listen to him.

- A. immorality
- B. politics
- C. nonsense
- D. morality
- E. dustbin

285. Teaching is one of the world's oldest \_\_\_\_\_ known to man.

- A. callings
- B. professions

- C. institutions
- D. tools
- E. standards

286. A prepared speech is not easy to deliver, especially when it is not written by the presenter. A \_\_\_ delivery is one in which the speech has been written out word for word and is read to \_\_\_.

- A. primary/a population
- B. memorized/a group of people
- C. manuscript/an audience
- D. one-on-one/listeners
- E. secondary/an audience

From the options lettered A to E, choose the word that is nearest in meaning to the underlined word as it is used in the sentence.

287. I woke up feeling rather queer.

- A. fine
- B. strange
- C. strong
- D. tired
- E. sad

Choose the option that is most nearly opposite in meaning to the words in capital letters.

288. In any community, both the KING and his \_\_\_\_\_ are governed by the law.

- A. citizen
- B. staff
- C. crew
- D. subjects
- E. nobles

After the sentence, a list of possible interpretations is given. Choose the interpretation that you consider most appropriate for the sentence.

289. The striking workers stuck to their guns inspite of government's appeal to them to return to work. This means that the workers \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. had to call off the strike
- B. attacked the government officials with guns
- C. went back to work unwillingly
- D. refused to go back to work
- E. returned the appeal to the government

290. A childless marriage in the African \_\_\_\_\_ is practically a failure because children bring joy not only to their family, but also to the \_\_\_\_\_ as a whole.

- A. culture; kingdom
- B. community; society
- C. guild; company
- D. race; establishment
- E. sect; organisation

Fill in the blank space with the most appropriate option.

291. The plane taxis to a stop and you will hear the engine revolving noisily as the pilot prepares for a \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. blast-off
- B. launching
- C. countdown
- D. takeoff
- E. lifting

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

292. In a sentence, there must always be CONCORD between a subject and its verb.

- A. concurrence
- B. inflection
- C. disagreement
- D. relationship
- E. agreement

From the options lettered A-E, choose the word that is most nearly opposite in meaning to the underlined word and will, at the same time, correctly fill the gap in the sentence.

293. Within a few years of his new appointment the manager \_\_\_\_\_ all that he had forfeited.

- A. reformed
- B. realised
- C. recollected
- D. regained
- E. released

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

294. The AUTHENTICITY of the reporter's claim should be established before taking further actions on the matter.

- A. facts
- B. source
- C. evidence
- D. genuineness
- E. value

295. When a young girl helps her mother in preparing the family \_\_\_\_\_, she is learning \_\_\_\_\_ skills in an informal set-up.

- A. diet/cooking
- B. meal/firing
- C. meal/culinary
- D. cooking/meal
- E. dishes/cooking

Choose from the options lettered A -E, the one that is nearest in meaning to the word written in italics in the sentence below.

296. The examination body is expected to release a tentative timetable very soon.

- A. temporary
- B. comprehensive
- C. fake
- D. substantive
- E. genuine

Choose the option OPPOSITE IN MEANING to the word written in capital letters.

297. He urged other PROGRESSIVES in the country to join forces with his association.

- A. radicals
- B. conservatives
- C. pessimists
- D. activists
- E. observers

Choose from the options lettered A-E, the most appropriate interpretation for the given statement.

298. Mr. Ahmed, my former boss, has fallen on his feet with the ministerial appointment. This means that he \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. has eventually been lucky to get the appointment
- B. lost all he had before he got the appointment
- C. lobbied to get the appointment
- D. broke his feet during the ministerial appointment
- E. really likes the ministerial appointment

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

299. Adama's father simply **CONDONED** her bad habit instead of punishing her appropriately.

- A. opposed
- B. blamed
- C. accepted
- D. overlooked
- E. allowed

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

300. We all have both good and bad characteristics. Either, however, is easily **MANIFESTED** in time of crisis.

- A. demanded
- B. highlighted
- C. submerged
- D. demonstrated
- E. ridiculed

From the options lettered A-E, choose the word that is most nearly opposite in meaning to the underlined word and will, at the same time, correctly fill the gap in the sentence.

301. The bank customer sought to \_\_\_\_\_ more than he had deposited in the account.

- A. recall
- B. receive
- C. withdraw
- D. withheld
- E. pay

302. The diligent students burnt the mid-night oil. This means they \_\_\_\_.

- A. avoided reading at night
- B. got the oil burning
- C. read only at night
- D. studied until late at night
- E. studied hard

From the options lettered A - E, choose the word that is most nearly opposite in meaning to the word written in capital letters.

303. If you FLATTER someone who doesn't understand your language, he will think you are \_\_\_\_\_ him.

- A. abusing
- B. pampering
- C. insulting
- D. welcoming
- E. praising

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

304. The effect of rising prices has SNOWBALLED considerably.

- A. risen
- B. decreased
- C. fallen out
- D. galloped
- E. increased

From the options lettered A - E, choose the word that is most nearly opposite in meaning to the word written in capital letters.

305. It is CERTAIN that workers will receive their salaries next week.

- A. confirmed
- B. serious
- C. doubtful
- D. untrue
- E. obvious

Choose the word OPPOSITE IN MEANING to the word in capital letters.

306. Nancy CONCURRED with her boss on the new direction the company was taking.

- A. deliberated
- B. disagreed
- C. contested
- D. rationalized
- E. reflected

From the options lettered A - E, choose the word that is most nearly opposite in meaning to the word written in capital letters.

307. A SLOTHFUL student is sure to fail. The \_\_\_\_ ones pass at a sitting.

- A. brilliant
- B. diligent
- C. strong
- D. verbose
- E. lazy

Choose the option OPPOSITE IN MEANING to the word written in capital letters.

308. Being NAIVE, he believed all the stories his friend told him.

- A. artless
- B. indifferent
- C. difficult
- D. experienced
- E. innocent

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

309. As a result of the terrible sufferings he had undergone, he became very DESPONDENT about the future.

- A. mischievous
- B. agitated
- C. indignant
- D. aggressive
- E. hopeless

Choose the option OPPOSITE IN MEANING to the word written in capital letters.

310. My friend was reduced to BEGGARLY by various ill-advised business deals.

- A. affluence
- B. penury
- C. influence
- D. poverty
- E. destitution

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

311. The awareness of MORTALITY has always imposed some restraint on man's excesses.

- A. celestiaity
- B. eternity
- C. continuity
- D. inexistence
- E. corruption

Fill in the blank space with the most appropriate option.

312. By the time we were due to \_\_\_\_ the following day, everybody heaved a sigh of relief.

- A. check out
- B. leaving
- C. check off
- D. check on
- E. check up

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

313. The man who had been seriously ill was CONVALESCING at a sea-side resort.

- A. regaining health
- B. deteriorating in health
- C. recuperating
- D. relaxing
- E. getting better

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

314. Your extreme patience sometimes INFURIATES me.

- A. impresses
- B. annoys
- C. frustrates
- D. amuses
- E. excites

From the options lettered A-E, choose the word that is most nearly opposite in meaning to the underlined word and will, at the same time, correctly fill the gap in the sentence.

315. The now famous park was until recently \_\_\_\_\_ even in the neighbourhood.

- A. anonymous
- B. obscure
- C. hidden
- D. infamous
- E. known

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

316. Binta SOBBED by the door because she had lost her mother's precious necklace.

- A. disguised
- B. hid
- C. wept
- D. laughed
- E. cried

317. The \_\_\_\_ is used in measuring body temperature.

- A. barometer
- B. odometer
- C. speedometer
- D. ammeter
- E. thermometer

From the options lettered A-E, choose the word that is most nearly opposite in meaning to the underlined word and will, at the same time, correctly fill the gap in the sentence.

318. The media houses should employ both the novice and the \_\_\_\_\_ journalists.

- A. apprentice
- B. probationer
- C. newcomer
- D. veteran
- E. inexperienced

From the options lettered A to E, choose the word that is nearest in meaning to the underlined word as it is used in the sentence.

319. The government has banned the importation of obscene films.

- A. expensive
- B. horror
- C. violet
- D. immoral
- E. strange

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

320. The Governor told the Chief that he was only on a ROUTINE tour.

- A. regular visit
- B. unplanned visit
- C. surprise visit
- D. impromptu visit
- E. august visit

Choose the word OPPOSITE IN MEANING to the word in capital letters.

321. The paper was washed away by the SWIFT current.

- A. stormy
- B. turbulent
- C. stagnant
- D. subtle
- E. slow

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

322. Good students can easily identify SPURIOUS arguments.

- A. genuine
- B. interesting
- C. false
- D. illogical
- E. phony

From the options lettered A - E, fill the blank space with the word that is OPPOSITE IN MEANING to the word written in capital letters.

323. It is quite CUSTOMARY to introduce the guest speaker, but \_\_\_\_\_ to insult him.

- A. illegal
- B. impolite
- C. unusual
- D. useless
- E. pointless

Fill in the blank spaces with the most appropriate option.

324. Air travel is becoming increasingly popular with travellers who go from one country to another. A look at the international time table of any major airlines such as Pan America or Air France will show hundreds of flights departing at fixed times every week. Besides these scheduled flights, you can travel nowadays on flights arranged by a club for its members which hires an airplane for the journey. Fares on these chartered flights are low because the club ensures that all seats are filled.

On any flight, you are allowed to carry a certain amount of baggage free of charge, but if your baggage weighs more than what you are entitled to, you will have to pay excess baggage charges. You will then be given a \_\_\_\_ which you must show as you get to the \_\_\_\_ lounge and also show to enter the plane.

- A. visitor's note/departure
- B. permit card/departement

- C. boarding pass/departure
- D. visiting card/departure
- E. complementary note/departure

Choose from the options lettered A-E, the most appropriate interpretation for the given statement.

325. The opposing factions met to talk turkey. This means that they met to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. have an honest and clear discussion
- B. hold a secret meeting
- C. wine and dine
- D. suggest a lasting solution to the problem
- E. talk and eat turkey

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

326. The lecturers were asked to carry out a CURSORY survey on Nigerian languages.

- A. thorough survey
- B. immediate survey
- C. partial survey
- D. timely survey
- E. quick survey

Fill in the blank space with the most appropriate option.

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- A. omnibus
- B. aeroplane

- C. shipping line
- D. airline
- E. helicopter

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- A. flight
- B. extra
- C. excess
- D. token
- E. air

From the options lettered A - E, fill the blank space with the word that is OPPOSITE IN MEANING to the word(s) written in capital letters.

329. One of the armed robbers was as DARING in his words as the other was \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. morose
- B. secretive
- C. reckless
- D. bold
- E. timid

# ANSWERS

## TOPIC: COMPREHENSION

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

*Read the passage carefully and answer the question.*

### MARRIAGE IS ABOUT WIVES AND NOTWOMEN

1. Wives maximise their singleness and do not fret over whom they would be found by, how and when they would be found. They trust God always and strive to please Him, knowing assuredly that all good and perfect gifts come from Him.

Wives cherish their period of preparation and are not in a hurry to get over with it, which makes them not to compromise in their standards, principles and virtues according to God's word. In fact, they are not in a hurry to jump out of their preparatory period for any man because they would only become incomplete and unfulfilled if they stopped half-way through their preparatory class.

A woman may try to "impress" in order to seek the approval of some men, while wives are just impressive in all things. Not to get it wrong, wives may not be all that some men would want them to be, but most times, they turn out to be what God wants them to be to the man so that he also can become what God wants him to be.

A woman may prefer you if your parents were dead, but a wife is groomed to handle the complicated patterns of relating with her in-laws.

Wives are not rigid, rather they are malleable, trustworthy, loving and loveable, forgiving and forgivable, submissive and respected. They are almost always prepared for your ministry and are willing to stand by you at both good and bad times.

Remember friends, except the woman is prepared, she cannot be a wife. The period of singleness is not just a period of waiting but more of the period of preparation and training for her man. If she's not prepared a wife, it may be difficult to make her one.

Arise sisters, prepare yourselves; be wives and not just women. For it is only when a man finds a wife that he finds a good thing and obtains favour from the Lord.

*(Adapted from Peculiar Truth)*

According to the passage, which of the following is not a characteristic of wives?

- A. Rigidity
- B. Flexibility
- C. Malleability
- D. Trustworthiness

The correct answer is option [A].

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This third edition, like its predecessor is directed primarily at the latter audience. It was written with the conviction that the statistical concepts can be described simply without loss of accuracy and that they are within the context of their application to concrete data rather than as pure abstractions. Further, its contents are limited to those statistical techniques that are widely used in the literature of psychology and to the principles underlying them.

The changes that have been made in this edition reject both the results of our teaching experience and the increasing prominence being given by statisticians to certain topics. Thus our discussion of some procedures, particularly those in the realm of descriptive statistics, which students grasp easily, have been shortened or rearranged. The treatment of other topics has been expanded. Greater emphasis has been placed on sampling theory, hypothesis, testing and the notion of statistical power.

It can be inferred from the passage that the book was written by \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. an educational psychologist.
- B. more than one author
- C. a prominent statistician
- D. a professor of statistics

The correct answer is Option [B]

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- A. professional experience and popularity of topics
- B. teaching experience and statisticians' view of some topics
- C. the examination results of previous generations of students
- D. the need to avoid areas which students grasp easily.

The correct answer is option [B]

*Read the passage carefully and answer the question.*

4. The diseases afflicting Western societies have undergone dramatic changes. In the course of a century, so many mass killers have vanished that two-thirds of all deaths are now associated with the diseases of old age. Those who die young are more often than not, the victims of accidents, violence and suicide.

These changes in public health are generally equated with progress and are attributed to more or better medical care. In fact, there is no evidence of any direct relationship between changing disease patterns and the so-called progress of medicine.

The impotence of medical services to change life expectancy and the insignificance of much contemporary clinical care in the curing of diseases are all obvious, well documented but well suppressed.

Neither the proportion of doctors in a population nor the quality of the clinical tools at their disposal nor the number of hospital beds is a causal factor in the striking changes in disease patterns. The new techniques available to recognise and treat such conditions as pernicious anaemia and hypertension, or to correct congenital malformations by surgical interventions, increase our understanding of disease but do not reduce its incidence. The fact that there are more doctors where certain diseases have become rare has little to do with their ability to control or eliminate them. It simply means that doctors, more than other professionals, determine where they work. Consequently, they tend to gather where the climate is healthy, where the water is clean and where people work and can pay for their services.

The writer is of the view that the diseases which prevail in contemporary western societies \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. result from modern life styles
- B. are concentrated among the elderly
- C. kill so many people at a time
- D. are resistant to drugs

The correct answer is option [B].

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The book discussed in this passage is about \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Psychology and Education.
- B. Mathematics for undergraduate students.
- C. Quantitative skills for postgraduate students.
- D. Statistical procedure relating to research.

The correct answer is Option [D]

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The expression "when man evolved a conscience ..." also means when

- A. man developed an awareness of right and wrong.
- B. man's intellect improved tremendously.
- C. man acquired new habits.
- D. man became a critical creature.

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From the passage, the attitude of the writer can be described as \_\_\_\_\_

- A. partial.
- B. optimistic.
- C. indifferent.
- D. pessimistic.

The correct answer is option [B].

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8. The diseases afflicting Western societies have undergone dramatic changes. In the course of a century, so many mass killers have vanished that two-thirds of all deaths are now associated with the diseases of old age. Those who die young are more often than not, the victims of accidents, violence and suicide.

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Many doctors, according to the passage, choose to live where \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. research facilities are available
- B. they are most needed
- C. they can be near colleagues
- D. conditions are favourable to them
- E. there is snow

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The basic causes of the elimination of certain animals from the earth include \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. man's decision to live in cities and the development of large farmlands
- B. extensive killing of animals and the fast disappearance of their favourable habitat
- C. man's penchant for meat and hides
- D. a deliberate battle against Nature and the quest for leopard skin

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The expression "necessary evil" means \_\_\_\_\_

- A. evil is essential in studying the subject.
- B. studying the subject is an unpleasant experience which must be endured.
- C. only those who are evil can understand the subject.
- D. those lacking in quantitative skills see the subject as an evil.

The correct answer is Option [B]

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The statement 'The diseases afflicting Western societies have undergone dramatic changes' implies that \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. striking changes have taken place in the mode of disease affliction
- B. medical services have been important in changing life expectancy
- C. a lot of significant progress has taken place in public health
- D. deaths from diseases in Western societies are minimal

The correct answer is option [A].

*Read the passage carefully and answer the question.*

12. Our planet is at risk. Our environment is under threat. The air we breathe, the water we drink, the seas we fish in, the soil we cultivate, the forests, animals and plants which surround us are in danger. New terms and words describe these problems - acid rain, greenhouse effect, global warming, holes in the ozone layer, desertification, and industrial pollution. We are changing our environment. More and more gases and wastes escape from our factories. Rubbish, oil spillage and detergents damage our rivers and seas. Forests give us timber and paper, but their loss results in soil erosion and also endangers wildlife.

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To rescue and conserve our beautiful world, we must act co-operatively. Individuals, communities, nations and international associations all have a responsibility. By learning to protect the natural environment, we can manage the earth's resources for generations to come.

According to the passage, the size of forest depleted annually is \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. minimal
- B. colossal
- C. infinitesimal
- D. wide
- E. magnificent

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The author's attitude to developments in medicine is \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. matter-of-fact
- B. cautious
- C. indifferent
- D. cynical
- E. humorous

The correct answer is option [D].

Cynical implies that one believes that people do not do things for good, sincere or noble reasons, but for their own advantage only.

The author feels that doctors are non-challant about the profession they practice.

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From the passage, it can be deduced that the inhabitants of developing countries

\_\_\_\_\_.

- A. take care of their environment more than those in developed countries
- B. generate more harmful industrial by-products
- C. degrade the environment to make a livelihood
- D. cut down trees only for farmlands and fuel
- E. produce most of all the commercial energy

The correct answer is option [C].

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15. Wives maximise their singleness and do not fret over whom they would be found by, how and when they would be found. They trust God always and strive to please Him, knowing assuredly that all good and perfect gifts come from Him.

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A woman may try to "impress" in order to seek the approval of some men, while wives are just impressive in all things. Not to get it wrong, wives may not be all that some men would want them to be, but most times, they turn out to be what God wants them to be to the man so that he also can become what God wants him to be.

A woman may prefer you if your parents were dead, but a wife is groomed to handle the complicated patterns of relating with her in-laws.

Wives are not rigid, rather they are malleable, trustworthy, loving and loveable, forgiving and forgivable, submissive and respected. They are almost always prepared for your ministry and are willing to stand by you at both good and bad times.

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***(Adapted from Peculiar Truth)***

Without the preparatory period for wives, they will \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. be incomplete and unfulfilled in marriage
- B. not have good husbands and children
- C. have bad in-laws
- D. not have children

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**From the passage, we learn that the book discussed has been \_\_\_\_\_.**

- A. reprinted twice
- B. published three times
- C. rewritten three times
- D. revised twice

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The message of the writer is the \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. need for the developed countries to assist the poorer ones
- B. grave dangers of global warming
- C. urgent need to protect the natural environment
- D. need to research on other uses of trees in our environment
- E. need for the United Nations to interfere in the affairs of men

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The sentence "there will be twice as many of us before most of us are dead," means

- A. some increase in human and animal population growth rates.
- B. mankind is fast spreading across the earth.
- C. many of us will die as a result of population explosion.
- D. the population growth rate will double before most of us die.

The correct answer is option [D].

*Read the passage carefully and answer the question.*

20. Developments in electronic science have transformed the art of record keeping in the modern age. Traditionally, records of events were kept only in people's minds. It depended very much on the retentive power of the human memory. This was extremely dangerous as people either forgot events wholly or in part, or deliberately falsified details to suit their various interests. Interminable arguments were thus the order of the day. Even writing which replaced mental recording was not entirely free from these short comings as untruths could be written as true records either willing or inadvertently. With the advent of the electronic memory, however, these dangers have been largely overcome. Recordings on audio and video cassettes now show not only what happened, but also who did or said what, including how and when.

The writer believes that the art of record keeping has \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. improved over the years
- B. endangered the art of writing
- C. changed human memory
- D. overcome all problems facing it
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The risk referred to in the passage is \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. environmentally induced
- B. industrially produced
- C. man-made
- D. sociologically produced
- E. spiritually provoked

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Which of the following statements is true according to the passage?

- A. Man kills animals only when he can afford to do so.
- B. Man cannot spare those animals that eat his kind.
- C. Man eats all categories of animals.
- D. Man poses the greatest threat to nature.

The correct answer is option [D].

**Read the passage carefully and answer the question.**

23. The diseases afflicting Western societies have undergone dramatic changes. In the course of a century, so many mass killers have vanished that two-thirds of all deaths are now associated with the diseases of old age. Those who die young are more often than not, the victims of accidents, violence and suicide.

These changes in public health are generally equated with progress and are attributed to more or better medical care. In fact, there is no evidence of any direct relationship between changing disease patterns and the so-called progress of medicine.

The impotence of medical services to change life expectancy and the insignificance of much contemporary clinical care in the curing of diseases are all obvious, well documented but well suppressed.

Neither the proportion of doctors in a population nor the quality of the clinical tools at their disposal nor the number of hospital beds is a causal factor in the striking changes in disease patterns. The new techniques available to recognise and treat such conditions as pernicious anaemia and hypertension, or to correct congenital malformations by surgical interventions, increase our understanding of disease but do not reduce its incidence. The fact that there are more doctors where certain diseases have become rare has little to do with their ability to control or eliminate them. It simply means that doctors, more than other professionals, determine where they work. Consequently, they tend to gather where the climate is healthy, where the water is clean and where people work and can pay for their services.

The writer thinks that the presence of a large number of doctors in a community \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. does not have much effect on the control of diseases
- B. disguises the true facts about diseases
- C. controls the spread of diseases
- D. improves the overall quality of life in the community

The correct answer is option [A].

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Wives cherish their period of preparation and are not in a hurry to get over with it, which makes them not to compromise in their standards, principles and virtues according to God's word. In fact, they are not in a hurry to jump out of their preparatory period for any man because they would only become incomplete and unfulfilled if they stopped half-way through their preparatory class.

A woman may try to "impress" in order to seek the approval of some men, while wives are just impressive in all things. Not to get it wrong, wives may not be all that some men would want them to be, but most times, they turn out to be what God wants them to be to the man so that he also can become what God wants him to be.

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***(Adapted from Peculiar Truth)***

The statement "...but most times they turn out to be what God wants them to be to the man so that he also can become what God wants him to be" means that \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. women are good advisers
- B. wives are made by God the way their husbands want them to be
- C. husbands are gods to their wives
- D. wives help their husbands fit into God's plan for them

The correct answer is option [D].

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From the passage, when does a man find a good thing and obtain favour from the Lord?

- A. When he finds a woman.
- B. When he finds a woman that loves his family.
- C. When he finds a woman that is groomed.
- D. When he finds a wife.

The correct answer is option [D].

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From the writer's point of view, the period of singleness is a period of \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. searching for good, rich husbands
- B. thinking of good men as husbands
- C. preparation and training for marriage
- D. becoming complete and fulfilled in God

The correct answer is option [C].

*Read the passage carefully and answer the question.*

27. Our planet is at risk. Our environment is under threat. The air we breathe, the water we drink, the seas we fish in, the soil we cultivate, the forests, animals and plants which surround us are in danger. New terms and words describe these problems - acid rain, greenhouse effect, global warming, holes in the ozone layer, desertification, and industrial pollution. We are changing our environment. More and more gases and wastes escape from our factories. Rubbish, oil spillage and detergents damage our rivers and seas. Forests give us timber and paper, but their loss results in soil erosion and also endangers wildlife.

The richer countries of the world are mainly responsible for industrial pollution. This is where most of all the commercial energy is produced. In developing countries, poverty causes people to change their environment - to overgraze grasslands, to cut down trees for new land and firewood, to farm poor soil for food.

The United Nations Environmental Protection Agency says that an area of forest, the size of Sierra Leone, disappears every year. Trees are cut down for timber which is used for building, furniture, paper and fuel. They are also destroyed to provide land on which to graze animals and build new villages and towns. But trees have many other important uses. Trees protect the land from heavy downpour of rain and their roots help to hold the soil together. Forests are also the home of many living things. The Amazon forest contains one fifth of all the species of birds in the world. In our forests, there may be plants and animals which could help in the discovery of new medicines or crops.

To rescue and conserve our beautiful world, we must act co-operatively. Individuals, communities, nations and international associations all have a responsibility. By learning to protect the natural environment, we can manage the earth's resources for generations to come.

The writer holds the richer countries responsible for industrial pollution because of their \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. technological innovations
- B. energy requirements
- C. industrial revolution
- D. lack of interest in environmental protection
- E. need to overgraze grasslands

The correct answer is option [B].

*Read the passage carefully and answer the question.*

28. Developments in electronic science have transformed the art of record keeping in the modern age. Traditionally, records of events were kept only in people's minds. It depended very much on the retentive power of the human memory. This was extremely dangerous as people either forgot events wholly or in part, or deliberately falsified details to suit their various interests. Interminable arguments were thus the order of the day. Even writing which replaced mental recording was not entirely free from these shortcomings as untruths could be written as true records either willingly or inadvertently. With the advent of the electronic memory, however, these dangers have been largely overcome. Recordings on audio and video cassettes now show not only what happened, but also who did or said what, including how and when.

The author believes that electronic recording is \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. superior only to mental recording
- B. inferior to both mental recording and writing
- C. superior to both mental recording and writing
- D. inferior to only writing
- E. the last step in technological development

The correct answer is option [C].

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From the passage, we gather that \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. wives are not women
- B. women are not wives
- C. marriage is for prepared women
- D. marriage is for all women

The correct answer is option [C].

**TOPIC : LEXIS AND STRUCTURE**

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

*From the options lettered A-E, choose the word that best completes the sentence.*

1. He left the town early this morning \_\_\_\_\_ he arrived very late.

- A. although
- B. but
- C. despite
- D. even
- E. than

The correct answer is option [B]

2. In the sentence "Femi enlisted HIMSELF in the JAMB examination", the underlined word is an example of \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. a relative pronoun
- B. a reflexive pronoun
- C. a personal pronoun
- D. a reciprocal pronoun
- E. an interrogative pronoun

The correct answer is option [B]

Which of the options lettered A - E consists of all the types of nouns?

3. (i) Common (ii) Proper (iii) Abstract (iv) Collective (v) Concrete

- A. i, ii and iii
- B. i, ii, iii and v
- C. i, ii, iii and iv
- D. i, ii and v
- E. i, ii, iii, iv and v

The correct answer is option [E]

4. FLEET OF CARS is an example of \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. a common noun
- B. a proper noun
- C. a collective noun
- D. an abstract noun
- E. a concrete noun

The correct answer is option [C]

**From the options lettered A-E, choose the word that best completes the sentence.**

5. Poverty with peace and contentment is \_\_\_\_\_ than riches with incessant fear.

- A. more better
- B. most better
- C. very better
- D. far better
- E. so better

The correct answer is option [D]

6. Which of the following sentences is in the passive voice?

- A. He preached a good sermon last Sunday.
- B. The students are being taught by the teacher.
- C. The student comes late every day.
- D. She made a promise to her son.
- E. We will go to the cinema in the evening.

The correct answer is option [B]

***From the words lettered A-E, choose the word that best competes the sentence.***

7. African leaders should be cautious of \_\_\_\_\_ who praise every government action.

- A. critics

- B. parasites
- C. enthusiasts
- D. sycophants
- E. militants

The correct answer is option [D]

***From the options lettered A to E, choose the word that best completes the sentence.***

8. The gateman asked me \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. who I am
- B. who I was
- C. who am I
- D. who are you
- E. whom I was

The correct answer is option [B]

***From the options lettered A - E, choose the one that has the SAME MEANING as the words written in capital letters.***

9. On a crucial issue like this, I am sure that Nnenna will SIT ON THE FENCE.

- A. Nnenna will speak out her true feeling.
- B. Nnenna will not commit herself to any side.
- C. Nnenna will be defensive.
- D. Nnenna will judge between the two parties.

The correct answer is option [B].

A fence divides two different plots (idea or opinion). So it stands 'in between'.

10. Good children should not disagree \_\_\_\_ their parents.

- A. of

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

The correct answer is option [B]

11. In the sentence "The boy COMES home by himself after school", the capitalised word is an example of \_\_\_\_.

- A. an intransitive verb
- B. a main verb
- C. a linking verb
- D. a modal verb
- E. an auxiliary verb

The correct answer is option [B]

**From the words lettered A-E, choose the correct option that best completes the sentence.**

12. Madam Abike turned \_\_\_\_\_ 13 bags of maize at the first harvest.

- A. on
- B. out
- C. up
- D. in
- E. of

The correct answer is option [B]

Fill in the blank space with the correct option.

13. He \_\_\_\_ say it to my face that I did that.

- A. daring

- B. dares not
- C. did not dare
- D. dares

The correct answer is option [B]

*Fill in the blank space with the correct option.*

14. The telephone \_\_\_\_ in the nineteenth century and is now used in most countries in the world.

- A. had been invented
- B. was invented
- C. would have been invented
- D. has been invented
- E. was being invented

The correct answer is option [B].

*From the words lettered A-E, choose the correct option that best completes the sentence.*

15. Mrs. Kofi is angry \_\_\_\_\_ her daughter's lack of interest in her business.

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

The correct answer is option [A]

*From the options lettered A-E, choose the word that best completes the sentence.*

16. If they couldn't do it, they \_\_\_\_ have to increase their prices.

- A. could

- B. might
- C. will
- D. would
- E. should

The correct answer is option [B]

17. There were \_\_\_\_ infant deaths in the town last year than in previous years.

- A. fewer
- B. few
- C. more few
- D. less few
- E. a fewer

The correct answer is option [A].

Fill in the blank space with the correct option.

18. The team has suffered defeat \_\_\_\_ defeat.

- A. before
- B. with
- C. over
- D. after
- E. upon

The correct answer is Option [D].

19. In the sentence, "The man made his wife **HAPPY**", the capitalised word is correctly classified as \_\_\_\_.

- A. an object complement
- B. a predicate nominative
- C. a direct object

- D. an indirect object
- E. a predicate adjective

The correct answer is option [A]

***Fill in the blank space with the correct option.***

20. They were warned, so they have \_\_\_\_\_ to blame for the problems they are now facing.

- A. themselves
- B. ourselves
- C. yourselves
- D. theirselves

The correct answer is option [A].

Fill in the blank space with the correct option.

21. \_\_\_\_\_ normal circumstances, it is difficult to get all registered voters to vote.

- A. On
- B. By
- C. In
- D. Under
- E. Beneath

The correct answer is Option [D].

***Fill in the blank space with the correct option.***

22. She asked for \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. two white pairs of canvas tennis shoes
- B. two pairs of canvas tennis white shoes
- C. two pairs of tennis white canvas shoes
- D. two pairs of white canvas tennis shoes

The correct answer is option [D].

First identify which noun is being qualified - Shoes.

Also determine the other words that qualify the noun - white, tennis, canvas.(one colour, two nouns). Note: colours should come before a noun-adjective.

The rule of O,P,S,H,A,C,O,N will be useful - opinion, shape, age, colour, origin, noun.

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

23. Victor will not attend the dinner party tonight. He is AFRAID OF HIS OWN SHADOW.

- A. He is not in the mood.
- B. He will be attending another party.
- C. He is extremely timid.
- D. He is extremely unhappy.
- E. He is unable to overcome his fears.

The correct answer is option [C].

24. In the sentence "John considered himself **SUCCESSFUL**", the capitalised word is correctly classified as \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. indirect object
- B. predicate nominative
- C. direct object
- D. object complement
- E. predicate adjective

The correct answer is option [C]

***Fill in the blank space with the correct option.***

25. \_\_\_\_\_ kept the bicycle in the rain?

- A. Whose

- B. Who's
- C. Whom
- D. Who
- E. Who'd

The correct answer is Option [D].

26. In the sentence "Is **ANYONE** here?", the capitalised word is an example of \_\_\_\_.

- A. an adverb
- B. a coordinating conjunction
- C. an adjective
- D. an indefinite pronoun
- E. a relative pronoun

The correct answer is option [D]

27. Doctor: How is the ulcer patient?

Nurse: He's recovering \_\_\_\_ faster than we expected.

- A. very
- B. much
- C. too
- D. so
- E. most

The correct answer is option [B].

28. The \_\_\_\_ is in the class.

- A. America lecturer history
- B. American history's lecturer
- C. America's history lecturer
- D. American histories lecturer

E. American history lecturer

The correct answer is option [E]

29. Words different in meaning, but having the same spelling and pronunciation are referred to as \_\_\_\_.

- A. acronyms
- B. homonyms
- C. autonyms
- D. mononyms
- E. antonyms

The correct answer is option [B]

30. In the sentence "The students are **SMART**," the capitalized word is correctly classified as \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. object complement
- B. predicate nominative
- C. direct object
- D. indirect object
- E. predicate adjective

The correct answer is option [A]

*Fill in the blank space with the correct option.*

31. I admit it had been a hard thing to do, but I have finally \_\_\_\_ my way of thinking with yours.

- A. reconciled
- B. acclimatised
- C. suited
- D. matched

E. all of the above

The correct answer is option [A]

32. \_\_\_\_ so dejected, he decided to stay at home.

- A. Having feel
- B. Having feeled
- C. Having feeling
- D. Having felt
- E. Having feels

The correct answer is option [D].

**Fill in the blank space with the correct option.**

33. We returned home late in the night because our car had a \_\_\_\_ .

- A. break up
- B. breakdown
- C. break off
- D. break in
- E. break out

The correct answer is option [B].

[A] Break through means major advance or discovery.

[B] Break down means collapse or disable; suffer physical or mental weakening; be overcome by emotion.

[C] Break off means stop; separate; end abruptly; cease to continue.

[D] Break in means illegally and forcefully enter, with criminal intent.

[E] Break out means forcible escape; show sudden violence in speech or behaviour; appear, start, suddenly.

*From the words lettered A-E, choose the correct option that best completes the sentence.*

34. Three kilometers \_\_\_\_\_ quite a long distance.

- A. are
- B. have been
- C. is
- D. were
- E. had

The correct answer is option [C]

*Choose from the options lettered A-E, the option that most appropriately completes the sentence.*

35. Please put \_\_\_\_\_ milk in my tea.

- A. a
- B. any
- C. the
- D. some
- E. a few

The correct answer is option [D]

36. In the sentence "THIS soup has too much salt in it", the capitalised word is correctly classified as \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. demonstrative adjective
- B. demonstrative pronoun
- C. article adjective
- D. descriptive adjective
- E. numerical pronoun

The correct answer is option [A]. The adjective 'THIS' specifies the noun 'soup'. It is a demonstrative adjective which points out a fact about the particular soup.

**Fill in the blank space with the correct option.**

37. A 'dependent clause' can otherwise be referred to as \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. a conjunctival clause
- B. a verbal clause
- C. a co-ordinate clause
- D. an independent clause
- E. a subordinate clause

The correct answer is option [E]

38. In the sentence "SOMEONE is at the door", the capitalised word is an example of \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. an adverb
- B. a coordinating conjunction
- C. an adjective
- D. an indefinite pronoun
- E. a relative pronoun

The correct answer is option [D]

***Fill in the blank space with the correct option.***

39. \_\_\_\_\_ lawyers enrolled at the Nigerian bar last year \_\_\_\_\_ this year.

- A. As much/as
- B. Very many/than
- C. More/than
- D. Some/as
- E. As many/than

The correct answer is option [C].

*From the options lettered A-E, choose the word that best completes the sentence.*

40. The book gives a good \_\_\_\_ for preparing a delicious meal.

- A. guidance
- B. instruction
- C. order
- D. recipe
- E. menu

The correct answer is option [D]

*Fill in the blank space with the correct option.*

41. We're travelling to France \_\_\_\_\_ train.

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

The correct answer is option [B]

**Fill in the blank space with the correct option.**

42. Otokpa is not very bold. He's not \_\_\_\_ a rough life.

- A. cut up for
- B. cut for
- C. cut off for
- D. cut out for
- E. cut into

The correct answer is option [D].

Fill in the blank space with the correct option.

43. The students refused to appear before the \_\_\_\_\_ panel set up to look into their demands.

- A. five-man's
- B. five-man
- C. five-men's
- D. five-men
- E. five man's

The correct answer is Option [B].

Fill in the blank space with the correct option.

44. This plan of yours really \_\_\_\_\_ me!

- A. suits
- B. matches
- C. fits
- D. suffices
- E. fitted

The correct answer is option [A]

***Choose from the options lettered A-E, the one that best completes the sentence.***

45. She is \_\_\_\_\_ than Mary and Jane.

- A. thinner
- B. thin
- C. thinnest
- D. tiniest
- E. very thin

The correct answer is option [A]

46. In the sentence "YOUR prejudices are showing", the capitalised pronoun is classified as \_\_\_\_.

- A. first person, singular, genitive
- B. second person, singular, nominative
- C. first person, singular, nominative
- D. second person, singular, genitive
- E. first person, singular, accusative

The correct answer is option [D]

Fill in the blank space with the correct option.

47. They \_\_\_\_\_ our donation with thanks.

- A. recieved
- B. recived
- C. received
- D. resieved
- E. receipt

The correct answer is option [C].

48. The exercise was very difficult; I finally \_\_\_\_.

- A. left
- B. resigned
- C. departed
- D. gave up
- E. dismissed it

The correct answer is option [D]

Fill in the blank space with the correct option.

49. That book belongs to the \_\_\_\_\_ lady.

- A. tall American black
- B. American tall black
- C. tall black American
- D. black tall American

The correct answer is option [C].

Fill in the blank space with the correct option.

50. The principal asked me \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. what is my name
- B. what was my name
- C. what my name was
- D. what my name should be
- E. what were my name

The correct answer is option [C].

51. Which of the following sentences is in the present perfect progressive?

- A. The dog is sleeping on the sofa.
- B. The dog has been sleeping on the sofa.
- C. The dog had been sleeping on the sofa.
- D. The dog will be sleeping on the sofa.
- E. The dog is on the sofa.

The correct answer is option [B]

***Fill in the blank space with the correct option.***

52. The measures taken were intended to bring \_\_\_\_ the prices of consumer goods.

- A. out
- B. off
- C. away

- D. down
- E. in

The correct answer is Option [D].

***Fill in the blank space with the correct option.***

53. Some robbers are on the prowl; we must be \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. alert
- B. at alert
- C. on the alert
- D. for alert
- E. alerted

The correct answer is option [C].

Prowl means to roam a place restlessly in search of a prey or plunder.

54. The president promised a new deal for workers last year, \_\_\_\_?

- A. wasn't it
- B. isn't it
- C. didn't he
- D. did he
- E. was it

The correct answer is option [C]

***From the words lettered A-E, choose the correct option that best completes the sentence.***

55. Until I heard him myself, I \_\_\_\_\_ imagined that he said that.

- A. did not
- B. could not have
- C. should not have

- D. will not have
- E. cannot have

The correct answer is option [B]

56. In the sentence "Ireland is MUCH BETTER", the capitalised phrase is classified as \_\_\_\_.

- A. comparative adverb
- B. positive adverb
- C. superlative adverb
- D. accumulative adverb
- E. provocative adverb

The correct answer is option [C]

57. In the sentence, "They have stolen my new BOOK," the capitalised word is correctly classified as \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. objective complement
- B. predicate nominative
- C. direct object
- D. indirect object
- E. predicate adjective

The correct answer is option [C]

58. She \_\_\_\_ her bedroom every morning.

- A. has swept
- B. sweeps
- C. is sweeping
- D. sweeping
- E. swept

The correct answer is option [B]

Fill in the blank space with the correct option.

59. The teacher's table is \_\_\_\_\_ the class and the blackboard.

- A. among
- B. between
- C. above
- D. across
- E. inside

The correct answer is option [B]

***Fill in the blank space with the correct option.***

60. The road cannot be constructed without \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. those huge earth-moving machines
- B. those huge-moving earth machines
- C. those earth-moving huge machines
- D. machines those huge earth-moving

The correct answer is option [A].

61. The form of the verb expressed in the sentence "I have been reading his new book" is \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. future progressive
- B. future perfect
- C. future perfect progressive
- D. present perfect progressive
- E. present progressive

The correct answer is option [D]

62. Ahmed's ideas are \_\_\_\_ wrong.

- A. almost always

- B. almost often
- C. always almost
- D. often almost
- E. yet always

The correct answer is Option [A]

Fill in the blank space with the correct option.

63. The judge and his son \_\_\_\_\_ travelling to Lagos now.

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

The correct answer is option [D].

*From the options lettered A-E, choose the word that best completes the question.*

64. Can a computer be properly regarded as an inanimate \_\_\_\_\_?

- A. machine
- B. creature
- C. invention
- D. object
- E. subject

The correct answer is option [D]

*Choose from the options lettered A-E, the option that most appropriately completes the sentence.*

65. He said he \_\_\_\_\_ to go at once.

- A. had

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

The correct answer is option [A]

***Fill in the blank space with the correct option.***

66. \_\_\_\_\_ did the President appoint as a Special Adviser \_\_\_\_\_ Economic Affairs?

- A. When/for
- B. Who/on
- C. Where/in
- D. Whom/in
- E. Who/for

The correct answer is option [B].

***From the options lettered A-E, choose the word that best completes the sentence.***

67. He agreed to lend us \_\_\_\_\_ after much persuasion.

- A. a hand
- B. assistance
- C. help
- D. aid
- E. encouragement

The correct answer is option [A]

Fill in the blank space with the correct option.

68. By the end of this year, \_\_\_\_\_ in this town for eleven years.

- A. I'm living
- B. I'd be living

- C. I'll live
- D. I'll have lived
- E. I have lived

The correct answer is option[D].

***Fill in the blank space with the correct option.***

69. Marian was very exhausted at the end of the day that she \_\_\_\_\_ slowly along the beach on her way back home.

- A. paced
- B. stalked
- C. walked
- D. strode
- E. stroll

The correct answer is option [C]

***Choose from the options lettered A -E, the one that is the most appropriate interpretation for the underlined expression.***

70. All he needs to win the contest was just a mediocre arrangement.

This means she needs \_\_\_\_\_ arrangement.

- A. an extra-ordinary
- B. superlative
- C. very little
- D. an acceptable
- E. carefully planned

The correct answer is option [C]

71. Any group of words that form a statement or command, exclamation or question is called a \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. clause

- B. sentence
- C. phrase
- D. morpheme
- E. grammar

The correct answer is option [B]

72. In the sentence, "Your wife is PRETTY." the capitalised word is correctly classified as \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. objective complement
- B. predicate nominative
- C. direct object
- D. indirect object
- E. predicate adjective

The correct answer is option [E]

***From the options lettered A-E, choose the word that best completes the sentence.***

73. He is said to be serving a two-year prison \_\_\_ for rape.

- A. conviction
- B. verdict
- C. sentence
- D. punishment
- E. charge

The correct answer is option [C]

74. The sentence "This plan is unworkable", is classified as \_\_\_\_.

- A. complex sentence
- B. compound sentence
- C. compound-complex sentence

- D. simple sentence
- E. simple-complex sentence

The correct answer is option [D]

A simple sentence is sentence having no coordinate clauses or subordinate clauses

75. Oby was absent for \_\_\_\_ time.

- A. much of
- B. most of
- C. the most
- D. most of the
- E. all of

The correct answer is Option [D].

76. In the sentence, "You have to put it IN their food", the capitalised word is \_\_\_\_.

- A. a coordinating conjunction
- B. a subordinating conjunction
- C. an indefinite pronoun
- D. an adverb
- E. a preposition

The correct answer is option [E]

From the words lettered A-E, choose the word that best completes the sentence.

77. Doreen added a \_\_\_\_\_ to her letter to Yakubu.

- A. postscript
- B. poster
- C. postdate
- D. postmark

E. postal

The correct answer is option [D]

***Choose from the options lettered A -E, the one that best completes the sentence.***

78. The thieves \_\_\_\_\_ breaking into the house.

- A. are seeing
- B. have been seen
- C. were seen
- D. were being seen
- E. have seen

The correct answer is option [C]

***Fill in the blank space with the correct option.***

79. Students will always blame their teacher when examination results are unfavourable, \_\_\_\_\_?

- A. won't they
- B. wouldn't they
- C. isn't it
- D. will they
- E. would they

The correct answer is option [A].

From the options lettered A-E, choose the word that best completes the sentence.

80. The governors \_\_\_\_\_ their conference with a communique.

- A. rounded up
- B. rounded of
- C. rounded in
- D. rounded off

E. rounded out

The correct answer is option [D]

81. In the sentence "The good news is that he passed ICAN examination," the capitalised word is correctly classified as \_\_\_\_\_.

A. subject complement

B. object

C. predicate

D. simple subject

E. clause

The correct answer is option [A]

82. Which of these pairs does not belong to the group?

A. Turmoil: confusion

B. Execute: accomplish

C. Inference: deduction

D. Coerce: compel

E. Extol: condemn

The correct answer is option [E]

*From the options lettered A-E, choose the word that best completes the sentence.*

83. Our teacher was not speaking \_\_\_\_\_ when he said that the bursar was under a cloud.

A. literally

B. simply

C. frankly

D. directly

E. prudently

The correct answer is option [A]

84. His idea appears \_\_\_\_ odd for people to accept.

- A. little
- B. little too
- C. too little
- D. a little too
- E. much

The correct answer is Option [D].

*From the words lettered A-E, choose the word that best completes the sentence.*

85. Why are you always jealous \_\_\_\_\_ other people?

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

The correct answer is option [A]

86. Which of the following is not a pronoun?

- A. These
- B. Several
- C. No one
- D. Something
- E. None of the above

The correct answer is option [E]

87. The verb tense and aspect of the sentence "John will have completed his training by then" is \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. past progressive

- B. future perfect
- C. future perfect progressive
- D. past perfect progressive
- E. future progressive

The correct answer is option [B]

*From the options lettered A-E, choose the word that best completes the sentence.*

88. Brother, it is high time you \_\_\_\_\_ smoking.

- A. stopping
- B. stopped
- C. stop
- D. are stopping
- E. stops

The correct answer is option [B]

89. In the sentence "WHO was absent yesterday?", the capitalized word is an example of \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. a relative pronoun
- B. a personal pronoun
- C. an interrogative pronoun
- D. a reciprocal pronoun
- E. a reflexive pronoun

The correct answer is option [C]

Fill in the blank space with the correct option.

90. You think she hasn't got any friends? Of course she's got \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. many more
- B. quite much

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

The correct answer is option [C].

***Fill in the blank space with the correct option.***

91. I have already \_\_\_\_\_ the picture on the sitting-room wall.

- A. hanged
- B. hunged
- C. hang
- D. hung
- E. hanging

The correct answer is option [D].

***From the list of words lettered A-E, choose the one that is most nearly opposite in meaning to the underlined word and that will, at the same time, correctly fill the gap in the sentence.***

92. Many African men prefer \_\_\_\_\_ to the white man's monogamy.

- A. polygamy
- B. polyandry
- C. bigamy
- D. celibacy
- E. abstinence

The correct answer is option [A]

***Choose from the options lettered A-E, the option that most appropriately completes the sentence.***

93. I saw my friend \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. in the evening at 4 o'clock in the market

- B. in the market at 4 o'clock in the evening
- C. in the market this evening at 4 o'clock
- D. in the evening in the market at 4 o'clock
- E. at 4 o'clock in the market in the evening

The correct answer is option [B]

94. Our tour to London came to an end all \_\_\_\_ soon.

- A. very
- B. much
- C. rather
- D. too
- E. so

The correct answer is option [D]

**Fill in the blank space with the correct option.**

95. That is not your book, it is \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Johns
- B. John's
- C. Johns'
- D. for John's
- E. for Johns'

The correct answer is Option [B].

***Fill in the blank space with the correct option.***

96. The two brothers came in \_\_\_\_ the back door.

- A. within
- B. along
- C. across

D. through

E. from

The correct answer is Option [D].

**Fill in the blank space with the correct option.**

97. Ranti: This is not my key.

Ayo: Then, \_\_\_\_\_ is it?

A. whom's

B. whose

C. who's

D. whom

E. who

The correct answer is option [B].

Who's is an abbreviation of "who is".

**Fill in the blank space with the correct option.**

98. You were punished because you \_\_\_\_\_ last week without permission.

A. ought not to have travelled

B. must not have travelled

C. ought not to travel

D. will not have travelled

The correct answer is option [A].

**From the words lettered A-E, choose the correct option that best completes the sentence.**

99. We are no \_\_\_\_\_ friends.

A. more

B. longer

- C. again
- D. always
- E. much

The correct answer is option [B]

*From the list of words lettered A-E, choose the one that is most nearly opposite in meaning to the underlined word and that will, at the same time, correctly fill the gap in the sentence.*

100. Most African countries face poverty while few enjoy.

- A. influence
- B. money
- C. affluence
- D. power
- E. penury

The correct answer is option [C]

101. Let me know \_\_\_\_ you are ready.

- A. how
- B. as
- C. because
- D. since
- E. when

The correct answer is option [E]

*From the options lettered A-E, choose the word that best completes the sentence.*

102. Students went on a \_\_\_\_ in protest of their union leaders' arrest.

- A. battle
- B. rancour

- C. rampage
- D. scuffle
- E. fire

The correct answer is option [C]

103. In the sentence "He DOES not want the treatment", the capitalised word is an example of \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. a transitive verb
- B. a modal verb
- C. an auxiliary verb
- D. a linking verb
- E. a helping verb

The correct answer is option [C]

Fill in the blank space with the correct option.

104. The freed robber expressed his gratitude in a \_\_\_\_\_ prayer of thanksgiving.

- A. spurious
- B. spasmodic
- C. spontaneous
- D. sporadic
- E. spasms

The correct answer is option [B].

[A] Spurious means not genuine or fake.

[B] Spasmodic means emotional.

[C] Spontaneous means instinctive, automatic or natural.

[D] Sporadic means occurring sparsely or occasionally.

105. I would think Sam is \_\_\_\_ to join the senior football team.

- A. as good
- B. good enough
- C. more good
- D. better
- E. much good

The correct answer is option [B].

*From the options lettered A-E, choose the word that best completes the sentence.*

106. Soon after the 3-day conference was over, the association issued a \_\_\_\_\_ which was released to the press.

- A. agenda
- B. command
- C. communique
- D. communication
- E. commuника

The correct answer is option [C].

107. In the sentence "Computers WILL not think for you," the capitalised word is an example of \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. intransitive verb
- B. transitive verb
- C. linking verb
- D. modal verb
- E. auxiliary verb

The correct answer is option [E]

*Fill in the blank space with the correct option.*

108. After years of courtship, Jide is finally \_\_\_\_\_ Ngozi next Saturday.

- A. being married to
- B. marrying
- C. married to
- D. being married by
- E. being wedded

The correct answer is option [B].

109. "They would have left by then."

The sentence above indicates that \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Event time precedes relevance time.
- B. Event time follows relevance time.
- C. Event time and relevance time are the same.
- D. All of the above
- E. None of the above

The correct answer is option [A]

**From the words lettered A-E, choose the word that best completes the sentence.**

110. There would have been a riot in our school but for the timely \_\_\_\_\_ of our staff.

- A. intervention
- B. interruption
- C. interference
- D. invasion
- E. interjection

The correct answer is option [A]

**Choose from the options lettered A-E, the one that best completes the sentence.**

111. I went to her house \_\_\_\_\_foot.

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

The correct answer is option [C]

112. In the sentence "My father, who is standing over there by the wall, is a VERY good dancer", the capitalised word is an example of \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. an adverb
- B. a coordinating conjunction
- C. an adjective
- D. an indefinite pronoun
- E. a relative pronoun

The correct answer is option [A]

113. In the sentence, "We judged him EDUCABLE", the capitalised word is classified as \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. objective complement
- B. predicate relative
- C. direct object
- D. indirect object
- E. predicate adjective

The correct answer is option [E]

Fill in the blank space with the correct option.

114. \_\_\_\_\_ is the owner of this pair of scissors?

- A. Who
- B. Whom
- C. Which
- D. Whose
- E. What

The correct answer is option [A]

Whom should be put - To whom does the pair of scissors belong?

Which should be put - Which of you owns this pair of scissors?

Whose should be put - Whose pair of scissors is this?

115. Identify the sentence with the wrong adjective of numbers.

- A. The ten-man panel has just returned from overseas.
- B. The president has appointed a ten-men committee.
- C. The panel is made up of ten men and a woman.
- D. The committees set up three ten-man panels each.
- E. Ten men make up each panel.

The correct answer is option [B]

**Choose from the options lettered A -E, the one that BEST COMPLETES the sentence.**

116. The statement "Many cities will experience sunny weather tomorrow" said the meteorologist, said many cities \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. will experience sunny weather the next day
- B. may experience sunny weather a day before tomorrow.
- C. would experience sunny weather the next day.
- D. would experience sunny weather the next day.

E. will experience sunny weather tomorrow

The correct answer is option [C]

117. What is the verb tense and aspect of the sentence "The fisherman has gone fishing with his son"?

- A. Future progressive
- B. Future perfect
- C. Future perfect progressive
- D. Present perfect
- E. Present progressive

The correct answer is option [D]

118. In the sentence "We hired the woman WHOM you interviewed", the capitalised word is an example of \_\_\_\_.

- A. adverb
- B. coordinating conjunction
- C. adjective
- D. indefinite pronoun
- E. relative pronoun

The correct answer is option [E]

119. In the sentence "I work WITH AN OIL COMPANY", the capitalised phrase is classified as \_\_\_\_.

- A. adverbial
- B. adjectival
- C. verbal
- D. infinitive
- E. prepositional

The correct answer is option [E]

120. How I wish she \_\_\_\_ the note in time.

- A. has seen
- B. had sees
- C. had seen
- D. had seeing
- E. had saw

The correct answer is option [C].

Fill in the blank space with the correct option.

121. I am disappointed \_\_\_\_ the way you conducted yourself at the party.

- A. by
- B. for
- C. due to
- D. at
- E. according to

The correct answer is option [D].

From the options lettered A-E, choose the word that best completes the sentence.

122. Our elder brother working in the city \_\_\_\_ comes to visit us.

- A. hardly ever
- B. scarcely never
- C. never more
- D. almost ever
- E. rarely always

The correct answer is option [A]

From the options lettered A-E, choose the word that best completes the sentence.

123. My dad bought \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. an imported belt pure leather
- B. an imported pure leather belt
- C. a leather belt impoted pure
- D. a pure imported leather belt
- E. a pure leather imported belt

The correct answer is option [D]

Fill in the blank space with the correct option.

124. Vero was sent \_\_\_\_\_ the classroom for making noise.

- A. out for
- B. out of
- C. out off
- D. out from
- E. out

The correct answer is option [B]

125. Which of the following is not correct?

- A. On our trip, we went to Japan, Thailand, Bali, and Australia.
- B. It was not surprising, that you failed the exam.
- C. My aunt Julie, who often visits us, will be here for Christmas
- D. 'I am not happy with your work', he said.
- E. None of the above

The correct answer is option [B]

This is not correct, commas do not separate ideas connected with that.

Fill in the blank space with the correct option.

126. The minister says he is accountable \_\_\_\_\_ the president, and nobody else.

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

The correct answer is option [B].

Fill in the blank space with the correct option.

127. The school boys were told to refrain \_\_\_\_\_ smoking.

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

The correct answer is Option [A].

Fill in the blank space with the correct option.

128. We are happy to inform you that you are the candidate who best \_\_\_\_\_ our qualifications.

- A. harmonises
- B. adapts
- C. suits
- D. accommodates
- E. fitted

The correct answer is option [C]

129. In the sentence "The traffic signal THAT controls this intersection is flawed", the capitalised word is an example \_\_\_\_.

- A. an adverb
- B. a coordinating conjunction
- C. a possessive pronoun
- D. an indefinite pronoun
- E. a relative pronoun

The correct answer is option [E]

Fill in the blank space with the correct option.

130. The difference between the main clause and the dependent clause lies in the \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. length: the main clause is longer than the dependent clause
- B. meaning: the main clause cannot stand on its own in terms of meaning, while the dependent clause can
- C. length: the dependent clause is longer than the main clause
- D. meaning: the dependent clause cannot stand on its own in terms of meaning, while the main clause can
- E. length and meaning as expressed in options C and D

The correct answer is option [D]

Fill in the blank space with the correct option.

131. The hospital can now boast of more \_\_\_\_.

- A. women doctor
- B. woman doctors
- C. female doctors
- D. woman's doctors
- E. female doctor

The correct answer is option [C].

From the options lettered A-E, choose the word that best completes the sentence.

132. We had better \_\_\_\_ before the rain falls.

- A. left
- B. be leaving
- C. leave
- D. do leave
- E. leaves

The correct answer is option [A]

Fill in the blank space with the correct option.

133. As Brian is having his summer vacation, he is \_\_\_\_ about the village all day long.

- A. striding
- B. staggering
- C. running
- D. sauntering
- E. none of the above

The correct answer is option [D]

Fill in the blank space with the correct option.

134. What is that book \_\_\_\_\_? It looks interesting.

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

The correct answer is option [D]

135. The statement "The prisoners have been released" is in the \_\_\_\_ tense.

- A. past progressive
- B. present perfect
- C. present perfect progressive
- D. past perfect progressive
- E. present progressive

The correct answer is option [B]

From the options lettered A-E, choose the word that best completes the sentence.

136. The signature on the document lacked \_\_\_\_; so it was rejected.

- A. clarity
- B. authenticity
- C. formality
- D. simplicity
- E. faults

The correct answer is option [B]

137. The \_\_\_\_ is the part of a sentence which always says something about the subject.

- A. predicate
- B. object
- C. morpheme
- D. verb
- E. adverb

The correct answer is option [A]

Choose from the options lettered A-E, the option that most appropriately completes the sentence.

138. It is the duty of any Minister to \_\_\_\_\_ his people.

- A. administer
- B. serve
- C. direct
- D. exhort
- E. defend

The correct answer is option [B]

139. The bird has \_\_\_\_\_ away.

- A. flied
- B. flewn
- C. fly
- D. flown
- E. fled

The correct answer is option [D]

Fill in the blank space with the correct option.

140. \_\_\_\_\_ I was late for the seminar, I gained a lot.

- A. But
- B. Since
- C. Though
- D. Because
- E. If

The correct answer is option [C]

141. The flight to Abuja \_\_\_\_ at 8:00 am every morning.

- A. exits
- B. goes
- C. departs
- D. taxis
- E. exeat

The correct answer is option [C]

142. In the sentence "SOMETHING is burning", the capitalised word is an example of \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. a noun
- B. a personal pronoun
- C. a reciprocal pronoun
- D. an indefinite pronoun
- E. a demonstrative pronoun

The correct answer is option [D].

The word 'SOMETHING' is an indefinite pronoun because it refers to an unspecified thing.

From the options lettered A-E, choose the word that best completes the sentence.

143. If I were a president, I \_\_\_ to good advice.

- A. would have listened
- B. will listen
- C. will have listened
- D. would listen
- E. have listened

The correct answer is option [D]

144. Which of the following pairs does not indicate a common noun and its proper noun relationship?

- A. Country: Russia, Nigeria, Ghana.
- B. Village: Market square, Health center, Palace.
- C. Woman: Ada, Folake, Amina.
- D. Airline: Arik, Aero contractors, Dana
- E. Ocean: Pacific, Atlantic, Indian

The correct answer is option [B]

From the words lettered A-E, choose the correct option that best completes the sentence.

145. The robbers were subjected \_\_\_\_\_ a thorough beating by the irate mob.

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

The correct answer is option [A]

146. \_\_\_\_\_ is a question which requires no answer.

- A. Indirect question
- B. Universal question
- C. Rhetorical question
- D. Historical question
- E. Controversial question

The correct answer is option [C]

147. In the sentence, "My father, WHO is standing over there by the wall, is a very good dancer," the capitalised word is an example of \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. adverb
- B. coordinating conjunction
- C. adjective
- D. indefinite pronoun
- E. relative pronoun

The correct answer is option [E]

Fill in the blank space with the correct option.

148. I didn't work hard when I was \_\_\_\_\_ school.

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

The correct answer is option [A]

Fill in the blank space with the correct option.

149. It is pretty difficult to choose \_\_\_\_\_ the three boys.

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

The correct answer is option [D].

Fill in the blank space with the correct option.

150. It has been rough so far, \_\_\_\_\_?

- A. hasn't it
- B. hadn't it
- C. isn't it
- D. has it

The correct answer is option [ A ] .

In a question tag, if the statement part is positive, then, the question part should be negative.

Fill in the blank space with the correct option.

151. The students did the assignment, but not \_\_\_\_\_ the way I had expected.

- A. so
- B. quite
- C. hardly
- D. as

The correct answer is option [B].

152. In the sentence "The beer THAT I brought doesn't taste like this", the word THAT is an example of \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. a preposition
- B. a coordinating conjunction
- C. a subordinating conjunction
- D. an indefinite pronoun
- E. a relative pronoun

The correct answer is option [E]

153. In the sentence "The NEW STUDENTS need more advice", the capitalised phrase is classified as the \_\_\_\_.

- A. complement
- B. object
- C. predicate
- D. subject
- E. clause

The correct answer is option [D]

From the options lettered A - E, choose the one that best interprets the sentence below:

154. Even though Susan's position in the examination was last, her result wasn't too different from what had been expected. This means that \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Susan's result was a disappointment
- B. Susan's result was as expected
- C. Susan had not been serious with her studies
- D. Susan's result was known early
- E. Susan's poor performance made her feel sad

The correct answer is option [B].

Fill in the blank space with the correct option.

155. My \_\_\_\_\_ house is by the side of the road.

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

The correct answer is Option [A].

156. Which of the following sentences is in the present progressive tense?

- A. The students have been sleeping.
- B. The students are sleeping.
- C. The students had been sleeping.
- D. The students will have been sleeping for a while.
- E. The students will be sleeping.

The correct answer is option [B]

From the words lettered A-E, choose the word that best completes the sentence.

157. The new politician has nobody to \_\_\_\_\_ for his honesty.

- A. attest
- B. plead
- C. align
- D. vouch
- E. protest

The correct answer is option [D]

From the options lettered A-E, choose the word that best completes the sentence.

158. It was a stroke of \_\_\_\_\_ that he arrived when he did.

- A. chance
- B. fortune
- C. opportunity
- D. luck
- E. destiny

The correct answer is option [D]

Fill in the blank space with the correct option.

159. The military \_\_\_\_\_ is something to watch on national days.

- A. fight
- B. marching
- C. regalia
- D. match past
- E. parade

The correct answer is option [E].

160. The boy drowned \_\_\_\_ he was not helped in time.

- A. because
- B. though
- C. and
- D. so
- E. besides

The correct answer is option [A]

161. When I was coming back from Lagos, I saw a \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. one-legged young mad man
- B. young one-legged mad man
- C. one-legged mad man young
- D. mad man one-legged young
- E. one-legged mad young man

The correct answer is option [B].

Choose from the options lettered A-E, the option that most appropriately completes the sentence.

162. The drought has been very severe. There is sure to be \_\_\_\_\_ next year.

- A. demonstration
- B. famine
- C. farming
- D. rain
- E. fertility

The correct answer is option [B]

From the options lettered A-E, choose the word that best completes the sentence.

163. Plants need air, sunlight and water to \_\_\_\_ well.

- A. grow
- B. disperse
- C. pollinate
- D. scatter
- E. expand

The correct answer is option [A]

164. He easily \_\_\_\_ his career.

- A. left
- B. departed
- C. abandoned
- D. stopped
- E. upheld

The correct answer is option [C]

165. In the sentence "I WILL not be going to the party", the capitalised word is an example of \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. a preposition
- B. an auxiliary verb
- C. a modal verb
- D. a main verb
- E. an adjective

The correct answer is option [B]

Fill in the blank space with the correct option.

166. The students' unrest resulted \_\_\_\_\_ the expulsion of the ringleaders.

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

The correct answer is option [A].

167. The thief was \_\_\_ yesterday.

- A. cut
- B. caught
- C. cot
- D. coughed
- E. caught

The correct answer is option [B]

Choose from the options lettered A-E, the option that most appropriately completes the sentence.

168. For any marriage to last, \_\_\_\_\_ must be the foundation.

- A. love
- B. children
- C. money
- D. education
- E. a good job

The correct answer is option [A]

From the options lettered A-E, choose the word that best completes the sentence.

169. Many a promise \_\_\_\_\_ broken.

- A. have been
- B. has been
- C. have
- D. were
- E. was being

The correct answer is option [A]

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

170. The fact that Ruth has inherited her late husband's house is COLD COMFORT to her.

- A. more comfort
- B. no comfort
- C. no comfort at all
- D. wet comfort
- E. solid comfort

The correct answer is option [B].

It refers to something intended to encourage or reassure but does not help in practice.

Fill in the blank space with the correct option.

171. The \_\_\_\_ came here last week.

- A. handsome tall young man
- B. young tall handsome man
- C. tall handsome young man
- D. young handsome tall man

The correct answer is option [C].

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

172. You have been asked to change your LAISSEZ-FAIRE attitude to work.

- A. stupid
- B. care-free
- C. careful
- D. serious
- E. responsible

The correct answer is option [B].

Laissez-faire is a French word meaning the policy of allowing business companies to operate and develop freely without the government interfering or controlling them; the wish of not controlling people or becoming involved in their affairs.

173. English Language is made up \_\_\_\_ of units.

- A. four
- B. fifteen
- C. ten

- D. five
- E. one

The correct answer is option [D]. The five units are Morphology, Semantics, Syntax, Phonetics, and Phonology.

From the options lettered A-E, choose the word that best completes the sentence.

174. His last novel was \_\_\_\_\_ by his visit to the prisons.

- A. inspired
- B. generated
- C. conceived
- D. revealed
- E. created

The correct answer is option [A]

Fill in the blank space with the correct option.

175. \_\_\_\_ for the team for six years, he decided to join another.

- A. When he played
- B. Playing
- C. Having played
- D. In playing
- E. When he was playing

The correct answer is option [C].

176. In the sentence "The milk TASTES spoilt", the capitalised word is an example of \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. a transitive verb
- B. an infinite verb
- C. an auxiliary verb

- D. a linking verb
- E. a finite verb

The correct answer is option [A]

A transitive verb is a verb that requires an object in order to be grammatical

From the options lettered A to E, choose the word that best completes the sentence.

177. James should not have given \_\_\_\_\_ to the temptation of getting drunk.

- A. in
- B. over
- C. on
- D. off
- E. out

The correct answer is option [A]

From the words lettered A-E, choose the correct option that best completes the sentence.

178. Though Yusuf is a much younger lawyer, you cannot compare his eloquence \_\_\_\_\_ his master's.

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

The correct answer is option [B]

From the options lettered A-E, choose the word that best completes the sentence.

179. The Governor has predicted victory at the \_\_\_\_\_ for his party in the coming elections.

- A. ballot
- B. booth
- C. ward
- D. polls
- E. pools

The correct answer is option [D]

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

180. FOR ALL HE CARED, the game was as good as lost.

- A. He did not care if the game was lost.
- B. He would not care if the game was lost.
- C. He was almost certain that the game would be lost.
- D. He was afraid the game would be lost.
- E. The game was very good, and he cared very much about losing it.

The correct answer is option [A]

Fill in the blank space with the correct option.

181. They spent their first day as a married couple \_\_\_\_\_ about the streets of Venice as tourists.

- A. striding
- B. gadding
- C. tottering
- D. wandering
- E. none of the above

The correct answer is option [D]

182. Have you heard that Mrs. Andrews \_\_\_\_ from the board of directors?

- A. departed
- B. abandoned
- C. deserted
- D. resigned
- E. embarked

The correct answer is option [D]

Fill in the blank space with the correct option.

183. She went \_\_\_\_\_ to collect her exam results.

- A. pretty
- B. cleverly
- C. hopefully
- D. bitterly
- E. giggling

The correct answer is option [C]

Choose from the options lettered A -E, the one that BEST COMPLETES the sentence.

184. The statement "We met Reuben at the airport" said James, rewritten in the reported speech form becomes, James said \_\_\_\_ the airport.

- A. they met Reuben after
- B. they had met Reuben at
- C. They were to meet Reuben at
- D. we met Reuben at
- E. they will meet Reuben

The correct answer is option [B]

From the options lettered A-E, choose the word that best completes the sentence.

185. Do not \_\_\_\_ envious of other peoples achievements.

- A. by
- B. off
- C. be
- D. buy
- E. been

The correct answer is option [C]

Choose from the options lettered A -E, the one that best completes the sentence.

186. The preacher's sermon is \_\_\_\_ this morning.

- A. much long
- B. rather long
- C. so long
- D. much longer
- E. most longer

The correct answer is option [B]

From the words lettered A-E, choose the correct option that best completes the sentence.

187. My friends would not believe me if I \_\_\_\_ them this story.

- A. tell
- B. told
- C. am telling
- D. will tell
- E. had tell

The correct answer is option [B]

Fill in the blank space with the correct option.

188. Many go to school \_\_\_\_ bus.

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

The correct answer is option [E].

Fill in the blank space with the correct option.

189. The two cats are so similar that I cannot tell whether that one is \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. yourself or myself
- B. yours or mine
- C. my or you
- D. your's or my
- E. me or you

The correct answer is Option [B].

190. The sentence, "I had already sold the boat," indicates that \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. event time precedes relevance time
- B. event time follows relevance time
- C. event time and relevance time are the same
- D. All of the above
- E. None of the above

The correct answer is option [A]

From the options lettered A-E, choose the word that best completes the sentence.

191. As a result of the power cut, production at the paint factory came to a \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. hold-up
- B. blackade
- C. standstill
- D. suspense
- E. conclusion

The correct answer is option [C]

From the options lettered A-E, choose the word that best completes the sentence.

192. The work was assigned \_\_\_\_\_ me by my superior officer.

- A. to
- B. for
- C. at
- D. upon
- E. from

The correct answer is option [A]

From the options lettered A-E, choose the word that best completes the sentence.

193. Everyone could tell that Binta was happy from the \_\_\_\_\_ on her face.

- A. picture
- B. appearance
- C. expression
- D. sight
- E. vision

The correct answer is option [C]

Break the sentence given below into its 'MAIN' and 'DEPENDENT CLAUSES'.

194. We all ran for our dear lives when the lion in the zoo roared.

- A. We all ran for our dear lives / The lion in the zoo roared.
- B. We all ran for our dear lives when / The lion in the zoo roared.
- C. We all ran for our dear lives / When the lion in the zoo roared.
- D. We all ran for our dear lives / Because the lion in the zoo roared.
- E. The lion in the zoo roared / So we all ran for our dear lives.

The correct answer is option [C]

Fill in the blank space with the correct option.

195. As it had no choice trying to escape from the vulture, the doe \_\_\_\_ quickly over the streamlet.

- A. strode
- B. ran
- C. strayed
- D. meandered
- E. none of the above

The correct answer is option [A]

Choose from the options lettered A-E, the option that most appropriately completes the sentence.

196. The boy is \_\_\_\_\_ than his father.

- A. more taller
- B. most taller
- C. much taller
- D. more taller
- E. so taller

The correct answer is option [C]

197. In the sentence, "Jesus WEPT," the capitalised word is correctly classified as \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. a subject
- B. a preposition
- C. an adverb
- D. a simple subject
- E. predicate

The correct answer is option [E]

Fill in the blank space with the correct option.

198. The woman walked \_\_\_\_\_ fast that the little girl couldn't catch up with her.

- A. too
- B. very
- C. so
- D. quite
- E. over

The correct answer is Option [C].

Fill in the blank space with the correct option.

199. Our economic programme is \_\_\_\_\_ commitment to Nigeria's economic growth.

- A. deeply rooted in
- B. root in deep
- C. rooted in a deep
- D. deeply rooted to
- E. deeply rooted on

The correct answer is option [A]

200. Which of the following is a function of an adverb?

- A. It modifies verbs.
- B. It modifies adjectives.
- C. It modifies other adverbs.
- D. All of the above.
- E. None of the above.

The correct answer is option [D]

## TOPIC: VOCABULARY

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

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

1. The engineers have been urged to make a PROTOTYPE of the long-awaited Nigerian car.

- A. specimen
- B. original
- C. copy
- D. replica
- E. sample

The correct answer is option [B].

PROTOTYPE means trial model or preliminary version.

2. Usually, on entering into matrimonial union, the couple consider the \_\_\_\_ of children as the first and most \_\_\_\_ duty.

- A. rearing; necessary
- B. procreation; important
- C. conception; social
- D. tendering; voluntary
- E. moulding; essential

The correct answer is option [B].

- [A] Mind means take care of something or someone.
- [B] Procreation means producing offsprings naturally.
- [C] Conception involves becoming pregnant.
- [D] Tendering involves looking after people or things.
- [E] Mould means give shape to something (e.g. Character).

From the options lettered A - E, choose the word that is most nearly opposite in meaning to the expression written in capital letters.

3. Anyone who wants to keep friends must be MILD-MANNERED. No one wants to be near a person who is always very \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. annoying
- B. severe
- C. abusive
- D. arrogant
- E. social

The correct answer is option [B]

4. After the nurses \_\_\_\_ the man's wounds, he was carried on a \_\_\_\_ to the special care \_\_\_\_.

- A. cleaned/bed/ward
- B. plastered/trolley/ward
- C. dressed/bed/ward
- D. treated/ambulance/ward
- E. dressed/stretchers/ward

The correct answer is option [E].

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

5. His PENURY gave him a life-time of hunger.

- A. avariciousness
- B. affluence
- C. poverty
- D. penny pinching
- E. greed

The correct answer is option [C].

Penury means poverty.

Option [A] means extreme greed for wealth

Option [B] means wealthy or rich.

Option [C] means being poor or in want.

Option [D] means meanness

Option [E] means excessive desire for wealth or food.

Choose the option OPPOSITE IN MEANING to the word written in capital letters.

6. The debtor's husband is LIABLE for his wife's debts.

- A. unanswerable
- B. responsible
- C. unquestionable
- D. accountable
- E. guilty

The correct answer is option [A].

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

7. Our teacher SELDOM comes late to school.

- A. very often
- B. always
- C. frequently
- D. hardly
- E. often

The correct answer is option [D].

Seldom means rarely or not often.

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

8. The bond of unity in this country is FRAGILE.

- A. strong
- B. weak
- C. ductile
- D. attractive
- E. laudable

The correct answer is option [B]. Fragile

Strong is to be physically powerful, secure, stable or firmly established; able to resist/withstand pressure or great force; very intense.

Weak means being deficient in strength; likely to give way or break under pressure; lacking intensity.

Ductile means flexible, elastic, readily shaped, influenced, or persuaded.

Attractive means the ability to or capability of attracting.

Laudable means deserving praise and commendable.

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

9. Soon after the accident, the driver came out of the wreckage of the car UNSCATHED.

- A. unconscious
- B. frightened
- C. slightly injured
- D. bleeding
- E. unhurt

The correct answer is option [E].

UNSCATHED means to be without suffering injury, harm, damage; unhurt .

Choose the word OPPOSITE IN MEANING to the word in capital letters.

10. She is a PROUD girl.

- A. arrogant
- B. kind
- C. shy
- D. gentle
- E. humble

The correct answer is option [E]

11. The \_\_\_\_ to have children is deep-rooted in the hearts of both men and women.

- A. lust
- B. attraction
- C. fancy
- D. passion
- E. desire

The correct answer is option [E].

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

12. His intention was not to punish the villagers, and in any case he is now making moves to PACIFY them.

- A. placate
- B. ridicule
- C. appease
- D. annoy
- E. praise

The correct answer is option [D].

PACIFY means appease (calm) ones anger.

Fill in the blank space with the most appropriate option.

13. An apartment with a series of connecting rooms in a hotel is called a \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. suite
- B. suites
- C. sweet
- D. sute
- E. suith

Note the subject matter is HOTEL.

The correct answer is Option [A].

From the options lettered A-E, choose the interpretation that you consider most appropriate for the sentence.

14. I had dinner with Tony and Nick and they talked shop the whole time. This means that they talked \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. about buying things from the shop
- B. about their job
- C. all the time
- D. about taking me to the shop
- E. about their shopkeepers

The correct answer is option [B]

From the options lettered A to E, choose the word that is nearest in meaning to the underlined word as it is used in the sentence.

15. If he declines the offer, it will be better for him.

- A. ignore
- B. denies
- C. snubs
- D. rejects

E. accepts

The correct answer is option [D]

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

16. The guest speaker was described as a man of very ALLURING personality.

A. tempestuous

B. mercurial

C. charming

D. voluble

E. intricate

The correct answer is option [C].

ALLURING means to be delightful and attractive.

TEMPESTUOUS means turbulent and stormy.

MERCURIAL means being volatile.

CHARMING means to be attractive.

VOLUBLE means speaking fluently or at length.

INTRICATE means very complicated or detailed.

From the options lettered A to E, choose the word that is nearest in meaning to the underlined word as it is used in the sentence.

17. Everybody noticed that the chairman's excuse was lame.

A. verbose

B. precise

C. unsatisfactory

D. unconditional

E. honest

The correct answer is option [C]

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

18. Surveying the sky in the night gives me an **ETHEREAL** feeling.

- A. human
- B. angelic
- C. worldly
- D. heavenly
- E. celestial

The correct answer is option [C].

**ETHEREAL** means heavenly.

Choose from the options lettered A - D the one that is most nearly opposite in meaning to the expression that is underlined in the question.

19. It is amazing that unlike her twin sister who is very bold, Taiwo is very \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. ambitious
- B. cruel
- C. timid
- D. reserved
- E. confident

The correct answer is option [C]

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

20. There are many areas of **CONVERGENCE** between male and female behaviour.

- A. concomitance
- B. concordance
- C. incompatibility
- D. incomparability
- E. meeting

The correct answer is option [C].

CONVERGENCE means for something (especially rays of light) to come together towards the same point.

Concomitance involves accompanying or coming together.

Concordance means agreement.

Incompatible means not able to co-exist.

Incomparable means without an equal or matchless.

Fill in the blank spaces with the most appropriate option.

21. A hotel is supposed to be a home away from home, but the one we checked into was hell away from home. Initially, we were deceived by the beautiful surroundings and by the manager's reception which was warm and inviting. After the usual filling out and signing of forms, we were checked in. We later discovered, to our dismay, that the hotel \_\_\_\_ many facilities and the few available \_\_\_\_ were either faulty or \_\_\_\_.

- A. lacked/one/substandard
- B. lacked/ones'/functional
- C. lacked/ones/substandard
- D. lacks/once/subfunctional
- E. lacks/ones/substandard

The correct answer is Option [C].

From the options lettered A - E, fill in the blank space with the word OPPOSITE IN MEANING to the capitalised word.

22. Chukwuemeka is very PRESUMPTUOUS, unlike his father who is rather \_\_\_\_.

- A. chaste
- B. pure
- C. honest
- D. modest
- E. kind

The correct answer is Option [D].

Presumptuous means to behave with disrespectful boldness.

Chaste means abstaining from all forms of illicit sexual intercourse. It also means to be pure or virtuous.

Pure means not morally corrupt. Neat, untouched, untainted, undiluted or unadulterated.

Honest means fair and just; free from deceit or untruthfulness.

Modest means to be humble, shy, reasonable, or simple.

Kind means to be considerate and generous.

After the sentence, a list of possible interpretations is given. Choose the interpretation that you consider most appropriate for the sentence.

23. The mysterious death of the popular teacher sparked off a wave of protests. This means that his death \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. caused a lot of trouble
- B. caused a fire outbreak
- C. took place amidst protests
- D. always try to be honest
- E. sparked fire

The correct answer is option [A]

After the sentence, a list of possible interpretations is given. Choose the interpretation that you consider most appropriate for the sentence.

24. My parents always make sure they keep their heads above water. This means that they \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. know the techniques of swimming
- B. avoid financial difficulty
- C. are always careful with strangers
- D. always try to be honest

E. always avoid drowning in water

The correct answer is option [B]

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

25. The lawyer remarked that the fact that the accused did nothing when the innocent boy was being lynched, made him CULPABLE.

- A. innocent
- B. untrustworthy
- C. guilty
- D. unreliable
- E. blameworthy

The correct answer is option [C].

Culpable means being responsible and deserving blame for having done something wrong.

From the options lettered A - E, fill in the blank space with the word OPPOSITE IN MEANING to the capitalised word.

26. Most people thought the accused would be CONVICTED, but surprisingly he was \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. acquitted
- B. released
- C. sentenced
- D. jailed
- E. pardoned

The correct answer is option [A].

Convicted means declared guilty of a crime.

Acquitted means declared innocent; not guilty of a charge.

Released means being set free, liberated, unfastened.

Sentenced is be given a specified punishment by the court of law as a result being found guilty for a committed crime or wrongdoing.

Jailed to be kept in a secure place as a convict or someone found guilty of minor crimes or awaiting trial.

Pardoned means to be officially released or exempted as a guilty person from any, or any further punishment; to forgive somebody who has committed a crime or wrongdoing.

Choose from the options lettered A -D the one that is most nearly opposite in meaning to the expression that is underlined in the question.

27. In our area, participation in community development programmes is purely voluntary.

- A. compulsory
- B. necessary
- C. optional
- D. personal
- E. impulsive

The correct answer is option [A]

Choose the word OPPOSITE IN MEANING to the word in capital letters.

28. Yusuf is a TIMID boy.

- A. arrogant
- B. shy
- C. weak
- D. bold
- E. selfish

The correct answer is option [D]

From the options lettered A - E, fill in the blank space with the word OPPOSITE IN MEANING to the capitalised word.

29. The motorist said the splashing of water was \_\_\_\_\_, not DELIBERATE.

- A. incidental
- B. intentional
- C. accidental
- D. avoidable
- E. unnecessary

The correct answer is option [C].

Deliberate means to do knowingly or on purpose.

Incidental means likely to happen or occur by chance, without intention or calculation.

Intentional means done on purpose or by design; as thought out or planned.

Accidental means occurring unexpectedly or by chance; happening without intent or through carelessness and often with unfortunate results.

Avoidable means preventable, stoppable, unnecessary, or needless.

Unnecessary means not necessary or not required.

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

30. In spite of many days of fasting, Musa is still FASTIDIOUS about his food.

- A. particular
- B. undecided
- C. indifferent
- D. discreet
- E. concerned

The correct answer is option [C].

FASTIDIOUS means excessively discriminatory; easily disgusted.

Choose the word OPPOSITE IN MEANING to the word in capital letters.

31. Child welfare deals with parents or caregivers who abuse and NEGLECT their children.

- A. spurn
- B. expose
- C. nurture
- D. ridicule
- E. rebuke

The correct answer is option [C]

Choose from the options lettered A-E, the most appropriate interpretation for the given statement.

32. When the storm started, houses were dropping like ninepins. This means that \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. many houses collapsed
- B. important personalities were killed
- C. nine houses were destroyed.
- D. only mud houses collapsed
- E. many houses dropped on pins

The correct answer is option [A]

From the options lettered A to E, choose the word that is nearest in meaning to the underlined word as it is used in the sentence.

33. Many heads of state are very autocratic.

- A. self-conceited
- B. pompous
- C. dictatorial
- D. hypocritical
- E. democratic

The correct answer is option [C]

From the options lettered A to E, choose the word that is nearest in meaning to the underlined word as it is used in the sentence.

34. Many African footballers play the game with great dexterity.

- A. skill
- B. wisdom
- C. pride
- D. joy
- E. arrogance

The correct answer is option [A]

From the options lettered A - E, choose the word that is most nearly opposite in meaning to the word written in capital letters.

35. In the time of WAR, everyone desires \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. soldiers
- B. ceasefire
- C. ammunition
- D. peace
- E. conflict

The correct answer is option [D]

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

36. Hypertension is a DEBILITATING disease that everyone should prevent.

- A. a deadly
- B. an enervating
- C. an energising
- D. a horrible
- E. weakening

The correct answer is option [C].

DEBILITATING means to make feeble or enervate.

37. One way to engage an audience is to \_\_\_\_ in the first few minutes of one's speech.

- A. pause in-between sentences
- B. chuckle as one reads on
- C. raise a thought-provoking question
- D. summarise the main points
- E. criticize the works of others

The correct answer is option [C].

From the options lettered A - E, fill the blank space with the word that is OPPOSITE IN MEANING to the word written in capital letters.

38. Too many THEORIES will not help us, we need to be \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. bookish
- B. hypothetical
- C. antithetical
- D. shrewd
- E. practical

The correct answer is option [E].

THEORIES are sets of ideas intended to explain facts or events.

BOOKISH means to be devoted to reading and studying.

HYPOTHETICAL implies having ideas or suggestions that are based on imagined or possible situations.

ANTITHETICAL implies the state of bringing together ideas or words that are opposed to or incompatible with each other.

SHREWD means having or showing good judgement.

PRACTICAL is concerned with the actual doing or use of something.

From the meanings of the words it is obvious that

PRACTICAL is the most appropriate word that is opposite in meaning to the word THEORIES.

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

39. It seems fashionable in some quarters today to DECRY examinations and the ability to pass them.

- A. value
- B. establish
- C. entreat
- D. criticize
- E. devalue

The correct answer is option [A].

Choose from the options lettered A - D the one that is most nearly opposite in meaning to the expression that is underlined in the question.

40. Spasmodic fighting took place in the war-torn area throughout last year.

- A. Continuous
- B. Intermittent
- C. Irregular
- D. Perennial
- E. Conflicting

The correct answer is option [A]

Choose from the options lettered A -E, the one that is nearest in meaning to the words written in italics in the sentence below.

41. The fighting that broke out on the campus early this week had ceased.

- A. escalated
- B. reduced

- C. spread
- D. stopped
- E. persisted

The correct answer is option [D]

From the options lettered A - E, fill in the blank space with the word OPPOSITE IN MEANING to the capitalised word.

42. Songo is PESSIMISTIC, unlike his friend Sodienye who is \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. fearful
- B. calm
- C. proud
- D. optimistic
- E. confident

The correct answer is option [D].

Pessimistic means to be negative, doubtful, distrustful, gloomy, unenthusiastic or suspicious.

Fearful means to be scared or afraid, nervous and easily frightened.

Calm means to be without anxiety or strong emotion, and not violent.

Proud means arrogant: having an exaggerated or overbearing opinion of one's worth or abilities.

Optimistic means to have a positive and hopeful attitude or view of future outcomes.

Confident means self-assured: certain of having the ability, judgement, or resources to succeed. It also means convinced: sure about the facts or nature of something; bold or presumptuous in manner.

43. The primary advantage of the manuscript speech delivery is that the speech may be highly \_\_\_\_ in terms of word choice, turns of phrase and development of ideas.

- A. anticipatory
- B. articulate
- C. limited

- D. vocal
- E. equivocal

The correct answer is option [D].

From the options lettered A-E, choose the word that is most nearly opposite in meaning to the underlined word and will, at the same time, correctly fill the gap in the sentence.

44. It pays to be firm rather than \_\_\_\_ in a case like this.

- A. flexible
- B. frank
- C. irresponsible
- D. careless
- E. strict

The correct answer is option [A]

Choose the option NEAREST IN MEANING to the word written in capital letters.

45. Some religious people PURIFY themselves by performing ablutions.

- A. cleanse
- B. edify
- C. wash
- D. empower
- E. soak

The correct answer is option [A]

Choose the option NEAREST IN MEANING to the word written in capital letters.

46. The hooligans MADE OFF on sighting the police van.

- A. hurried away
- B. kept quiet

- C. shouted loudly
- D. stopped aside
- E. crawled away

The correct answer is option [A]

Choose the word OPPOSITE IN MEANING to the word in capital letters.

47. The birthday party took place on a DULL day.

- A. cloudy
- B. unusual
- C. bright
- D. gloomy
- E. lengthy

The correct answer is option [C]

Choose the option NEAREST IN MEANING to the word written in capital letters.

48. The preacher pointed out that too much love for oneself does not MAKE FOR happiness

- A. battle against
- B. destroy
- C. help to achieve
- D. turn away
- E. help to return

The correct answer is option [c]

Choose the word OPPOSITE IN MEANING to the word in capital letters.

49. Steven was stationed so long in Iraq that he often YEARNED to see his wife and children again.

- A. craved

- B. refused
- C. brooded
- D. desired
- E. grieved

The correct answer is option [B]

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

50. It was an IMPORTUNE moment for you to make that suggestion.

- A. an ideal
- B. a wrong
- C. an exact
- D. a sad
- E. a bad

The correct answer is option [A].

IMPORTUNE means pester; beg urgently and repeatedly.

51. An unmarried man is known as a \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. single
- B. master
- C. lad
- D. bachelor
- E. bachelor

The correct answer is Option [E].

From the options lettered A - E, choose the word that is most nearly opposite in meaning to the expression written in capital letters.

52. Although he is usually WELL-INFORMED about most matters, he seems to be \_\_\_\_\_ of recent developments in the Senate.

- A. abreast
- B. absent-minded
- C. uninterested
- D. ignorant
- E. illiterate

The correct answer is option [D]

Fill in the blank space with the most appropriate option.

53. Air travel is becoming increasingly popular with travellers who go from one country to another. A look at the international time table of any major airlines such as Pan America or Air France will show hundreds of flights departing at fixed times every week. Besides these \_\_\_\_ flights, you can travel nowadays on flights arranged by a club for its members which hires an airplane for the journey.

- A. public
- B. controlled
- C. scheduled
- D. commercial
- E. passenger

The correct answer is option [C].

Choose the option OPPOSITE IN MEANING to the word written in capital letters.

54. You can use LETHAL means if necessary to prevent dangerous characters from molesting innocent citizens.

- A. fatal
- B. cruel
- C. harmless
- D. soft
- E. poisonous

The correct answer is option [C].

LETHAL means sufficient to cause death.

Choose the option OPPOSITE IN MEANING to the word written in capital letters.

55. He gave a PAINSTAKING account of his encounter with the ghost of his father.

- A. sordid
- B. fearful
- C. half-baked
- D. tender-hearted
- E. painful

The correct answer is option [C].

PAINSTAKING means being careful and thorough.

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

56. If you are really keen on immediate results, you just have to adopt the PRAGMATIC approach.

- A. practical
- B. unreasonable
- C. classical
- D. logical
- E. reasonable

The correct answer is option [B].

PRAGMATIC means practical.

From the options lettered A - D, fill the blank space with the word that is OPPOSITE IN MEANING to the words written in capital letters.

57. John is too LILY-LIVERED for the job.

- A. cowardly
- B. fearful
- C. strong
- D. brave

E. apprehensive

The correct answer is option [D].

Choose the word OPPOSITE IN MEANING to the word in capital letters.

58. Robert's AMIABLE mother was always trying to help people, such that she volunteered for many community services on a regular basis.

A. lazy

B. cordial

C. sociable

D. overzealous

E. unfriendly

The correct answer is option [E]

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

59. We have to identify the PROTAGONISTS of the new movement.

A. enemies

B. leading figures

C. opponents

D. advocates

E. antagonists

The correct answer is option [B].

PROTAGONIST means chief person in a drama or story; champion or leader of a cause.

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

60. We found out that cassava is a SINE-QUA-NON item in our industry.

A. fundamental

- B. alternative
- C. useless
- D. dispensable
- E. essential

The correct answer is option [D].

SINE-QUA-NON means indispensable condition or qualification.

Choose from the options lettered A -E, the one that is nearest in meaning to the words written in italics in the sentence below.

61. The storm is a clear indication of early rain this year.

- A. announcement
- B. sign
- C. confidence
- D. promise
- E. omen

The correct answer is option [B]

From the options lettered A to E, choose the word that is nearest in meaning to the underlined word as it is used in the sentence.

62. What do you intend to do with these inanimate objects?

- A. lively
- B. fascinating
- C. precious
- D. lifeless
- E. costly

The correct answer is option [D]

Choose the word OPPOSITE IN MEANING to the word in capital letters.

63. Environmentalists around the world fight to PRESERVE the world's natural beauty and resources for future generations to come.

- A. divert
- B. safeguard
- C. conserve
- D. destroy
- E. nurture

The correct answer is option [D]

Choose the option NEAREST IN MEANING to the word written in capital letters.

64. Looking after many active little children is a LABORIOUS task.

- A. compulsory
- B. easy
- C. hard
- D. simple
- E. tactful

The correct answer is option [C]

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

65. COLLOSAL

- A. A break in column
- B. Gigantic
- C. Huge waste
- D. A calamity
- E. The sale of colos

The correct answer is option [B].

Colossal connotes something that is very immense; gigantic.

After the sentence, a list of possible interpretations is given. Choose the interpretation that you consider most appropriate for the sentence.

66. Disciplined children do not let the grass grow under their feet. This means that they\_\_\_\_\_.

- A. do not delay in getting things done
- B. care only about themselves
- C. are very respectful
- D. cut the grass in their backyard regularly
- E. do not walk on grass

The correct answer is option [A]

After the sentence, a list of possible interpretations is given. Choose the interpretation that you consider most appropriate for the sentence.

67. The bursar falsified the school's records so as to feather his own nest. This means that the bursar tried to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. avenge a wrong done to him by the principal
- B. enrich himself
- C. balance the accounts
- D. deceive the principal
- E. fill his office with feathers

The correct answer is option [B]

68. One's \_\_\_\_ group also exerts a great deal of \_\_\_\_ on one.

- A. sex/pressure
- B. school/action
- C. volunteer/attitude
- D. peer/influence
- E. action/behaviour

The correct answer is Option [D].

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

69. The judge blamed the PLAINTIFF for misleading the court.

- A. defendant
- B. complainant
- C. accused
- D. prosecution
- E. convict

The correct answer is option [A].

PLAINTIFF means person who brings a case against another into court.

Defendant means a person who is sued or accused in a law court.

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

70. The college was worried about Tunji's GARRULOUS tendencies.

- A. reticent
- B. loquacious
- C. quarrelsome
- D. outspoken
- E. loud

The correct answer is option [A].

GARRULOUS means talkative, loquacious.

Reticent means reserved or communicating sparingly or unwillingly.

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

71. The long war ended when an ARMISTICE was agreed upon.

- A. a truce
- B. a recess

- C. a surrender
- D. an intermission
- E. a declaration

The correct answer is option [A].

An Armistice is a break in war to discuss the terms of peace.

A truce is an agreement between enemies or opponents to stop fighting for a certain amount of time.

A declaration is a formal announcement and may not be binding.

Armistice/truce is binding cause it must be signed and agreed upon.

From the options lettered A-E, choose the word that is most nearly opposite in meaning to the underlined word and will, at the same time, correctly fill the gap in the sentence.

72. The erring officer was suspended again just three months after his \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. absorption
- B. re-admission
- C. recollection
- D. reinstatement
- E. dismissal

The correct answer is option [D]

Choose the word OPPOSITE IN MEANING to the word in capital letters.

73. No one understood why Kevin decided to REVOKE the agreement, but they went along with him anyway.

- A. oppose
- B. invalidate
- C. maintain
- D. convert
- E. disjoin

The correct answer is option [C]

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

74. We watched in wonder as she rattled away in that ESOTERIC language.

- A. inscrutable
- B. familiar
- C. secret
- D. obscure
- E. private

The correct answer is option [B].

ESOTERIC means intelligible only to people with special knowledge.

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

75. I am happy to inform you that your boys are CONSCIENTIOUS.

- A. industrious
- B. carefree
- C. reliable
- D. corrupt
- E. discreet

The correct answer is option [B].

CONSCIENTIOUS means diligent or scrupulous.

Choose the option NEAREST IN MEANING to the word written in capital letters.

76. The MYRIAD problems of modern life make the attainment of happiness difficult.

- A. compounded
- B. many
- C. much
- D. multiple

E. little

The correct answer is option [D]

Choose the option NEAREST IN MEANING to the word written in capital letters.

77. He was TAKEN ABACK by the news of his wife's sudden arrival.

- A. displeased
- B. pushed backwards
- C. unmoved
- D. surprised
- E. terrified

The correct answer is option [D]

78. The \_\_\_\_ is used to listen to the sound of the heart and lungs.

- A. scanner
- B. radiograph
- C. stethoscope
- D. cardiograph
- E. ventilator

The correct answer is option [C].

[A] Microscope is an instrument with lenses used for magnifying objects or invisible details to the naked eyes.

[B] Heliotrope is a plant with fragrant purple flowers.

[C] Stethoscope is an instrument used to listen to the heart or lungs.

[D] Horoscope is the art of the forecast of a person's future using the constellation.

[E] Telescope is used to magnify distant objects.

From the options lettered A-E, choose the word that is most nearly opposite in meaning to the underlined word and will, at the same time, correctly fill the gap in the sentence.

79. Instead of reconciling her parents, Roxanne worked hard at \_\_\_\_\_ them.

- A. dividing
- B. destroying
- C. separating
- D. isolating
- E. confusing

The correct answer is option [C]

Choose from the options lettered A -E, the one that is nearest in meaning to the word written in italics in the sentence below.

80. Attempts by the students to see the principal were all *futile* .

- A. discourage
- B. sabotaged
- C. unsuccessful
- D. hampered
- E. fertile

The correct answer is option [C]

Choose the option NEAREST IN MEANING to the word written in capital letters.

81. A LITERAL translation of the scriptures is often meaningless.

- A. literary
- B. oral
- C. learned
- D. verbatim
- E. metaphorical

The correct answer is option [D]

From the options lettered A to E, choose the word that is nearest in meaning to the underlined word as it is used in the sentence.

82. The stubborn student failed to heed the dangers of alcoholism

- A. see
- B. note
- C. embrace
- D. overcome
- E. refuse

The correct answer is option [B]

Fill in the blank space with the most appropriate option.

83. The headmaster always \_\_\_\_\_ the students to be punctual.

- A. warn
- B. warns
- C. warns
- D. worn
- E. worned

The correct answer is option [C].

Choose from the options lettered A -E, the one that is the most appropriate interpretation for the underlined expression.

84. Do not darken my door again.

This means that you should not \_\_\_\_\_ again.

- A. knock my door
- B. come to my house
- C. make my door dark
- D. come into my door

E. block my door

The correct answer is option [B]

From the options lettered A - D, fill the blank space with the word that is OPPOSITE IN MEANING to the word written in capital letters.

85. Your fiancé is an **INGENIOUS** young man.

A. clever

B. witty

C. organised

D. witless

E. skillful

The correct answer is option [D]

From the options lettered A to E, choose the word that is nearest in meaning to the underlined word as it is used in the sentence.

86. The decision taken by the disciplinary committee is irreversible.

A. inevitable

B. unacceptable

C. irrevocable

D. irresponsible

E. inconclusive

The correct answer is option [C]

87. Though we \_\_\_\_ a great deal from our mates, the \_\_\_\_ plays an important role in shaping our attitudes and conditioning our minds and responses to our society as a whole.

A. listen; teacher

B. think; instructor

C. look; supervisor

D. outshine; teacher

E. learn; teacher

The correct answer is Option [E].

From the options lettered A - E, fill the blank space with the word that is OPPOSITE IN MEANING to the word written in capital letters.

88. Emeka's younger brother is naturally DOCILE.

A. wicked

B. submissive

C. obstinate

D. gentle

E. passive

The correct answer is option [C].

Fill in the blank space with the most appropriate option.

89. The \_\_\_\_\_ is a large building for housing aircrafts.

A. hanger

B. aerodrome

C. runway

D. hangar

E. gangway

The correct answer is option [D]

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

90. The politician was given a TUMULTOUS welcome when he came to address the rally.

A. pleasant

B. noisy

- C. discouraging
- D. strange
- E. well organised

The correct answer is option [B].

Tumultuous means noisy, turbulent, violent

Pleasant means a feeling of enjoyment, pleasure or satisfaction. it also means to be friendly, kind, or good-natured.

Noisy means loud, ear-splitting sound.

Discouraging means not encouraging or dissuading...

Strange means peculiar or unusual.

Well organised means done properly or in an orderly manner.

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

91. Mr. Jonah plays the piano with great DEXTERITY.

- A. wisdom
- B. power
- C. force
- D. skill
- E. style

The correct answer is option [D].

Dexterity implies skill and ease in the use of the hands.

From the options lettered A - E, fill in the blank space with the word OPPOSITE IN MEANING to the capitalised word.

92. We should regard donations as \_\_\_\_\_ and not COMPULSORY.

- A. mandatory
- B. necessary
- C. voluntary

- D. gratuitous
- E. obligatory

The correct answer is option [C].

Compulsory means being required by law or rule.

Mandatory is synonym of compulsory.

Voluntary means to arise, act or do something out of free will; resulting from somebody's choice or decision without an external force/influence/pressure.

Gratuitous means to give or do something free without being paid.

Obligatory is a synonym of compulsory.

Choose from the options lettered A -E, the one that is the most appropriate interpretation for the underlined expression.

93. You can't expect me to do that at the drop of a hat.

This means I can't \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. react without hesitation
- B. react willingly
- C. react unwillingly
- D. drop the hat immediately
- E. react when a hat drops

The correct answer is option [A]

Choose from the options lettered A -E, the one that is the most appropriate interpretation for the underlined expression.

94. You will make a splash in this outfit.

This means that you will \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. make a nonsense in this outfit
- B. make a fool of yourself in this outfit
- C. attract a lot of attention to yourself
- D. attract a lot of people to yourself

E. splash the outfit with water

The correct answer is option [C]

Choose the word OPPOSITE IN MEANING to the word in capital letters.

95. Lou APPROVED of the behavior of his sons during the Church service last week.

- A. disliked
- B. disappointed
- C. sanctioned
- D. rejected
- E. endorsed

The correct answer is option [D]

From the options lettered A-E, choose the word that is most nearly opposite in meaning to the underlined word and will, at the same time, correctly fill the gap in the sentence.

96. Usually, Joseph is articulate in his speech, but today he sounds \_\_\_\_

- A. clear
- B. turgid
- C. timid
- D. incoherent
- E. eloquent

The correct answer is option [D]

97. A successful leader needs to see further than the end of his nose. This means he should be \_\_\_\_.

- A. sightful
- B. versatile
- C. disciplined
- D. sympathetic

E. discerning

The correct answer is option [E]

From the options lettered A-E, choose the word that is most nearly opposite in meaning to the underlined word and will, at the same time, correctly fill the gap in the sentence.

98. The man's first wife is loyal, while the second is \_\_\_\_\_.

A. unfaithful

B. unkind

C. selfish

D. hostile

E. harsh

The correct answer is option [A]

From the options lettered A-E, choose the interpretation that you consider most appropriate for the sentence.

99. Whenever my cousin comes to realise that I am telling the truth, she will eat humble pie. This means that my cousin will \_\_\_\_\_.

A. respect me

B. hate herself

C. apologise

D. be ashamed

E. be humbled

The correct answer is option [C]

Choose the option OPPOSITE IN MEANING to the word written in capital letters.

100. The pastor decided to EXORCISE the evil spirit as the afflicted member of his congregation cried for help.

A. expel

- B. drive
- C. invite
- D. charm
- E. pacify

The correct answer is option [C].

Choose from the options lettered A -E, the one that is the most appropriate interpretation for the underlined expression.

101. Her advice fell on deaf ears.

This means her advice was \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. a good one
- B. very serious one
- C. worth listening to
- D. ignored
- E. heeded

The correct answer is option [D]

102. One thing you must consider when writing a speech is the \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. hearing ability of the listener
- B. audibility of the presenter
- C. writing skills and status of the writer
- D. occasion for the speech presentation
- E. appearance of the listeners

The correct answer is option [D].

From the options lettered A to E, choose the word that is nearest in meaning to the underlined word as it is used in the sentence.

103. The winner of the wrestling contest was commended for his tenacity.

- A. strength
- B. wisdom
- C. doggedness
- D. gentility
- E. willingness

The correct answer is option [C]

Choose the word OPPOSITE IN MEANING to the word in capital letters.

104. The soldiers RETREATED because their commander was shot.

- A. scattered
- B. surrendered
- C. separated
- D. advanced
- E. submitted

The correct answer is option [D]

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

105. The boss made a CLEAN SWEEP of all the old hands in the office.

- A. The boss completely got rid of all the old hands in the office.
- B. The boss promoted all the old hands in the office.
- C. The boss made a ridicule of all the old hands in the office.
- D. The boss gave a quick charge to all the old hands in the office.
- E. The boss made an adjustment to the positions of all the old hands in the office.

The correct answer is option [A].

Choose from the options lettered A -E, the one that is nearest in meaning to the word written in italics in the sentence below.

106. He has been mandated to search for a new candidate for the post.

- A. compelled
- B. convinced
- C. assigned
- D. demanded
- E. requested

The correct answer is option [C]

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

107. It was their custom to KEEP AN OPEN HOUSE on Sundays.

- A. To welcome visitors.
- B. To keep the shutters open for proper ventilation.
- C. To leave the house open to only strangers.
- D. To put up the house on rent.
- E. To open their doors.

The correct answer is option [A].

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- A. airline
- B. private
- C. popular

- D. chartered
- E. excursion

The correct answer is option [D].

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

109. My friend was reduced to BEGGARLINESS by various ill-advised business deals.

- A. affluence
- B. penury
- C. influence
- D. poverty
- E. impoverished

The correct answer is option [A].

Choose the option OPPOSITE IN MEANING to the word written in capital letters.

110. Bala was put off by Lanre's COQUETTISH behaviour towards him.

- A. unfriendly
- B. flirty
- C. cold
- D. interesting
- E. friendly

The correct answer is option [A].

A COQUETTE is a woman who flirts.

Fill in the blank spaces with the most appropriate option.

111. We ate just to \_\_\_\_ alive since whatever was on the \_\_\_\_ gave no \_\_\_\_.

- A. stay/menu/diet
- B. be/server/nutrition

- C. become/food/satisfaction
- D. keep/menu/diet
- E. stay/menu/satisfaction

The correct answer is option [E].

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

112. Wilfred was a MINDLESS criminal.

- A. zealous
- B. heedful
- C. witless
- D. memorable
- E. careless

The correct answer is option [B].

113. I made a visit to the University Teaching Hospital the other day. At the \_\_\_\_ department where accident \_\_\_\_ are treated, the doctors were battling to save the life of a man who had just been knocked down in a road accident.

- A. Mortuary / occupants
- B. Psychiatry / culprits
- C. Paediatrics / motorists
- D. Anatomy / victims
- E. Casualty / victims

The correct answer is option [E].

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

114. She was asked to SWALLOW HER PRIDE and get busy.

- A. To be more realistic.

- B. To ignore limitations.
- C. To be more insistent.
- D. To be less proud.
- E. To eat her pride

The correct answer is option [C].

Choose the word OPPOSITE IN MEANING to the word in capital letters.

115. I hate my uncle because he is very SELFISH.

- A. wicked
- B. generous
- C. arrogant
- D. timid
- E. miserly

The correct answer is option [B]

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

116. The climate of Nigeria is an ENERVATING one.

- A. a debilitating
- B. a weak
- C. an invigorating
- D. a harmonious
- E. exhausting

The correct answer is option [C].

ENERVATING means deprive of vigour or vitality.

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

117. The chairman's verdict REDRESSED the injustice meted out by the secretary.

- A. corrected
- B. criticised
- C. aggravated
- D. addressed
- E. calmed

The correct answer is option [C].

REDRESSED means to make up for; do something that compensates for (wrongdoing).

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

118. They have tried to CIRCUMVENT the restriction on the importation of the commodities.

- A. bypass
- B. confront
- C. oppose
- D. challenge
- E. alter

The correct answer is option [A].

CIRCUMVENT means evade, find a way to round.

Bypass means alternatively go round something (especially a town)

Confront means face up to and deal with.

Oppose means set oneself against or resist.

Challenge is an objection made concerning something.

It also means a demanding or difficult task.

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

119. The party gathering was thrown into a state of EUPHORIA after the results of the election were announced.

- A. disorder
- B. tension
- C. excitement
- D. confusion
- E. sensation

The correct answer is option [C].

EUPHORIA means an intense feeling of well-being and excitement.

Choose the option OPPOSITE IN MEANING to the word written in capital letters.

120. Since mortality is the lot of man, argued the preacher, we must all accept death with EQUANIMITY.

- A. placidity
- B. uncertainty
- C. serenity
- D. anxiety
- E. unpreparedness

The correct answer is option [D]

121. \_\_\_\_\_ are used to view the internal parts of a patient's body.

- A. Radiographs
- B. X-rays
- C. Cardiographs
- D. Monitors
- E. Endo-rays

The correct answer is option [B].

From the options lettered A to E, choose the word that is nearest in meaning to the underlined word as it is used in the sentence.

122. The chairman observed that Andrew was the most qualified candidate for the job.

- A. suitable
- B. accomodating
- C. responsible
- D. interesting
- E. obvious

The correct answer is option [A]

Choose the option NEAREST IN MEANING to the word written in capital letters.

123. It takes a lot of STAMINA to run a marathon.

- A. cleverness
- B. courage
- C. determination
- D. energy
- E. stagnation

The correct answer is option [D]

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

124. Though corruption is very prevalent in the society, there are still some VIRTUOUS men around.

- A. intelligent
- B. clever
- C. devious
- D. loquacious
- E. upright

The correct answer is option [E].

VIRTUOUS means to have or show good and high moral standards.

INTELLIGENT means to have high level of knowledge and skills.

CLEVER means being talented, skillful and quick to understand.

DEVIOUS means not being straight forward.

LOQUACIOUS means being talkative.

UPRIGHT means to behave in a moral and honourable manner.

From the options lettered A - E, fill in the blank space with the word OPPOSITE IN MEANING to the capitalised word.

125. Osemudiamen complained that while his colleagues were ELEVATED, he was \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. interdicted
- B. prompted
- C. suspended
- D. dismissed
- E. demoted

The correct answer is option [E].

Elevated means being exalted in rank.

Interdicted deals with a prohibited action.

Prompted means incited or urged.

To suspend means to debar temporarily from an office or a function.

Dismissed means sent away or terminated from ones employment.

Demoted means being reduced in rank or status; given a lesser responsibility or office.

126. Words that are almost the same in meaning are referred to as \_\_\_\_.

- A. homonyms
- B. homophones

- C. mononyms
- D. acronyms
- E. synonyms

The correct answer is option [E]

127. After the \_\_\_\_ of the first child, a married couple becomes the object of higher regard among their fellows.

- A. birth
- B. deliverance
- C. budding
- D. dedication
- E. berth

The correct answer is option [A].

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

128. The leader called for CONCERTED effort in order to get over the problems.

- A. combined
- B. definite
- C. disparate
- D. individual
- E. joint

The correct answer is option [D].

CONCERTED means jointly arranged or planned.

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

129. I was advised to stay away from cities that are RAVAGED by crime.

- A. spoilt by

- B. free from
- C. suffering from
- D. a haven of
- E. weakened with

The correct answer is option [B].

RAVAGED means devastated (laid waste) or plundered.

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

130. I know you've been EAVESDROPPING all along.

- A. gradually saving
- B. paying attention
- C. overhearing
- D. dropping eaves
- E. hearing

The correct answer is option [C].

Eavesdropping means listen secretly to a private discussion.

131. A woman is said to \_\_\_\_ when she is pregnant with a child.

- A. conseave
- B. consieve
- C. conseive
- D. conceive
- E. concieve

The correct answer is option [D].

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

132. The discussion became ANIMATED.

- A. specialised
- B. lively
- C. intellectual
- D. unruly
- E. filled with animations

The correct answer is option [B].

Animated means lively, vigorous.

Choose the option that is OPPOSITE IN MEANING to the capitalised word.

133. In the opinion of most observers, it was a DISINTERESTED decision.

- A. neutral
- B. heedless
- C. biased
- D. candid
- E. serious

The correct answer is option [C].

DISINTERESTED means impartial.

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

134. Rich citizens are often NIGGARDLY in their ways.

- A. beggarly
- B. sordid
- C. miserly
- D. pompous

E. generous

The correct answer is option [C].

NIGGARDLY means stingy.

Beggarly means being too poor to be described.

Sordid means dirty or poor in appearance (squalid).

Miserly means hoarding wealth.

Pompous means being self important.

Fill in the blank space with the most appropriate option.

135. A hotel is supposed to be a home away from home, but the one we checked into was hell away from home. Initially, we were deceived by the beautiful surroundings and by the manager's reception which was warm and inviting. After the usual \_\_\_\_ and signing of forms, we were checked in.

A. feeling

B. filing

C. fill in

D. feel in

E. filling out

The correct answer is option [E].

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

136. A book on style without abundant examples seems to be as INEFFECTUAL as a book on Biology without abundant illustrations.

A. useless

B. difficult

C. interesting

D. satisfactory

E. inept

The correct answer is option [D].

INEFFECTUAL means not achieving the desired effect or result; feeble.

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

137. He and his lieutenants have been accused of remaining INTRANSIGENT.

- A. rigid
- B. flawless
- C. compromising
- D. popular
- E. unwilling

The correct answer is option [C].

INTRANSIGENT means uncompromising or stubborn.

138. Lack of familiarity with the \_\_\_\_ can prevent a speech presenter from maintaining eye contact with an audience being addressed.

- A. report
- B. text
- C. research
- D. context
- E. PA system

The correct answer is option [B].

From the options lettered A to E, choose the word that is nearest in meaning to the underlined word as it is used in the sentence.

139. The little boy gave his candid opinion of the incident.

- A. quick
- B. brief
- C. frank

D. hurried

E. fast

The correct answer is option [C]

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

140. The man was able to persuade his WILLFUL and OBSTINATE daughter to follow the career he chose for her.

A. intelligent but arrogant

B. unyielding and obdurate

C. obscure and odious

D. hardworking and intelligent

E. skillful and indolent

The correct answer is option [B].

WILLFUL means intentional or deliberate; unyielding

OBSTINATE means stubborn; firmly continuing in ones action or opinion despite advice.

141. A poor speech delivery could destroy any \_\_\_\_ effects created by carefully chosen words.

A. language

B. slang

C. dialect

D. rhetoric

E. absurd

The correct answer is option [A].

Fill in the blank space with the most appropriate option.

142. A hotel is supposed to be a home away from home, but the one we checked into was hell away from home. Initially, we were deceived by the beautiful surroundings and by the manager's \_\_\_\_\_ which was warm and inviting.

- A. reception
- B. intention
- C. rejection
- D. conception
- E. conclusion

The correct answer is option [A].

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

143. The senior prefect had to CARRY THE CAN because he refused to identify the culprit.

- A. dispose the can of refuse
- B. take responsibility
- C. be made one of the scape-goats
- D. bear the brunt
- E. pick the can

The correct answer is option [B].

From the options lettered A to E, choose the word that is nearest in meaning to the underlined word as it is used in the sentence.

144. Such utterances are inimical to the peaceful co-existence of the two communities.

- A. unhelpful
- B. unimportant
- C. harmful
- D. useless

E. friendly

The correct answer is option [C]

From the options lettered A - E, choose the word that is most nearly opposite in meaning to the word written in capital letters.

145. Most banks that were SOLVENT at the beginning of the reform have gone \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. bankrupt
- B. buoyant
- C. exile
- D. fraudulent
- E. merger

The correct answer is option [A]

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

146. They attacked all regulations designed to EMASCULATE student militancy.

- A. condone
- B. isolate
- C. frustrate
- D. strengthen
- E. alienate

The correct answer is option [D].

EMASCULATE means deprive of force or vigour.

From the options lettered A-E, choose the word that is most nearly opposite in meaning to the underlined word and will, at the same time, correctly fill the gap in the sentence.

147. Chief Osa prefers fame in the village to \_\_\_\_\_ in the city.

- A. neglect

- B. ignorance
- C. poverty
- D. obscurity
- E. popularity

The correct answer is option [D]

From the options lettered A to E, choose the word that is nearest in meaning to the underlined word as it is used in the sentence.

148. It is absurd to drink alcohol before going for an interview.

- A. ridiculous
- B. gratifying
- C. intoxicating
- D. dangerous
- E. absolute

The correct answer is option [A]

149. Kunle's wife is in the hospitality \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. activity
- B. occupation
- C. profession
- D. hierarchy
- E. rank

Note: The Subject matter here is EDUCATION.

The correct answer is Option [C].

150. In the formal set-up of our schools today, education is highly organised. There is the \_\_\_\_ of authority from the principal down to the class monitors. They have a fixed \_\_\_\_, which they adhere to strictly.

- A. rank/roaster

- B. order/schedule
- C. chain/office
- D. level/rank
- E. hierarchy/timetable

The correct answer is Option [E].

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

151. Our party is WIELDING potent political power.

- A. assuming
- B. ignoring
- C. utilizing
- D. reappraising
- E. employing

The correct answer is option [B].

WIELDING means holding and using, exerting, commanding (weapon, tool or power).

152. John was \_\_\_\_\_ about the story Ben told him.

- A. appalled
- B. appealed
- C. doubtful
- D. terrified
- E. exploited

The correct answer is Option [C].

From the options lettered A - E, fill in the blank space with the word OPPOSITE IN MEANING to the capitalised word.

153. I thought that the comments made by the secretary were quite INNOCUOUS, but the chairman considered them \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. polite
- B. inappropriate
- C. antagonistic
- D. unnecessary
- E. harmful

The correct answer is option [E].

Innocuous means innocent, harmless, inoffensive, safe or mild.

Polite means to be refined, respectful, civil, well-mannered or courteous.

Inappropriate means not suitable or not proper.

Antagonistic means being aggressive, hostile or unfriendly.

Unnecessary means needless, pointless avoidable, or redundant.

Harmful refers to ability to cause damage or injury.

From the options lettered A - D, choose the one that is OPPOSITE IN MEANING to the word written in capital letters.

154. He MUMBLED a few words at the trial and then cried.

- A. uttered
- B. murmured
- C. whispered
- D. announced
- E. grumbled

The correct answer is option [A].

MUMBLED means spoke unclearly.

155. \_\_\_\_education is a form of education people get when they learn from parents, relations, society, etc.

- A. Formal
- B. Informal
- C. Civic
- D. Social
- E. Civil

The correct answer is Option [B].

There are mainly two types of education namely: formal and informal education.

Choose the option that is most nearly opposite in meaning to the words in capital letters.

156. The SICK values \_\_\_\_\_more.

- A. doctors
- B. hospitals
- C. health
- D. medicine
- E. healing

The correct answer is option [C]

From the options lettered A - E, fill in the blank space with the word OPPOSITE IN MEANING to the capitalised word.

157. Mrs. Apata is always MOODY, while her husband is forever \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. cheerful
- B. willing
- C. tender
- D. loving
- E. petulant

The correct answer is option [A].

Moody means displaying emotion; especially sadness, depression or anger, clearly and intense.

Cheerful means to be in good spirit, noticeable happy, bright and pleasant.

Willing means ready to do something voluntarily; without being forced.

Tender means to be compassionate, sensitive, caring towards others and often feeling emotions.

Loving means feeling or showing love or affection.

Petulant means ill-tempered, irritable or sulky.

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

158. The differences between the experimental procedures are IMPERCEPTIBLE to me.

- A. eligible
- B. significant
- C. obvious
- D. obscure
- E. vague

The correct answer is option [C]

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

159. Most warring countries end up in a state of SATIATION.

- A. trouble
- B. deprivation
- C. release
- D. starvation
- E. lack

The correct answer is option [D].

SATIATION means full satisfaction; state of being okay or content.

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

160. Ike is head-over-heels in love with Melly.

- A. Ike is friendly with Melly.
- B. Ike is trying to love Melly.
- C. Ike is pretending to be in love with Melly.
- D. Ike is so much in love with Melly.
- E. Ike is not sure he is absolutely in love with Melly.

The correct answer is option [D].

161. The \_\_\_ is the section of a hospital that is responsible for the selling and \_\_\_ of medicinal drugs.

- A. casualty; giving
- B. pharmacy; dispensing
- C. theatre; donating
- D. pharmacist; dispensing
- E. private ward; distributing

The correct answer is option [B].

Choose the option OPPOSITE IN MEANING to the words written in capital letters.

162. We admire the minister's PASSIONATE and DYNAMIC characteristics.

- A. cruel and passive
- B. kind and forceful
- C. passive and charmless
- D. charmless and cruel
- E. impossible and adamant

The correct answer is option [A].

PASSIONATE means displaying strong emotions.

DYNAMIC means active.

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

163. The thieves VANDALISED the vault's lock.

- A. repaired
- B. arranged
- C. serviced
- D. actuated
- E. cared for

The correct answer is option [A].

164. The manuscript delivery is usually reserved for very \_\_\_\_ occasions when exact wording is \_\_\_\_, such as the State of the Union Address or speeches before the United Nations General \_\_\_\_.

- A. formal/critical/Assembly
- B. rare/speculative/Board
- C. informal/specific/Association
- D. impromptu/inconclusive/Committee
- E. critical/conclusive/Assembly

The correct answer is option [A].

From the options lettered A to E, choose the word that is nearest in meaning to the underlined word as it is used in the sentence.

165. The headboy vehemently denied participating in the riot.

- A. foolishly
- B. strongly

- C. constantly
- D. annoyingly
- E. hardly

The correct answer is option [B]

From the options lettered A - E, choose the one that is NEAREST IN MEANING to the given word.

166. OBSOLETE

- A. Up-to-date
- B. Outdated
- C. Upcoming
- D. Backdated
- E. Fashionable

The correct answer is option [B]

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

167. It is surprising that this politician has now turned RENEGADE.

- A. militant
- B. crooked
- C. loyal
- D. fainthearted
- E. rogue

The correct answer is option [C].

RENEGADE means a person who deserts a party or principle.

From the options lettered A - E, fill in the blank space with the word OPPOSITE IN MEANING to the capitalised word.

168. Emily is STUDIOUS, unlike her elder sister who is \_\_\_\_\_ to study.

- A. painstaking
- B. playful
- C. weary
- D. lazy
- E. joyful

The correct answer is option [D]

Studious means to be scholarly, serious, hard-working, to have a thoughtful nature and a tendency to study; to be careful and painstaking, with considerable attention to detail.

Painstaking means to be industrious, careful, thorough, or meticulous .

Playful means fond of having fun playing games.

Weary means to show tiredness, to be disillusioned, or worndown.

Lazy means unwilling to do any work or make an effort .

Joyful is the state of being glad blissful ecstatic, or elated .

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

169. The minister explained that the execution of the project had been IMPEDED by lack of funds.

- A. terminated
- B. suspended
- C. banned
- D. cancelled
- E. hindered

The correct answer is option [E].

Impeded means being delayed or stopped in progress or action.

Terminate means bring to an end.

Suspended means hang up or keep inactive for sometime.

Banned means to formally forbid or prohibit.

Cancelled means to discontinue or revoke an arrangement.

Hindered means being delayed or obstruct; stop from gaining access

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

170. The Preacher warned the congregation against worrying unduly about MUNDANE things.

- A. worldly
- B. celestial
- C. unimaginable
- D. immoral
- E. evil

The correct answer is option [A].

Mundane means lacking interest or excitement; relating to this earthly world rather than of heavenly or spiritual one.

Worldly means to be concerned with material things rather than spiritual ones; to be experienced and sophisticated.

Celestial refers to the sky or heaven; something divinely good.

Sinful refers to a behaviour that goes against the laws or teachings of a religion; to be morally or ethically wrong.

Immoral means not conforming to acceptable standards of morality; morally wrong.

Evil means very immoral and wicked; extremely unpleasant; something harmful or undesirable.

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

171. The masses are controlled by the WHIMS AND CAPRICES of their leaders.

- A. wishes
- B. parochialism
- C. will power
- D. headiness
- E. impulsiveness

The correct answer is option [C].

WHIMS and CAPRICES are synonyms of each other. they mean tendency to change one's mind without apparent or adequate motive; sudden fancy; impulse.

Parochialism means mere, local (especially of an affair or view).

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

172. I would not like you to do the work PIECEMEAL.

- A. abruptly
- B. bit by bit
- C. badly
- D. shabbily
- E. breakfast

The correct answer is option [B].

Piecemeal means piece by piece or gradually.

173. They \_\_\_ the injured man thoroughly with the aid of several \_\_\_ instruments.

- A. examined; clinical
- B. inspected; laboratory
- C. tested; medical
- D. consulted; pathological

E. treated; archeological

The correct answer is option [A].

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

174. It was surprising how we **TOOK TO** the stranger at once.

- A. talked so long with
- B. introduced ourselves to
- C. formed a liking for
- D. started fighting with
- E. despised instantly

The correct answer is option [C].

175. \_\_\_ are words that are opposite in meaning.

- A. Homonyms
- B. Antonyms
- C. Synonyms
- D. Autonyms
- E. Acronyms

The correct answer is option [B]

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

176. The journalist's write-up contained a **PLETHORA** of details.

- A. lack
- B. simplicity
- C. complexity
- D. spectrum

E. excess

The correct answer is option [A].

From the options lettered A-E, choose the word that is most nearly opposite in meaning to the underlined word and will, at the same time, correctly fill the gap in the sentence.

177. The preacher stressed that the righteous shall be perpetually happy but the wicked may have \_\_\_\_\_ moments of peace.

- A. continual
- B. fleeting
- C. momentous
- D. periodical
- E. habitual

The correct answer is option [C]

Choose the word OPPOSITE IN MEANING to the word in capital letters.

178. Ada was advised to attend Church REGULARLY.

- A. often
- B. early
- C. rarely
- D. religiously
- E. immediately

The correct answer is option [C]

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

179. Lola was AGITATED when the sad news of her mother's accident was broken to her.

- A. excited

- B. calm
- C. uncontrollable
- D. broken
- E. inconsolable

The correct answer is option [B].

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

180. As these boys never act in public, the police are now worried about their COVERT activities.

- A. ignoble
- B. evil
- C. open
- D. cryptic
- E. secret

The correct answer is option [C].

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

181. He is travelling tomorrow.

- A. He may travel tomorrow.
- B. He will travel tomorrow.
- C. He should travel tomorrow.
- D. He can travel tomorrow.
- E. He would have travelled tomorrow.

The correct answer is option [B].

From the options lettered A to E, choose the word that is nearest in meaning to the underlined word as it is used in the sentence.

182. The president appointed staunch supporters of his policies as advisers.

- A. trusted
- B. critical
- C. affluent
- D. strong
- E. regular

The correct answer is option [D]

Fill in the blank spaces with the most appropriate option.

183. Once on the plane and in your seat, fasten your seat-belt and settle back to enjoy the flight. After each engine has been started and tested, the plane will begin to \_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_.

- A. drive/runway
- B. fly/runway
- C. shunt/tower
- D. glide/hanger
- E. taxi/runway

The correct answer is option [E].

184. A group of people related by marriage or blood is called a \_\_\_\_.

- A. sect
- B. community
- C. partnership
- D. society
- E. family

The correct answer is option [E].

After the sentence, a list of possible interpretations is given. Choose the interpretation that you consider most appropriate for the sentence.

185. Shipping of groundnuts to the North will only amount to carrying coal to Newcastle. This means carrying groundnuts to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. where they are plentiful
- B. a place where they are needed
- C. a place where profit will be realised
- D. where there are many buyers
- E. where they are planted

The correct answer is option [A]

Choose from the options lettered A-E, the most appropriate interpretation for the given statement.

186. She talked through her hat during the workshop. This means that she demonstrated \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. ignorance of the subject matter
- B. mastery of the subject matter
- C. pride during the presentation
- D. the proper use of the hat
- E. excellent presentation skills

The correct answer is option [A]

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

187. The cereal is FORTIFIED with multi-vitamins.

- A. enriched
- B. prepared
- C. endured
- D. mixed

E. stired

The correct answer is option [A].

Fortified means having the nutritive value of the food increased. It also means to strengthen physically, morally and mentally.

Option [A] means to make rich. It also means to make more nutritive.

Option [B] means to make ready.

Option [C] means to tolerate or to last.

Option [D] means combined or put together.

Choose from the options lettered A -E, the one that is the most appropriate interpretation for the underlined expression.

188. The two young couple took to the altar yesterday. This means the two \_\_\_\_\_.

A. climbed the altar

B. got married

C. ascended the altar

D. could be at the altar

E. left the altar

The correct answer is option [B]

Choose the option OPPOSITE IN MEANING to the word written in capital letters.

189. His father is a SHREWD businessman.

A. gullible

B. orderly

C. reliable

D. resourceful

E. clever

The correct answer is option [A].

After the sentence, a list of possible interpretations is given. Choose the interpretation that you consider most appropriate for the sentence.

190. Our school athletes swept the board at this year's inter-school sports competition. This means that our school \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. cleaned the score board thoroughly
- B. won everything that could be won
- C. came out last in the competition
- D. won some of the events
- E. swept off the board

The correct answer is option [B]

191. All of the following are synonyms of EXPEDIENT, except \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. convenient
- B. advantageous
- C. suitable
- D. inappropriate
- E. worthwhile

The correct answer is option [D]

From the options lettered A-E, choose the word that is most nearly opposite in meaning to the underlined word and will, at the same time, correctly fill the gap in the sentence.

192. Most settlements in the rural areas are sparsely populated unlike major towns which are \_\_\_\_\_ populated.

- A. densely
- B. partially
- C. poorly
- D. scarcely
- E. rarely

The correct answer is option [A]

Choose from the options lettered A -E, the one that is the most appropriate interpretation for the underlined expression.

193. The whole supermarket went up in smoke.

This means that the whole supermarket was \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. burnt down
- B. covered with smoke
- C. set ablaze
- D. on fire
- E. in commotion

The correct answer is option [D]

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

194. We will surely BUY this idea of introducing an entirely new product.

- A. pay for
- B. accept
- C. trade in
- D. promote
- E. market

The correct answer is option [B].

Which of these words is NEAREST IN MEANING to the capitalised word in the sentence?

195. His refusal to leave the office after so many years TRIGGERED the crisis.

- A. worsened
- B. caused
- C. increased
- D. heightened

E. contributed to

The correct answer is option [B]

From the options lettered A to E, choose the word that is nearest in meaning to the underlined word as it is used in the sentence.

196. Kwame is pessimistic about our chances of winning the trophy.

A. concerned

B. indifferent

C. happy

D. unconvinced

E. optimistic

The correct answer is option [D]

After the sentence, a list of possible interpretations is given. Choose the interpretation that you consider most appropriate for the sentence.

197. The exploitation of the masses makes my blood boil. This means that \_\_\_\_.

A. my blood actually boils when the masses are exploited

B. I am agitated by the exploitation of the masses

C. I am disappointed when the masses are exploited

D. the masses are not happy

E. I always boil my blood to pacify the masses

The correct answer is option [B]

Choose the word OPPOSITE IN MEANING to the word in capital letters.

198. Mary's JOVIAL uncle was always funny; she loved whenever he came over.

A. quiet

B. hilarious

C. playful

- D. somber
- E. witty

The correct answer is option [D]

From the options lettered A - D, choose the one that is OPPOSITE IN MEANING to the word written in capital letters.

199. The greenhouse effect is beginning to ABATE in Europe.

- A. intensify
- B. extenuate
- C. surface
- D. diminish
- E. reduce

The correct answer is option [A].

ABATE means make or become less; reduce in strength, influence or effect.

Intensify means to make more effective, greater, stronger; increase effort or concentration.

Extenuate is to make an offence seem less serious by reference to another factor.

Surface means to become visible or known; to show up.

Ameliorate means make or become better.

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

200. You do not need to STUTTER in order to show your excitement.

- A. jump about
- B. shout
- C. sob
- D. stammer
- E. whisper

The correct answer is option [D].

The word stutter is another word for stammer.

201. To \_\_\_\_ an audience is also considered a goal in speech writing.

- A. engage
- B. lecture
- C. repulse
- D. capture
- E. hypnotize

The correct answer is option [A].

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

202. Our school prefect is too OFFICIOUS and we all dislike him because of his behaviour.

- A. efficient
- B. efficacious
- C. overzealous
- D. active
- E. showy

The correct answer is option [C].

Officious means being domineering or intrusive in correcting.

Option [A] means being productive with minimum effort or waste.

Option [B] means producing the desired effect.

Option [C] means to have excess zeal.

Option [D] means energetic, marked for action.

Option[E] means brilliant or striking.

Choose the option that is NEAREST IN MEANING to the capitalised word in the sentence.

203. Belema was SCEPTICAL about the story Tombara told her.

- A. ignorant
- B. doubtful
- C. confused
- D. happy
- E. convinced

The correct answer is option [B].

To be sceptical about a thing means not willing to believe that thing; doubtful.

Choose the option OPPOSITE IN MEANING to the word written in capital letters.

204. Chidi is naturally TACITURN.

- A. friendly
- B. cheerful
- C. dumb
- D. lively
- E. garrulous

The correct answer is option [E].

Choose the option OPPOSITE IN MEANING to the word written in capital letters.

205. The undesirable elements who PERPETUATE these vices are never detected.

- A. aggravate
- B. overlook
- C. discontinue
- D. encourage
- E. carry out

The correct answer is option [C].

Choose the option NEAREST IN MEANING to the word written in capital letters.

206. I felt ROTTEN when I discovered that I had taken more than my share of the apples.

- A. angry
- B. contented
- C. dissatisfied
- D. guilty
- E. spoilt

The correct answer is option [D]

207. An ailment caused by or related to a disease is said to be \_\_\_\_.

- A. biological
- B. epidemic
- C. scientific
- D. clinical
- E. communicable

The correct answer is option [D].

Biological relates to things that have to do with living organisms.

Scientific means following a systematic method of science

Clinical relates to the observation and treatment of patients.

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

208. He poured out lots of INVECTIVES in a speech that was supposed to be a vote of thanks.

- A. praises
- B. requests
- C. denials
- D. abuses

E. apologies

The correct answer is option [D].

INVECTIVE means a strongly abusive or critical language.

PRAISES are expressions of strong approval and admiration.

REQUESTS refers to the things asked for politely or formally.

DENIAL means refusal to grant a request or wish; refusal to admit the truth or reality.

ABUSE means to use something badly or wrongly; to treat someone or something cruelly or violently; to use insulting, offensive, or bad language on someone.

APOLOGIES are expressions of regret for wrongdoing.

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

209. We need an expert to DECIPHER the code.

- A. understand
- B. survey
- C. arrange
- D. normalise
- E. interpret

The correct answer is option [E].

To decipher means to make out the meaning of something despite its obscurity; to interpret, decode.

Choose the word OPPOSITE IN MEANING to the word in capital letters.

210. The old woman SMILED at me and walked away.

- A. laughed
- B. frowned
- C. blushed
- D. whispered

E. moped

The correct answer is option [B]

211. Every formal place of \_\_\_\_\_ should have a library where books can be \_\_\_\_\_.

A. education/consulted

B. learning/encoded

C. education/encoded

D. learning/consulted

E. reading/consulted

The correct answer is option [D]

From the options lettered A - E, fill the blank space with the word that is OPPOSITE IN MEANING to the word written in capital letters.

212. The tennis player SURREPTITIOUSLY swapped rackets after the first set.

A. openly retained

B. overly exchanged

C. quietly surrendered

D. violently swung

E. secretly retained

The correct answer is option [A].

SURREPTITIOUSLY means secretly.

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

213. We intend to make the reception a DIURNAL event.

A. a nightly

B. a regular

C. a popular

- D. a befitting
- E. daily

The correct answer is option [A].

DIURNAL means daytime or daily.

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

214. The doctor was very GENTLE with his patient in the examination room.

- A. harsh
- B. rude
- C. tough
- D. benevolent
- E. kind

The correct answer is option [A].

Gentle means not rough or severe; mild or quiet

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

215. For millions of years, the world's resources have remained BOUNDLESS.

- A. under-utilized
- B. explorable
- C. indomitable
- D. limited
- E. limitless

The correct answer is option [D].

216. The main disadvantage of the manuscript speech delivery method is that, it is difficult to perform. Reading aloud in meaningful \_\_\_\_ inflection requires the speaker to be very familiar with the text.

- A. interactive
- B. restrictive
- C. positive
- D. decisive
- E. impulsive

The correct answer is option [C].

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

217. The hostess greeted her guests in a very RELAXED manner.

- A. energetic
- B. confrontational
- C. stiff
- D. perplexed
- E. calm

The correct answer is option [C].

To Relax is to make or become less stiff, rigid or tense.

Energetic means full of energy; vigorous.

Athletic means physically strong or agile.

Stiff means rigid or inflexible.

Perplexed means puzzled or bewildered.

Calm means peaceful or quiet.

From the options lettered A-E, choose the word that is most nearly opposite in meaning to the underlined word and will, at the same time, correctly fill the gap in the sentence.

218. The contraband \_\_\_\_\_ by the customs officers may not be released to their owners.

- A. apprehended
- B. arrested
- C. detained
- D. impounded
- E. compounded

The correct answer is option [D]

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

219. All we need is a CONCERTED EFFORT to combat the epidemic.

- A. persistent
- B. dramatic
- C. joint
- D. concentrated
- E. separate

The correct answer is option [C].

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

220. My mother has refused to come to live in Lagos because she prefers the TRANQUIL life in the village to the hurly burly of the city.

- A. free
- B. prosperous
- C. peaceful
- D. decent

E. happy

The correct answer is option [C].

Tranquil means peaceful or quiet

From the options lettered A-E, choose the word that is most nearly opposite in meaning to the underlined word and will, at the same time, correctly fill the gap in the sentence.

221. While the Registrar considers the matter insignificant, his deputy sees it as \_\_\_\_.

- A. minute
- B. crucial
- C. compulsory
- D. marvellous
- E. trivial

The correct answer is option [B]

Fill in the blank space with the most appropriate option.

222. Air travel is becoming increasingly popular with travellers who go from one country to another. A look at the international time table of any major \_\_\_\_ such as Pan America or Air France will show hundreds of flights departing at fixed times every week.

- A. aircraft
- B. airline
- C. airfield
- D. airforce
- E. aureate

Note the subject matter is Aviation.

The correct answer is option [B].

Choose from the options lettered A -E, the one that is nearest in meaning to the word written in italics in the sentence below.

223. The obstacles against his candidature are enormous.

- A. feasible
- B. huge
- C. small
- D. surmountable
- E. impossible

The correct answer is option [B]

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

224. I would regard what he has done as a TREACHEROUS act.

- A. foolish
- B. reliable
- C. commendable
- D. loyal
- E. deceitful

The correct answer is option [E].

Treacherous means ability to betray somebody's trust or confidence , disloyal, untrustworthy, unsafe, or dangerous.

Noble means possessing high ideals or excellent moral character, impressive, honourable, decent or upright.

Reliable means trustworthy, consistent, or dependable.

Commendable means worthy of praise, admirable, or credible.

Loyal means remaining faithful, trustworthy, dedicated, or devoted.

Deceitful means to be intentionally misleading or fraudulent, dishonest, cunning, devious, or untrustworthy.

From the options lettered A-E, choose the word that is most nearly opposite in meaning to the underlined word and will, at the same time, correctly fill the gap in the sentence.

225. We thought that Uncle Sam's health had improved but it had rather \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. persisted
- B. deteriorated
- C. deepened
- D. decreased
- E. aggravated

The correct answer is option [B]

Choose from the options lettered A -E, the one that is nearest in meaning to the words written in italics in the sentence below.

226. Despite the *vociferous* demands for electorate reforms, the ruling party had its way.

- A. clamorous
- B. peaceful
- C. quiet
- D. spontaneous
- E. tranquil

The correct answer is option [A]

Fill in the blank space with the most appropriate option.

227. The person who takes care of one's luggage in a hotel is called a \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. waiter
- B. concierge
- C. porter
- D. receptionist
- E. manager

The correct answer is Option [B].

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

228. My eldest brother is now faced with the VICISSITUDES of married life.

- A. uncertainties
- B. progression
- C. amiability
- D. stability
- E. instability

The correct answer is option [D].

VICISSITUDES means changes (especially of Fortune).

Choose the correct option.

229. The \_\_\_ ceremonies of young adults common to many cultures are part of the \_\_\_ education of those cultures, but there are very many informal ways of educating the young.

- A. processional/informal
- B. civil/perculiar
- C. graduation/informal
- D. initiation/formal
- E. award/informal

The correct answer is Option [D].

Fill in the blank spaces with the most appropriate option.

230. Now a uniformed hostess may bring you a candy or minty sweet to lick. Swallowing the saliva helps to adjust the pressure inside the eardrum as the plane gains altitude. Most large modern airlines go up to \_\_\_\_ of about 30,000 feet, where the air becomes too thin to breathe, and so, the cabin of the plane is pressurised to let you breathe easily. After a pleasant flight, with meals and refreshments, you will hear a dangling noise as the undercarriage, which has been retracted during flight, descends into a position, ready for \_\_\_\_.

- A. an atmosphere/take off

- B. an orbit/escape
- C. a velocity/take off
- D. an altitude/touch down
- E. an elevation/arrival

The correct answer is option [D].

231. The social position of a \_\_\_\_\_ who have children is of greater importance and dignity than that of a bachelor or \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. family; spinster
- B. couple; damsel
- C. couple; spinster
- D. couple; lady
- E. family; maiden

The correct answer is option [C].

People means persons composing a community, tribe, nation, etc.

A Duet is a piece of music for two voices or two players.

Couple in this context means two people who are married to or in sexual relationship with, each other.

Team means two or more people working together or a set of players forming one side of a game.

A Stock is a store of goods ready for sales or distribution.

Choose from the options lettered A -E, the one that is nearest in meaning to the words written in italics in the sentence below.

232. The organization has embarked on frequent media campaigns to sensitise the public.

- A. annual
- B. regular
- C. deliberate

- D. occasional
- E. spontaneous

The correct answer is option [B]

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

233. Ayo takes his studies rather LIGHTLY.

- A. humorously
- B. tediously
- C. carefully
- D. seriously
- E. simply

The correct answer is option [D].

Lightly means unseriously.

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

234. Many species in creation have MUTATED over the years into new forms of life.

- A. stabilised
- B. manifested
- C. transformed
- D. standardised
- E. changed

The correct answer is option [A].

MUTATED means to have undergone change or alteration.

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

235. The policeman was asked to INVESTIGATE the matter.

- A. adjourn
- B. ignore
- C. examine
- D. inquire
- E. judge

The correct answer is option [B].

INVESTIGATE means inquire into or examine.

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

236. His ANTIPATHY to religious ideas makes him unpopular.

- A. opposition
- B. consciousness
- C. hostility
- D. appreciation
- E. aversion

The correct answer is option [D].

ANTIPATHY means strong aversion or dislike.

From the options lettered A to E, choose the word that is nearest in meaning to the underlined word as it is used in the sentence.

237. Our club encourages benevolence.

- A. affluence
- B. sincerity
- C. charity
- D. association

E. humility

The correct answer is option [C]

From the options lettered A - E, choose the word that is most nearly opposite in meaning to the word written in capital letters.

238. When results are out, students who are sure of themselves are EAGER to go and check theirs while the dullards are \_\_\_\_\_.

A. absent

B. enthusiastic

C. ashamed

D. reluctant

E. excited

The correct answer is option [D]

Choose from the options lettered A -E, the one that is the most appropriate interpretation for the underlined expression.

239. Accepting your advice is to jump from the frying pan into fire.

This means that your advice \_\_\_\_\_.

A. is adding more problem to the matter

B. simplifies everything.

C. is a good one

D. is very important

E. has started a fire

The correct answer is option [A]

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

240. The urban environment tends to form the NUCLEUS of a common dialect.

A. Setting

- B. Repository
- C. Cell
- D. Core
- E. atom

The correct answer is option [D].

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

241. The instructions on the examination paper are EXPLICIT.

- A. simple
- B. ambiguous
- C. detailed
- D. definite
- E. clear

The correct answer is option [B].

EXPLICIT means expressly stated, stated in clear details.

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

242. Most of the time, my boss tells COCK-AND-BULL stories.

- A. costly
- B. unreasonable
- C. clever
- D. untrue
- E. funny

The correct answer is option [D].

Cock- and - bull is an idiomatic expression that refers to something, absurd or incredible; often an untrue story.

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

243. Musa hates Hadiza for her constant BELLICOSE behaviour.

- A. aggressive
- B. gentle
- C. meek
- D. troublesome
- E. quarrelsome

The correct answer is option [B].

BELLICOSE means eager to fight; warlike.

From the options lettered A-E, choose the interpretation that you consider most appropriate for the sentence.

244. James and Henry were at daggers drawn when I knew them. This means that they \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. were always angry at each other
- B. always wore daggers
- C. were fighting everybody
- D. were good at drawing daggers
- E. have always been friends

The correct answer is option [A]

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

245. Ogedengbe was an INTREPID fighter for human freedom and dignity.

- A. timid
- B. half-hearted
- C. fearless
- D. undaunted

E. brave

The correct answer is option [A].

INTREPID means fearless or very brave.

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

246. Ojo's response INFURIATED his wife.

A. annoyed

B. pleased

C. surprised

D. confused

E. angered

The correct answer is option [B].

Infuriate means to make furious or angry.

From the options lettered A - E, fill in the blank space with the word OPPOSITE IN MEANING to the capitalised word.

247. At the end of the crisis, the leader declared that there was no VICTOR and no \_\_\_\_\_.

A. loser

B. rebel

C. patriot

D. opponent

E. vanquished

The correct answer is option [A].

Loser. It refers to somebody who suffered defeat in a contest or battle.

Vanquished rightly fills the blank space because of the popular idiom "No Victor, No Vanquished".

Vanquished refers to one who overcomes his opponent by force in battle; one who conquers or subdues in a contest or battle; it is not an ANTONYM of "Victor".

Rather, Victor and Vanquished are HYPONYMS. They have narrower meanings and are included in the meaning of a more general term like CONQUERE.

Victor is somebody who wins in battle or a contest.

Rebel is somebody who resists authority or rejects the codes and conventions of society.

Patriot is somebody who is devoted to and ready to defend his or her country.

Opponent is someone who opposes a course of action, cause or belief.

Choose the option that is NEAREST IN MEANING to the word written in capital letters.

248. I have IMPLICIT confidence in Ibiye's ability to win the race.

- A. partial
- B. absolute
- C. correct
- D. impervious
- E. doubtful

The correct answer is option [B].

Implicit means being absolute; without doubts.

Partial means incomplete, fractional or limited.

Absolute means complete, resolved, outright, unquestionable, or unconditional.

Correct means true, accurate or to be without errors.

Impervious means to be unaffected, resistant, unyielding, unmoved or influenced by something.

Doubtful means not feeling sure about something, unreliable.

249. \_\_\_\_ is regarded as a state of being joined as husband and wife.

- A. Fraternity

- B. Dualism
- C. Matrimony
- D. Partnership
- E. Bigamy

The correct answer is [C].

250. The opposition party is merely making a mountain out of a molehill by insisting that the president resigns. This means that the opposition is \_\_\_\_.

- A. defending the president
- B. exaggerating the situation
- C. going mountaineering
- D. suspecting the president
- E. fighting a good course

The correct answer is option [B]

251. One purpose of presenting a speech is to \_\_\_\_ a message to the \_\_\_\_.

- A. report/listeners
- B. convey/audience
- C. send/people
- D. speculate/audience
- E. share/hearers

The correct answer is option [B].

252. Every community from time immemorial must have had \_\_\_\_ known and respected for their ability to guide and \_\_\_\_ younger members of their community towards the \_\_\_\_ of the desired goals of their group.

- A. teachers/direct/attainment
- B. leaders/follow/enforcement
- C. fathers/frustrate/creation

- D. coaches/frustrate/achievement
- E. members/control/development

The correct answer is Option [A].

Choose the word OPPOSITE IN MEANING to the word in capital letters.

253. Maureen usually felt DEPRESSED on Mondays because she never got enough sleep on the weekends.

- A. lifted
- B. salubrious
- C. neglected
- D. drained
- E. perturbed

The correct answer is option [A]

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

254. The video tape recorder was made OBSOLETE by the introduction of the satellite dish.

- A. antiquated
- B. useless
- C. fashionable
- D. functional
- E. outdated

The correct answer is option [C].

OBSOLETE means out of fashion, no longer in use.

Antiquated means ancient and probably outdated.

Useless means no longer useful; serving no purpose.

Fashionable means following or suited to current fashion. (Accepted by the society).

Functional means serving a function or purpose, role or activity.

255. As soon as the accident victim stopped bleeding, \_\_\_\_\_ medication was applied to the wounds.

- A. anti-malaria
- B. anti-polio
- C. anti-rabies
- D. anti-tetanus
- E. anti-hepatitis

The correct answer is option [D].

[A] Anti means oppose or against; hence Anti-malaria means against malaria (especially for medication).

[B] Immunisation is the process making a person to be immune (opposed) to a disease.

[D] Anti-tetanus means effective against tetanus.

[E] Cerebral has to do with the brain.

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

256. The lecturer was merely OBFUSCATING the issue with his endless examples.

- A. complicating
- B. clarifying
- C. confusing
- D. summarising
- E. darkening

The correct answer is option [B].

OBFUSCATING means obscure or confusing.

257. The \_\_\_\_\_ of a family brings along a rise in social \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. rearing; value
- B. nursing; rank

- C. grooming; status
- D. governing; cadre
- E. reviving; promotion

The correct answer is option [C].

[A] Rearing means bringing up and educating.

[B] Nursing involves caring, tending, ...

[C] Grooming has to do with preparing or training a person for a particular purpose.

[D] Governing means ruling or controlling with some form of an authority. Conducting the policy and affairs of a people.

[E] Reviving involves bringing back to life or restoring to consciousness, a dying state or person.

Grooming fits in better since the family is what is being considered.

From the options lettered A - E, choose the expression or word that BEST INTERPRETS the expression written in capital letters.

258. The men eventually gained their freedom and decided later, to GET THEIR OWN BACK ON their oppressors.

- A. strike against
- B. have their revenge on
- C. strategically ambush
- D. get something from
- E. beat up

The correct answer is option [B].

Choose the option OPPOSITE IN MEANING to the word written in capital letters.

259. His fertile business deals are in GROSS.

- A. whole
- B. imports
- C. parts

- D. exports
- E. huge

The correct answer is option [C].

GROSS means total; wholesale.

Choose the option OPPOSITE IN MEANING to the words written in capital letters.

260. The government is INITIATING new effective programmes to BOOST production.

- A. ending; enhance
- B. reviewing; renew
- C. rearranging; increase
- D. terminating; reduce
- E. beginning; raise

The correct answer is option [D].

INITIATE means begin or originate.

BOOST means increase or assist; push up from below.

Choose the word OPPOSITE IN MEANING to the word in capital letters.

261. Henry hoped that his sons would take over his retail business and MAINTAIN a high level of customer service.

- A. avow
- B. eliminate
- C. exploit
- D. assert
- E. uphold

The correct answer is option [B]

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

262. The president took exception to the **IGNOBLE** role the young man played in the matter.

- A. honourable
- B. embarrassing
- C. heinous
- D. extraordinary
- E. shameful

The correct answer is option [A].

**IGNOBLE** means dishonourable.

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

263. Thompson was a **PROSECUTION** witness at the court hearing.

- A. false
- B. reliable
- C. government
- D. trial
- E. accused

The correct answer is option [C].

**PROSECUTION** means institution and continuation of (especially criminal) legal proceedings.

From the options lettered A-E, choose the word that is most nearly opposite in meaning to the underlined word and will, at the same time, correctly fill the gap in the sentence.

264. Rather than convict him, the impartial judge \_\_\_\_\_ him.

- A. blamed
- B. dismissed

- C. upheld
- D. acquitted
- E. charged

The correct answer is option [D]

Fill in the blank space with the most appropriate option.

265. A hotel is supposed to be a home away from home, but the one we \_\_\_\_ was hell away from home.

- A. moved into
- B. checked
- C. dropped by
- D. checked into
- E. stood in

The correct answer is option [D]

266. The patient was taken to the unit where those under \_\_\_\_ are kept. The doctor asked the nurses to keep the patient under close \_\_\_\_.

- A. intensive care; observation
- B. medical care; watch
- C. immediate care; watch
- D. vigorous care; care
- E. authentic care; observation

The correct answer is option [A].

Fill in the blank space with the most appropriate option.

267. The \_\_\_\_ time for my flight is 1600 hours.

- A. exit
- B. departure

- C. take-off
- D. flying
- E. send-off

The correct answer is option [B].

Choose the option OPPOSITE IN MEANING to the word written in capital letters.

268. If you are really keen on immediate results you just have to adopt this PRAGMATIC approach.

- A. practical
- B. unbalistic
- C. opportunistic
- D. sensible
- E. realistic

The correct answer is option [C].

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

269. The sudden death of the king PUT PAID TO the ambition of the minister.

- A. contributed
- B. rewarded
- C. benefited
- D. terminated
- E. started

The correct answer is option [D]. 'Put paid to' simply means 'to put to an end', 'to finish with', 'to bring to stop', 'to end a matter'.

Choose from the options lettered A -E, the one that is nearest in meaning to the words written in italics in the sentence below.

270. He promised to introduce measures to ameliorate their conditions.

- A. aggravate
- B. complicate
- C. highlight
- D. improve
- E. alienate

The correct answer is option [D]

Choose from the options lettered A -E, the one that is nearest in meaning to the word written in italics in the sentence below.

271. Over reliance on importation often hampers economic growth.

- A. facilitates
- B. promotes
- C. quickens
- D. restrains
- E. pampers

The correct answer is option [D]

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

272. The difference between the experimental procedures was IMPERCEPTIBLE to me.

- A. negligible
- B. significant
- C. obvious
- D. obscure
- E. vague

The correct answer is option [C].

IMPERCEPTIBLE means not capable of being sensed intelligently.

From the options lettered A-E, choose the word that is most nearly opposite in meaning to the underlined word and will, at the same time, correctly fill the gap in the sentence.

273. The handsome profit from her fish business made Mrs. Uba stop complaining about her husband's \_\_\_\_\_ salary.

- A. ugly
- B. meagre
- C. modest
- D. lowly
- E. substantial

The correct answer is option [B]

From the options lettered A to E, choose the word that is nearest in meaning to the underlined word as it is used in the sentence.

274. If care is not taken, the avian flu will be ubiquitous.

- A. mundane
- B. disastrous
- C. everywhere
- D. conspicuous
- E. secluded

The correct answer is option [C]

Choose the option OPPOSITE IN MEANING to the word written in capital letters.

275. The town was all AGOG at his unexpected return.

- A. troubled
- B. dumbfounded

- C. unexcited
- D. surprised
- E. ablaze

The correct answer is option [C].

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

276. He accepted a MUNDANE task without hesitation.

- A. heavenly
- B. extraordinary
- C. menial
- D. moderate
- E. worldly

The correct answer is option [B]

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

277. Many people have raised the issue of the need for an EQUITABLE distribution of our wealth.

- A. a fair
- B. an even
- C. an unjust
- D. an undue
- E. an equal

The correct answer is option [C].

EQUITABLE means fair or just.

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

278. The ANGRY waves swallowed the boat.

- A. gentle
- B. unruffled
- C. sad
- D. serene
- E. calm

The correct answer is option [B].

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

279. All the accident victims are bleeding PROFUSELY.

- A. slowly
- B. excessively
- C. diffusely
- D. clearly
- E. quickly

The correct answer is option [B].

Profusely means plenty and continuously.

Option [A] means taking a long time to do or create something; not fast.

Option [B] implies an amount or degree too great to be reasonable or acceptable.

Option [C] means spread out or not concentrated

Option [D] means not dull or without dirt/contamination.

Choose the option OPPOSITE IN MEANING to the word written in capital letters.

280. Had I known about their plan earlier, I would have NIPPED IT IN THE BUD.

- A. stopped it

- B. initiated it
- C. squashed it
- D. promoted it
- E. destroyed it

The correct answer is option [D].

From the options lettered A-E, choose the interpretation that you consider most appropriate for the sentence.

281. Musa does not believe that there is poverty in Africa; he is a dyed-in-the-wood capitalist. This means that Musa is \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. a kind capitalist
- B. a thoughtful capitalist
- C. an old capitalist
- D. an unbending capitalist
- E. an indifferent capitalist

The correct answer is option [D]

Choose the option OPPOSITE IN MEANING to the word written in capital letters.

282. He is loved for his ALTRUISM.

- A. benevolence
- B. trustworthiness
- C. selfishness
- D. indecisiveness
- E. cordiality

The correct answer is option [C].

From the options lettered A to E, choose the word that is nearest in meaning to the underlined word as it is used in the sentence.

283. The provocation had an instantaneous effect on him.

- A. a lasting
- B. an immediate
- C. a terrifying
- D. a momentous
- E. a lasting

The correct answer is option [B]

Choose the option NEAREST IN MEANING to the word written in capital letters.

284. He's talking TRASH; don't listen to him.

- A. immorality
- B. politics
- C. nonsense
- D. morality
- E. dustbin

The correct answer is option [C]

285. Teaching is one of the world's oldest \_\_\_\_\_ known to man.

- A. callings
- B. professions
- C. institutions
- D. tools
- E. standards

The correct answer is Option [B].

286. A prepared speech is not easy to deliver, especially when it is not written by the presenter. A \_\_\_ delivery is one in which the speech has been written out word for word and is read to \_\_\_.

- A. primary/a population
- B. memorized/a group of people
- C. manuscript/an audience
- D. one-on-one/listeners
- E. secondary/an audience

The correct answer is option [C].

From the options lettered A to E, choose the word that is nearest in meaning to the underlined word as it is used in the sentence.

287. I woke up feeling rather queer.

- A. fine
- B. strange
- C. strong
- D. tired
- E. sad

The correct answer is option [B]

Choose the option that is most nearly opposite in meaning to the words in capital letters.

288. In any community, both the KING and his \_\_\_\_ are governed by the law.

- A. citizen
- B. staff
- C. crew
- D. subjects
- E. nobles

The correct answer is option [D]

After the sentence, a list of possible interpretations is given. Choose the interpretation that you consider most appropriate for the sentence.

289. The striking workers stuck to their guns inspite of government's appeal to them to return to work. This means that the workers \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. had to call off the strike
- B. attacked the government officials with guns
- C. went back to work unwillingly
- D. refused to go back to work
- E. returned the appeal to the government

The correct answer is option [D]

290. A childless marriage in the African \_\_\_\_ is practically a failure because children bring joy not only to their family, but also to the \_\_\_\_ as a whole.

- A. culture; kingdom
- B. community; society
- C. guild; company
- D. race; establishment
- E. sect; organisation

The correct answer is option [B].

[A] congregation means gathering of people especially for religious purposes.

[B] A community is a group of people living in one place, district or country, considered as a whole.

[C] means an association of people in the pursuit of a common goal.

[D] A race consists of a group of people characterised according to their physical features, shape of eyes and nose, colour of skin, colour and type of hair, etc.

[E] A sect is a group of people who share especially religious beliefs or opinions different from those of a larger group from which they have separated. E.g. a minor Christian sect.

Fill in the blank space with the most appropriate option.

291. The plane taxis to a stop and you will hear the engine revolving noisily as the pilot prepares for a \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. blast-off
- B. launching
- C. countdown
- D. takeoff
- E. lifting

The correct answer is option [D].

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

292. In a sentence, there must always be CONCORD between a subject and its verb.

- A. concurrence
- B. inflection
- C. disagreement
- D. relationship
- E. agreement

The correct answer is option [C].

CONCORD means agreement.

From the options lettered A-E, choose the word that is most nearly opposite in meaning to the underlined word and will, at the same time, correctly fill the gap in the sentence.

293. Within a few years of his new appointment the manager \_\_\_\_\_ all that he had forfeited.

- A. reformed
- B. realised
- C. recollected

- D. regained
- E. released

The correct answer is option [D]

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

294. The AUTHENTICITY of the reporter's claim should be established before taking further actions on the matter.

- A. facts
- B. source
- C. evidence
- D. genuineness
- E. value

The correct answer is option [D].

295. When a young girl helps her mother in preparing the family \_\_\_\_, she is learning \_\_\_\_ skills in an informal set-up.

- A. diet/cooking
- B. meal/firing
- C. meal/culinary
- D. cooking/meal
- E. dishes/cooking

The correct answer is Option [C].

Choose from the options lettered A -E, the one that is nearest in meaning to the word written in italics in the sentence below.

296. The examination body is expected to release a tentative timetable very soon.

- A. temporary
- B. comprehensive

- C. fake
- D. substantive
- E. genuine

The correct answer is option [A]

Choose the option OPPOSITE IN MEANING to the word written in capital letters.

297. He urged other PROGRESSIVES in the country to join forces with his association.

- A. radicals
- B. conservatives
- C. pessimists
- D. activists
- E. observers

The correct answer is option [B].

A progressive is one who supports social reforms.

Choose from the options lettered A-E, the most appropriate interpretation for the given statement.

298. Mr. Ahmed, my former boss, has fallen on his feet with the ministerial appointment. This means that he \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. has eventually been lucky to get the appointment
- B. lost all he had before he got the appointment
- C. lobbied to get the appointment
- D. broke his feet during the ministerial appointment
- E. really likes the ministerial appointment

The correct answer is option [B]

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

299. Adama's father simply **CONDONED** her bad habit instead of punishing her appropriately.

- A. opposed
- B. blamed
- C. accepted
- D. overlooked
- E. allowed

The correct answer is option [A].

**CONDONE** means overlook an offence.

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

300. We all have both good and bad characteristics. Either, however, is easily **MANIFESTED** in time of crisis.

- A. demanded
- B. highlighted
- C. submerged
- D. demonstrated
- E. ridiculed

The correct answer is option [D].

**Manifested** means being clear or obvious to the eye or mind.

Option [A] means requested

Option [B] means marked out due to outstanding features.

Option [C] means placed below water surface.

Option [D] means showed or displayed.

Option [E] means to be made fun of

From the options lettered A-E, choose the word that is most nearly opposite in meaning to the underlined word and will, at the same time, correctly fill the gap in the sentence.

301. The bank customer sought to \_\_\_\_\_ more than he had deposited in the account.

- A. recall
- B. receive
- C. withdraw
- D. withheld
- E. pay

The correct answer is option [C]

302. The diligent students burnt the mid-night oil. This means they \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. avoided reading at night
- B. got the oil burning
- C. read only at night
- D. studied until late at night
- E. studied hard

The correct answer is option [D]

From the options lettered A - E, choose the word that is most nearly opposite in meaning to the word written in capital letters.

303. If you FLATTER someone who doesn't understand your language, he will think you are \_\_\_\_\_ him.

- A. abusing
- B. pampering
- C. insulting
- D. welcoming
- E. praising

The correct answer is option [A]

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

304. The effect of rising prices has SNOWBALLED considerably.

- A. risen
- B. decreased
- C. fallen out
- D. galloped
- E. increased

The correct answer is option [B].

SNOWBALLED means increased rapidly.

From the options lettered A - E, choose the word that is most nearly opposite in meaning to the word written in capital letters.

305. It is CERTAIN that workers will receive their salaries next week.

- A. confirmed
- B. serious
- C. doubtful
- D. untrue
- E. obvious

The correct answer is option [C]

Choose the word OPPOSITE IN MEANING to the word in capital letters.

306. Nancy CONCURRED with her boss on the new direction the company was taking.

- A. deliberated
- B. disagreed
- C. contested
- D. rationalized

E. reflected

The correct answer is option [B]

From the options lettered A - E, choose the word that is most nearly opposite in meaning to the word written in capital letters.

307. A SLOTHFUL student is sure to fail. The \_\_\_\_ ones pass at a sitting.

A. brilliant

B. diligent

C. strong

D. verbose

E. lazy

The correct answer is option [B]

Choose the option OPPOSITE IN MEANING to the word written in capital letters.

308. Being NAIVE, he believed all the stories his friend told him.

A. artless

B. indifferent

C. difficult

D. experienced

E. innocent

The correct answer is option [D].

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

309. As a result of the terrible sufferings he had undergone, he became very DESPONDENT about the future.

A. mischievous

B. agitated

C. indignant

- D. aggressive
- E. hopeless

The correct answer is option [E].

DESPONDENT means to be in low spirit from loss of hope or courage.

MISCHIEVIOUS means to have intentions to cause harm or trouble.

AGITATED means made to be anxious or excited; moved vigorously or briskly; aroused the public about something.

INDIGNANT means to be unworthy.

AGGRESSIVE means to be very angry or hostile, excessively forceful.

HOPELESS means to be without hope.

Choose the option OPPOSITE IN MEANING to the word written in capital letters.

310. My friend was reduced to BEGGARLY by various ill-advised business deals.

- A. affluence
- B. penury
- C. influence
- D. poverty
- E. destitution

The correct answer is option [A].

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

311. The awareness of MORTALITY has always imposed some restraint on man's excesses.

- A. celestiaity
- B. eternity
- C. continuity
- D. inexistence
- E. corruption

The correct answer is option [B].

MORTALITY means being subject to death.

Fill in the blank space with the most appropriate option.

312. By the time we were due to \_\_\_\_ the following day, everybody heaved a sigh of relief.

- A. check out
- B. leaving
- C. check off
- D. check on
- E. check up

The correct answer is Option [A].

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

313. The man who had been seriously ill was CONVALESCING at a sea-side resort.

- A. regaining health
- B. deteriorating in health
- C. recuperating
- D. relaxing
- E. getting better

The correct answer is option [B].

Convalescing means regaining health after illness.

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

314. Your extreme patience sometimes INFURIATES me.

- A. impresses
- B. annoys

- C. frustrates
- D. amuses
- E. excites

The correct answer is option [B].

Infuriate means to irritate greatly or make greatly annoyed.

From the options lettered A-E, choose the word that is most nearly opposite in meaning to the underlined word and will, at the same time, correctly fill the gap in the sentence.

315. The now famous park was until recently \_\_\_\_\_ even in the neighbourhood.

- A. anonymous
- B. obscure
- C. hidden
- D. infamous
- E. known

The correct answer is option [B]

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

316. Binta SOBBED by the door because she had lost her mother's precious necklace.

- A. disguised
- B. hid
- C. wept
- D. laughed
- E. cried

The correct answer is option [D].

317. The \_\_\_\_ is used in measuring body temperature.

- A. barometer
- B. odometer
- C. speedometer
- D. ammeter
- E. thermometer

The correct answer is option [E].

Barometer is an instrument used for measuring atmospheric pressure

Odometer is also same as a milometer which is an instrument for measuring the number of miles covered by a vehicle.

Speedometer is an instrument used to measure the speed of a vehicle.

Ammeter is an instrument used for the measurement of current.

Thermometer is an instrument used for the measurement of temperature.

From the options lettered A-E, choose the word that is most nearly opposite in meaning to the underlined word and will, at the same time, correctly fill the gap in the sentence.

318. The media houses should employ both the novice and the \_\_\_\_\_ journalists.

- A. apprentice
- B. probationer
- C. newcomer
- D. veteran
- E. inexperienced

The correct answer is option [D]

From the options lettered A to E, choose the word that is nearest in meaning to the underlined word as it is used in the sentence.

319. The government has banned the importation of obscene films.

- A. expensive

- B. horror
- C. violet
- D. immoral
- E. strange

The correct answer is option [D]

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

320. The Governor told the Chief that he was only on a ROUTINE tour.

- A. regular visit
- B. unplanned visit
- C. surprise visit
- D. impromptu visit
- E. august visit

The correct answer is option [A].

ROUTINE means a regular course or procedure.

Choose the word OPPOSITE IN MEANING to the word in capital letters.

321. The paper was washed away by the SWIFT current.

- A. stormy
- B. turbulent
- C. stagnant
- D. subtle
- E. slow

The correct answer is option [E]

Swift means for something to move very fast

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

322. Good students can easily identify SPURIOUS arguments.

- A. genuine
- B. interesting
- C. false
- D. illogical
- E. phony

The correct answer is option [A].

SPURIOUS means not genuine or fake.

From the options lettered A - E, fill the blank space with the word that is OPPOSITE IN MEANING to the word written in capital letters.

323. It is quite CUSTOMARY to introduce the guest speaker, but \_\_\_\_\_ to insult him.

- A. illegal
- B. impolite
- C. unusual
- D. useless
- E. pointless

The correct answer is option [C].

CUSTOMARY means an usual occurrence. Therefore, UNUSUAL is the most appropriate answer.

Fill in the blank spaces with the most appropriate option.

324. Air travel is becoming increasingly popular with travellers who go from one country to another. A look at the international time table of any major airlines such as Pan America or Air France will show hundreds of flights departing at fixed times every week. Besides these scheduled flights, you can travel nowadays on flights arranged by a club for its members which hires an airplane for the journey. Fares on these chartered flights are low because the club ensures that all seats are filled.

On any flight, you are allowed to carry a certain amount of baggage free of charge, but if your baggage weighs more than what you are entitled to, you will have to pay excess baggage charges. You will then be given a \_\_\_\_ which you must show as you get to the \_\_\_\_ lounge and also show to enter the plane.

- A. visitor's note/departure
- B. permit card/department
- C. boarding pass/departure
- D. visiting card/departure
- E. complementary note/departure

The correct answer is option [C].

Choose from the options lettered A-E, the most appropriate interpretation for the given statement.

325. The opposing factions met to talk turkey. This means that they met to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. have an honest and clear discussion
- B. hold a secret meeting
- C. wine and dine
- D. suggest a lasting solution to the problem
- E. talk and eat turkey

The correct answer is option [A]

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

326. The lecturers were asked to carry out a CURSORY survey on Nigerian languages.

- A. thorough survey
- B. immediate survey
- C. partial survey
- D. timely survey
- E. quick survey

The correct answer is option [A].

CURSORY means hasty.

Fill in the blank space with the most appropriate option.

327. Air travel is becoming increasingly popular with travellers who go from one country to another. A look at the international time table of any major \_\_\_\_ such as a Pan American or Air France will show hundreds of flights departing at fixed times every week.

- A. omnibus
- B. aeroplane
- C. shipping line
- D. airline
- E. helicopter

The correct answer is option [D].

Fill in the blank space with the most appropriate option.

328. Air travel is becoming increasingly popular with travellers who go from one country to another. A look at the international time table of any major airlines such as Pan America or Air France will show hundreds of flights departing at fixed times every week. Besides these scheduled flights, you can travel nowadays on flights arranged by a club for its members which hires an airplane for the journey. Fares on these chartered flights are low because the club ensures that all seats are filled.

On any flight, you are allowed to carry a certain amount of baggage free of charge, but if your baggage weighs more than what you are entitled to, you will have to pay \_\_\_\_ baggage charges.

- A. flight
- B. extra
- C. excess
- D. token
- E. air

The correct answer is option [C].

From the options lettered A - E, fill the blank space with the word that is OPPOSITE IN MEANING to the word(s) written in capital letters.

329. One of the armed robbers was as DARING in his words as the other was \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. morose
- B. secretive
- C. reckless
- D. bold
- E. timid

The correct answer is option [E].

DARING means to be brave enough to do something (most times without thinking). The word opposite to this is RATIONAL; which means being able to think and make decisions based on reason.