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25. 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) stay at my door
26. You are *chasing the shadow*. This means you
 (A) are looking after your shadow
 (B) are running after your shadow
 (C) are having an unrealistic dream
 (D) have a very nice dream
 (E) have a very horrible dream
27. You can't expect me to do that at *the drop of a hat*. This means that, I can't
 (A) react without hesitation or immediately
 (B) react willingly
 (C) react unwillingly
 (D) remove the hat without hesitation
 (E) drop the hat immediately.
28. Her advice *fell on deaf ears*. This means her advice is
 (A) a good one (B) very serious one
 (C) worth listening to
 (D) ignored (E) accepted
29. 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) saved from the fire
30. You will *make a splash* in this outfit. This means that you will
 (A) make a nonsense in this outfit
 (B) make foolish of yourself in this outfit
 (C) attract a lot of attention to yourself
 (D) attract a lot of gossips to yourself
 (E) attract a lot of people in this outfit
31. Despite the *vociferous* demands for electoral reforms, the ruling party had its way.
 (A) clamorous (B) peaceful
 (C) quiet (D) spontaneous
 (E) violent
32. The fighting that broke out on the campus early this week had *ceased*.
 (A) escalated
 (B) reduced
 (C) spread
 (D) stopped
 (E) waned
33. The storm is a clear *indication* of early rain this year
 (A) announcement
 (B) confidence
 (C) prediction
 (D) promise
 (E) sign
34. He promised to introduce measures to *ameliorate* their conditions
 (A) aggravate
 (B) complicate
 (C) highlight
 (D) improve
 (E) publicise
35. The organization has embarked on *frequent* media campaigns to sensitize the public
 (A) annual
 (B) deliberate
 (C) effective
 (D) occasional
 (E) regular
36. The obstacles against his candidature are *enormous*
 (A) feasible
 (B) huge
 (C) small
 (D) surmountable
 (E) weak
37. Attempts by the student to see the principal were all *futile*
 (A) cherished
 (B) discouraged
 (C) hampered
 (D) sabotaged (E) unsuccessful
38. Over reliance on importation often *hampers* economic growth
 (A) facilitates (B) promotes
 (C) quickens (D) restrains
 (E) stops

Choose from the options lettered A - E the one that is nearest in meaning to the words in italics in the following questions.

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39. The examination body is expected to release a *tentative* time-table very soon
(A) comprehensive
(B) fake
(C) reliable
(D) substantive
(E) temporary
40. He has been *mandated* to search for a new candidate for the post.
(A) assigned
(B) compelled
(C) convinced
(D) forced
(E) instructed
- Complete each of the following questions with the most appropriate of the options letter A - E*
41. The fuel scarcity has always _____ for some time now
(A) endured (B) insisted
(C) persevered (D) persisted
(E) tolerated
42. The workers were never offered as _____ as a quarter of their demands.
(A) great (B) many
(C) much (D) numerous
(E) plenty
43. People appear worried about the _____ in cult activities nowadays.
(A) dearth
(B) decrease
(C) disappearance
(D) futility
(E) increase
44. The tenant speaks well about his landlord _____ is uniquely kind hearted
(A) which (B) who
(C) whom (D) who's
(E) whose
45. The statement 'we met Reuben at the airport' said James; re-written 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) we met Reuben near
46. The statement 'Many cities will experience sunny weather tomorrow' said the Meteorologist, re-written in the reported speech form becomes the meteorologist said many cities
(A) will experience sunny weather the next day
(B) may experience sunny weather a day before tomorrow
(C) will experience sunny weather everyday
(D) would experience sunny weather today
(E) would experience sunny weather the next day
47. The statement, my father gave me this watch, re-written in the passive form becomes, I _____ this watch by my fathers.
(A) has been given
(B) am given
(C) were given
(D) was given
(E) was giving
48. The statement, the policeman persuaded him to leave, re-written in the passive form becomes, He _____ persuaded by the policeman to leave
(A) has been (B) is
(C) is being (D) was
(E) was being
49. The statement, His wife considered him a genius, re-written in the passive form becomes, He _____ considered a genius by his wife
(A) had been (B) is
(C) is being (D) was
(E) was being
50. The candidate _____ before the supervisor asked them to do so
(A) being started
(B) had started
(C) is starting
(D) was being started
(E) was starting
51. She wanted some oranges, but I had
(A) any
(B) nothing
(C) none
(D) some
(E) much

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52. My two uncles are successful medical practitioners, ____ of them ____ a clinic
 (A) all, owned
 (B) both, owns
 (C) each, owns
 (D) every, owns
 (E) one, own
53. I listened to the news ____ she prepared dinner
 (A) so
 (B) until
 (C) when
 (D) which
 (E) while
54. The preacher's sermon is ____ this morning.
 (A) much longer
 (B) thus long
 (C) so long
 (D) rather long
 (E) long rather
55. Didn't you hear the baby crying?
 (A) Yes, I didn't (B) No, I did
 (C) Yes, I did (D) No, I do
 (E) Yes, I do
56. If they couldn't do it, they ____ have to increase their prices.
 (A) could (B) might
 (C) should (D) will
 (E) would
57. He decided to ____ harder next session.
 (A) working (B) have worked
 (C) having worked
 (D) being worked
 (E) work
58. It suddenly started raining ____ he was presenting the gift
 (A) while
 (B) when
 (C) then
 (D) thus (E) though
59. He left the town early this morning ____ he arrived very late
 (A) although (B) but
 (C) despite (D) even
 (E) while
60. The thieves ____ breaking into the house
 (A) are seeing
 (B) have been seen
 (C) was seen
 (D) were being seen
 (E) were seen
61. We traveled to Oshogbo ____ Offa
 (A) by masse
 (B) en masse
 (C) en route
 (D) inter-alia
 (E) intra - route
62. I was ____ by the girl's story
 (A) taken across
 (B) taken away
 (C) taken in
 (D) take on
 (E) taken up
63. John and his brother Peter are always fighting
 (A) another
 (B) both themselves
 (C) each other
 (D) the other
 (E) themselves
64. I cannot find ____ of the two books I borrowed from the library.
 (A) any
 (B) both
 (C) each
 (D) either
 (E) neither
65. You have not done your homework, ____?
 (A) do you (B) do you not
 (C) is it (D) isn't it
 (E) have you
66. I am your friend, ____?
 (A) aren't I (B) I am
 (C) isn't it (D) was I not
 (E) weren't I
67. I went to her house ____ foot
 (A) at (B) by
 (C) in (D) on
 (E) with

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68. She is ____ than Mary and Jane
 (A) more thin
 (B) thin
 (C) thinner
 (D) thinnest
 (E) tiniest
69. Ade was shouting ____ John
 (A) above
 (B) at
 (C) on
 (D) on top
 (E) over
70. The number of candidates that passed the exam this year was ____ than in the previous year
 (A) few
 (B) fewer
 (C) less few
 (D) more fewer
 (E) most few

The __71__ Council of the Federation is a body established by the __72__ with the __73__, of assisting the President (who appointed them) in the discharge of his __74__ to the nation. The Council is expected to __75__ policies, review policy, consider ministerial memos, and set bench marks, targets and time lines on programmes __76__ and projects execution. The Council brings coherence to the art of __77__, co-ordinates inter-locking governmental __78__ and ensures the __79__ of probity, accountability, and due process in the conduct of government business. The Council is not a __80__ club, a soap opera box or a plat form for canvassing political viewpoints. Even when __81__ politicians are __82__ ministers, they usually drop their political hats at the door of the Council chambers, knowing that their real __83__ is not to please political paymasters or canvass narrow, self saving political opinions, but to __84__ on the economy, on infrastructure, food, security, energy and petroleum crisis, education, health, poverty reduction and the thousands of other __85__ relating to the social and economic well being of the people.

	A	B	C	D	E
71.	Constitutional	Executive	Judiciary	Legislative	Transitional
72.	constitution	decree	government	president	senate
73.	agility	idea	logic	method	responsibility
74.	assets	duties	facilities	profits	shares
75.	create	direct	formulate	provide	reveal
76.	aspiration	facilitation	implementation	observation	qualification
77.	compliance	governance	guidance	obedience	observance
78.	abilities	activities	expenses	opportunities	realities
79..	acquisition	demonstration	institution	operation	transaction
80.	full	legal	political	special	total
81.	progressive	prominent	prosperous	reputable	recognised
82.	appointed	consisted	created	evaluated	respected
83.	assignment	mandate	motivation	source	target
84.	deliberate	depend	inspire	meet	prevail
85.	communications	examples	matters	provisions	seminars

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During this year's world kidney day, which was marked on March 11, 2010, __86__ experts in the country raised the alarm over increasing cases of __87__ failure. They said that the condition __88__ about 45,000 Nigerians. New cases were estimated to be between 14,000 and 15,000 every year. The total number being managed in the country stands at about 1,000. It is also likely that some of the __89__ are not managed by the experts, while some __90__ blame the condition on witches or other supernatural causes.

The upsurge in cases of __91__ failure has been blamed on lack of __92__ on the part of patients, and the general health practiontioners. There are about 50 __93__ centres in the country and most of them are located in urban areas. While some __94__ patients travel overseas for the management of the disease, others patronize the few available hospital that do renal __95__ in the country.

Some of the __96__ of the disease are coloured urine, frothy urine, nausea/vomiting, loss of appetite and headache. Others include itching, swollen legs/eyelids, breathlessness and dry flaky skin.

In spite of its spread, __97__ said that early detection of the disease increases the chances of __98__. However, there are certain rules to observe to make the kidneys __99__. Medical experts advice that people should keep fit and active by increasing their __100__ activities, keep regular control of their blood sugar level, blood lipids and anemia.

	A	B	C	D	E
86.	chemical	medical	physiological	professional	psychological
87.	cardiac	digestive	kidney	mental	respiratory
88.	afflicts	changes	cripples	damages	raises
89.	candidates	patients	personnel	scholars	students
90.	categorically	conscientiously	erroneously	perfectly	rightly
91.	bladder	epidural	mental	renal	system
92.	affections	awareness	exercises	employment	finances
93.	diagnosis	dialysis	health-care	preventive	psychoanalysis
94.	cautious	chary	circumspect	rich	vigilant
95.	back-up	management	operation	transplant	treatment
96.	indications	names	signs	symptoms	warnings
97.	anatomists	anthropologists	gynecologist	nephrologists	psychologists
98.	Delivery	feeding	recovery	responding	revival
99.	beneficial	healthy	survive	well	vigorous
100.	eating	mental	physical	spiritual	sleeping

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Answer and Explanations **WASSCE NECO 2010**

(1) D	(21) C	(41) C	(61) C	(81) B
(2) D	(22) D	(42) C	(62) C	(82) A
(3) A	(23) E	(43) E	(63) C	(83) B
(4) D	(24) A	(44) B	(64) D	(84) A
(5) E	(25) B	(45) B	(65) E	(85) C
(6) A	(26) C	(46) A	(66) A	(86) B
(7) E	(27) A	(47) D	(67) D	(87) C
(8) D	(28) D	(48) D	(68) D	(88) A
(9) A	(29) D	(49) D	(69) B	(89) B
(10) D	(30) C	(50) B	(70) B	(90) C
(11) D	(31) E	(51) C	(71) B	(91) D
(12) D	(32) D	(52) B	(72) C	(92) B
(13) A	(33) E	(53) E	(73) E	(93) B
(14) C	(34) D	(54) D	(74) B	(94) D
(15) B	(35) E	(55) C	(75) C	(95) D
(16) D	(36) B	(56) B	(76) C	(96) D
(17) E	(37) E	(57) E	(77) B	(97) D
(18) B	(38) D	(58) B	(78) B	(98) C
(19) A	(39) E	(59) B	(79) B	(99) B
(20) C	(40) B	(60) E	(80) B	(100) C

SECTION A ANTONYMS

	Word	Meaning	Option
1.	Suspended	to stop something for a while	re - instated
2.	Released	to set free	impounded
3.	Voluntary	acting of your free will	compulsory
4.	Deposited	A sum of money paid into a bank account	withdraw
5.	Famous	known by many	unknown
6.	Spasmodic	occurring or done in brief, Irregular	continuos
7.	Very bold	confident and brave	timid
8.	Perpetually	never ending or changing	periodical
9.	Sparsely	thinly scattered	densely
10.	forfeited	loose property or a right as a punishment for a fault.	regained

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SECTION B

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| 11. | Priceless | very valuable |
| 12. | Polls | a formal indication of a choice between people or candidate |
| 13. | Grow | develop by increasing in size |
| 14. | Occupation | a job or a profession |
| 15. | Infrastructure | tools for a particular trade or job |
| 16. | Sort code | used to identify a particular bank |
| 17. | Communique | an official announcement or statement |
| 18. | Arisen | come into being or come to notice |
| 19. | Conspiracy | a secret plan by a group to do something unlawful |
| 20. | rampage | rush around in a wild and violent way |

SECTION C IDIOMS

- | | Idioms | Meaning |
|-----|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 21. | takes off | to start a journey |
| 22. | mediocre | an average |
| 23. | to take to the alter | get married |
| 24. | to jump from frying pan to fire | adding more problem to the matter |
| 25. | not darken my door again | don't come to my house again |
| 26. | to chase shadow | having an unrealistic dream |
| 27. | advice fell on deaf hear | not accepted |
| 28. | at the drop of a hat | to react without hesitation |
| 29. | to go up in smoke | to go on fire |
| 30. | to make a splash | to attract a lot of attention |

SECTION D SYNONYMS

- | | Word | Meaning | Option |
|-----|-------------|--|---------------|
| 31. | Vociferous | expressing opinion in a loud and forceful way | violent |
| 32. | Ceased | to stop happening or existing | stopped |
| 33. | Indication | point out, or show | sign |
| 34. | Ameliorate | make something better | improve |
| 35. | Frequent | occurring or done many times at short intervals | regular |
| 36. | Enormous | very large | huge |
| 37. | Futile | producing no useful results | unsuccessful |
| 38. | Hampers | slow down or prevent the movement of progress of something | restrains |
| 39. | Tentative | done without confidence | temporary |
| 40. | mandated | an official order or permission to do something | compelled |

OBJECTIVE QUESTIONS NECO 2011

Answer all questions

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DIRECTION

Choose from the options lettered A - E the one that is *most nearly opposite* in meaning to the underlined words.

1. The secretary showed no remorse for misbehaving; she remained
(A) aggressive
(B) saucy
(C) unrepentant
(D) snobbish
 2. Once in a while, we ought to be liberal and not
(A) critical
(B) harsh
(C) conservative
(D) orthodox
 3. The sea which was turbulent an hour-ago is now
(A) cool
(B) deep
(C) calm
(D) motionless
 4. Yao's old car is durable but this new one looks
(A) flashy
(B) fragile
(C) strong
(D) spacious
 5. Some parents have room only for condemnation and not
(A) probation
(B) recommendation
(C) commendation
(D) punishment
 6. Nowadays computerized services are taking the place of..... Operations.
(A) manual
(B) electrical
(C) daily (D) efficient
 7. After enjoying the excitement of city life for twenty years, Olu found it difficult to adjust to the life of his village.
(A) quiet
(B) rustic
(C) monotonous
(D) busy
 8. Kobina's eldest wife was very frugal but the youngest was rather
(A) foolish
(B) extravagant
(C) childish
(D) callous
 9. Modou's business which was flourishing up to last week is now
(A) closing
(B) diminishing
(C) declining
(D) vanishing
 10. Okon seldom goes to school because he is afraid of meeting his class teacher.
(A) never
(B) quite
(C) always (D) terribly
- From words lettered A to D, choose the word that **best completes** each of the following sentences.*
11. Charles, the king's eldest son, is indisputably the to the throne.
(A) owner
(B) claimant
(C) guard (D) heir
 12. The teacher found it difficult to read Hassan's work and so he advised him to make it

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- (A) legible
(B) easier
(C) large
(D) eligible
13. No one had any comment to make on the minutes and so the chairman asked for its
(A) correction
(B) reading
(C) adoption
(D) amendment
14. Poor feeding has caused children of this village to suffer from
(A) malnutrition
(B) malaria
(C) convulsion
(D) meningitis
15. In a child-centred classroom, the interest of the child is of Importance.
(A) permanent
(B) pre-eminent
(C) prominent
(D) paramount
16. Each of the under-seventeen players received a handsome from the president
(A) reward
(B) praise
(C) treat
(D) kit
17. Dele loves all his students and so he is very among them.
(A) humble (B) jovial
(C) popular (D) simple
18. Since Ebou was found guilty of the crime, the magistrate.....him to two years' imprisonment.
(A) sentenced (B) confined
(C) punished (D) confirmed
19. Mary's of the accident is very different from yours.
(A) summary (B) outline
(C) account (D) statement
20. You were not expected to this secret to the police.
- (A) divulge (B) display
(C) write (D) discuss
- After each of the following sentences, a list of possible interpretations is given. Choose the interpretation that you consider **most appropriate** for each sentence.*
21. Tunde is very troublesome and so his neighbours find it difficult to put up with him. This mean that his neighbours
(A) cannot live with him under the same roof.
(B) cannot rely on him.
(C) cannot tolerate him.
(D) hate him immensely.
22. The President's birthday party was attended by the cream of society. This means that
(A) the most important people were at the party.
(B) all the civil servants were at the party
(C) other presidents attended the party
(D) only invited guests attended the party
23. The principal played the ostrich when she got reports of malpractices in the examination hall. This means that the principal
(A) became vigilant.
(B) behaved like an ostrich.
(C) ignored the problem.
(D) denied the reports.
24. Our uncle visits us only in a blue moon. This means that our uncle
(A) visits us only when the moon is blue.
(B) seldom visits us.
(C) visits us once a year.
(D) finds it difficult to visit us.
25. The Principal's prompt intervention nipped last week's crisis in the bud. This mean that
(A) the crisis was averted.
(B) the students were chased away.
(C) no one was willing to be part of the crisis.
(D) the students decided to obey the Principal's orders.
26. The school next door is virtually a bedlam as its students are uncontrollable. This means that
(A) the school is a playground for everybody.
(B) the students move up and down in the compound

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- (C) no student is willing to stay in the classroom.
(D) the school is a place of noise and confusion.
27. Mary should not criticize anybody since she too has a skeleton in her cupboard. This means that she
(A) has a secret.
(B) loves to play with skeletons.
(C) studies skeletons.
(D) does not want anybody to steal from her cupboard.
28. Araba's friends decided to send her to coventry. This means that
(A) Araba's was to be sent to a convent.
(B) she was to be sent away.
(C) her friends decided to ignore her.
(D) her friends decided to forgive her
29. The widow works her fingers to the bones to take care of her children. This means that the widow
(A) wears out her fingers with work.
(B) is lazy.
(C) massages her bones.
(D) works extremely hard.
30. The way the boys beat up their friends made my blood boils. This mean that
(A) I was not happy with the boys
(B) I hated the boys.
(C) My blood boiled.
(D) I was throughly agitated by the action of the boys.
- From the words lettered A to D below each of the following sentences, choose the word or group of words that is **nearest in meaning** to the underlined word as it is used in the sentence.
31. Popular leaders are always given tumultuous welcome when they visit their supporters.
(A) pleasant. (B) friendly.
(C) noisy. (D) encouraging.
32. Conceited bosses are often inaccessible.
(A) unfriendly (B) unapproachable
(C) selfish (D) apathetic
33. The good neighbours restrained the impatient landlord from ejecting his tenant.
- (A) prevented.
(B) forced.
(C) compelled
(D) halted.
34. The inauguration of the political party has been hampered by lack of funds.
(A) cancelled.
(B) postponed.
(C) discouraged.
(D) hindered
35. Unfortunately, many of our companies lack virtuous men.
(A) upright
(B) famous
(C) clever
(D) wealthy
36. The wife's comments further infuriated her already angry husband.
(A) frightened.
(B) moved.
(C) enraged.
(D) challenged.
37. Esiri's father has an alluring personality which endears him to many people.
(A) enduring
(B) honourable
(C) attractive
(D) interesting
38. Bribery and corruption are inimical to Africa's economic advancement.
(A) common (B) unavoidable
(C) harmful (D) negative
39. We are skeptical about Sana's story that he saw four lions at the roundabout.
(A) concerned (B) doubtful
(C) amazed (D) terrified
40. An inflexible father ends up destroying himself and his family.
(A) unbending (B) aggressive
(C) unfeeling (D) ignorant

Section 5

From the word or group of words lettered A to D, choose the word or group of words that **best completes** each of the following sentences.

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41. The most recent explosion at the railway station caused panic in the city.
 (A) have
 (B) has
 (C) had
 (D) haven't
42. The teacher expects every student to respect
 (A) themselves
 (B) ourselves
 (C) himself
 (D) oneself
43. Monkeys don't talk,?
 (A) don't they
 (B) they do
 (C) didn't they
 (D) do they
44. It is high time we for the airport.
 (A) left
 (B) leave
 (C) are leaving
 (D) had left
45. we waited, Bisi went to look for the dog.
 (A) when (B) why
 (C) while (D) where
46. Balogun is being trained to the post of manager from Ikem.
 (A) take away
 (B) take up
 (C) take over
 (D) take in
47. The police have succeeded in rounding all the thieves in our area.
 (A) up (B) over
 (C) in (D) off
48. Your suit is bright for the occasion we are to attend.
 (A) very (B) so
 (C) too (D) quite
49. Wise people are open criticism.
 (A) to (B) for
 (C) in (D) about
50. The athletics captain asked me whether I had ever the hundred metres.
 (A) runs
 (B) running
 (C) ran
 (D) run
51. It is useless with a man who holds on to only his own opinion.
 (A) to have argued
 (B) argued
 (C) to argue
 (D) to be arguing
52. did this disgraceful thing will not go unpunished.
 (A) whichever
 (B) whoever
 (C) whomever
 (D) whatsoever
53. I said they did not steal the money,?
 (A) did they (B) did I
 (C) didn't I (D) didn't it
54. He never passed his Mathematics,
 (A) he tried however hard
 (B) he however tried hard
 (C) however hard he tried
 (D) however he tried hard
55. I wish Joseph here to witness this.
 (A) were (B) was
 (C) is (D) are
56. Mary has misplaced her.....
 (A) American blue leather bag
 (B) blue leather American bag
 (C) American leather blue bag
 (D) blue American leather bag
57. Our social club sets aside money for
 (A) poor (B) the poors
 (C) some poor (D) the poor
58. I have found out that all your like you.
 (A) brother-in-law
 (B) brother-in-law's
 (C) brothers-in-laws
 (D) brother-in-laws

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59. My grandfather was very sick and could not
 (A) pull away (B) pull through
 (C) pull over (D) pull out
60. were selected to represent our school in the forum on Blind Abuse.
 (A) Chris and I
 (B) Chris and myself
 (C) Myself and Chris
 (D) I and Chris
61. The witness said he saw the thief over the wall.
 (A) had leapt
 (B) leapt
 (C) leap
 (D) was leaping
62. All the are expected to attend this special summit on corruption in Africa.
 (A) Head of states
 (B) Heads of state
 (C) Heads of states
 (D) Head of state
63. The dog barked angrily when Bamiyo stepped on Tail.
 (A) their (B) its
 (C) it's (D) the
64. Mimi is by far of all the girls in her class
 (A) the most studious
 (B) most studious
 (C) the studious
 (D) the more studious
65. In a really democratic country no one is the law.
 (A) within (B) above
 (C) against (D) below
66. The villagers will have to blame for this year's poor harvest.
 (A) each other
 (B) ourselves
 (C) themselves
 (D) one another
67. I wonder the man did not defend himself
 (A) how (B) when
- (C) why
 (D) then
68. He was confronted the evidence of his guilt
 (A) with
 (B) at
 (C) by
 (D) on
69. The village elder spoke experience
 (A) on
 (B) for
 (C) from
 (D) in
70. The kind and gentle deserve peace in mind
 (A) its
 (B) their
 (C) his
 (D) our
71. Joseph says he has read book in the library.
 (A) a lot of
 (B) all
 (C) every
 (D) lots of
72. David was asked to stand in favour of another candidate.
 (A) by (B) in
 (C) up (D) down
73. I am going to beat him, well he prepares for the contest.
 (A) however
 (B) although
 (C) so
 (D) whichever
74. The dress she wore was appropriate for the party.
 (A) much (B) quite
 (C) too (D) more

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Passage A

In international law and relations, — 75— has come to be accepted as the most popular — 76— of government. Therefore other — 77— types have gradually been seen as unacceptable. This affects — 78— and — 79— among nations.

Consequently, we have — 80— with resultant — 81— based on each government's primary — 82— Geographical, economic and political — 83— are very — 84— considered with a view to averting the debilitating impacts which — 85— decisions of nations could cause.

Thus, this — 86— is — 87— to all the nations of the world.

	A	B	C	D
75.	oligarchy	autocracy	theocracy	democracy
76.	system	variety	process	kind
77.	non-committal	non-aggressive	non-conforming	non-governmental
78.	combinations	alliances	mergers	talks
79.	conformity	consent	collaboration	corroboration
80.	consultations	speeches	discourse	agreement
81.	options	concessions	allowances	compensations
82.	interests	aspirations	views	desires
83.	factors	indices	reasons	points
84.	graphically	swiftly	seriously	highly
85.	collaborative	unilateral	singular	unique
86.	process	rule	avenue	method
87.	complementary	consoling	beneficial	sufficient

Passage A

Mixed reactions have continued to trail most countries' performance in the last African Nations Cup — 88—. Although many — 89— analysts blamed the coaches for the outcomes of the semi-final matches, attributing it to — 90— deficiencies and wrong substitution of — 91—, some of the coaches have remained unrepentant.

For some coaches and their — 92— the dream of clinching the African Nations Cup as they had individually done in the past when they — 93— the rest of Africa, could not be realized.

After a pulsating 120 minutes of soccer — 94— the resultant — 95— shoot-out saw some strikers who had — 96— goals in some of the group — 97— failing to score, as their feeble — 98— were easily parried by their opponents' — 99—. The loss effectively ended some of the countries' dreams of winning the — 100—

	A	B	C	D
88.	knock-out	series	tournament	qualifiers
89.	play	match	soccer	league
90.	group	tactical	physical	management
91.	teams	squad	officials	players
92.	wards	fans	managers	organizer
93.	won	resisted	conquered	eliminated
94.	operation	action	team-work	running
95.	intense	qualifying	penalty	playing
96.	defended	scored	blasted	posted
97.	ratings	plays	matches	stages
98.	defences	shots	tackles	kicks
99.	strikers	mid-fielders	goal-keepers	defenders
100.	game	championship	medal	match

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(1) C	(21) C	(41) B	(61) C	(81) B
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(8) B	(28) C	(48) C	(68) A	(88) C
(9) B	(29) D	(49) A	(69) C	(89) C
(10) C	(30) D	(50) D	(70) B	(90) D
(11) D	(31) C	(51) C	(71) C	(91) D
(12) A	(32) B	(52) B	(72) D	(92) C
(13) C	(33) A	(53) C	(73) A	(93) C
(14) A	(34) D	(54) C	(74) B	(94) A
(15) D	(35) A	(55) A	(75) D	(95) C
(16) A	(36) C	(56) D	(76) A	(96) B
(17) C	(37) C	(57) D	(77) C	(97) C
(18) A	(38) C	(58)	(78) B	(98) B
(19) C	(39) B	(59) B	(79) C	(99) C
(20) A	(40) A	(60) A	(80) D	(100) B

SECTION A ANTONYMS

	Word	Meaning	Option
1.	remorse	showing regret or guilt for one's wrong doing	unrepentant
2.	liberal	not strict	conservation
3.	turbulent	moving unsteadily or violently	calm
4.	durable	hard-wearing	fragile
5.	condemnation	expressing strong disapproval of	commendation
6.	computerized	convert to a system controlled by or stored on computer	manual
7.	excitement	cause strong feeling of enthusiasm	monotonous
8.	frugal	sparing with money or food	extravagant
9.	flourishing	grow vigorously	diminishing
10.	seldom	not often	always

SECTION B: VOCABULARY

- | | | |
|-----|---------------|--|
| 11. | heir: | a person entitled to inherit property or a rank |
| 12. | legible: | clear enough to read |
| 13. | adoption: | choose to follow a course of action |
| 14. | malnutrition: | poor health caused by not having enough of the right food |
| 15. | paramount: | more important than anything else |
| 16. | reward: | a thing given in recognition of service, effort or achievement |
| 17. | popular: | liked by many people |
| 18. | sentenced: | a punishment given to someone found guilty by a court. |
| 19. | account: | a description of an event |
| 20. | divulge: | reveal information |

SECTION C: IDIOMS

- | | Idioms | Meaning |
|-----|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 21. | to put up with him | cannot tolerate him |
| 22. | the cream of society | most important people of the society |
| 23. | to play the ostrich | become vigilant |
| 24. | once in a blue moon | seldom visits us |
| 25. | to nip the crisis in the bud | the crisis was averted |
| 26. | a bedlam | a noisy and confused scene |
| 27. | a skeleton in the cupboard | to have a secret |
| 28. | to send her to Coventry | to ignore her |
| 29. | to work her fingers to the bones | to work extremely hard |
| 30. | to make one's blood boil | to be agitated |

SECTION D: SYNONYMS

- | | Word | Meaning | Option |
|-----|--------------|--|----------------|
| 31. | tumultuous | a loud confused noise | noisy |
| 32. | inaccessible | unable to be reached | unapproachable |
| 33. | restrained | keep under control | prevented |
| 34. | hampered | prevent the free moving or progress of | hindered |
| 35. | virtuous | having high moral standard | upright |
| 36. | infuriated | make angry | enraged |
| 37. | alluring | attractiveness or charming | attractive |
| 38. | inimical | harmful; hostile | harmful |
| 39. | skeptical | not being sure | doubtful |
| 40. | inflexible | unwilling to change or compromise | unbending |

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DIRECTION

Choose from the options lettered A - E the one that is **most nearly opposite** in meaning to the underlined words.

1. Last year our farmer cultivated more crops than they
(A) destroyed
(B) uprooted
(C) harvested
(D) yielded
2. The new Governor is very conservative whereas the former was
(A) radical
(B) fanatical
(C) dictatorial
(D) impractical
3. Most African countries face poverty while few enjoy
(A) influence
(B) money
(C) affluence
(D) power
4. After the Gulf war, there was neither the vanquished nor the
(A) captain
(B) victor
(C) champion
(D) oppressor
5. Many African men prefer to the white man's monogamy
(A) polygamy
(B) polyandry
(C) bigamy
(D) celibacy
6. In these of hardship, one needs to be frugal and avoid expenditure.
(A) frequent
(B) recurrent
(C) serious (D) wasteful
7. The bank workers expected the rules to be rather than rigid.
(A) open
(B) tough
(C) flexible
(D) free
8. There is more peace in the area than in the urban area.
(A) local
(B) municipal
(C) rural
(D) riverine
9. If drivers drive with care, they will not be charged with
(A) recklessness
(B) carelessness
(C) ignorance
(D) overspeeding
10. The clever boy's diligence contrasts with his friend's
(A) inactivity
(B) indifference
(C) indolence
(D) indulgence

Section 2

From words lettered A to D, choose the word that **best completes** each of the following sentences.

11. Doreen added a To her letter to Yakubu.
(A) postscript (B) poster
(C) postdate (D) postmark
12. The proposer most of the opponent's point to win the debate.
(A) refused

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- (B) refuted
(C) rejected
(D) rebuked
13. The armed robbers every room in the bank to look for money.
(A) explored
(B) ransacked
(C) raked
(D) swept
14. The new politician has nobody to for his honesty.
(A) attest
(B) plead
(C) sign
(D) vouch
15. There would have been a riot in our school but for the timely of our staff.
(A) intervention
(B) interruption
(C) interference
(D) invasion
16. The junior officer the secret to the police.
(A) channelled
(B) divulged
(C) opened
(D) showed
17. The incentives given to the teachers have their morale.
(A) enlarged
(B) induced
(C) boosted
(D) elated
18. Ola Rotimi's play was so interesting that the clapped for almost five minutes at the end.
(A) congregation (B) people
(C) crowd (D) audience
19. The of the communal riots is still with us.
(A) sign (B) scene
(C) aftermath (D) course
20. African leaders should be cautions of who praise every government action.
(A) critics (B) parasites
- (C) enthusiasts
(D) sycophants
- After each of the following sentences, a list of possible interpretations is given. Choose the interpretation that you consider **most appropriate** for each sentence.*
21. The principal queried our teacher for always taking a French leave. This means that our teacher always
(A) travels to France during the holidays
(B) eats French leaves.
(C) likes going on leave.
(D) leaves the school without Permission.
22. 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.
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) was caused by a wave.
24. 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 people.
25. 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.
26. 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 with me.

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27. The friendship between Celina and Kate has turned sour. This means that Celina and Kate are
 (A) better friends now.
 (B) trying to understand each other.
 (C) no longer friends.
 (D) still good friends even though they quarrelled.
28. The striking workers stuck to their guns in spite 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.
29. The bursar falsified the school's financial 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.
30. 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
31. The decision taken by the disciplinary committee is irreversible.
 (A) inevitable. (B) unacceptable.
 (C) irrevocable. (D) irresponsible.
32. It is absurd to drink alcohol before going for an interview.
 (A) ridiculous (B) gratifying
 (C) intoxicating (D) dangerous
33. Kwame is pessimistic about our chances of winning the trophy.
 (A) concerned (B) indifferent
 (C) happy (D) unconvinced
34. The Government has banned the importation of obscene films.
 (A) expensive
 (B) horror
 (C) violent
 (D) immoral
35. Many heads of state are very autocratic
 (A) self-conceited
 (B) pompous
 (C) dictatorial
 (D) hypocritical
36. The stubborn student failed to heed the dangers of alcoholism.
 (A) see
 (B) note
 (C) embrace
 (D) overcome
37. Many African footballers play the game with great dexterity.
 (A) skill
 (B) wisdom
 (C) pride (D) joy
38. If care is not taken, the avian flu will be ubiquitous.
 (A) mundane
 (B) disastrous
 (C) everywhere
 (D) conspicuous
39. The winner of the wrestling contest was commended for his tenacity.
 (A) strength (B) wisdom
 (C) doggedness (D) gentility
40. The Head boy vehemently denied participating in the riot.
 (A) foolishly (B) strongly
 (C) constantly (D) annoyingly

*From the words lettered A to D below each of the following sentences, choose the word or group of words that is **nearest in meaning** to the underlined word as it is used in the sentence.*

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Section 5

*From the word or group of words lettered A to D, choose the word or group of words that **best completes** each of the following sentences.*

41. James should not have given to

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- the temptation of getting drunk.
 (A) in (B) over
 (C) on (D) off
42. The twins have not been talking to
 for the past one week.
 (A) themselves
 (B) each other
 (C) one another
 (D) both of them
43. The gateman asked me
 (A) who I am
 (B) who I was
 (C) who am I
 (D) who are you
44. There was of life and
 property in that fatal accident.
 (A) lose (B) loose
 (C) lost (D) loss
45. Our elder brother working in the city
 comes to visit us
 (A) hardly ever
 (B) scarcely never
 (C) never more
 (D) almost ever
46. My dad bought
 (A) an imported belt pure leather
 (B) an imported pure leather belt
 (C) a leather belt imported pure.
 (D) a pure imported leather belt.
47. If I were a president, I to good
 advice.
 (A) would have listened
 (B) will listen
 (C) will have listened
 (D) would listen
48. The Governor's New Year's speed
 to good advice.
 (A) has been broadcast
 (B) have been broadcast
 (C) was broadcast
 (D) is broadcast
49. Three of the workers were accused
 the bank robbery
 (A) for (B) of
 (C) with (D) on
50. A Panel was set up to
 investigate a sectarian crisis.
 (A) five-man
 (B) five-man's
 (C) five-men
 (D) five-men's
51. The African Cup of Nations competition has
 come and gone,?
 (A) hasn't it
 (B) isn't it
 (C) didn't it
 (D) hadn't it
52. The car is not yours,?
 (A) isn't it
 (B) is it
 (C) does it
 (D) was it
53. Samson is the qualified for the
 post of an accountant.
 (A) Much more
 (B) more
 (C) far more
 (D) most
54. Mensah is good English
 Language.
 (A) in
 (B) for
 (C) at
 (D) on
55. Which you rather do, go to the farm
 or to the stream?
 (A) would
 (B) should
 (C) will
 (D) might
56. The President congratulated the national
 football team their excellent
 performance.
 (A) for
 (B) on
 (C) by
 (D) with
57. The convicted General left the court .
 shame.
 (A) with (B) from
 (C) in (D) under

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58. Poverty with peace and contentment is
than riches with incessant fear.
(A) more better
(B) most better
(C) very better
(D) far better
59. The principal, together with the staff,
..... visited the sick student.
(A) did
(B) were
(C) have
(D) has
60. A crate of eggs now at N700.00
(A) sells
(B) sell
(C) are sold
(D) are selling
61. Many a promise Broken.
(A) have been
(B) has been
(C) have
(D) were
62. no circumstances should you
hate yourself.
(A) For
(B) Under
(C) On
(D) By
63. Our bus headed Kaduna
immediately.
(A) to
(B) from
(C) through (D) for
64. The English Language teacher made us
commit the definition Memory
(A) on (B) to
(C) into (D) by
65. The work was assigned me
by my superior officer.
(A) to (B) for
(C) at (D) upon
66. Neither Fatima nor Jennifer
in the house when the storm ripped off our
roof.
(A) were (B) are
- (C) is
(D) was
67. My daughter, Jane, has now come age
(A) with
(B) for
(C) of
(D) from
68. We had better before the rain falls.
(A) left
(B) be leaving
(C) leave
(D) do leave
69. My friends seemed to be having more fun
than
(A) I (B) me
(C) myself (D) them
70. Mr. Temu told me that built his house
(A) himself (B) him alone
(C) he himself (D) himself alone
71. she is highly educated, she
lacks good manners.
(A) Though (B) Since
(C) Even (D) When
72. I will never let out the secret.
(A) Between you and I
(B) Between you and me
(C) Among the two of us
(D) Amidst the two of us
73. That luggage is for the soldier
(A) tall ECOMOG black
(B) tall black ECOMOG
(C) ECOMOG tall black
(D) black tall ECOMOG
74. You go; he's waiting for you.
(A) should have to
(B) might have to
(C) can have to
(D) ought to
75. The governors their conference
with a communique.
(A) rounded up
(B) rounded of
(C) rounded in
(D) rounded off

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Passage A

There is no doubt that the — 76— failure of students in English Language and Mathematics is one of the greatest — 77— facing the — 78— of these subjects in west Africa today. Can this problem be — 79— ? One can, no doubt, change the — 80— of motivating students to learn for the better. We are all aware that English Language and Mathematics are essential — 81— of the school — 82—. A student may excel in all other — 83— but his failure in English Language or Mathematics can — 84— his changes of furthering his education beyond the secondary school — 85—. It is for this — 86— that more emphasis ought to be placed on the — 87— teaching and learning of these subjects.

English Language and Mathematics require a lot of — 88— to allow for — 89— teaching and learning. Once this is done, there is no doubt that many — 90— can be derived.

	A	B	C	D
76.	great	serious	unfortunate	mass
77.	realities	criticisms	challenges	obstacles
78.	administrators	teachers	planners	writers
79.	faced	surmounted	completed	subjected
80.	method	cause	aim	choice
81.	components	objectives	points	tools
82.	subjects	diaries	curriculum	examination
83.	spheres	tasks	subjects	assignments
84.	risks	jeopardize	embarrass	expose
85.	heights	aspect	status	level
86.	theme	reason	plan	hypothesis
87.	strict	proper	befitting	informal
88.	preparation	books	measures	thinking
89.	interesting	effective	pragmatic	continuous
90.	things	results	advantages	qualities

Passage B

Today's means of road transportation are indeed more — 91— than those of the past. Vehicles comes out of factories in various models. Fast-moving vehicles have reduced the time for traveling long distance, thereby linking people and countries and — 92— business transactions.

However, some drivers disregard — 93— and drive at — 94— speeds even when — 95— curves, sometime spurning all advice to slow down. Passengers observe the — 96— with trepidation as the driver goes on pressing the — 97— down. When someone crosses the road suddenly, the driver would apply the — 98— abruptly, throwing the passengers off balance and causing them to bump their heads into one another. Indeed, whenever a vehicle arrives at its final — 99— and pulls up, the passengers — 100— from the vehicle with a sigh of relief.

	A	B	C	D
91.	comfortable	pleasing	appreciated	refined
92.	facilitating	allowing	ensuring	assisting
93.	signboards	neonsigns	roadsigns	billboards
94.	heightened	maximum	demanding	breakneck
95.	negotiating	bending	accomplishing	conducting
96.	barometer	speedometer	thermometer	altimeter
97.	clutch	switch	pedal	accelerator
98.	gears	trafficator	lights	brakes
99.	locality	vicinity	destination	area
100.	jump	align	depart	emerge

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(1) C	(21) D	(41) A	(61) A	(81) A
(2) A	(22) B	(42) B	(62) C	(82) C
(3) C	(23) A	(43) B	(63) D	(83) C
(4) B	(24) A	(44) D	(64) B	(84) B
(5) A	(25) A	(45) A	(65) A	(85) D
(6) D	(26) B	(46) D	(66) D	(86) B
(7) C	(27) C	(47) D	(67) C	(87) B
(8) C	(28) D	(48) C	(68) C	(88) A
(9) A	(29) B	(49) B	(69) A	(89) B
(10) C	(30) B	(50) A	(70) C	(90) C
(11) A	(31) C	(51) A	(71) A	(91) A
(12) B	(32) A	(52) B	(72) A	(92) A
(13) B	(33) D	(53) D	(73) B	(93) C
(14) D	(34) D	(54) A	(74) D	(94) B
(15) A	(35) C	(55) A	(75) D	(95) A
(16) B	(36) A	(56) A	(76) D	(96) B
(17) C	(37) A	(57) C	(77) C	(97) D
(18) D	(38) C	(58) D	(78) B	(98) D
(19) C	(39) C	(59) D	(79) B	(99) C
(20) D	(40) B	(60) A	(80) A	(100) B

SECTION A ANTONYMS

	Word	Meaning	Option
1.	cultivated	to grow plants or crops	harvested
2.	conservation	opposed to change	radical
3.	poverty	the state of being poor	affluence
4.	vanquished	defeat thoroughly	victor
5.	monogamy	practice of having only one wife or husband	polygamy
6.	frugal	spraying with money or food	wasteful
7.	rigid	strict or inflexible	flexible
8.	urban	of a town or city	rural
9.	care	serious attention to avoid damage or error	recklessness
10.	diligence	careful and conscientious	indolence

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SECTION B

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| 11. | postscript: | a remark added at the end of a letter |
| 12. | refuted: | to prove wrong |
| 13. | ransacked: | stealing or searching for things |
| 14. | attest: | provide proof of |
| 15. | intervention: | become involved in a situation to improve or control it |
| 16. | divulged: | reveal information |
| 17. | boosted: | help or encourage |
| 18. | audience: | a group of listening or spectators |
| 19. | aftermath: | the result of an unpleasant event |
| 20. | sycophants: | a person who tries to win favour by flattery |

SECTION C IDIOMS

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| 21. | to take a French leave | to leave without permission |
| 22. | to keep one's head above water | avoid financial difficulty |
| 23. | spark off wave of protests | cause trouble |
| 24. | to carry coal to Newcastle | where something is plentiful |
| 25. | do not let grass grow under their feet | do not delay in getting thing done |
| 26. | to make one's blood boil | to be agitated |
| 27. | to turn sour | no longer friends |
| 28. | stuck to their guns | refused to go back to work |
| 29. | to feather one's own nest | enrich himself |
| 30. | swept the board | to win everything |

SECTION D SYNONYMS

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| 31. | irreversible | impossible to alter or undo | irrevocable |
| 32. | absurd | completely illogical or ridiculous | ridiculous |
| 33. | pessimistic | lack of hope or confidence in the future | unconvinced |
| 34. | obscene | dealing with sexual matters in an offensive way | immoral |
| 35. | autocratic | a situation in which one person has total power | dictatorial |
| 36. | heed | pay attention to | see |
| 37. | dexterity | great skill in performing a task | skill |
| 38. | ubiquitous | found everywhere | everywhere |
| 39. | tenacity | holding firmly to something | doggedness |
| 40. | vehemently | showing strong feeling | strongly |