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Answer all questions.

Each question is followed by five options lettered A to E. Choose the correct option for each question and shade in pencil on your answer sheet the answer space that bears the same letter as the option you have chosen. Give only one answer to each question and erase completely any answer you wish to change. Do all rough work on this question paper.

An example is given below:

Traffic congestion means

- A. a lot of traffic.
- B. free flow of traffic.
- C. parked vehicles.
- D. traffic accident.
- E. traffic calming.

The correct option is 'a lot of traffic' which is lettered A. Therefore, answer space A would be shaded as shown below:



[B]

[C]

[D]

[E]

SECTION 1

Choose from the options lettered A to E the one that is *most nearly opposite in meaning* to the word or expression in *italics* (Nos. 1 – 10).

1. The man was *calm* when he was insulted.

- A. agitated
- B. delighted
- C. elated
- D. excited
- E. surprised

2. The businessman went bankrupt because of his *extravagant* lifestyle.

- A. careful
- B. decent
- C. glorious
- D. honest
- E. thrifty

3. During the general meeting, members discussed *vital* issues affecting the association.

- A. important
- B. pressing
- C. relevant
- D. topical
- E. trivial





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4. Corrupt politicians were *released* during the military regime.

A. arrested
B. extradited
C. freed
D. honoured
E. incarcerated

5. The suspect was *culpable* for the murder.

A. aware of
B. conscious of
C. guilty of
D. innocent of
E. mindful of

6. The workers *grumbled* when their salary was delayed.

A. appealed
B. complained
C. lamented
D. protested
E. rejoiced

7. Mrs. Adamu wrote a *terse* citation on the outgoing principal.

A. a brief
B. a concise
C. a detailed
D. an educative
E. an interesting

8. Most citizens in this country live in *affluence*.

A. luxury
B. opulence
C. pain
D. peace
E. penury

9. Our cultural heritage has been *ruined* by modern civilization.

A. battered
B. destroyed
C. preserved
D. replaced
E. revived

10. The general manager always *respects* the views of his workers.

A. hates
B. honours
C. scorns
D. supports
E. upholds

SECTION 2

Complete each of the following sentences with the *most appropriate* of the options lettered A to E (Nos. 11 – 20).

11. The _____ paid the contractor for the goods supplied to the school.

A. accountant
B. bursar
C. cashier
D. teller
E. treasurer

12. The media _____ board has sanctioned the newspaper for going against its code of conduct.

A. censor
B. control
C. council
D. editorial
E. supervisory





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13. The driver presented the _____ of the goods at the checkpoint.

- A. invoice
- B. papers
- C. receipts
- D. voucher
- E. waybill

14. The _____ on cars imported into the country have been reviewed.

- A. bills
- B. costs
- C. dues
- D. duties
- E. fines

15. The journalist was at the war zone to _____ information for the media house.

- A. broadcast
- B. disseminate
- C. gather
- D. propagate
- E. publish

16. Publishing companies usually _____ manuscripts before printing them.

- A. bind
- B. collate
- C. draft
- D. edit
- E. paginate

17. He has _____ a borehole in the community.

- A. built
- B. constructed
- C. drilled
- D. dug
- E. made

18. The _____ did a proper layout of the land before the estate was built.

- A. architect
- B. cartographer
- C. contractor
- D. engineer
- E. surveyor

19. The continuous _____ in the country is a serious threat to wildlife.

- A. afforestation
- B. deforestation
- C. excavation
- D. exploitation
- E. exploration

20. The _____ has passed judgment on the rape case.

- A. attorney
- B. counsel
- C. jury
- D. lawyer
- E. panel

SECTION 3

Choose from the options lettered A to E the one that is the *most appropriate interpretation* for each of the following statements (Nos. 21 – 30).

21. Advising Ayo to change from his bad ways is like *flogging a dead horse*. This means that

- A. Ayo needs constant advice.
- B. Ayo needs to be flogged daily.
- C. Ayo's horse is dead.
- D. it is wasted effort advising Ayo.
- E. It is worthwhile advising Ayo.





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22. If I were *in your shoes*, I would stay away from work. This means that I would stay away from work if I

A. found myself in your situation.
 B. were in your house.
 C. were sick.
 D. were to visit you.
 E. wore your type of shoes.

23. Toyin was *in my pocket* when we were at the university. This means that she

A. depended wholly on me.
 B. supported me financially.
 C. tore my pocket.
 D. was always begging me for money.
 E. was in my class.

24. To succeed in this country, one needs the support of *the men in grey suits*. This means that one needs the support of

A. all men.
 B. influential people.
 C. people that wear suits.
 D. the elderly.
 E. the government.

25. The two friends have *fallen out with* each other. This means that they have

A. been involved in an accident.
 B. fallen from a building.
 C. quarrelled.
 D. reconciled.
 E. travelled out of town.

26. The children *held out* throughout the period their parents were away. This means that they

A. endured hardship.
 B. stayed with their friends.
 C. were held hostage.
 D. were locked out of the house.
 E. were not properly fed.

27. Emeka was not successful in the business because he was a *green horn*. This means that he was

A. ambitious.
 B. inexperienced.
 C. lazy.
 D. uncultured.
 E. uneducated.

28. My aunt *flew off the handle* when she saw her son's report card. This means that she

A. broke her arm.
 B. flew out of the country.
 C. left suddenly.
 D. lost her temper.
 E. refused to collect the report card.

29. The company was able to *weather the storm* during the recession. This means that it

A. borrowed to continue in business.
 B. laid off some workers.
 C. made huge profits during the recession.
 D. survived the recession.
 E. went bankrupt.





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30. No one came to his aid when he was attacked because he was fond of *crying wolf*. This means that he was fond of

A. crying like a wolf.
 B. crying when he saw a wolf.
 C. laughing uncontrollably.
 D. raising false alarm.
 E. shouting loudly.

SECTION 4

Choose from the options lettered A to E the one that is *nearest in meaning* to the word or expression in *italics* (Nos. 31 – 40).

31. The director has not been *accessible* lately.

A. accommodating
 B. friendly
 C. precautionary
 D. reachable
 E. tolerant

32. He is *a shrewd* administrator.

A. a carefree
 B. a dogged
 C. a polite
 D. an astute
 E. an honest

33. Innocent's reaction to my suggestion was *disgusting*.

A. irrational
 B. irrelevant
 C. repulsive
 D. shocking
 E. spontaneous

34. The man was *convicted* of murder.

A. absorbed of
 B. acquitted of
 C. exonerated from
 D. freed from
 E. sentenced for

35. The student's *incorrigible* manners affected his academic performance.

A. abominable
 B. impenitent
 C. nauseating
 D. offensive
 E. reformable

36. Wole Soyinka is *a prominent* writer.

A. a creative
 B. a gifted
 C. a prolific
 D. an eminent
 E. an ingenious

37. The teacher was *astounded* that one of his students was involved in examination malpractice.

A. annoyed
 B. impressed
 C. remorseful
 D. sad
 E. surprised

38. His contribution to the development of the community is *unrivalled*.

A. appreciated
 B. commendable
 C. paralleled
 D. superb
 E. unequaled





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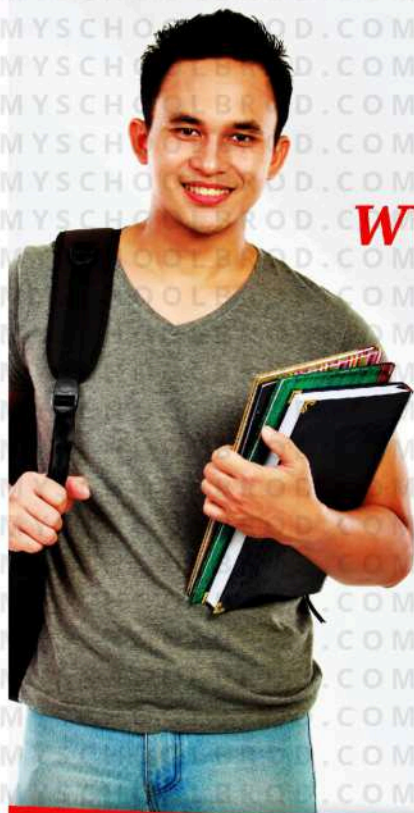
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39. The protest was organised by some *combative* students.

- A. aggressive
- B. defiant
- C. expelled
- D. lazy
- E. rebellious

40. Nigerian youths are *productive*.

- A. agile
- B. courageous
- C. enthusiastic
- D. resourceful
- E. successful

SECTION 5

Choose from the options lettered A to E the one that *most appropriately completes* each sentence (Nos. 41 – 70).

41. None of the men _____ the piano.

- A. have been playing
- B. have played
- C. play
- D. plays
- E. were playing

42. Direct Speech: "This ruler is mine," she said.

Indirect Speech: She said that

- A. that ruler is hers.
- B. that ruler was hers.
- C. the ruler is mine.
- D. this ruler is hers.
- E. this ruler was mine.

43. Direct Speech: "I will be here tomorrow," the teacher said.
Indirect Speech: The teacher said that he

- A. will be here the following day.
- B. will be here tomorrow.
- C. will be there tomorrow.
- D. would be here tomorrow.
- E. would be there the next day.

44. My grandfather _____ this mansion when he was thirty-five.

- A. build
- B. builds
- C. built
- D. has been building
- E. is building

45. The students _____ for their final examination when the COVID-19 pandemic broke out.

- A. are prepared
- B. are preparing
- C. prepared
- D. prepares
- E. were preparing

46. The headmaster warned the pupils _____ truancy.

- A. against
- B. for
- C. from
- D. over
- E. to

47. Members are advised to abide _____ the code of conduct of the club.

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





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48. The box is _____ heavier than I thought.

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

49. If I were there, the demonstration wouldn't _____ place.

- A. have been taken
- B. have taken
- C. take
- D. takes
- E. took

50. The shoes _____ the shop attendant gave me were too big.

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

51. _____ when the weather is hazy can be hazardous.

- A. Flying
- B. To be flying
- C. To fly
- D. To have been flying
- E. To have flown

52. My mother is a _____ cook than yours.

- A. best
- B. better
- C. good
- D. more better
- E. most better

53. The life of a flower is _____.

- A. ephemeral.
- B. ephemerral.
- C. ephemeril.
- D. ephermeral.
- E. ephimeral.

54. Journalists that are _____ always report the truth.

- A. concentious
- B. concentiuous
- C. consciencious
- D. conscientious
- E. consentious

55. The car stopped _____.

- A. abruptly.
- B. hastily.
- C. reluctantly.
- D. speedily.
- E. totally.

56. The man climbed _____ the wall to escape from the dog.

- A. from
- B. off
- C. over
- D. through
- E. up

57. The newly weds fed _____ to the admiration of the guests.

- A. each other
- B. one another
- C. ourselves
- D. theirselves
- E. themselves





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58. The cat passed _____ the tunnel to escape.

- A. across
- B. in
- C. over
- D. through
- E. up

59. Of Mary's three children, Tolu is the

- A. brave.
- B. braver.
- C. bravest.
- D. more brave.
- E. most bravest.

60. She hasn't paid the money, _____ she?

- A. did
- B. does
- C. had
- D. has
- E. have

61. The Okons will not travel to the village for Christmas _____ their community was attacked by bandits.

- A. because
- B. thus
- C. unless
- D. until
- E. while

62. The light went off after I _____ the letter.

- A. writes
- B. had written
- C. have written
- D. write
- E. wrote

63. My sister _____ play football when she was young.

- A. can
- B. could
- C. may
- D. shall
- E. would

64. A _____ of wolves attacked the tourists at the games reserve.

- A. broad
- B. flock
- C. herd
- D. host
- E. pack

65. Do not put your hope in a mere promise, _____ you may be disappointed.

- A. and
- B. as
- C. but
- D. though
- E. while

66. All the _____ in the country were present at the event.

- A. postmaster general
- B. postmaster generals
- C. postmaster's general
- D. postmasters general
- E. postmasters generals

67. Each of the students _____ given a badge.

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





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68. They eat fried rice on Sundays,
_____ they?

- A. can't
- B. didn't
- C. don't
- D. oughtn't
- E. shouldn't

69. Which of the following words can be
used together with the prefix 'mis-'
to form a new word?

- A. Aware
- B. Care
- C. Conduct
- D. Cure
- E. Serve

70.

Which of the following words can be
used together with the suffix '-ant' to
form a new word?

- A. Expect
- B. Object
- C. Plan
- D. Public
- E. Rejoice





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SECTION 6

In the following passages, the numbered gaps indicate missing words. Against each number in the list below each passage, five options are offered in columns lettered A to E. Fill each numbered gap with the *most appropriate* of the options (Nos. 71 – 100).

PASSAGE A

Driving at a very high – 71 – makes the – 72 – and his – 73 susceptible to – 74 –. It also makes the driver lose control of the – 75 – at the slightest mistake. Some drivers speed beyond limit while in a hurry to catch up with time or appointments. – 76 – bus drivers are well known for this as they try to meet up the daily account to the vehicle – 77 –. In doing this, some of these drivers tend to forget that their – 78 – could burst or that they could have – 79 – failure.

The thought among some drivers as experts and masters of the vehicles often makes them – 80 – to a disastrous end. At times, – 81 – and – 82 – can cause this, making the driver to speed into trouble. Oftentimes, drivers do not concentrate while – 83 –. They engage themselves in talking or quarrelling with passengers, eating, gesticulating, waving hands at passing friends, smoking cigarettes and most times, changing radio stations or cassettes. These acts make the driver to lose – 84 – and anything can happen in a split second thus leading to accident.

Overtaking in a careless and reckless manner coupled with poor judgement contribute immensely to road accidents. So, it is better to drive slowly (within speed limit) and get to one's – 85 – safely than otherwise. To be forewarned is to be forearmed.

S/N	A	B	C	D	E
71.	motion	pace	rate	speed	velocity
72.	captain	driver	pilot	rider	sailor
73.	commuters	members	passengers	travellers	voyagers
74.	accident	catastrophe	damage	disaster	havoc
75.	balancing wheel	bearing	brake	compass	steering wheel
76.	Amateur	City	Commercial	Professional	Seasonal
77.	buyers	holders	lenders	managers	owners
78.	air bags	fuel tanks	radiators	tubes	tyres
79.	brake	clutch	electrical	engine	gear
80.	accelerate	advance	hasten	rush	speed
81.	alcohol	cigarette	tobacco	water	wine
82.	drugs	food	herbs	medicine	substance
83.	driving	flying	piloting	sailing	steering
84.	attention	balance	direction	focus	sight
85.	destination	location	park	station	terminus





PASSAGE B

Malaria, though not getting as much publicity as cancer or AIDS, is nonetheless the world's major – 86 – disease. There are about a hundred million – 87 – of – 88 – each year and more than two million die of the disease.

The disease is caused by a – 89 – known as – 90 – which is carried by the female – 91 – mosquito. When the infected mosquito – 92 – a person, the parasite enters the bloodstream and quickly invades the – 93 –. There, the parasite begins to divide. It then goes into the red blood – 94 – and multiplies quickly. The – 95 – of the disease are then felt by the – 96 –. These include repeated attacks of shivering, high fever, headache and profuse perspiration. Travellers to malaria – 97 – countries are required to take – 98 – to safeguard themselves.

Our government is concerned with the problem of mosquito – 99 – in our cities. Mosquitoes do not only spread malaria but also cause – 100 – fever.

S/N	A	B	C	D	E
86.	allergic	communicable	contagious	hereditary	infectious
87.	bouts	cases	causes	instances	occasions
88.	diabetes	diarrhoea	malaria	measles	pneumonia
89.	bacteria	fungi	germ	parasite	virus
90.	aerobic	bacillus	coccus	echovirus	plasmodium
91.	aedes	anopheles	culex	mansonia	opifex
92.	attacks	bites	infects	pecks	stings
93.	heart	intestine	liver	lung	pancreas
94.	cells	marrow	membranes	nucleus	streams
95.	effects	manifestations	signals	signs	symptoms
96.	carrier	host	patient	sufferer	victim
97.	affected	afflicted	contaminated	endemic	subjected
98.	drugs	herbs	injections	substances	vaccines
99.	breeding	flourishing	increasing	living	thriving
100.	dengue	hemorrhagic	lassa	typhoid	yellow





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