## TEST ON SYNONYMS

Choose the option nearest in meaning to the underlined word or phrase.

- 1. The boys knew that a storm was <u>imminent</u> A. possible B. impending C. threatening D. encroaching
- 2. Adigun's jokes are always <u>puerile</u> A. amusing B. childish C. entertaining D. stupid
- 3. The party supporters <u>vilified</u> the chairman for the role he played in the crisis that rocked the party A. elected B. challenged C. condemned D. impeached
- 4. The <u>cynics</u> feared that the nation's nascent democracy would fail A. pessimists B. delinquents C. critics D. illusionists
- All his plans <u>boomeranged</u> on him A. catapulted B. backfired C. fell D. bounced
- 6. There has been a <u>downturn</u> in the affairs of the company A. a turnaround B. a massive increase C. a decline D. little progress
- 7. I have always believed that my mother is a very <u>impassioned</u> woman A. emotive B. impartial C. emotional D. impassive
- 8. The village girl ware <u>sumptuous</u> clothes A. loose-fitting B. expensive C. cheap D. faded
- 9. Bose was angry because her friend called her a <u>pilferer</u> A. thief B. liar C. hypocrite D. witch
- 10. Tade became <u>timorous</u> when she was asked to give the valedictory speech A. elated B. passionate C. nervous D. gloomy
- The Professor discussed a number of <u>abstruse</u> topics a. irrelevant B. useful C. esoteric D. relevant
- 12. Okibe was rusticated for his <u>derogatory</u> remarks about the principal A. complimentary B. unsavoury C. unwarranted D. lackluster
- 13. He was too <u>petrified</u> to give the closing remarks at the conference A. gay B. meritorious C. frightened D. agitated
- 14. The policies have been <u>espoused</u> by the ruling party A. condemned B. rejected C. supported D. foregone
- Mohammed does his work with so much <u>ardour</u> A. enthusiasm B. stamina C. cursory D. laziness
- 16. Ayodeji is an <u>ardent</u> supporter of education for the girl child A. cogent B. pessimistic C. passionate D. ignorant
- 17. The scholar's <u>epitaph</u> was demolished A. embodiment B. farmland C. library D. monument
- 18. Labara saw a <u>forlorn</u> little figure sitting outside the class A. wise and intelligent B. lonely and unhappy C. smart and healthy D. ugly
- 19. Fifa has always been described as <u>belligerent</u> A. beautiful B. attractive C. combative D. innocent
- 20. The uniform makes the guard look <u>absurd</u> A. dirty B. smart C. sensible D. preposterous
- 21. A political <u>impasse</u> does not offer the best opportunity for merrymaking A. gridlock B. party C. rally D. manifesto
- 22. There must be something <u>sinister</u> about her late arrival A. reasonable B. ridiculous C. ominous D. hopeful
- 23. The president has mapped out so many <u>laudable</u> projects to embark on A. stupid B. praiseworthy C. unreasonable D. good
- 24. The <u>recalcitrant</u> daughter of the chief was sent to study abroad A. kind B. mulish C. humble D. beautiful
- 25. Nobody knew the source of the <u>feud</u> between the couple a. imbroglio B. fisticuff C. wealth D. hatred
- 26. His <u>amnesia</u> has affected his career A. lust for women B. loss of memory C. love for money D. unseriousness
- 27. Apostle Paul taught the early church the meaning and importance of <u>forebearance</u> A. patience B. love C. anger D. Holy Spirit
- 28. Some drugs have a <u>deleterious</u> effect on a child's growth A. healing B. harmful C. debilitating D. helpful
- Her <u>promiscuity</u> led to an <u>ignominious</u> pregnancy a. immorality/disgraceful B. feud/deadly C. stubbornness/defeat D. foolishness/unwanted
- The mottled skin of a person with HIV indicates an advanced stage of its development A. pimply B. scaly C. brown D. spotted
- 31. The carpenter built a <u>commodious</u> wardrobe A. gigantic B. small C. spacious D. wide
- 32. The town was in such a <u>turmoil</u> that the dance was called off A. state of darkness B. state of confusion C. morning state D. economic meltdown

- 33. The first green colour of the Nigeria flag is the <u>insignia</u> of agriculture A. seal B. symbol C. power D. assurance
- 34. It is a <u>misnomer</u> to call three thousand naira a living wage A. a wrong description B. an incontrovertible assertion C. an appropriate term D. mish-mash
- 35. The man outran his wife when they heard the <u>eerie</u> sound A. scary B. harsh C. hissing D. loud
- Uncle Joshua is a <u>luminary</u> when it comes to the teaching of chemistry A. an expert B. a leader C. a practitioner D. a director
- 37. The player kept on gamely to the end of the match A. courageously B. amateurishly C. skillfully D. stubbornly
- 38. The man was able to persuade his <u>willful</u> and <u>obstinate</u> daughter to follow the career he chosen for her A. intelligent and arrogant B. unyielding and obdurate C. obscure and odious D. hardworking and intelligent
- 39. The <u>coalescence</u> of the groups created additional problems A. union B. fighting C. proscription D. disbandment
- 40. I don't know why Ali should serve in that <u>moribund</u> company A. crumbling B. oppressive C. incompetent D. purposeless
- 41. Ola <u>inadvertently</u> left the shop without paying for the goods he bought A. secretly B. reluctantly C. unintentionally D. quickly
- 42. His garrulity alienated him from his friends A. hypocrisy B. cunning C. reticence D. loquacity
- 43. The judge who passed the sentence was <u>disinterested</u> A. unbiased B. wicked C. partial D. interested
- Jesus told His disciples to be <u>vindictive</u> A. revengeful B. forgiving C. lazy D. tranquil
- 45. The plan has the <u>virtue</u> of full equality A. source B. advantage C. scheme D. potency
- 46. The preacher is a man with a <u>keen</u> and indiscriminating appetite for knowledge A. avid B. greedy C. complex D. surreptitious
- 47. The sudden resignation of the financial director put the company in a very <u>vulnerable</u> position A. weak B. effective C. unprotected D. vulgar
- 48. Biola was always <u>indiscreet</u> in her actions A. careless B. creative C. circumspective D. secretive
- 49. He was a man of <u>imperturbable</u> character A. intolerant B. accommodating C. calm D. unstable
- 50. Osun's <u>proclivity</u> to crime beats me A. knowledge of B. condemnation of C. support for D. propensity to

**Instruction:** Choose the word (option) opposite in meaning to the underlined word(s).

- 51. From the outset, the boy was <u>sanguine</u> while the girl was \_\_ A. hopeful B. hopeless C. convinced D. dubious
- 52. You should know that <u>probationary</u> workers do not have the same rights as \_\_ staff A. confirmed B. probable C. proscribed D. postpone
- 53. The man has been spending more money on <u>prophylactic</u> rather than on \_\_ medicine A. prevention B. curative C. tradition D. exotic
- 54. While the girl is <u>bereft</u> of ideas, the boy is \_\_ of ideas A. full B. bankrupt C. in need D. bereaved
- 55. While Chukwu is very <u>presumptuous</u> in his way of life, Mensah is recognized by Mary as \_\_\_ person A. a modest B. a pompous C. a precautious D. an innocent
- 56. It is either the witness <u>corroborates</u> your statement or he \_\_ it A. collaborates B. states C. mentions D/. opposes
- 57. While he is a <u>vociferous</u> person, his wife is a <u>fellow A. quiet B. loquacious C. vocal D. fine</u>
- 58. He <u>averred</u> that he danced with the Governor's wife at the party A. affirmed B. swore C. denied D. assumed
- 60. Whereas Deji meant to \_\_ you, Deta really wanted to <u>implicate</u> you A. exonerate B. impede C. denude D. duplicate
- 61. While the male of the twins is regarded as bird brained, the female is considered \_\_ A. dull B. clever C. gullible D. ratminded
- Whereas Dobi's speech was regarded as <u>emollient</u> by many people, Nazi's speech was seen as \_\_\_ A. emotional B. apathetic C. inciting D. salient

- 63. You said the proposed state stadium project was <u>cockeyed</u> but your friend said it was \_\_\_ A. henpecked B. absurd C. feasible d. expensive
- 64. It is a <u>quirky</u>, not a \_\_\_, event in my own opinion A. familiar B. funny C. fair D. strange
- 65. The girls are <u>exuberant</u> but the boys are \_\_ A. tolerant B. melancholic C. aberrant D. foolish
- Some people spurn visitors instead of \_\_ them A. meeting B. greeting C. welcoming D. recognizing
- 67. A <u>keen</u> student makes progress but the \_\_\_ one hardly does well A. inactive B. lowly C. nervous D. reluctant
- 68. The headmaster's announcements are often rather <u>muddled</u>, but our teacher's explanation of them to us afterward is class is always quite \_\_A. interesting B. short C. valuable D. clear
- 69. His <u>iniquitous</u> policies has made his children to develop sudden hatred for him A. strict B. kind C. fragile D. soft
- It is surprising that this politician has now turned <u>renegade</u> A. militant B. corrupt C. loyal D. quiet
- The town was all <u>agog</u> at his unexpected return A. unexpected B. excited C/. on fire D. surprised
- 72. We intend to make the reception a <u>diurnal</u> event A. a nightly B. a weekly C. a short D. an annual
- 73. The string was taut A. loose B. firm C. stretched D. light
- 74. He is <u>notorious</u> for his drunkenness A. well known B. renowned C. popular D. known
- 75. The teacher recounted two events that were <u>analogous</u> with each other A. similar with B. distant from C. different from D. advantageous to
- The officer was given an <u>invidious</u> task A. unpleasant B. pleasant C. vivid D. cruel
- 77. The usually hostile crowd was captured by the player's winsome attitude A. obnoxious B. friendly C. colourful D. drunk
- 78. The dramatist provided a satisfactory <u>denouement</u> to the play A. climal B. criticism C. audition D. introduction
- 79. The reporter made a <u>masterly</u> analysis of the situation A. an unskillful B. a mistaken C. an in-depth D. a proper
- 80. Since mortality is the lot of man, argued the preacher's we must all accept death with <u>equanimity</u> A. concern b. pandemonium C. serenity D. uncertainty
- 81. Bala was put off by Lanre's <u>coquettish</u> behavior towards him A. unfriendly advances B. inviting and friendly advances C. quarrelsome attitude D. interesting attitude
- 82. The undesirable elements who <u>perpetuate</u> these vices are never detected A. aggravate B. overlook C. discontinue D. encourage
- 83. You can use <u>lethal</u> means if possible, if necessary to stop dangerous characters from molesting innocent citizens A. fatal B. cruel C. harmless D. soft
- 84. Measures were taken to <u>authenticate</u> the number of booklets received A. reaffirm B. discredit C. count D. discountenance
- 85. A <u>conservative</u> estimate put the number of missing persons at forty A. an accurate B. an incorrect C. a rough D. a primitive
- 86. He is well known for his inordinate ambition A. passionate B. sound C. excessive D. moderate
- 87. Agbenu was <u>ecstatic</u> about her result A. sad B. dispassionate C. mad D. pessimistic
- 88. The little boy has become quite chubby A. thin B. huge C. tall D.
- 89. He gave himself up by his <u>plebeian</u> tastes A. robust B. voracious C. patrician D. laughable
- 90. The last time we met she was in a <u>plaintive</u> mood A. boring B. lively C. sad D. angry
- 91. The offender was given a <u>severe</u> punishment A. harsh B. mild C. dull D. furniture
- 92. The weather condition now <u>prevailing</u> in the town is unbearable A. widespread B. dominant C. uncommon D. uncontrollable
- 93. Men from the agency went into the market in search of <u>unwholesome</u> food A. imported B. healthy C. banned D. uncooked
- 94. There is now a <u>dearth</u> of talent in the industry she said A. a task B. an abundance C. a rebirth D. shortage

- 95. The relationship between the couple has been <u>frosty</u> A. cordial B. amenable C. frugal D. fraudulent
- His antipathy affected the growth of his business A. laziness B. hatred C. loyalty D. receptiveness
- Aisha seems to feel <u>ambivalent</u> about her future A. confused B. anxious C. decisive D. inconsiderate
- 98. We have difficulty eating the meat because it was <u>leathery</u> A. hard B. tough C. delicious D. tender
- 99. The lady was completely <u>nonplused</u> when her suitor rejected her gifts A. unpuzzled B. angry C. unconscious D. disappointed
- 100. Farmers are advised to <u>intensify</u> efforts at boosting food production A. concentrate B. dedicate C. increase D. reduce
- 101. Tennyson and Browning lived at about the same time and are therefore \_\_ poets A. contrary B. contractual C. contemporaneous D. contemporary
- 102. As he was still owing me two naira, I was careful not to \_\_ him any more money A. lend B. loan C. borrow D. credit
- 103. Please kindly \_\_ me your pen, my friend has \_\_ mine A. lend/lent B. borrow/lend C. lend/borrowed D. lent/lended
- 104. The traditional folktale from an \_\_\_ on the book A. index B. appendice C. appendix D. insertion
- 105. It was a blind alley I could not walk any \_\_ A. far B. farthest C. furthest D. further
- 106. I have refused to give him my pen because I don't want him to \_\_ it again A. loss B. loose C. lose D. lost
- 107.  $\underline{\phantom{A}}$  students turned up so the lecture was cancelled A. few B. a few C. small D. little
- 108. The \_\_ of the troop was high A. moral B. morale C. morals D. morel
- 109. The man insisted on giving unsolicited \_\_ A. advice B. advices C. advise D. advises
- 110. The dancers were all in \_\_\_ before their departure A. good spirits B. good spirit C. high spirit D. high spirits
- 111. The plaintiff \_\_ the court to restrain the defendants from further action A. asked B. begged C. demanded of D. prayed
- 112. Atuk, without giving any hint as to what he intended to do, went and himself A. hung B. hang C. hanged D. hunged
- 113. Some motorists \_\_ Sokoto and Kano A. shuttle along B. shuttle between C. shuttle to D. shuttle in
- 114. Many young men of nowadays do not know how to properly \_\_\_ their clothes A. press B. iron C. stretch d. smoothen
- 115. He brought a \_\_ against his neighbor A. complaint B. complain C. complaining D. compliance
- 116. The clubs were not \_\_ on a solid ethical base A. funded B. found C. created D. founded
- 117. Mr Otumba said he \_\_ his phone last night A. misplaced B. mislaid C. mislayed D. misput
- 118. I would like to \_\_ my father to Kaduna A. follow B. join C. accompany D. escort
- 119. I don't want to \_\_\_ your morale at this stage of the competition A. dampen B. damp C. damping D. damps
- 120. The press needs to be \_\_ to prevent frivolous publications A. gag B. handcuff C. fetter D. bind
- 121. The committee was frustrated because the chief withheld his \_\_ A. ascent B. asset C. accent D. assent
- 122. Olu fought with his \_\_ brother A. older B. senior C. elder D. big
- 123. What bothered me about the lecture was the speaker who \_\_\_ too many irrelevant words A. sited B. cited C. sighted D. seated
- 124. The Sergeant spoke to me in a \_\_ manner A. coarse B. course C. coerce D. casual
- 125. People dislike Mariam because she is \_\_ A. trickery B. tricking C. trickster D. tricky
- 126. The frustrated man \_\_ his clothes and \_\_ himself afterwards A. spread/hung B. spreaded/hanged C. spread/hanged D. spread/hunged
- 127. Chief Toju \_\_ Top High School and \_\_ it for ten years A. founded/funds B. founds/funds C. founded/funded D. funded/founded

- 128. The unconscious man was \_\_ after receiving first aid A. reawakened B. reformed C. restored D. revived
- 129. The federal government has \_\_ child trafficking A. postulated B. projected C. prescribed D. proscribed
- 130. Oxygen is necessary to life. Nothing can live without it. It was \_\_ a century ago A. invented B. discovered C. learnt D. found out
- 131. Emeka is now a \_\_ student but it took him years to \_\_ A. matured/mature B. mature/mature C. mature/matured D. matured/matured
- 132. Ebola is a \_\_ disease A. contagious B. conspicuous C. contiguous D. contageous
- 133. \_\_ to his illness, Muhammed could not come to school A. with reference to B. referring to C. owing to D. due to
- 134. The first graduation ceremony was attended my men from all \_\_ of life A. works B. areas C. walks D. parts
- 135. At this \_\_ I will like to introduce our guest A. juncture B. junction C. junctions D. junctures
- 136. You may say what you like but this is my \_\_ A. believe B. beliefs C. believe D. belief
- 137. She usually works hand, but  $\_$  she could be lazy A. at times B. atimes C. at times D. at time
- 138. When the driver lost control of his vehicle, the pedestrians began to run for \_\_\_ A. their dear lives B. their dear life C. dear lives D. dear life
- 139. \_\_ sign post words are useful to readers A. conclusively B. to conclude C. in conclusion D. the conclusion
- 140. The President refused to \_\_ with the Prime Minister A. shake hand B. shake hands C. shake a hand D. shake his hand
- 141. This is the devil's \_\_ A. handwork B. hand's work C. handiwork D. handed work
- 142. Crude oil is a major source of \_\_\_ for the nation A. capital B. employment C. energy D. income E. revenue
- 143. Having bled excessively, the accident victim required blood \_\_\_ A. analysis B. diagnosis C. screening D. transfusion E. treatment
- 144. I was so anxious to arrive early for lecture that I \_\_ my notes in the car A. forgot B. left C. dropped D. abandoned
- 145. My \_\_ is for you to refuse the \_\_ of the wicked A. advice/advice B. advice/advise C. advise/advice D. advise/advise
- 146. \_\_ to your request, we have decided to provide the necessary information A. as regards B. with regards C. with regard D. regarding
- 147. Although the manager is busy right now, he will be with you \_\_\_ A. immediately B. presently C. right away D. without delay
- 148. I \_\_ to pursue my education A. did not chance B. did not have the opportunity C. was not chanced D. was not opportuned
- 149. When we visited him, he offered us a variety of \_\_\_ drinks such as whisky and brandy A. hot B. local C. hard D. soft
- 150. I shall find time for my \_\_ when I get \_\_ with this difficult assignment A. past-time/over B. pass-time/over C. passtime/through D. pastime/through

**Instruction:** from options A - D, choose the option that conveys the meaning of the underlined idiomatic expression.

- 151. It is <u>cold comfort</u> to tell a hungry man that starvation improves health A. frightening B. consoling C. unhelpful D. hypocritical
- 152. Mary Onyali won the race by a <u>hair's breadth</u> A. convincingly B. narrowly C. comfortably D. luckily
- 153. We knew that the chairman was <u>speaking tongue in cheek</u>, when he said he was gonna lay off the secretary A. serious B. joking C. not audible D. angry
- 154. This new year, we have decided to turn a new leaf A. change for the better B. change our clothes C. review our lives D. review our lives
- 155. Rehabilitated youths are given a new lease of life. This means that they A. get another opportunity for living B. always go out for fresh air C. insure their lives D. stay indoors most of the time.
- 156. The ball is in your court. This means that A. you have to practice playing tennis B. it is your turn to take action C. you should always stay away from problems D. you should stop playing tennis

- 157. What is sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander. This means that A. what is good for me is irrelevant for another B. people should be treated in the same way C. what is good for one is bad for another D. the goose and the gander are friends
- 158. Professor Wole Soyinka is a <u>man of letters</u>. This means that he is a \_\_\_\_ A. scholar B. man who is good at reading letters C. man of so many letters D. man that has the power to change letters.
- 159. My wedding day is indeed a <u>red letter day</u> A. a day of agony B. a memorable day C. a day of danger D. a day of dispute
- 160. To become a leader, learn to <u>put your feet down</u>. This means that A. you have to practice with your feet B. have to be firm C. should be persuasive D. have to make the best effort
- 161. My father advised us <u>not to go with the crowd</u>. This means that he advised us not to A. stay in the crowd B. be unduly influenced by others C. travel with many people D. have many friends
- 162. Since the time I hit time on the head, he has been looking for a way to get back at me. A. he wants to retaliate B. wants to apologize C. does not want to quarrel anymore D. has not disclosed what his intentions are
- 163. The Pastor has <u>pulled the wool over the eyes</u> of his members. This means that the Pastor has been \_\_\_ A. persuading his members B. healing his blind members C. deceiving his members D. helping his members
- 164. When they arrived at the border, they <u>developed cold feet</u>. This means that they A. were struck with paralysis B. lost interest in what they were doing C. became suddenly frightened D. became unnaturally calm
- 165. I believe the President has a <u>feet of clay</u>. This means that the President has \_\_ A. a hidden agenda B. a cemented feet C. an infected feet D. a good plan for the nation
- 166. Soyinka has <u>made his mark</u> in the literary world A. become rich B. become distinguished C. scored high marks D. stressed his mark
- 167. The result of yours is wide off the mark A. out of the main point B. irrelevant C. versatile D. not up to standard
- 168. The candidates were told that passing the examination wasn't a passport to getting an admission A. a guarantee of B. a suggestion in C. an equivalent to D. a necessity for
- 169. The girl is off colour. This means that the girl is \_\_ A. indisposed B. naked C. pregnant D. angry
- 170. This book is <u>an open sesame</u>. A. a dangerous material B. an access to something regarded difficult C. a controversial text book D. a book opened to everyone
- 171. Jimoh has <u>cupboard love</u> for Sidikatu A. a love that never fails B. genuine love C. love her for what he wants from her D. lover that can fail in times of trouble
- 172. The politician <u>played to the gallery</u> to win the election A. obeyed the people B. sang a song for the people C. went out of his way to appeal to the taste of the people D. went to the gallery
- 173. The preacher is <u>under a cloud</u> among the congregation A. out of favour B. under observation C. under weather D. confused
- 174. Yahaya hardly knows on <u>which side his bread is buttered</u> A. where his interest lies B. what he must do C. where he should go D. whom to contact for help
- 175. Ngozi and Ekaette were <u>fast friends</u> when they were in the secondary school A. friends who run very quickly together B. friends who go without food for a very long time C. friends who are not easily separated from each other D. friends who spent time and energy on pleasure
- 176. She was on cloud nine after the examination A. fainted B. excited C. very sad D. terrified
- 177. The senior had the habit of setting the cat among the pigeon, whenever matters concerning his constituency came up for debate A. illuminating issues that are unclear B. monopolizing the issues that are unclear C. making frequent interruptions in the nature of points of correction D. introducing elements of controversy and confusion
- 178. It <u>rained cats and dogs</u> throughout last week. A. heavily B. sparingly C. a little D. intermittently

- 179. The man rebuked his son severely but his words seem to <u>have cut</u> no ice A. been unconvincing B. had no effect C. not cooled the boy's temper D. added insult to injury
- 180. The Road Safety Director has said that making phone calls while driving is skating on thin ice A. a risk B. bad C. taking dangerous risk D. dangerous
- 181. It is time for all concerned to first <u>pick to pieces</u> the strike action before proffering solutions A. embrace joyfully B. critically analyse C. stop abruptly D. commend highly
- 182. The family discussed the crime committed and resolved to <u>nail the</u> <u>lie to the counter</u> A. expose it publicly B. bury it in a coffin C. defeat action on it D. seek for more advice
- 183. Publishing a business venture in Nigeria has become a <u>hot potato</u> A. unpleasant B. profitable C. unacceptable D. expensive
- 184. The presence of the captain makes the sailors <u>ill at ease</u> A. impatient B. easily ill C. sickly D. uncomfortable
- 185. Kunana is like <u>a bear with a sore head</u> A. he is a bully B. he is grumpy C. he is ugly D. he is quiet
- 186. Adayi cannot halt the march of time A. she is willing to march on B. she cannot change the way things happen C. she halts the march on time D. she cannot alter the peace march
- 187. As regards the matter, we have <u>crossed the Rubicon</u> A. we are completely at a loss B. we are irrevocably committed C. we are already qualified D. we are perfectly committed
- 188. Musa will not do the job well because he has an <u>itching palm</u> A. he has rashes in his palm B. he is always looking for something to touch C. he is always ready to accept bribe D. his palm is infected
- 189. Mr Okon said he had no <u>axe to grind</u> with his brothers A. he had no hatred for the brothers B. he had no axe therefore stole the matchet C. he had no axe therefore borrowed their matchet D. he had no rested interest in the brothers
- 190. He have an unsatisfactory excuse but the boss swallowed it <u>hook</u>, <u>line and sinker</u>. A. completely B. with a pinch of salt C. entirely D. without mincing words
- 191. Had I known about their plan much earlier, I would have nipped it in the bud A. promoted B. squashed it C. initiated it D. stopped it
- 192. The man is <u>full of himself</u> A. he is connected B. he is rich C. he is fat D. he is careful
- 193. As the drama unfolded, Bisi was advised to keep her shirt on A. she was advised to commit herself B. she was advised to stay calm C. she was advised to display her part perfectly D. she was advised not to ruin her part
- 194. Tolu and Austin <u>live in each other's pocket</u> A. they steal from each other B. they blackmail each other C. they are very close to each other D. they are long term business partners
- 195. The Pastor's wife is the most <u>scarlet woman</u> I have seen A. virtuous woman B. immoral woman C. impassionate woman D. prayerful woman
- 196. During my first year in the University, <u>I went through the mill</u> A. experienced a series of difficulties B. found it very easy C. come out with flying colours D. suffered from starvation
- 197. The selling of hard drugs is a monkey business A. dangerous business B. tricky business C. illegal business D. foolish business
- 198. The poor man's child is always <u>playing drake and ducks</u>, which is unusual. A. wasting time B. unserious C. behaving foolish D. wasting money
- 199. Well, it is time to love you and leave A. to disagree with your close friend b. to leave a place even when you would have loved to stay longer C. to break up with your lover D. to abandon your lover

## Test on spellings

- 200. It was a \_\_\_ to meet the President A. priveledge B. privilege C. previlege D. prevelege
- 201. The government is bent on eradicating human \_\_ A. trafficking B. traffiking C. traffickking D. trafficking
- 202. You did not arrive right in time to witness the final burial \_\_ A. rites B. right C. rite D. rights
- 203. The choice to go the University or not is \_\_ A. your's B. yours C. yours' D. yours's

- 204. He missed the point because he took the statement \_\_ A. literally B. literarily C. literary D. unilaterally
- 205. Very few students have satisfactory \_\_\_ these days because the students' population has increased tremendously A. acommodation B. accommodation C. accommodation D. accommodation
- 206. Shakespearian \_\_ are generally the victims of circumstances A. heros B. heres C. heroses D. heroes
- 207. No teacher of honour would subject his student to any form of \_\_ A. harrassment B. harrassment C. harassment D. harassement
- 208. All God's prophet were given the great \_\_ A. commition B. comission C. commission D. commission
- 209. The patient is suffering from \_\_ A. romantism B. rheumatism C. reumatism D. rhuematism
- 210. The students were instructed to write their speech on a \_\_ A. fullscarp B. full scap C. foolscap D. foolscarp
- 211. \_\_ of students, will find the book interesting A. alot B. allot C. a lot D. arlot
- 212. The soldiers were all dressed in their leather shoe and \_\_ uniform A. kaki B. khaki C. karkhi D. kakki
- 213. \_\_ is a bacteria not a disease A. staphylococcus B. staphilococus C. starphylococcus D. staphylococcus
- 214. Your \_\_ of the word is rather faulty A. pronounciation B. pronunciation C. prononciation D. pronnunciation
- 215. The \_\_\_ of the team was high, when they scored the first goal A. morel B. moral C. morale D. morality
- 216. She has a set of gold A. earing B. earings C. earrings D. ear-ring
- 217. The single \_\_ was enough to spoil a whole life time of good living A. occurence B. occurence C. occurrence D. occurense
- 218. Did you have \_\_ when you went to visit the medical doctor? A. diarrhoea B. diarrhea C. diarrhoea D. diarrhoea
- 219. The story on the lost jewel was quite \_\_ A. unbelievable B. unbelivable C. unbelievable D. unbelivable
- 220. This room needs proper \_\_\_ A. maintainance B. maintenance C. maintenanaince D. mentenance
- 221. The army officer said that more \_\_ would be needed to prosecute the war A. guerilas B. guerrillas C. guerrilas D. geurillas
- 222. Onajide has just been appointed as the \_\_ to the government A. secetary B. seccetary C. secretary D. secretry
- 223. The man bought some \_\_ from the market A. cocumber B. cucumber C. cucumber D. coucumber
- 224. Oladipo was born in the month of \_\_ A. February B. Febrary C. February D. February
- 225. The foolish man spent all he had on \_\_ A. yoghurts B. yoghuts C. yoghourts D. youghuts
- 226. On her birthday, her boyfriend bought her a \_\_ A. limouzine B. limousine C. leemousine D. limmousine
- 227. The patient is suffering from \_\_ A. diabeties B. diabitis C. diabetis D. diabetes
- 228. An \_\_ very is also known as a helping verb A. auxillary B. auxillairie C. auxiliary D. auxilliary
- 229. \_\_ is a French wine A. champagne B. champaign C. champain D. champagn

## Test on structure

- 230. Alhaji musa owns fifty \_\_\_\_ (a) herd of cattle (b) herds of cattles (c) head of cattle (d) heads of cattle
- 231. If you would listen, I could give you \_\_\_\_\_ (a) available advise (b) some valuable advices (c) valuable advise (d) valuable advice
- 232. It is no longer easy for graduates to secure \_\_\_\_\_ (a) employments (b) many employments (c) employment (d) an employment
- 233. You are not allowed to carry on this flight (a) much luggage (b) many luggage (c) few luggage (d) plenty luggages
- 234. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the states in the federation are having a meeting at Abuja (a) Attorney generals (b) Attorneys generals (c) Attorneys general (d) Attorney general
- 235. The boy needs a broad piece of paper and \_\_\_\_\_ to practice his drawing (a) some crayon (b) crayons (c) crayon (d) much crayons

236.	The policeman has gathered to complete the investigation (a) few information (b) many information (c) sufficient information (d)		My uncle is one of the of the society (a) elite (b) elites (c) elist (d) elitist
237.	an information  Mr. Johnson instructed his driver to ensure that the tank of the car	263	The clergy for the country daily (a) prays (b) pray (c) prayed (d) is praying
	is filled with for the next journey. (a) petrols (b) much petrol (c) petrol (d) a petrol	264	The secretary general was shocked at the number of (a) child soldiers (b) children soldiers (c) child soldier (d) children soldier
238.	All your like you very much (a) brother – in – law (b) brothers – in – law (c) brother – in – laws (d) brothers – in – laws	265	She got into trouble because she refused to listen to the given by her friends and relatives (a) advice (b) advices (c) series of
239.	The government has a special programme for (a) the poor (b)	266	advices (d) lots of advices Eko Bridge lin king Lagos to Surulere, has (a) many traffic (b)
240.	the poors (c) poor (d) poors  The of the NATO countries have been alerted about the		numerous vehicles (c) plenty traffic (d) a lot of traffic
	possibility of an attack (a) commanders – in – chiefs (b) commander – in – chiefs (c) commander – ins – chief (d) commanders – in – chief		The passage waited patiently while they transferred his from the taxi to the bus (a) properties (b) baggages (c) luggage (d) luggages
241.	The principal has already summoned all the on the matter (a) heads of departments (b) head of department (c) heads of		The university has a large collection of sporting (a) equipment (b) equipments (c) costumes (d) aids
242.	department (d) heads of departments  One of the for political party registration is geographical	269.	The in the country today call for the urgent attention of every patriotic citizen (a) ongoings (b) goings – on (c) going ons (d)
243.	spread (a) criterion (b) criterions (c) criteria (d) criterias  The cadger begs of alms (a) passer – bys (b) passers – by (c)	270	going on The the text book are misleading (a) tables of content (b)
	passers – bys (d) passer – by You are advised to take care of your (a) stationary (b)		tables of contents (c) tables of content (d) table of contents  The president was sent to prison yesterday. (a) women affair
	stationery (c) stationaries (d) stationary		(b) woman affairs (c) woman affaire (d) women affairs
	I am sorry I can't go to the cinema with you, I have to do (a) many works (b) an important (c) much work (d) plenty work		Okundayo and his family live in the of Asaba (a) outsket (b) outskirts (c) outskirt (d) outskates
	The adventurers ran into many (a) dear (b) dears (c) deers (d) deer	273	The neighbour's children always make when she is not at home (a) noises (b) plenty of noises (c) plenty noise (d) a lot of
247.	Do you think all not enough to help the investigator? (a) these informations are (b) this information are (c) this information	274	noise Some people think that are potentially a nuisance (a) parent –
248	is (d) these information are He keeps his clean always (a) surrounding (b) surroundings		in – law (b) parents – in – law (c) parent – in – laws (d) parents – in – laws
	(c) premise (d) environments	275	The African extended family system gives security to
249.	When we were coming back from the picnic last Friday, there on Eko Bridge (a) were many traffics (b) was much traffic (c) were plenty traffic (d) was a few traffic	276	members (a) his (b) her (c) it's (d) its  Asmamu, did you see the snapshop of ? (a) yourself (b) you (c) yours (d) yourselves
250.	Dapo has made good use of some useful on the chemical	277	The lost insisted on what he called a little gift (a) me
	composition of chalk (a) information (b) piece of information (c) informations (d) pieces of informations	278	accepting (b) me to accept (c) my accepting (d) my acceptance are good friends (a) I and he (b) he and I (c) me and he (d) I
251.	The man insisted on giving unsolicited (a) advice (b) advices (c) advise (d) advises	270	and him This is the kind of stew (a) which its taste I do not like (b)
252.	I sent news to the press yesterday (a) A parcel of (b) a flash of (c) an item of (d) a number of	219	which I do not like the taste of it (c) the taste of which I do not like (d) of which taste I do not like
253.	The vermin of his body hideous (a) makes the lunatic looks	280	He moved out of the house because the landlord and his wife were
	(b) make the lunatic looks (c) makes the lunatic to look (d) make the lunatic to look		always fighting (a) themselves (b) theirselves (c) theirselves (d) each other
254.	If you travel by air you will be given an allowance to cover (a) a luggage (b) luggage (c) luggages (d) a baggage	281	Actually, he forgot the one to the job was given (a) whom (b) who (c) whoever (d) whomever
255.	The violent storm that occurred on faster Monday destroyed many	282	M father told me to take money from it (a) whoever offers (b)
	houses and caused – in Lagos generally (a) heavy damages (b) much damage (c) several damage (d) plenty damage.	283	whomever (c) everwho offers (d) whomsoever offer it Dan and Tina met on the sheep and greeted (a) one another (b)
256.	yet about the principal? (a) are there any news (b) are there		themselves (c) each other (d) theirselves
257	some news (c) is there any news (d) is there any news The school board has placed an order for (a) all the	284	My classmate, I haven't seen for years, wrote to me last week (a) that (b) whose (c) whom (d) which
	furnitures and equipments required in the new school (b) all the	285	Two ministers found it very difficult to get in the cabinet (a)
	furniture and equipment required in the new school (c) all the furnitures and equipment required in the new school (d) many of		through with each other (b) on with each other (c) off from each other (d) by with themselves
258.	the furnitures and equipments required in the new school  My country cannot boast of modern military (a) hardware (b)	286	I can't mend the light, I don't know about electricity (a) something (b) nothing (c) anything (d) no one
	hardwear (c) hardwear (d) hardwares	287	Emeka is not more brilliant than (a) I (b) me (c) myself (d)
239.	The publisher indicated that all – in regards to the in the book should be directed to the address of the author. (a)	288	her One should be careful how behave in public, shouldn't
	correspondence/erratas (b) correspondents/erratums (c) correspondence/errata (d) correspondence/erratuses	280	? (a) one/he (b) one/one (c) he/he (d) he/one students that are to blame in this particular occasion (a)
260.	My country has got adequate number of commercial (a)		ours (b) we (c) ourselves (d) us
261	aircrafts (b) airbus (c) aircraft (d) aer crafts  She kept her safe in the kitchen (a) cutlery (b) cutleries (c)	290	If the programme does not work out, it is who are to blame (a) you and me (b) them and she (c) you and I (d) you and myself
_01.	set of cutlerys (d) set of cutleries		(a) you and me (b) them and one (b) you and I (d) you and myself

- 291. Ogedengbe kept goal for his club team because there wasn't to do it (a) somebody else (b) nobody else (c) no other body (d) anybody else 292. It is \_\_\_\_\_ who \_\_\_\_ to blame for the loss (a) I/his (b) me/is (c) I/are (d) I/am wife ran away with a tanker driver recently is now 293. The man the vice president of this country (a) whose (b) whom (c) who (d) 294. The money is for \_\_\_ to share (a) my wife and me (b) me and my wife (c) my wife and I (d) I and my wife 295. Kanuri is a language that (a) I can't speak it well (b) of which I can't speak it well (c) I can't speak well (d) of which can be spoke well 296. travelled together for the holiday (a) themselves and their friends (b) they and their friends (c) their friends and them (d) their
- friends (b) they and their friends (c) their friends and them (d) their friends and themselves

  297. Meet Ibrahim a special friend of \_\_\_\_\_ (a) me (b) my (c) I (d) mine
- 298. The two girls have not been speaking \_\_\_\_\_ since their quarrel (a) one to the other (b) to themselves (c) to each other (d) to one another
- 299. I expect everybody to respect \_\_\_\_\_ (a) itself (b) ourselves (c) oneself (d) themselves
- 300. Tunji divided the money between David \_\_\_\_\_ (a) he (b) him (c) himself (d) themselves
- 301. The Jury gave verdict (a) it's (b) its (c) his (d) her
- 302. Ladies and gentlemen, let us come together to know \_\_\_\_\_ better (a) each other (b) one another (c) us (d) ourselves
- 303. \_\_\_\_\_ were asked to represent the school at the quiz competition (a) I and Ngozi (b) Ngozi and me (c) Ngozi and I (d) myself and Ngozi
- 304. This portion is to be shared between \_\_\_\_\_ (a) us and them (b) we and them (c) us and they (d) we and they
- 305. It is no good \_\_ about the result until you have sat for it A. to worry B. worrying C. worried D. to have worried
- 306. A society \_\_ individual each of whom has his attributes and distinct characteristics A. comprises of B. consists of C. contains of D. is constituted of
- 307. Walking down the street \_\_ A. a boy was knocked down by a car B. a car knocked down a boy C. a car knocked a boy down D. a car collided with the boy
- 308. The conference is designed to enable delegates \_\_\_\_ their personal interests with specialists in various fields A. to discuss about B. discuss C. to discuss D. for discussing
- 309. I \_\_ to gain admission to the college for the past three years A. have been trying B. tried C. am trying D. was trying
- 310. The lazy candidate suggested that it \_\_ A. is time we do away with JAMB B. was time we do away with JAMB C. is time we did away with JAMB D. was time we did away with JAMB
- 311. I \_\_ a lot when I was a student A. used travelling B. was used to travel C. used to travel D. used travel
- 312. Mrs Okoro \_\_ in this school since 1975 A. taught B. is teaching C. has been teaching D. teaches
- 313. The Governor has \_\_ to the people on many occasions A. broadcast B. been broadcasted C. has broadcasted D. broadcasted
- 314. Someone \_\_ the radio cassette since 6pm. I wish he \_\_ turn it off A. has been playing/would B. is playing/would C. played/will D. has played/will
- 315. My colleagues \_\_ before I arrived A. started writing B. wrote C. had started writing D. have been writing
- 316. We saw him \_\_ over a wall as the police approached A. leaped B. leap C. leapt D. leaping
- 317. The lecturer said that we \_\_ be able to finish the next chapter this evening A. must B. can C. shall D. would
- 318. I saw Bisi \_\_ the road A. cross B. crossing C. crossed D. crosses
- 319. Although I am watching television, I \_\_ what you are saying A. am hearing B. can hear C. have heard D. was hearing
- 320. Sibi \_\_ novels since she came home A. is reading B. has been reading C. has read D. had been reading

- 321. Ada said she \_\_ two bottles of beer at Queen's birthday party A. drunk B. will drink C. drank D. drinks
- 322. The class \_\_ into two before the teacher was transferred to another school A. had been splitted B. has been splitted C. was split D. has been split
- 323. The woman \_\_ the pepper into powder before she sold it A. ground B. grind C. grounded D. has grounded
- 324. You are free to \_\_ financial support from the board A. solicit B. solicit for C. solicit from D. solicit on
- 325. Happy \_\_\_ Andrew's feeling last night A. hurted B. hurts C. hurt D. was hurting
- 326. How I wish your parent \_\_ alive to see this day A. was B. were C. would be D. is
- 327. The silly boy broke the glass after he \_\_ smashed the two eggs A. have B. had C. has D. would have
- 328. I saw the soldiers \_\_ the young man A. beated B. beat C. beating D. beats
- 329. If only Adoyi \_\_ what was good for him, he could easily have avoided the tragedy A. has known B. have known C. knew D. had known
- 330. The dead body of the armed robbers has \_\_ in the street for two weeks A. lay B. lain C. layed D. lie
- 331. The boy was so angry that he \_\_ his food for two days A. forgo B. forewent C. foregone D. foreleft
- 332. My father does not mind \_\_ me to school everyday A. to drive B. driving C. to drived D. to have driven
- 333. When his car tyre \_\_ on the way, he did not know what to do A. has burst B. had burst C. bursted D. burst
- 334. The government is bent on \_\_\_ youths with the necessary equipment A. providing B. to provide C. provide D. the providence
- 335. The only student who failed the test \_\_ away without the knowledge of the teacher A. slank B. slink C. slunk D. slinked
- 336. Le the boy \_\_ in the way he \_\_ A. behaves/likes B. behave/likes C. behaved/liked D. behaving/liking
- 337. Had he considered the matter carefully, he \_\_ A. would have resigned B. would resign C. ought to resign D. must have resigned
- 338. If you wanted to see the beginning of the play, you \_\_ have arrived earlier A. will B. may C. must D. should
- 339. The shop is closed the workers \_\_ home A. must be going B. may be going C. must have gone D. could have gone
- 340. If the brakes fail, \_\_ you be able to control the car? A. can B. will C. may D. dare
- 341. I saw him \_\_ down the woman with his car A. knocked B. knock C. knocking D. knock
- 342. We \_\_ classes since the beginning of October A. have been attending B. attended C. are attending D. attend
- 343. He \_\_ the work last Saturday A. has finished B. is finished C. finished D. had already finished
- 344. Some of us are used to \_\_ without any cause A. punish B. have punished C. being punished D. being punishing
- 345. Chinedu took his umbrella with him in case it \_\_ A. rain B. rained C. would rain D. is raining
- 346. The food \_\_ good A. is smelling B. smells C. smelled D. smelt
- 347. When he had arranged the furniture, he \_\_ the picture on the wall A. hanged B. hung C. hang D. hanged
- 348. The wicked lady \_\_ her step daughter out of the bed A. hove B. hoved C. heaved D. heart
- 349. The clubs were \_\_ on a solid ethical base A. found B. founds C. founded D. funded
- 350. My father's car has \_\_ to a halt A. grinded B. grounded C. ground D. grind
- 351. The young man has \_\_ to sober up after being drunk A. begin B. beguned C. begined D. begun
- 352. What made you \_\_ that? A. said B. say C. saying D. have said E. to say
- 353. The minister's daughter boasted that she would have her way and she really \_\_ A. had B. has C. have D. did

- 354. Fortunately, my father \_\_ the scene before the explosion occurred.

  A. has just left B. just left C. had just left D. is just leaving
- 355. A range of options \_\_ available to the political parties during the recently concluded elections A. were made B. is made C. are made D. was made
- 356. The helpless \_\_ our sympathy A. require B. requires C. required D. requiring
- 357. Two young boys have been caught with parts of the stolen machine but \_\_ admitted stealing it A. neither of them has B. neither of them have C. none of them has D. none of them have
- 358. The teacher with his wife \_\_ here A. were B. were to be C. are D. was
- 359. The police claim that a number of stolen cars \_\_\_ recovered A. have been B. has been C. has being D. have being
- 360. Neither Agbo nor his parents \_\_ the meeting now A. attended B. attend C. has attended D. attends
- 361. Three quarters of the people in the village \_\_ killed but only half of their huts \_\_ affected A. were/were B. was/was C. were/was D. was/were
- 362. The government which \_\_ recruiting \_\_ workers suddenly stop doing so A. are/its B. was/its C. is/their D. were/their
- 363. The quality of your questions which \_\_ always attracted attention \_\_ never been in doubt A. have/has B. have/have C. has/has D. has/have
- 364. The only set of loud speakers available \_\_ to be connected according to the instruction A. is B. are C. were D. have
- 365. A number of doctors are not so well disposed to \_\_ in government hospital these days \_\_ they? A. working/do B. work/are C. working/are D. work/aren't
- 366. One of the men \_\_ round the lawn three times every evening A. use to run B. are use to run C. is used to running D. are used to running
- 367. If Remi perform poorly in her forthcoming examination, then either her mother or I to blame A. must B. am C. will be D. has
- 368. The evidence of all the accused persons \_ by her judge A. were disbelieved B. was disbelieved C. is disbelieved D. are disbelieved
- 369. A panel set up to probe the organization's activities \_\_ yet to sit A. are B. is C. will D. would
- 370. Three-quarters of the children building \_\_ painted by members the previous day A. were B. was C. are D. is
- 371. The judge with his sons \_\_ travelling to Lagos now A. were B. shall C. is D. are
- 372. Many a man \_\_\_ done without milk in \_\_\_ tea these days A. had/their B. has/his C. have/their D. had/his
- 373. Pastor James \_\_ in my church occasionally these days A. comes to preach B. comes to be preaching C. is coming to preach D. come to preach
- 374. Many a secondary school student \_\_ afraid of English Language examination nowadays A. are B. is C. was D. were
- 375. The clergy \_\_\_ everyday for the success of the present government A. pray B. are praying C. prays D. is praying
- 376. Each of the candidates that came late \_\_\_ to complete \_\_\_ A. have/this form B. are having/these form C. have/these forms D. has/this form
- 377. Each of the houses \_\_ a new look A. have got B. has C. have D. were given
- 378. A number of students \_\_ expelled by the nonsense principal last year A. were B. was C. are D. had been
- 379. All left the room A. has B. have C. is D. were
- 380. One of the rioters who \_\_ arrested yesterday \_\_ been released A. was/have B. were/has C. was/is d. were/have
- 381. Either the chief of the village or the leader of the village farmers \_\_\_ to be held responsible A. is B. are C. were D. have
- 382. The quarters of the school building \_\_ destroyed A. have been B. was C. were D. are
- 383. My pair of trousers \_\_ missing A. are B. is C. were D. have been
- 384. Either Ekaette or you \_\_ to go A. was B. are C. has D. is
- 385. One of his greatest achievements \_\_ the restoration of order and stability to the company A. was B. were C. have been D. are

- 386. Neither Adamu nor Musa \_\_ at home when it Idris arrived A. was B. were C. are D. is
- 387. One of the pupils \_\_ able to answer the questions correctly A. were B. are C. was D. can
- 388. The new President, with members of this cabinet \_\_\_ visiting our establishment this afternoon A. are B. was C. were D. is
- 389. The new president and members of his cabinet, \_\_ visiting our establishment this afternoon A. are B. are being C. was D. is
- 390. The president \_\_ his wife and children's leaving for Paris A. or B. and C. with D. despite
- 391. Only one of the contestants \_\_ able to answer the question correctly A. can be B. are C. was D. were
- 392. Each of the footballers \_\_ to receive \$1000.00 A. are B. is C. have D. were
- 393. Many a player \_\_ to score a goal so as to be highly honoured A. is wanting B. wants C. want D. have wanted
- 394. Neither those girls nor that boy \_\_ to blame for the error A. are B. were C. is D. have
- 395. Mr Bello, with the wife and children \_\_ to the United States A. are travelling B. have travelled C. is travelling D. had travel
- 396. Every man, woman and child \_\_ asked to contribute A. were B. are C. was D. have
- 397. The number of madmen in the city \_\_ A. has increased B. have increased C. was increased D. are increases
- 398. English \_\_ an interesting and dynamic subject A. was B. are C. is D. have been
- 399. The Principal and the Chairman of the occasion \_\_ arrived A. has B. have C. was D. is
- 400. More than two students \_\_ paid the money A. have B. has C. will D.
- 401. The principal as well as the students \_\_ here A. is B. are C. were D. he
- 402. What you said bad A. was B. is C. are D. were
- 403. Three quarters of the hostel \_\_ been pointed and three quarters of the students \_\_ moved in A. has/has B. has/have C. have/has D. have/have
- 404. The operations of the bank \_\_ not \_\_ cottage and small-scale industries A. does/covered B. does/cover C. did/covered D. do/cover
- 405. Bow and arrow \_\_ used to kill the lion A. is B. are C. was D. were
- 406. The poor \_\_ our help A. needs B. need C. needed D. needing
- 407. More than a bag of rice \_\_ bought today A. were B. are C. was D. is
- 408. Everybody \_\_ food A. likes B. like C. are liking D. is liked
- 409. One of the \_\_\_, \_\_ shot A. boy/was B. boy/were C. boys/was D. boy/were
- 410. You, who \_\_ convicted should appeal A. is B. was C. are D. is being
- 411. The elite \_\_ many fine ideas to suggest to government A. have B. has C. having D. thinks
- 412. The military \_\_ contributed \_\_ quota to the development of this country A. has/there B. have/their C. has/its D. are/their
- 413. Tuberculosis \_\_ no longer impossible to cure A. is B. are C. have D. can
- 414. Rice and beans \_\_ a kind of food I like to eat in the morning nowadays A. was B. are C. is D. were
- 415. Vermin \_\_ helpful to good health A. are not B. is not C. will not D. has not been
- 416. We must observe that most of the support by other states \_\_\_ only marginal returns A. have yielded B. yield C. have yielding D. has yielded
- 417. One of the vice \_\_ in an interim capacity A. President acts B. President act C. President's acts D. Presidents act
- 418. The director, no less than his worker \_\_ to blame A. is B. are C. ought D. were
- 419. He is one of those who \_\_ in my school A. teach B. is teaching C. teaches D. are teaching

- 420. Knowledge of figures of speech as well as idioms and lexical items \_\_\_ this section A. is tested B. have been tested C. are tested D. were tested
- 421. One of the ladies who \_\_ in the premises \_\_ been asked to withdraw A. sells/have B. sell/have C. sells/has D. sell/has
- 422. Three days \_\_ enough to finish the job A. were B. is C. are D. have been
- 423. In my opinion, neither the players nor the coach \_\_ praise for the result of the match A. deserve B. deserves C. have deserved D. are deserving
- 424. The girl said that her pair of scissors \_\_ on the table A. were B. are C. have been D. was
- 425. The manager instructed the secretary to \_\_ one hundred copies of the agenda A. run in B. run out C. run over D. run off
- 426. The illness of the woman was so serious that she was not expected to \_\_ A. pull over B. pull out C. pull through D. pull in
- 427. You need a spiritual rebirth to be able to \_\_\_ evil at all times A. ward off B. ward away C. ward out D. ward for
- 428. After so many trials, the experiment \_\_ A. paid on B. paid C. paid off D. paid up
- 429. Despite all preparations, the wedding did not \_\_ A. come off B. come along C. come up D. come out
- 430. Your car is superior \_\_ mine A. than B. to C. at D. as
- 431. I am allergic \_\_ smoke A. on B. to C. in D. with
- 432. My father could not attend the Parent Teacher Association, so he asked my elder brother to stand \_\_ for him A. in B. out C. up D. around
- 433. To persist \_\_ sin is spiritual death A. with B. on C. in D. at
- 434. His horrible high-pitched laugh \_\_ on my nerves A. jags B. jabs C. jams D. jars
- 435. He was \_\_ weak \_\_ he could not study for two weeks A. very/that B. so/that C. so/and D. too/that
- 436. Ade is gifted not only as a teacher \_\_ A. besides B. but also C. even D. including
- 437. I look forward to \_\_ you next week A. see B. seeing C. be seeing D. saw
- 438. Singing have no other aim \_\_ entertainment A. than B. other than C. but D. apart from
- 439. Roli failed because the examination was \_\_ difficult for her A. so B. very C. highly D. too
- 440. My sister told me all \_\_ was said in the meeting A. that B. what C. which D. who
- 441. He passed \_\_ well that he was awarded a scholarship A. very B. well C. so D. even
- 442. The bridge connecting the two cities was \_\_ by the enemy A. blown up B. blown down C. blown off D. blown away
- 443. He told me to get \_\_ till seven A. to work B. work C. works D. working
- 444. No sooner had the examination ended \_\_\_ the students started vacating the halls of residence A. when B. that C. than D. before
- 445. Give me a minute to think. I can't remember the answer \_\_ A. out of hand B. ahead C. off head D. off hand
- 446. While the worshippers closed their eyes, a thief made \_\_ with the collection A. out B. away C. up D. through
- 447. The most stupid boy in the class passed the examination contrary \_\_ the expectation of many people A. upon B. from C. to D. with
- 448. The old man \_\_ in his sleep last week A. passed on B. passed out C. passed over D. passed off
- 449. One of the three candidates contesting the union election was obliged to A. step down B. step out C. step aside D. step on
- 450. One of the thieves died shortly after \_\_\_ shot at by a policeman A. been B. having C. being D. becoming
- 451. In 1966, the military \_\_ because of the tragic failure of the civilian politicians A. took to power B. undertook power C. took over power D. came to power
- 452. No sooner \_\_ to fall A. did we set out when the train had started B. had we set out than the rain started C. were we setting out than the rain started D. we had set out when the rain started

- 453. Based on the facts before me, I have no alternative \_\_ to terminate your appointment A. but B. than C. as D. many
- 454. The girl that my brother introduced to us last week is pretty \_\_ ill mannered A. and B. but also C. as well as D. but
- 455. The evidence of the policeman led \_\_ the man's imprisonment A. into B. to C. unto D. in
- 456. Her careless driving resulted \_\_ a fatal accident A. in B. to C. at D. from
- 457. I have a flair chemistry A. to B. at C. on D. for
- 458. Every worker is to a bue A. due B. right C. entitled D. owing
- 459. Why are you staring me? A. at B. on C. over D. to
- 460. He has been working in his office \_\_ five months A. since B. at C. from D. for
- 461. The immigration officer \_\_ for my passport A. demanded B. inquired C. desired D. required
- 462. Can we \_\_ about the matter now A. review B. discuss C. consult D. consider
- 463. The headmaster was congratulated \_\_ his promotion A. for B. about C. on D. at
- 464. Our class \_\_ of both boys and girls A. comprises B. consists C. contains D. includes
- 465. Everyone was disappointed \_\_ the way you spoke A. on B. at C. with D. in
- 466. The principal was sympathetic \_\_ the boys who failed A. for B. to C. with D. at
- 467. My children always go to school bus A. in a B. on C. by D. by a
- 468. I fall sick when it is too hot, because I am allergic \_\_ heat A. about B. on C. from D. to
- 469. Let us all \_\_ from spreading false rumours A. resist B. insist C. persist D. desist
- 470. The soldier was wounded the leg A. at B. in C. on D. by
- 471. The government has appointed a commissioner to \_\_\_ into the disaster A. investigate B. examine C. inquire D. require
- 472. The culprit has atoned his crime A. for B. on C. about D. about
- 473. We must insist \_\_ getting our result early A. on B. in C. at D. to
- 474. We always buy milk from the shop to the left \_\_ the corner A. around B. by C. about D. at
- 475. There is no doubt that every lady takes pride \_\_ her appearance A. with B. in C. at D. on
- 476. He travelled abroad \_\_\_ his life A. with risk of B. with the risk of C. at the risk of D. on the risk of
- 477. The Executive President honoured the messenger with the Grand Commander of the Niger award \_\_ his industry and meritorious service to the nation A. on recognition of B. in gratitude for C. in recognition to D. in recognition of
- 478. We travelled all night and arrived \_\_ the Oyo Motor Park at six o'clock in the morning A. by B. inside C. at D. in
- 479. The student who went home without an excuse has apologized \_\_\_ his misconduct A. on B. for C. to D. at
- 480. The thief ran \_\_ luck when the policeman running after him caught up with him and knocked him down A. into B. with C. of D. out of
- 481. The workers suffered a lot toiling \_\_ the sun A. in B. under C. on D. underneath
- 482. She has been here \_\_ the past three years A. since B. for C. from D. in
- 483. Parents should be good examples \_\_ their children A. to B. at C. from D by
- 484. She watches film \_\_ television every time A. in B. from C. on D. at
- 485. Money is difficult to come \_\_ these days A. by B. across C. into D. with
- 486. There is more \_\_ the government policy than meets the eye A. to B. for C. with D. from
- 487. Francis was \_\_ the phone to Kentucky in the USA for four hours yesterday A. with B. at C. by D. on
- 488. She focuses her attention \_\_ her studies every time A. with B. at C. by D. on
- 489. He could not explain why he had to shut the door \_\_ his uncle's face A. in B. to C. at D on

- 490. The sad memory of his father's death lingers \_\_ A. off B. of C. on D. out
- 491. It is a bad government that infringes \_\_ the rights of the citizens A. on B. at C. for D. off
- 492. Honestly, I am sated \_\_ pleasure A. with B. for C. by D. on
- 493. Joshua has a nodding acquaintance \_\_ French A. for B. with C. against D. of
- 494. Emmanuel left disgruntled \_\_ Oge last week A. at B. for C. with D. about
- 495. In fact, many people in this country have inured themselves \_\_\_ hardship A. for B. with C. to D. against
- 496. Courage and Joshua are \_\_ friendly terms A. on B. with C. in D. for
- 497. I prefer yam \_\_ cocoyam A. over B. to C. than D. without
- 498. While Kate goes to school \_\_ bus, Sandra goes to work \_\_ foot daily A. in/on B. by/by C. by/on D. by/at
- 499. They capitalized \_\_ the ignorance of their parents A. at B. with C. on D. By
- 500. Our culture does not permit one to \_\_ while an elder is speaking A. cut in B. cut out C. cut D. cut off
- 501. Armed policemen have cordoned \_\_\_ the place where a volcanic eruption occurred recently A. off B. of C. away D. around
- 502. The chairman is too much \_\_ an idealist for this government A. from B. about C. of D. with
- 503. The woman refused to testify \_\_ her husband A. with B. by C. against D. for
- 504. I have decided to dispose \_\_\_ the refrigerator I bought twenty-five years ago A. away B. out C. of D. off
- 505. The \_\_ discouraged me from reading it A. story's length B. length of the story C. storys' length D. stories length
- 506. I have received the answer script of Peter and Ngozi. What about A. Ngozi B. Ngozi's own C. Ngozis D. Ngozi's
- 507. It is bad to take \_\_ property without permission A. someone else' B. someone else's C. someone's else D. someone's else's
- 508. The \_\_ affair officer is expecting all of us in the dining room A. student B. student's C. students D. students'
- 509. When I was in secondary school, my parents were active members of the \_\_ A. Parents-Teachers Association B. Parent-Teacher Association C. Parent's - Teacher Association D. Parents-Teacher's Association
- 510. \_\_been no official reaction to your request yet A. there's theres' C. theirs' their's
- 511. Invariably, he ends all his letter "\_\_ amicably" A. you B. yours' C. your's D. yours E. your own
- 512. The choice to go the university or not is \_\_ A. your own B. yours C. your's D. yours's
- 513. I believe this is \_\_ right? A. Falowo's house B. the Falowo house C. the Falowo house D. the Falowos' house
- 514. I will be with you in \_\_ time A. two hours time B. two hour's time C. two hours' time D. two hour time
- 515. My school set up a \_\_\_ committee A. two-men B. two-man C. two-mens D. two-men's
- 516. This is my \_\_ car A. mother-in-laws B. mother's-in-law C. mother-in-law's
- 517. The pen which you have picked up is \_\_ Charle's B. Charles' C. Charless D. Charles's
- 518. \_\_ prayer is peace and love A. everyones B. everybodies C. everybodys' D. everybody's
- 519. Peter's \_\_ cold upsets our plans A. catch B. catching C. catches D. catched
- 520. From Warri to Benin is \_\_ drive hours A. an hours B. an hour C. an hour's D. an hours'
- 521. The \_\_ have travelled abroad A. Mudiaga's B. Mudiagas C. Mudiaga D. Mudiagas'
- 522. That isn't your pen, it is \_\_ A. Johns' B. John's C. Johns D. Johns's
- 523. This is \_\_ shop he built it two years ago A. Josephs B. Joseph's C. Josephs' D. Joseph
- 524. Christians pray to God in \_\_ name A. Jesus B. Jesus's C. Jesus' D. Jesu's

- 525. Hope you guys are prepared for the \_\_ convention? A. men's B. mens C. men D. mens'
- 526. This is \_\_ microscope A. Federal Girl's College B. Federal Girls College C. Federal Girls' College
- 527. This is Mr \_\_ house A. Falowo son-in-law's B. Falowo's son-in-law's C. Falowos' son-in-law D. Falowo-son-in-law
- 528. Have mercy on your daughter for \_\_ A. God sake B. God sake's C. God's sake D. Gods sake
- 529. These are \_\_ cars A. Steve's and Kunle's B. Steve and Kunle's C. Steve and Kunle D. Steve and Kunle
- 530. The use of English has the \_\_ in most universities Post-UTME A. lion share B. share of the lion C. lion's share D. lions share's
- 531. From my street to \_\_ is just a \_\_ A. their's/stone's throw B. theirs/stones throw C. their own/stones' throw D. theirs/stone's throw
- 532. This is \_\_ house they built it when they were in Canada A. Emmanuel and Fiona B. Emmanuel and Fiona's C. Emmanuel's and Fiona D. Emmanuel's and Fiona's
- 533. Forgive me for \_\_ sake A. consciences B. consceinces' C. conscience's D. consciences's
- 534. A \_\_ was attacked by a group of bandits A. 90-years-old woman B. 90-year's-old-woman C. 90-year-old woman D. 90-years-old woman
- 535. His visit has become an \_\_ affair A. everyday B. everyday's C. everyday D. everydays'
- 536. They are the \_\_ dresses A. babys' B. baby C. babies D. babies'
- 537. Blessing is a friend \_\_ A. of Tony B. for Tony C. to Tony D. of Tony's
- 538. Eghosa's house is a \_\_ to Osagie's A. stone throw B. stone thrown C. stone throws D. stone's throw
- 539. 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'
- 540. Will you know if that dog is \_\_? He has lost a brown and black one A. Adebowale's B. Adebowales' C. Adebowale's own D. Adebowales
- 541. Ikorodu is not far from here, it is only an A. hour of driving B. hour's drive C. hours' drive D. hours drive
- 542. My friend stole the \_\_ briefcase A. director's-general B. director-general C. directors'-general D. director-generals
- 543. The Principal has gone to Freetown and will be back in \_\_ time A. two weeks' B. two week C. two week's D. two weeks's
- 544. The students refused to appear before the \_\_ panel set up to investigate the cause of the riot A. seven-men B. seven-man C. seven-man's D. seven-men's
- 545. I am sure the bucket is \_\_ A. her's B. hers C. hers' D. her own
- 546. Those are the \_\_ bag A. ladies B. ladys C. ladies' D. ladies's D. ladies's
- 547. You are supposed to end that letter with \_\_ faithfully A. your B. your's C. yours D. yours'
- 548. The \_\_ family won the competition A. Ade's B. Ades C. Ades' D.
- 549. Having a good home as a lady is \_\_\_ prayer A. everybody's B. everybody C. everybodys D. everybodys'
- 550. The \_\_ was kidnapped by some unknown gunmen A. 10-years-old-boy B. 10-year-old boy C. 10-year's-old boy D. 10-years'-old boy
- 551. This is \_\_ bag A. James's B. James C. James' D. Jamess'
- 552. I will take \_\_ and give them \_\_ A. ours/theirs B. our's/theirs C. our's/their's D. ours'/theirs'
- 553. This was once the \_\_ reading room A. student B. student's C. students' D. students
- 554. For \_\_ sake! When are you gonna buckle down for this exam A. goodness B. goodness's C. goodness' D. goodness'ss
- 555. Course \_\_ writers are to reflect local colour A. materials B. materials' C. material D. material's
- 556. The armed robbers went into the house and robbed the three \_\_ A. woman occupants B. women's occupants C. woman's occupants D. women occupants
- 557. Supposing you \_\_ my classmate A. am B. is C. were D. was

- 558. I would rather you \_\_ a room of your own A. were given B. are given C. have been given D. are being given
- 559. I wish I \_\_ a million dollar A. has B. had C. have D. am with
- 560. I would rather you the job alone A. do B. done C. does D. did
- 561. I wish I \_\_ how to swim when I was young A. learn B. learnt C. had learnt D. learning
- 562. It's time we \_\_ up the silly idea A. give B. gave C. are giving D. will give
- 563. If only I home tomorrow A. can B. could C. will D. was to
- 564. I would rather Ade \_\_ the song next week A. sing B. had sing C. sang D. sung
- 565. It is about time you \_\_ to bed A. go B. had gone C. went D. leave
- 566. It only I the girl last night A. see B. saw C. seen D. had seen
- 567. It is about time we \_\_ A. talk B. talked C. talks D. talking
- 568. You had better \_\_ reading books, if you don't want to fail your exams A. starts B. start C. started D. starting
- 569. You had better \_\_ what the doctor recommended this morning A. done B. do C. did D. be doing
- 570. The girl who sings beautifully as though she \_\_ a professional, is my cousin A. was B. is C. were D. used to be
- 571. She talked to me as if I her mate A. am B. was C. is D. were
- 572. I would rather him later A. call B. called C. calls D. calling
- 573. I would rather you \_\_ him tomorrow A. called B. call C. calling D. calls
- 574. If only you \_\_ harder, you would have passed A. works B. work C. worked D. had worked
- 575. It is time we A. went B. go C. leave D. leaving
- 576. I would rather \_\_ the job alone A. do B. did C. done D. had done
- 577. If only we \_\_ we could have overcome the difficulty A. had persevered B. have persevered C. had persevere D. persevered
- 578. It is high time we \_\_ our parents the truth A. tell B. told C. tells D. had told
- 579. How I wish your father \_\_ alive today A. were B. was C. is D. is being
- 580. Frank: can I clean this old engine in the sitting room?
- 581. Tina: I would rather it in the garage.
- A. You clean B. you are cleaning C. you cleaned D. will clean
- 582. The two boys love each other as though they \_\_ brothers A. was B. were C. are D. can be
- 583. It is time we \_\_ away with poor leadership A. do B. done C. did D. have done
- 584. I suppose it's high time we \_\_ attention to our studies A. pay B. paid C. pays D. should pay
- 585. If you want a successful marriage, you \_\_\_ pray for it A. have better B. better C. had better D. would better
- 586. I would rather we \_\_ here without further delay A. visited B. visit C. visits D. visiting
- 587. By the time the plane reaches Harare, it \_\_ in the air for twelve hours A. has been B. would be C. would have been D. should be
- 588. I started writing this test at 8:00am. It is 10:00am. By 11:00am, I \_\_\_\_ it for three hours A. shall be writing B. have been writing C. shall have been writing D. am writing
- 589. The guests \_\_ breakfast by the time the bus arrived A. are finishing B. have finished C. shall have finished D. will have finished
- 590. By this time next year, I \_\_ to her A. shall have speak B. shall have spoken C. would have spoken D. I will have spoken
- 591. By the end of the football match today, we \_\_ the best player A. could have known B. might have known C. will have known D. would have known
- 592. By January 1999, I \_\_ ten years in the service of this institution A. should have been B. would be C. can be D. must be
- 593. 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 C. I'll have lived
- 594. By the end of this year \_\_ twenty books A. read B. would have read C. will read D. have read
- 595. By the end of this month \_\_\_ A. I will study B. I will have been studying C. I am studying D. I have been studying [for three years in this school]

- 596. At the end of this year, grandmother \_\_ with us for eight years A. is living B. shall have lived C. will have lived D. has lived
- 597. They \_\_ breakfast by this time tomorrow A. are finishing B. have finished C. shall finished D. will have finished
- 598. By next June, he \_\_ four novels A. will write B. is writing C. will have written D. had written
- 599. \_\_ to your birthday party in October A. may I come B. will I come C. would I come D. might I come E. shall I come
- 600. If you \_\_ me that you had run out of petrol, I would have given you some A. were to tell B. tell C. have told D. had told
- 601. By the end of the next semester, he \_\_ his university education A. would have completed B. will be completing C. shall have completed D. was completing
- 602. He performed \_\_ in the examination than his sister A. more badly B. worst C. much badly D. worse
- 603. He put \_\_ in a basket A. white dozen eggs B. a dozen white eggs C. a white dozen eggs D. dozen white eggs
- 604. Olu's car is \_\_ Tambo's A. more superior than B. superior to C. more superior D. superior than
- 605. Musa is the \_\_ boy in our team A. handsome B. most handsome C. handsomest D. handsomer
- 606. He is easily the \_\_ of the lot A. bright B. brightest C. brighter D. most bright
- 607. John is the \_\_ of the three boys A. tall B. more taller C. tallest D. taller
- 608. You should make use of \_\_ books from time to time A. reference B. referential C. referency D. referral
- 609. Frank is \_\_ person because he would not show any sign of feeling A. a quixotic B. an impassive C. an impulsive D. an enduring
- 610. The young man is a \_\_ administrator A. deceptive B. deceiving C. deceitful D. deceived
- 611. The preacher; our English Teacher always gives \_\_ answers to the student's question A. offhand B. offheart C. offlook D. off on
- 612. This place is \_\_ by road only during the dry season A. visible B. attainable C. accessible D. assessable
- 613. Your handwriting is obviously \_\_ than your brother's A. gooder B. more better C. much better D. more good
- 614. Alero and Bayo are \_\_ students A. matured B. matures C. mature D. maturing
- 615. The programme is designed for a \_\_ audience A. select B. selected C. selection D. selecting
- 616. Every applicant was made to pay \_\_\_ fee of five thousand naira A. an unrefundable B. an no-refundable C. a non-refundable D. an irrefundable
- 617. The \_\_\_ visit of the President to the \_\_\_ city is being talked about by many people A. historic/historical B. historical/historic C. historic/historic D. historical/historical
- 618. My father is a very \_\_ businessman A. calculate B. calculator C. calculating D. calculated
- 619. The brave hunter killed the \_\_ in the forest A. two big car black B. two cars big black C. two big black cars D. two black big cars
- 620. As things are now, I have to look for \_\_\_ tyre A. a cheap second hand rubber B. a cheap, rubber, second hand C. a rubber, cheap second hand D. a secondhand rubber cheap