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**SECTION A**  
**TEST OF ANTONYMS**

(An **antonym** is a word of opposite meaning to another word in the same language. For example, **bad** is an antonym of **good**).

In this section, a list of options is given below every sentence and you are expected to choose, from among the options, the option that has the opposite meaning to the word or group of words printed **boldly** in the sentences.

1. While **vices** are always condemned, \_\_\_ are always commended but the righteous
  - A. seniors
  - B. deputies
  - C. virtues
  - D. victims
2. One of the twins is **forgiving** while the other is \_\_\_\_
  - A. vindictive
  - B. forgetful
  - C. trivoltous
  - D. fearful
3. The **diligence** of the man contrasts with the \_\_\_ of his wife.
  - A. insolence
  - B. indiscipline
  - C. indolence
  - D. disguise
4. A **generous** man is not expected to marry a \_\_\_ woman.
  - A. garrulous
  - B. mean
  - C. gentile
  - D. vociferous
5. While Felix met with \_\_\_ in the competition Rogolis met with **flasco**
  - A. success
  - B. fidelity
  - C. disappointment
  - D. dangerous
6. This expired drug will not **assuage** your feverish conditon; it will rather \_\_\_ it.
  - A. amend
  - B. worsen
  - C. ameliorate
  - D. relieve
7. The girl is **vivacious** today, unlike yesterday when she was \_\_\_ for the greater part of the day
  - A. veracious
  - B. ferocious
  - C. moody
  - D. voracious
8. The \_\_\_ nature of Salero contrasts with the **vociferous** disposition of Sasadotu
  - A. voluptuous
  - B. reticent
  - C. stingy
  - D. fiendish
9. The teacher said he preferred a student who is an **introvert** to a student who is \_\_\_\_
  - A. intruder
  - B. extremist
  - C. solist
  - D. extrovert

10. As one can easily get a job by being **respectful**, one can lose a job by being \_\_\_\_
- responsible
  - insolent
  - rapacious
  - lustful
11. Please shun \_\_\_\_ and embrace **assiduity**.
- laziness
  - ingenuity
  - amity
  - assimilation
12. My country is an **impoverished** nation but yours is \_\_\_\_ nation.
- an important
  - a rich
  - an undernourished
  - a populous
13. While Ren is **healthy** today, Ken is \_\_\_\_
- healthful
  - indisposed
  - jocund
  - strict
14. As the final examination was drawing close, Salerio became **despondent** but Salerio remained \_\_\_\_
- desperate
  - despicable
  - dejected
  - hopeful
15. While the girl is highly \_\_\_\_ to insults, she is **immune** to physical or corporal punishment.
- sensitive
  - superstitious
  - sensuous
  - immobile
16. Arts subjects are marked \_\_\_\_ but science subjects are marked **objectively**
- artistically
  - perfectly
  - critically
  - subjectively
17. The verbosity of the Chairman's opening address contrasts with the \_\_\_\_ of the vote of thanks given by the secretary.
- fluency
  - brevity
  - slowness
  - certainty
18. I prefer a **laconic** preacher to a \_\_\_\_ preacher
- lackadaisical
  - lanky
  - bulky
  - prolix
19. You will be expected to separate the **tritons** from the \_\_\_\_
- minnows
  - saboteurs
  - victims
  - giants

20. It will always be difficult for a political **illiputian** to win elections but a political \_\_\_\_\_ will always win elections easily.
- midget
  - giant
  - mentor
  - campaigner
21. I know you will prefer a **colossal** amount as a monthly salary to a \_\_\_\_\_ amount even though you are a bachelor.
- huge
  - fantastic
  - meagre
  - few
22. While there is a \_\_\_\_\_ of teachers at Mento High School, there is **abundance** of teacher at Focus Model College.
- death
  - sufficiency
  - adequacy
  - dearth
23. Ezeulu's \_\_\_\_\_ contrasts with Nduka's **flexibility**
- frivolity
  - eminence
  - laziness
  - diligence
24. While Beбето's indolence makes people keep him at arm's length, Ronaldo's \_\_\_\_\_ attracts many people to him.
- indulgence
  - eminence
  - laziness
  - diligence
25. I think the Manager should have embarked on actions that would **sooths** the feelings of the striking workers instead of uttering statements that could \_\_\_\_\_ them.
- stimulate
  - sensitize
  - incense
  - placate
26. One would have expected the students to take to **consultation** with the school authorities instead of resorting to \_\_\_\_\_
- mediation
  - confrontation
  - arbitration
  - exultation
27. It is surprising that one of the identical twins is an **alcoholic** but the other is a \_\_\_\_\_
- teetotaler
  - dipsomaniac
  - agoraphobic
  - saboteur
28. Whereas Aluta is **steadfast** in his attitude to any issue, Mazido is rather \_\_\_\_\_
- simplistic
  - flippant
  - fastidious
  - stealthy

29. The young girl is **green** in behaviour but her mother is undoubtedly \_\_\_\_
- yellow
  - soft
  - experience
  - colourful
30. Do you **pacify** or \_\_\_\_ people most of the time?
- palpitate
  - pamper
  - irk
  - magnify
31. It is expected that while many people will show \_\_\_\_ few people will likely demonstrate **indifference** to the pathetic condition of the motherless babies' home.
- similarity
  - difference
  - concern
  - identity
32. It is understandable that while armed robbers are **heartless**, pastors are \_\_\_\_
- hearty
  - humane
  - angelic
  - prayerful
33. I prefer **celestial** blessing to \_\_\_\_ blessings.
- catholic
  - angelic
  - heavenly
  - terrestrial
34. A reasonable person will not subordinate \_\_\_\_ things of the **significant** ones
- trivial
  - simple
  - weighty
  - special
35. Nangerewa is so \_\_\_\_ in nature that many people condemn him and praise Merenger who is **eclectic** in nature.
- magnetic
  - rustic
  - adamant
  - flexible
36. While the man is **parsimonious**, his wife is obviously \_\_\_\_
- ingenious
  - curious
  - judicious
  - extravagant
37. Do you know that the \_\_\_\_ is different from the **latter**?
- beginning
  - former
  - later
  - latest
38. The **lackadaisical** student failed the test but the \_\_\_\_ one passed it well.
- enthusiastic
  - listless
  - classical
  - obtuse

39. Your country is peaceful because \_\_\_ leader is in power while my country is moving from one crisis to another because a **selfish** leader is in power
- an altruistic
  - an ordinary
  - a bastard
  - a gentle
40. While a sinner will incur the **wrath** of God, a saint will enjoy the \_\_\_ of God very soon.
- anger
  - anointing
  - favour
  - pleasure
41. You should know that **probationary** workers do not have the same rights as \_\_\_ staff.
- confirmed
  - postponed
  - probable
  - proscribed
42. The man whose car swerved and crushed a school boy to death should have been charged with \_\_\_ instead of **murder**.
- manslaughter
  - boy slaughter
  - child killing
  - suicide
43. The pastor's claim that he speaks directly with God every time is \_\_\_ and not **genuine**.
- original
  - pseudo
  - biblical
  - prophetic
44. From the outset, the boy was **sanguine** while the girl was \_\_\_
- (hopeful, spirited)*
- hopeful
  - hopeless
  - convinced
  - dubious
45. The man's opulence contrasts sharply with his friend's \_\_\_
- affluence
  - opportunity
  - poverty
  - experience
46. While some animals are till **extant**, some are \_\_\_ today.
- intant
  - extinct
  - distant
  - domestic
47. The council ratified the controversial recommendation which many of us though would be \_\_\_\_\_.
- approved
  - ransacked
  - rejected
  - released

48. While the older members of the community struggle day in day out to preserve the culture, the younger member engage in activities that can \_\_\_\_\_ the culture.
- destroy
  - enhance
  - conserve
  - promote
50. I want to tell you that the donations \_\_\_\_\_ and not **compulsory**
- complete
  - essential
  - advisory
  - voluntary
51. Do you see me as an adversary or a \_\_\_\_\_?
- leader
  - follower
  - friend
  - supporter
52. While some activities are **enervating**, some other activities are \_\_\_\_\_
- exacerbating
  - embarrassing
  - invigorating
  - immunizing
53. The boys expected their parents to **praise them** for suppressing the armed robbers, but the parents decided to \_\_\_\_\_ them for taking such a risk.
- rebuke
  - eulogize
  - reward
  - judge
54. If a person is your **foe** today, it does not mean that the person cannot turn to be your \_\_\_\_\_ tomorrow.
- fiend
  - follower
  - fan
  - friend
55. The Public Relation Officer of the club is **vocal** unlike the Secretary who is \_\_\_\_\_
- vociferous
  - boisterous
  - voracious
  - mute
56. We expected the boy to show **remorse** for the offence he committed, but he remained \_\_\_\_\_ to the surprise of all.
- reserved
  - unrepentant
  - respectful
  - indifferent
57. While the woman was **convinced**, the man remained \_\_\_\_\_
- concerned
  - sympathetic
  - skeptical
  - ordinary

58. Your **profound** knowledge of the subject contrasts with Ebere's \_\_\_ knowledge
- prodigious
  - premeditated
  - shallow
  - advanced
59. Elero had thought that the snake was an **innocuous** one only to find out later that it was \_\_\_
- innocent
  - harmful
  - harmless
  - friendly
60. Whereas Ojule was found **guilty** in the case, Samuel was declared \_\_\_ by the trial judge.
- convicted
  - murderous
  - a witness
  - innocent
61. If the \_\_\_ had not got a brilliant counsel, he would have lost the case to the **defendant**
- accused
  - witness
  - bailiff
  - plaintiff
62. Infact, the woman's flamboyant lifestyle contrasts sharply with her husband's \_\_\_ attitude.
- flowery
  - gorgeous
  - austere
  - buoyant
63. While a group of people believed that the problem was a **peculiar** one, another group of people believed it was a \_\_\_ problem.
- general
  - familiar
  - similar
  - perennial
64. There is a world of difference between a **nuclear** family and \_\_\_ family.
- an atomic
  - a group
  - an extended
  - an ordinary
65. Whereas Bello's behaviour is **erratic**, Tito's manner of doing things is \_\_\_
- eccentric
  - assertive
  - allergic
  - predictable
66. A **strict** principal will make the students sit up, but a \_\_\_ principal will worsen the situation.
- liberal ✓
  - stern
  - bold
  - dour - stern, harsh, forbidden

67. Your \_\_\_ contrasts with your brother's **frugality**.
- meanness
  - stupidity
  - extravagance
  - frivolity
68. While Ziko's **humility** earned him the enviable position he occupies now, Tanko's \_\_\_ led to his sack as a staffer of Central Bank.
- assiduity
  - credulity
  - partiality
  - arrogance
69. Whereas the boy is **reluctant** to get married, his younger sister is \_\_\_ to get married.
- eager
  - begging
  - unwilling
  - realistic
70. An **expert** will not found wanting in this type of job but \_\_\_ will
- an applicant
  - a foreigner
  - a novice
  - a jobber - *off price specialist. Buys from the Manufacturer to the Retailer*
71. While the members of the team that won the final match were \_\_\_, the members of the defeated team were **downcast**. (*Downcasted X*)
- overcast - *outcast*
  - upcast
  - downgraded
  - elated
72. **Convocation** ceremonies are always more colourful than \_\_\_ ceremonies.
- graduation
  - matriculation
  - registration
  - congress
73. Please separate the **spurious** coins from the \_\_\_ ones first.
- special
  - foreign
  - local
  - genuine
74. Mr. Ezezeko was recognized by many people as a/an \_\_\_ judge while Mr. Bravo was regarded as a **disinterested** umpire.
- biased
  - interested
  - uninterested
  - daring
75. As far as you are concerned, is the language **esoteric** or \_\_\_
- generic
  - specific
  - familiar
  - abstract
76. Whereas the girl's father was **astounded** by her flirtatious disposition, her mother seemed \_\_\_
- unmoved
  - confounded
  - dumbfounded
  - vexed

77. While he is a **staunch** supporter of the president, she is a \_\_\_ member of the president's cabinet.
- faithful
  - courageous
  - disloyal
  - vocal
78. The teacher flogged him because he cited **unsuitable** examples instead of \_\_\_ examples
- wrong
  - apt
  - local
  - uninviting
79. The country's mineral resources should not be **squandered**, instead, they should be \_\_\_
- squared
  - conserved
  - bartered
  - spared
80. Some people \_\_\_ the demonstrators while some other people **placated** them.
- pacified
  - conserved
  - punished
  - worked up — *to make someone annoyed or emotionally aroused*
81. The previous regime was accused of implementing policies that were in favour of the **elite** instead of the \_\_\_
- jobless
  - voters
  - masses
  - students
82. The man has been spending more money on **prophylactic** rather than on \_\_\_ medicine.
- preventive
  - curative
  - traditional
  - exotic
83. While the girl is **bereft** of ideas, the boy is \_\_\_ of ideas.
- full
  - bankrupt
  - in need
  - bereaved.
84. He said that while he **loathed** the men who shirk their responsibilities, he \_\_\_ the men who always live up to expectations.
- disliked
  - envied
  - liked
  - respected
85. The students complained that they were given **severe** instead of \_\_\_ punishment for the mere offence of lateness.
- stern
  - dour
  - stiff
  - mild

86. Many people believe that men are **dogmatic** while women are \_\_\_\_  
A. crafty  
B. tolerant  
C. dodgy  
D. intelligent

87. While Umoru is believed to have a very **placid** temperament, Achaba is notorious for his \_\_\_\_ temperament. *(Calm - Peace)*

- A. violent  
B. platitudinous - clichés, hackneyed, normal, repeated often  
C. pleasant  
D. platonic - not sexually inclined, unromantic.

88. Do you know that what is \_\_\_\_ to you may be **repulsive** to another person?

- A. offensive  
B. elusive - Avoid notice, comprehension and remembrance, Difficult to see  
C. attractive  
D. derisive. - scornful, deserving fears

89. The members of the club said they preferred \_\_\_\_ to **unilateral** decision.

- A. bilateral  
B. multilateral  
C. lateral  
D. unanimous

90. You should be **aware of** your responsibilities, even if your friend is \_\_\_\_ his.

- A. conscious of  
B. ignorant of  
C. careful with  
D. accustom to

91. Judges prefer **unfettered** freedom to \_\_\_\_ freedom in the courtroom.

- A. judicial  
B. illegal  
C. restricted  
D. unlawful

92. The books were arranged in \_\_\_\_ way instead of in an **orderly** way.

- A. a haphazard  
B. an ordinary  
C. an illiterate  
D. a decent

93. The woman was full of **admiration** for her husband but he treated her with \_\_\_\_

- A. love  
B. disdain  
C. admonition  
D. disgrace

94. Economics in the country believe that the **inconsequential** rise in the price of petrol cannot bring about a \_\_\_\_ effect on the cost of living.

- A. different  
B. congenial - Having same or very similar <sup>desires</sup> likes, behaviour etc  
C. serious  
D. mild

95. While Chukwu is very **presumptuous** in his way of life, Mensah is recognized by many people as \_\_\_\_ person.

- A. a modest  
B. a pompous  
C. a precautious  
D. an innocent

96. If you don't want the young girl to misbehave, you should give her **explicit**, not \_\_\_ instructions every time.
- sufficient
  - vague
  - vague
  - vogue
97. While the boy is **exuberant**, the girl is \_\_\_.
- jocular
  - obtuse
  - dejected
  - aberrant - *esoteric, abnormal, eccentric*
98. You are expected to express yourself in \_\_\_ English, not **colloquial** English, in a letter of application.
- formal
  - compulsory
  - consequential
  - simple. - *colloquial, normal English, informal.*
99. I believe that a sane person will prefer \_\_\_ to **infamy** any day.
- famy
  - insult (infamous)
  - honour
  - meekness
100. You should know that while your enemies are always ready to make **derogatory** statements about you, your friends are around to make \_\_\_ comments about you.
- complimentary
  - complementary
  - expensive
  - cheap
101. The **serenity** of a rural place obviously contrasts with the \_\_\_ of a typical urban center.
- tranquility
  - poverty
  - wealth
  - bustle
102. While the Governor's popularity has begun to **wane**, the Deputy Governor's continues to \_\_\_ in the state.
- increase
  - decrease
  - wither
  - wallop
103. The Biology teacher always gives us **ample** time to write his test but the Mathematics teacher is in the habit of giving us \_\_\_ time to write his test.
- sufficient
  - inadequate
  - average
  - additional
104. While Ayo's suggestion was **germane** to the problem in hand, Bello's was clearly \_\_\_.
- gigantic
  - genuine
  - relevant
  - irrelevant

105. **Emma:** "I wonder why armed robbers are so hardhearted."  
**Judas:** You should know that to be an armed robber you cannot be \_\_\_\_\_
- soft-spoken
  - considerate
  - grateful
  - small-hearted
106. The statement made by the suspect **absolved** Davy but \_\_\_\_\_ Rando.
- dissolved
  - extricated
  - convinced
  - implicated
107. While the woman poured out a lot of **invectives** in her speech, the man's speech was dominated by \_\_\_\_\_
- conjectures - *guess work / hypothesis*
  - additives
  - praises
  - curse
108. Many people see my father as a **conservative** person but at times he surprises them with his \_\_\_\_\_ stance on certain issues.
- orthodox
  - critical
  - submissive
  - constructive
109. I think it is correct to say that if the man is not a **famous** politician, he is certainly a \_\_\_\_\_ politician.
- notorious
  - ferocious
  - vivacious
  - officious
110. He did the work **perfunctorily** instead of doing it \_\_\_\_\_
- perfectly
  - carefully
  - permanently
  - especially
111. While Ejiro's suicide attempt is a \_\_\_\_\_ to his family, Ngozi's brilliant performance in the National Quiz Competition is a **pride** to her family.
- stigma
  - grace
  - vanity
  - crime
112. It is either the witness **corroborates** your statement or he \_\_\_\_\_ it.
- collaborates
  - states
  - mentions
  - opposes
113. If a contract is not declared **valid**, it will be declared \_\_\_\_\_.
- vain
  - void
  - vindictive
  - vindicated

114. I want to have **profound**, instead of \_\_\_ knowledge in the subject  
 A. deep  
 B. broad  
 C. shallow  
 D. prodigious - *Gigantic, colossal, huge*
115. Balthasa is **parochial** while Bill is \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. pretentious  
 B. versatile  
 C. pernicious  
 D. helpful
116. The man's \_\_\_ contracts with his wife's **extravagance**.  
 A. intravagance  
 B. arrogance  
 C. brilliance  
 D. frugality
117. At the book launch ceremony, the author delivered an **extempore** speech but the chairman of the occasion delivered \_\_\_ speech.  
 A. an educative  
 B. a prepared  
 C. a compulsory  
 D. an arrogant
118. The Senior Prefect is **literate** but his assistant is \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. numerate  
 B. illiterate  
 C. dull  
 D. liberal
119. You are advised to pay attention to the **fundamental** problems and shun the \_\_\_ ones for now.  
 A. basic  
 B. important  
 C. minor  
 D. few
120. They hold **matutinal** meetings nowadays unlike in the past when it was their practice to hold \_\_\_ meetings.  
 A. patutinal  
 B. secret  
 C. conventional  
 D. nocturnal
121. He said that traveling in the night one's family could be an **ordeal** not \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. a memorable thing  
 B. a great pleasure  
 C. a great endurance  
 D. a great stress
122. The recent war has brought economic **catastrophe** to the two communities, not \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. pandemonium - *Catastrophe, chaos*  
 B. disaster  
 C. success  
 D. perseverance.
123. While he is a **vociferous** person, his wife is a \_\_\_ fellow.  
 A. quiet  
 B. vocal  
 C. loquacious  
 D. fine.

124. While a reasonable woman will always be \_\_\_ in her style of dressing, a loose woman will be **provocative** in her style of dressing.  
 A. prodigious  
 B. preventive  
 C. modest  
 D. productive
125. We should \_\_\_ the people instead of choosing to **repudiate** them at this crucial time.  
 A. report  
 B. imitate  
 C. punish  
 D. accommodate
126. Many a youth devotes too much time to the **peripheral** aspects of things nowadays instead of the \_\_\_ aspects.  
 A. introductory  
 B. superficial  
 C. main  
 D. abstract
127. Many people say it is a **fallacy** that one language is superior to another. But believe there is \_\_\_ in the assertion.  
 A. an assumption  
 B. truth  
 C. a fact  
 D. lunacy
128. A good number of early African nationalists predicted political **renascence** for Africa.  
 A. recognition  
 B. crisis  
 C. independence  
 D. decline
129. Many people believe that Terentia is very **callous**. *(lack compassion, wicked)*  
 A. calculative  
 B. compassionate ✓  
 C. careless  
 D. curious
130. The people need to look into their \_\_\_ nature instead of pinpointing their **disparate** dispositions.  
 A. converging  
 B. disputable  
 C. different  
 D. separate
131. The man's **radical** approach to issues contrasts sharply with his wife's \_\_\_ dispositions.  
 A. conservative  
 B. feminine  
 C. theoretical  
 D. rational
132. While Zendo is very **unswerving** of purpose, Tanaka is \_\_\_ in nature  
 A. unanswerable  
 B. erratic  
 C. motorable  
 D. determined

133. The woman's **idiosyncrasy** is passion for acquisition of new things.  
 A. special quality  
 B. fine attitude  
 C. bad behaviour  
 D. general tendency
134. Totonato's **experience** contrasts sharply with Papante's \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. naivety  
 B. advancement  
 C. indolence  
 D. indulgence
135. It is **inconceivable** that a former president turned a taxi driver in the country had ruled for ten years.  
 A. impregnable  
 B. incredible  
 C. believable  
 D. insulting
136. While the man always harbours **harmless** thought in his mind, the woman is always full of \_\_\_\_ thought.  
 A. powerless  
 B. fashionable  
 C. pernicious  
 D. expensive (excited & lively)
137. The town was agog last week.  
 A. unexcited  
 B. chaotic  
 C. on fire  
 D. attacked
138. He **avowed** that he danced with the Governor's wife at the party.  
 A. affirmed  
 B. swore  
 C. denied  
 D. assumed
139. I really admired the president's **adroit** handling of the rather sensitive issue of state creation in the country last year.  
 A. tactful  
 B. tactless  
 C. skillful  
 D. mature
140. While his is a **pyrrhic** victory, hers is a \_\_\_\_ victory.  
 A. facile (achieving the goal easily with little effort)  
 B. permanent  
 C. temporary  
 D. secondary (weak, less, no strength)
141. Did you feel \_\_\_\_ or **emasculated** after taking the drug?  
 A. emancipated  
 B. emaciated  
 C. discouraged  
 D. strengthened (unknowing, extinct)
142. Wole Soyinka is a **recondite** playwright.  
 A. recognized  
 B. renowned  
 C. respectable  
 D. relentless

143. Tembe's evidence was **fictitious** while Tomiwa's was \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. factitious  
 B. prodigious  
 C. fabricated  
 D. factual
144. The economic hardship in the country has made many people more **prudent** unlike the \_\_\_\_ habits of the past.  
 A. confident  
 B. profligate  
 C. frugal  
 D. miserly
145. We expected our host to be **friendly** to us but he was rather \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. hostile  
 B. amiable  
 C. funny  
 D. accommodating.
146. She balance the earthen pot on her head with **accustomed** ease.  
 A. unusual  
 B. elegant  
 C. careless  
 D. dangerous
147. It is understandable that judges can be **ruthless** with die-hard criminals but \_\_\_\_ with penitent convicts.  
 A. rustic  
 B. lenient  
 C. senseless  
 D. sober
148. We must strive to **encourage** good behaviour just as we must endeavour to \_\_\_\_ vices in our society.  
 A. endanger  
 B. elongate  
 C. indoctrinate  
 D. deter.
149. While the boys **erred** most of the time, the girls \_\_\_\_ the rules  
 A. disobeyed  
 B. complied with  
 C. rejected  
 D. identified
150. The \_\_\_\_ method cannot give the result which the **orthodox** method always produces.  
 A. unconventional  
 B. ordinary  
 C. primary  
 D. local
151. Tetede's **affluence** contrasts with Tetelo's \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. influence  
 B. laziness  
 C. poverty  
 D. indifference
152. His intention was to **assuage** our fear, not to \_\_\_\_ it.  
 A. aggravate  
 B. allay  
 C. gauge  
 D. assume

153. The teacher did not **adumbrate** the topic, but he \_\_\_\_\_ it.  
 A. dodged  
 B. expatiated  
 C. summarized  
 D. skipped
154. The meeting was adjourned to a **fixed** date so it was not adjourned \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. unnecessarily  
 B. unanimously  
 C. sine die  
 D. immediately (unreliable)
155. While the man is **shifty**, his wife is \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. beautiful  
 B. trustworthy  
 C. stable  
 D. sociable
156. Tambo's \_\_\_\_\_ endears him to many people but the **hypocrisy** of Yemah continues to estrange him.  
 A. wealth  
 B. hardwork  
 C. handsomeness  
 D. sincerity (penge)
157. While Otoma is at the **nadir** of his profession, his sister is at the \_\_\_\_\_ of her chosen career.  
 A. center  
 B. apogee ✓  
 C. bottom  
 D. busy stage
158. Whereas yours is a **wistful** expectation, mine is a \_\_\_\_\_ expectation.  
 A. selfish  
 B. inexperienced  
 C. thoughtful  
 D. reluctant (cedetic talent)
159. While the man is a **protean** person, the woman is a \_\_\_\_\_ fellow.  
 A. vitaminous  
 B. narrow-minded  
 C. wicked  
 D. wealthy
160. Is Natarati an **unnoticeable** novelist or \_\_\_\_\_ one?  
 A. an indgent  
 B. a simple  
 C. an arrogant  
 D. a celebrated
161. If the government of this country is not moved by the **influx** of foreigners, the \_\_\_\_\_ of the citizens should bother it.  
 A. deflux  
 B. death  
 C. protest  
 D. exodus
162. Whereas Deji meant to \_\_\_\_\_ you, Deta really wanted to **implicate** you.  
 A. exonerate  
 B. duplicate  
 C. impede  
 D. denude

163. As he was being **impeached**, his friend was being \_\_\_\_.
- introduced
  - inaugurated
  - searched
  - instructed
164. While a fence will make a building **impregnable**, a lack of fence will make any building \_\_\_\_.
- chaste
  - vulnerable
  - accessible
  - noticeable
165. She is said to be a **malapert** girl at home but a \_\_\_\_ student in her school.
- dutiful
  - dull
  - neat
  - courteous
166. A puritan will have nothing to do with a \_\_\_\_.
- cosmopolitan
  - lecher
  - adjutant
  - hypocrite
167. While many things have **mutated**, few things have \_\_\_\_.
- increased
  - stabilized
  - manumitted
  - emulated
168. You should make your father **happy** at all times instead of making him \_\_\_\_ every now and then.
- cry
  - jocund
  - cross
  - haphazard
169. I shall Endeavour to **titillate** you every time and resist the temptation to \_\_\_\_ you even for a second.
- pique
  - stimulate
  - titivate
  - pressurize
170. Whereas Mensah is an **egghead**, Sandoka is a \_\_\_\_.
- shellhead
  - numskull
  - vampire
  - occultist
171. The boy's **forename** is not as funny as his \_\_\_\_ first name.
- alias
  - surname
  - cognomen
172. The **proclamation** was made by Timothy but Simeon made the \_\_\_\_.
- information
  - affirmation
  - declamation
  - reformation

173. While David is Ade's **confidant**, Esther is Ojo's \_\_\_\_.
- informant
  - assistant
  - declamation
  - reformation
174. Chukwu's \_\_\_\_ disposition contrasts sharply with Nero's **debonair** nature.
- cheerful
  - moody
  - insane
  - diabolical
175. Awilo always plays the piano **fortissimo** unlike Natenga who plays it \_\_\_\_.
- very poorly
  - amateurishly
  - inaudibly
  - syncromatically
176. While Simbiat is recognized by her classmates as a \_\_\_\_ girl, Sabela is considered **perky** by everybody.
- respectful
  - cheeky - insolent, Rude, impudent, Saucy.
  - pesky - Irritating, Annoying, ~~too~~ troublesome, irritating
  - lanky
177. If you are not for **lesbianism**, it means you are for \_\_\_\_.
- homosexuality
  - heterosexuality
  - celibacy
  - nunhood
178. Batawi won the election into the Senate because he had a **legion** of admirers while Zeronta lost the election by reason of \_\_\_\_ of admirers.
- thuggery
  - rigging
  - dearth
  - death
179. While the male of the twins is regarded as **birdbrained**, the female is considered \_\_\_\_.
- dull
  - clever
  - gullible
  - ratminded
180. Whereas Dobi's speech was regarded as **emollient** by many people, Nazi's speech was seen as \_\_\_\_.
- emotional
  - apathetic
  - ✓ inciting
  - salient
- (Masturizing, mollifying, soothing)
- (not feasible, stupid idea)  
kakaio
181. You said the proposed state stadium project was **cockeyed** but your friend said it was \_\_\_\_.
- henpecked - Submission to one's wife, puss-whipped, cowed, ~~up~~
  - absurd
  - feasible
  - expensive

182. The man is **prissy** but the woman is \_\_\_\_.
- careful
  - careless
  - lazy
  - prayerful
183. James is **coldhearted** but Bantu is \_\_\_\_.
- sympathetic
  - hotheaded
  - warm-minded
  - fearless
184. It is either their efforts to check corruption in our society are \_\_\_\_ or **eulogized** by many people.
- emphasized
  - manipulated
  - denigrated - *disparage*
  - justified
185. While the girls **countenanced** the proposal, the boys \_\_\_\_ it.
- counterbalanced
  - demurred - *(to delay, count or totally stop an activity)*
  - estimated
  - viewed.
186. Although the woman said the killing of her goat was **premeditated**, the accused maintained that the killing was \_\_\_\_
- postmeditated
  - inadvertent
  - studied
  - preconditioned
187. Is the man's contribution to the programme \_\_\_\_ or **stupendous**?
- wise
  - idiotic
  - inconsequential
  - horrendous
188. While Simbo is in the **vanguard** of the struggle, Samba is in the \_\_\_\_
- motorguard
  - armoured car
  - safeguard
  - rearguard
189. The girls are **exuberant** but the boys are \_\_\_\_
- tolerant
  - melancholic
  - aberrant
  - foolish *(small but meat of kidney)*
190. The sitting-room is **dinky**.
- small and dirty
  - large and neat
  - large and dirty
  - small and neat
192. The girls are \_\_\_\_ but the boys are **upbeat**.
- defeated
  - victorious
  - moody
  - cheerful - *(dinky)*

193. While Fenco Football Club won **plaudits** in every match it played, Zenta Football Club won \_\_\_\_.
- A. penalties
  - B. condemnation
  - C. gifts
  - D. cups
194. Many politicians are filled with **chicanery** which people who have \_\_\_\_ detest
- A. ✓ rectitude (uprightness, virtue)
  - B. duplicity
  - C. incivility - (Rude, uncivilized, barbaric)
  - D. bigotry - (Racial discrimination, intolerance)
195. While the man believed that the comments of the village head were \_\_\_\_, his wife said the comments were **in order**.
- A. duplicated
  - B. documented
  - C. untoward (Disadvantageous, unfavourable, improper, in apt, unseemingly)
  - D. complimentary
196. The man's **urbanity** contrasts with his friend's \_\_\_\_
- A. rurality
  - B. perversity (wayward, intractable, stubborn, contrary etc.)
  - C. ingenuity
  - D. imbecility - (Weakness, feebleness, Anaemic.)
197. Did the mechanic handle the repair of your car engine in a **maladroit** manner or in a \_\_\_\_ way?
- A. costly
  - B. simple
  - C. complex
  - D. skilful
198. Whereas the man is seen as a **skinflint**, his wife is regarded by many people as \_\_\_\_
- A. ✓ a spendthrift (Spender, prodigal)
  - B. a dupe
  - C. a hardworker
  - D. an imbecile
199. The boy's **oboisance** contrast with the girl's \_\_\_\_
- A. laziness
  - B. obedience
  - C. recalcitrance
  - D. recklessness
200. It is a **quirky**, not a \_\_\_\_, event in my own opinion.
- A. familiar
  - B. funny
  - C. fair
  - D. strange
201. I don't believe that **the Occident** are richer than \_\_\_\_
- A. the Accident
  - B. the Incident
  - C. the Orient
  - D. the President

202. Whereas the Secretary's actions are always meant to **forestall** crisis, the President's recent comments could \_\_\_ misunderstanding in the members of the club.
- extol
  - excite
  - discourage
  - douse
203. Do you want to **add to** the chapters of the book or \_\_\_ some of the information in it?
- excise
  - multiply
  - develop
  - address
204. I meant to **exculpate** you, not to \_\_\_ you in the least way.
- inculcate
  - excoriate
  - implicate
  - extradite
205. The dramatist said he preferred **sylvan** setting to \_\_\_ setting.
- local
  - urban
  - rural
  - foreign
206. While my country is experiencing economic **recession** now, your country is witnessing economic \_\_\_\_\_.
- buoyancy
  - progression
  - accuracy
  - accession
207. In all conscience, Elekeru is an **out-and-out**, not \_\_\_\_\_, dullard.
- an in-to-in
  - a partial
  - an outright
  - an inside
208. While I live in a **capacious** room in the village, Dimka lives in \_\_\_ room in the city.
- a capricious
  - a rough
  - a poky
  - an attractive
209. Batewi goes about in **dowdy** clothes but Chiweze puts on \_\_\_ clothes
- foreign
  - fashionable
  - unfashionable
  - local
210. Dibanba Lorenzo may be your \_\_\_\_\_, he is my **adversary**.
- crony
  - adviser
  - customer
  - neighbour

211. I know why the girls are **downbeat** today but I cannot explain the reason for the \_\_\_\_\_ disposition of the boys.
- slowbeat
  - upbeat
  - chirpy
  - moody
212. While the woman is always **chary**, the man is always \_\_\_\_\_
- careful
  - careless
  - frugal
  - prodigal
213. It is normal that while some people **cavil at** something, some other people \_\_\_\_\_
- condemn
  - criticize
  - ensure
  - simplify
214. Whereas the grown-ups were \_\_\_\_\_ in the buildings submerged by flood water, the little kids were **evacuated**.
- emasculated
  - drowned
  - immersed
  - marooned
215. The **ram** is my father's while the \_\_\_\_\_ belongs to your mother.
- goat
  - lioness
  - ewe
  - hen
216. I want to tell you that a **bull** is more powerful than a \_\_\_\_\_.
- bear
  - stag
  - dog
  - cow
217. I prefer rearing a \_\_\_\_\_ to rearing a **boar**
- sow
  - cattle
  - bear
  - dog
218. The woman would rather her husband a **kitten** than a \_\_\_\_\_
- goat
  - dog
  - puppet
  - puppy
219. Dunsey is always recognized as a **slaphappy** person but Geoffrey is always considered a \_\_\_\_\_ fellow
- beat-sad
  - cruel
  - sober
  - poor
220. It is either you **own to** the allegation or you \_\_\_\_\_ it.
- renounce
  - refute
  - refuse
  - ratify

221. While Dansa denounced the principal's approach to the issue of discipline in the school, Udoh \_\_\_\_\_ the approach.
- renounced
  - lauded
  - condemned
  - refused
222. I believe more in **afters** than in \_\_\_\_\_
- befores
  - tranquilizers
  - appetizers
  - presents
223. It is either you **renounce** your old habits or your \_\_\_\_\_ them.
- denounce
  - uphold
  - apply
  - shun
224. The woman **croons** the words of her prayer every morning but her husband \_\_\_\_\_ his.
- murmurs
  - prattles
  - shouts
  - counts
225. While your criticism of my new book is **temperate**, Tambo's criticism is \_\_\_\_\_
- scathing
  - temporary
  - permanent
  - simple.
226. Whereas Silas' latest novel is **turgid**, Viola's is \_\_\_\_\_
- voluminous
  - interesting
  - critical
  - simplified
227. The **robust** physique of a young girl contrasts with the \_\_\_\_\_ constitution of an old woman
- bonny
  - witty
  - wizened
  - considerate
228. Although many people **denigrate** many aspects of foreign culture, a few people still \_\_\_\_\_ some aspects of the culture.
- eulogize
  - migrate
  - extirpate
  - import
229. Is the behaviour of an average politician in your country \_\_\_\_\_ or **pleasing**?
- plausible
  - abhorrent
  - political
  - militating
230. In your own volition, is military intervention in politics \_\_\_\_\_ or **normal** practice?
- disnormal
  - moral
  - aberrant
  - forceful

231. Medical experts always encourage **moderation** and discourage \_\_\_ in the administration of drugs.
- abuse
  - immoderation
  - adulteration
  - vomiting
232. We should obey our **spiritual** leaders as we obey our \_\_\_ leaders
- spirituous
  - secular
  - visible
  - permanent
233. The guest speaker gave recognition to the **Lords spiritual** as well as the \_\_\_ in the audience.
- Gods spiritual
  - Lords temporary
  - Lords temporal
  - Angels spiritual
234. Are the people **careless** or \_\_\_\_\_?
- carefree
  - circumspect
  - dubious
  - healthy
235. While the girls **frisky**, the boys are \_\_\_\_\_
- melancholy
  - cheerful
  - fidgety
  - brilliant
236. The **bliss** with which the members of the first group went about the physical exercise contrasted sharply with the \_\_\_ radiated in the faces of the members of the second group.
- readiness
  - sluggishness
  - pleasure
  - sadness
237. The \_\_\_ scholars deserve as much respect as we give **modern** scholars.
- outdated
  - archaic
  - classical
  - immodest
238. Is it a fact that foreign companies are known for \_\_\_ products and local firms notorious for **sham** products?
- classic
  - inferior
  - expensive
  - showy
239. The **fecklessness** of the women's efforts surprised the man who had thought their efforts would be \_\_\_\_\_
- reckless
  - fruitful
  - risky
  - feckful

240. Is the woman selling fruits under that baobab tree really **compos mentis** or \_\_\_?
- insane
  - poor
  - dirty
  - considerate
241. Sabeto Wese is a young person of **flighty** behaviour but Mamakoko is ever \_\_\_
- fickle
  - arrogant
  - gentle
  - steady
242. While William made **flippant** comments at the occasion, Tambo made \_\_\_ remarks.
- detailed
  - polite
  - rude
  - flimsy
243. The writer of the controversial article is **anonymous** but the writer of the open letter to the President is \_\_\_
- callous
  - known
  - brilliant
  - lettered
244. The children say they enjoy \_\_\_ from their mother while they hate the **force majeure** their father demonstrates from time to time.
- love
  - fearlessness
  - laizzez-faire
  - carteblanche
245. The **familiarity** of your formula makes it uninteresting just as the \_\_\_ of mine makes many people admire it.
- facility
  - uniqueness
  - clarity
  - visibility
246. While Peter's theory is said to be **dud**, Paul's is considered \_\_\_
- bright
  - flawless
  - drab
  - exotic
247. In your opinion, are all earthly phenomena **static** or \_\_\_?
- dynamic
  - stable
  - magnetic
  - sadistic
248. The strict principal will not allow you to go scotfree whether your excuse is \_\_\_ or **vague**.
- vogue
  - pellucid
  - vulgar
  - vicious

249. While some children **rile** their parents, some other children \_\_\_ their
- ridicule
  - protect
  - please
  - abuse
250. The **acme** of a profession affords the professional a better standard of living than the \_\_\_ of the profession.
- zenith
  - nadir
  - peak
  - theory
251. The **haughtiness** of Sidoma contrasts sharply with the \_\_\_ of Sasadotu.
- coolness
  - humility
  - poverty
  - conservativeness
252. I believe that **individual** efforts cannot see us through the present crisis, it is \_\_\_ efforts that can.
- concerted
  - concerned
  - unilateral
  - confirmed
253. A good summary will take only the \_\_\_ points into consideration while shuns the **trivial** points.
- insignificant
  - salient
  - bivocal
  - permanent
254. While Michael is recognized as a \_\_\_ person in the organization, Butegoma is seen by many people as a **sassy** fellow.
- sadonic
  - sadistic
  - courteous
  - callous
255. While a male animal may be **castrated**, a female animal may be \_\_\_ by rearer.
- sheltered
  - spayed
  - marooned
  - captured
256. Michael is a **cocky** person, but Esther is a \_\_\_ fellow.
- henky
  - pompous
  - lanky
  - humble
257. One of the twin brothers goes about in **snazzy** clothes while the other brother is always seen in \_\_\_ clothes nowadays.
- attractive
  - foreign
  - local
  - unfashionable

258. While my brother believed that the members of Tixoma Social Club were **severally** liable for the club's financial problem, I was of the opinion that the members were \_\_\_ liable.
- individually
  - jointly
  - separately
  - permanently
259. Mabel's \_\_\_ attention to his work these days thrills many of his friends but Elekeru's **indifferent** attitude to his studies puts off his people.
- religious
  - different
  - identical
  - deferential
260. Although I can't say for sure what can \_\_\_ Johnson, I know that can **demoralize** him any time.
- ensure
  - empower
  - enliven
  - moralize
261. While everybody sees Lasaki as **an easy going person**, many people view Bamanga as \_\_\_
- a roughneck
  - a go-getter
  - an eclectic person
  - a fast-moving fellow
262. The first show was **spirited** but the second show was \_\_\_
- physical
  - visible
  - drab
  - interesting
263. Whereas Ezenwa is a **mealy-mouthed** person, Sitoli is a \_\_\_ cove.
- frank
  - mute
  - lousy
  - fluent
264. The **licentiousness** exhibited in the Otokoto's latest novel contrasts with the \_\_\_ which Santana always emphasizes in his literary work.
- simplicity
  - rectitude
  - tragedy
  - innuendo
265. While Madume is a **minion** in the organization, Maitama is \_\_\_
- a lazy official
  - an ordinary staffer
  - an over-zealous worker
  - a ranking officer
266. Eze's jokes are rather **outrageous** nowadays but Maito's are \_\_\_
- intrageous
  - pleasant
  - unwholesome
  - homogeneous

- B. condemnation  
C. coo  
D. loo
303. The man's late wife **venerated** him a lot, but his new wife \_\_\_ him at well.  
A. flatters  
B. scorns  
C. vindicates  
D. vulgarizes
304. There is no denying that there is no convergence between the \_\_\_ attitude Jetoma and the **unassuming** nature of Siroso.  
A. understanding  
B. suspicious  
C. vainglorious  
D. consuming
305. It is inexplicable that while one of the identical twins always wears a **wan** look, the other always puts on a/an \_\_\_ disposition.  
A. ordinary  
B. simplistic  
C. cheerful  
D. wry
306. We should recognize the fact that every human being has his or her **foibles** as well as his or her \_\_\_\_  
A. strengths  
B. disadvantages  
C. styles  
D. plans
307. Lam's **lachrymose** disposition contrasts sharply with Tom's \_\_\_ face.  
A. timorous  
B. dull  
C. laughing  
D. morose
308. The man said he wouldn't know whether the instructions given the students were **nebulous** or \_\_\_\_  
A. callous  
B. unclear  
C. ambiguous  
D. explicit
309. It is either the health of the man is in a **parlous** state or in a \_\_\_ condition now  
A. sordid  
B. pleasing  
C. humorous  
D. temporary
310. While some crimes can be described as **mild**, some others can be seen as \_\_\_\_  
A. meagre  
B. unlawful  
C. atrocious  
D. pardonable
311. Whereas Kaka's poem is described as a **eulogy**, Tetch's is regarded as/an \_\_\_\_  
A. anthology  
B. dirge  
C. panegyric

312. The \_\_\_ comments of your mother are in contrast with the **commending** remarks of your father.
- sonnet
  - commendable
  - commanding
  - vitriolic
  - amending
313. If your employer does not find you an **indept** worker, he will find you a/an \_\_\_ one.
- trained
  - faithful
  - honest
  - competent
314. The actions of your parents have the tendency to **invigorate** or \_\_\_ your drive to success in life from time to time.
- vitiate
  - encourage
  - goad
  - inundate
315. No one can explain clearly why the **cognate** members of the club are always separated from the \_\_\_ members.
- illiterate
  - new
  - old
  - unrelated
316. Ten countries **voted** and the rest \_\_\_\_
- campaigned
  - abstained
  - complained
  - neutralized
317. Although the President said the attack on the neighbouring country was \_\_\_ many people believed the attack was **premeditated**.
- planned
  - postmeditated
  - accidental
  - motivated
318. I believe that while convergent opinions will facilitate success, \_\_\_ views will stultify efforts.
- emergent
  - disparate
  - urgent
  - different
319. The tendency towards **graft** of the previous government is at variance with the apparent \_\_\_ of the present administration.
- generosity
  - corruption
  - honesty
  - profligacy
320. We had thought the accused would \_\_\_ the statement he gave to the police but he **maintained** it.
- mastermind
  - undermined
  - repudiate
  - adumbrate

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## Section B

# TEST OF SYNONYMS

**Synonyms** are words of the same or almost the same meanings in the same language. For example, beautiful, fine, attractive, inviting are synonyms just as mean, niggardly, stingy, frugal are synonyms.

In this section, a list of options is given below every sentence, and you are expected to choose, from among the options, the option nearest in meaning to the word or phrase printed boldly in the sentence.

1. They are notorious for their **diabolical** plans.
  - A. diametrical
  - B. evil
  - C. practical
  - D. theoretical
2. His **industry** saw him through in the foreign land
  - A. hardwork
  - B. factory
  - C. commerce
  - D. wealth
3. A sot is the same as \_\_\_\_\_
  - A. a cheat
  - B. an alcoholic
  - C. a simpleton
  - D. an urchin
4. There is no doubt that **indolence** is the cause of the man's predicament
  - A. slothfulness
  - B. indulgence
  - C. indiscipline
  - D. indigestion
5. Are you **sceptical** about the woman's promise to finance your education in the United Kingdom?
  - A. worried
  - B. nervous
  - C. doubtful
  - D. thankful
6. The subject is a **sine qua non**.
  - A. a compulsory
  - B. an optional one
  - C. a very difficult one
  - D. a simple one
7. Obika is too **temperamental** to be the captain of the team.
  - A. moody
  - B. timorous
  - C. unstable in character
  - D. gentle
8. The demonstrators ran **helter-skelter** when they sighted the mobile policemen.
  - A. bare-footed
  - B. fast
  - C. into a shelter
  - D. in disordered haste

9. Chief Ajetan's **affluence** contrasts with Mr. Patience's poverty
- A. opulence
  - B. arrogance
  - C. assurance
  - D. ambivalence
10. The man's **conceit** is not in doubt.
- A. collaboration
  - B. conspiracy
  - C. deceit
  - D. arrogance
11. I really admire the **humility** of the president.
- A. humanity
  - B. modesty
  - C. pompousity
  - D. capability
12. Barabangi is really a **snulish** person
- A. gentle
  - B. rough
  - C. stubborn
  - D. peevish
13. The young girl is paid a **vast** sum as a salary every month
- A. small
  - B. huge
  - C. compulsory
  - D. petty
14. The fat man's monthly salary is **meagre**
- A. surplus
  - B. handsome
  - C. small
  - D. insufficient.
15. I believe the issues the three of us are discussing are **trivial**.
- A. paramount
  - B. important
  - C. insignificant
  - D. tripartite
16. **Stubbornness** helped him to succeed.
- A. Rudeness
  - B. Silliness
  - C. Doggedness
  - D. Impertinence
17. The man owes his success in business to **assiduity**.
- A. diligence
  - B. credulity
  - C. frivolity
  - D. punctuality
18. Are they expecting **celestial** to the problem in hand.
- A. terrestrial
  - B. heavenly
  - C. religious
  - D. sacrificial

19. Their suggestions are **germane** to the problem in hand.  
 A. dangerous  
 B. general  
 C. relevant  
 D. useless
20. Your brother gave me **invaluable** advice recently.  
 A. valueless  
 B. priceless  
 C. invalid  
 D. baseless
21. The **indigent** boy is my younger brother's friend.  
 A. indolent  
 B. diligent  
 C. efficient  
 D. needy
22. Adults **seldom** visit the new amusement centre.  
 A. frequently  
 B. rarely  
 C. usually  
 D. reluctantly
23. Are you sure the boy is **indisposed** now?  
 A. irrational  
 B. erratic  
 C. dispossessed  
 D. unhealthy
25. Can you mention any two **inimical** acts?  
 A. economical  
 B. dangerous  
 C. encouraging  
 D. fantastic
26. Really, life is **ephemeral**.  
 A. enjoyable  
 B. difficult  
 C. transient  
 D. permanent
27. The clergy don't pay much attention to **terrestrial** phenomena.  
 A. celestial  
 B. worldly  
 C. transparent  
 D. especial
28. The occurrence is a **stigma** on his family.  
 A. a blemish  
 B. an asset  
 C. an honour  
 D. a star
29. That food can be **deleterious** to your body.  
 A. healthful  
 B. nourishing  
 C. harmful  
 D. desperate

30. I want to tell you that Felix has an **eclectic** mind.  
 A. shocking  
 B. versatile  
 C. narrow  
 D. critical
31. Elekeru is very **miserly**.  
 A. stingy  
 B. miserable  
 C. prodigal  
 D. rascally
32. The girl is clearly **vivacious**.  
 A. officious  
 B. ferocious  
 C. vindictive  
 D. chirpy
33. They are **yearning** to leave.  
 A. monthing  
 B. longing  
 C. praying  
 D. walking
34. The man is **generous**.  
 A. gentle  
 B. hilarious  
 C. magnanimous  
 D. illustrious
35. The **ferocity** of the former president was beyond description.  
 A. power  
 B. influence  
 C. cruelty  
 D. generosity
36. Is the man a **biased** judge?  
 A. corruptible  
 B. partial  
 C. fair  
 D. strict
37. She always takes advantage of the **taciturnity** of her husband.  
 A. turbidity  
 B. turgidity  
 C. reticence  
 D. laxity
38. Ebere's **pusillanimity** is never in doubt.  
 A. timidity  
 B. simplicity  
 C. veracity  
 D. voracity
39. Many a politician in my country is **avaricious**.  
 A. gluttonous  
 B. audacious  
 C. mendacious  
 D. greedy

40. She always does her morning duties with **alacrity**
- A. enthusiasm
  - B. hesitation
  - C. force
  - D. regret
41. He said the decision taken at the Board meeting was a **fait accompli**.
- A. a faithful thing
  - B. an irreversible thing
  - C. a thing of great accomplishment
  - D. a well-considered thing.
42. The former president has a very funny **sobriquet**.
- A. disposition
  - B. nickname
  - C. sobriety
  - D. etiquette
43. It is very clear that Tuba is a **green** teacher
- A. colourful
  - B. experienced
  - C. local
  - D. inexperienced
44. Is true that the man is **petulant**?
- A. irritable
  - B. pedantic
  - C. parsimonious
  - D. reluctant
45. The woman takes every misfortune with **equanimity**.
- A. amity
  - B. fortitude
  - C. equity
  - D. sobriety
46. When were they **gaoled**?
- A. freed
  - B. scored
  - C. punished
  - D. jailed
47. The man **deprecated** examination malpractices.
- A. abetted
  - B. allowed
  - C. condemned
  - D. perpetrated
48. The **inference** we can draw from this is that the woman is a witch.
- A. information
  - B. lesson
  - C. difference
  - D. deduction
49. The by really **irked** his father last week.
- A. embarrassed
  - B. educated
  - C. annoyed
  - D. cheated

50. Do your parents always **decry** insubordination?  
 A. speak against  
 B. tolerate  
 C. embrace  
 D. overlook
51. I understand that the popularity of the politician has begun to **wane**.  
 A. increase  
 B. soar  
 C. diminish  
 D. wallop
52. Were their efforts in the recent time **feckless**?  
 A. fecund  
 B. reckless  
 C. futile  
 D. purposeless
53. Garuba is a **garrulous** fellow.  
 A. great  
 B. loquacious  
 C. pompous  
 D. gregarious
54. It was an **offhand** speech he gave at the occasion yesterday.  
 A. an extempore  
 B. an offhead  
 C. a handly  
 D. a prepared
55. Everybody appraised the **brevity** of the man's speech  
 A. verbosity  
 B. succinctness  
 C. temerity  
 D. fullness
56. The attack on the Pentagon was **deliberate**.  
 A. debatable  
 B. intentional  
 C. accidental  
 D. incidental
57. You shouldn't have **incensed** your brother.  
 A. angered  
 B. incised  
 C. inspired  
 D. incidental
58. Chike is **vindictive**  
 A. unforgiving  
 B. forgiving  
 C. intelligent  
 D. constructive
59. The results of your final examination will **vindicate** my opinion.  
 A. condemn  
 B. justify  
 C. disclose  
 D. encompass

60. There is no doubt that Professor Emekon is a **renowned** writer.  
 A. rude  
 B. famous  
 C. arrogant  
 D. well-travelled
61. A higher court has **set aside** the ruling of the lower court.  
 A. separated  
 B. upheld  
 C. approved  
 D. nullified
62. The company became **insolvent** recently  
 A. insoluble  
 B. registered  
 C. bankrupt  
 D. understaffed
63. I was **taken aback** by the teacher's remarks  
 A. humiliated  
 B. forced to withdraw  
 C. surprised  
 D. stimulated
64. I want you to believe that the weeping girls are **feigning**.  
 A. pretending  
 B. suffering  
 C. fainting  
 D. panting
65. Youths are more **inquisitive** than adults.  
 A. querulous  
 B. curious  
 C. abusive  
 D. vindictive
66. One of the **characteristics** of national development is full employment.  
 A. behaviour  
 B. feature  
 C. problem  
 D. advantage
67. The bully wanted to **cow** me into submission but I remained adamant  
 A. dehumanize  
 B. beg  
 C. intimidate  
 D. animalize
68. Many people testified to the girl's **impeccable** behaviour.  
 A. rude  
 B. faultless  
 C. impeachable  
 D. flirtatious
69. His explanation of that point was **lucid**.  
 A. complicated  
 B. ludicrous  
 C. lengthy  
 D. clear

70. I took the information with **misgivings**.
- doubts
  - total belief
  - regards
  - assurance.
71. The boy's **gallantry** was noticed during the recent communal crisis.
- rascality
  - kindness
  - bravery
  - infantry
72. The man **eventually** divorced his wife.
- soon
  - finally
  - lately
  - recently
73. It surprised many people that the girl **eloped** with the poor man.
- ran away
  - died
  - disappointed
  - stayed.
74. The evidence of the second witness **corroborates** that of the accused.
- contradicts
  - reinforces
  - cancel
  - coordinator
75. James' concern for Jemilat is **affected**.
- pretended
  - genuine
  - wholehearted
  - halfhearted
76. The man's story sounded **incredible**.
- intelligible
  - believable
  - unbelievable
  - horrible
77. The disloyal soldiers had held several **clandestine** meetings before they carried out the coup.
- compulsory
  - natural
  - exclusive
  - secret
78. The **incessant** chatter of the pupils provoked the teacher.
- indecent
  - unceasing
  - pleasant
  - meaningless
79. Young lovers and their **surreptitious** meetings!
- sumptuous
  - fictitious
  - secret
  - nightly

80. It is a **gargantuan** sum of money he earns as a salary every month.
- an enormous
  - a niggling
  - a small
  - a special
81. Is the disease really **lethal**?
- tough
  - deadly
  - widespread
  - local
82. The man committed **suicide** recently.
- the killing of his son
  - the killing of himself
  - the killing of his sister
  - the killing of his son-in-law.
83. The war left a **lugubrious** atmosphere after it ended in the country.
- mournful
  - ludicrous
  - luminous
  - lukewarm
84. He is a man who would do anything for **lucre**.
- charity
  - money
  - love
  - development
85. The **armistice** between the two warring countries lasted one week.
- truce
  - arms
  - training
  - dialogue
86. He always **disparages** the work of other people.
- discloses
  - condemns
  - commends
  - augments
87. She said the man wanted to **lure** her into prostitution.
- rape
  - entice
  - force
  - pay
88. Tirogo is a **lymphatic** fellow.
- hardworking
  - loving
  - sluggish
  - asthmatic
89. The man appears **listless**.
- sophisticated
  - serious
  - sad
  - tired

90. He came into the room **stealthily** last night.  
 A. furtively  
 B. sorrowfully  
 C. briskly  
 D. hurriedly
91. The boy has been **indicted** by the suspect  
 A. contradicted  
 B. abducted  
 C. implicated  
 D. conducted
92. The evidence of the third witness **absolved** me of the allegation.  
 A. cleared  
 B. involved  
 C. dissolved  
 D. accused
93. I believe their responses are mere **conjectures**.  
 A. answers  
 B. guesses  
 C. comments  
 D. coincidences
94. The researcher has some **hypotheses** to work on  
 A. problems  
 B. recommendations  
 C. assumptions  
 D. proposals
95. It is very clear that Arisa is suffering from **agoraphobia**.  
 A. fear of agriculture  
 B. fear of open space  
 C. fear of enemies  
 D. fear of new things.
96. What a **gory** sight!  
 A. bloody  
 B. glory  
 C. fantastic  
 D. blessed
97. The celebrant showered **encomiums** on the donors  
 A. encouragement  
 B. praises  
 C. comments  
 D. abuses
98. She need not have poured **invectives** on those school children.  
 A. infections  
 B. explosives  
 C. curses  
 D. instructions
99. Johnson is an **indefatigable** teacher.  
 A. a fastidious  
 B. a fanatical  
 C. an undisciplined  
 D. an untiring

100. The fighters are really **indomitable**.  
 A. weak  
 B. indolent  
 C. uncomfortable  
 D. unconquerable
101. Temba is suffering from **xenophobia**.  
 A. fear of strangers  
 B. fear of machines  
 C. fear of failure  
 D. fear of new things.
102. My uncle is **apolitical**.  
 A. likes politics  
 B. politically ambitious  
 C. dislikes politics  
 D. politically popular
103. Is the man a **misopaedist**?  
 A. hater of children  
 B. lover of children  
 C. admirer of children  
 D. lover of new things.
104. A **clown** in a literary work means  
 A. a clever character  
 B. a humorous character  
 C. an unimportant character  
 D. an irrational character
105. A **claustrophobic** is a person who \_\_\_\_\_  
 A. fears ugly things  
 B. fears of confined space  
 C. fears war  
 D. fears enemies
106. A **gynephobic** is a \_\_\_\_\_  
 A. a man who fears female sex  
 B. a woman who fears male sex  
 C. a person who fears punishment  
 D. a person who fears gymnastics
107. My father is famous for his **pragmatic** approach to issues  
 A. idealistic  
 B. democratic  
 C. practical  
 D. fatherly
108. A **matricide** is \_\_\_\_\_  
 A. a person who kills his or her mother  
 B. a woman who dies in a maternity ward  
 C. a person who hates his or her mother  
 D. a woman who kills her child(ren)
109. He said he **loathed** politics.  
 A. loved  
 B. supported  
 C. hated  
 D. financed

110. The politician designed a perfect **subterfuge** to win the election.
- trick
  - campaign
  - advertisement
  - way
111. I will like to **reiterate** the points I made at the beginning of my speech.
- amend
  - repeat
  - withdraw
  - recant
112. The drug has **aggravated** the condition of the patient.
- improved
  - adjusted
  - worsened
  - normalised
113. It is a **pseudo** claim the man is making
- special
  - privileged
  - genuine
  - fake
114. The insurance company will **indemnify** the woman
- pacify
  - insure
  - compensate
  - prosecute
115. I am for the **annihilation** of the flowers in the compound.
- nurturing
  - examination
  - preservation
  - extirpation
116. Methinks the politician is up to a different **stratagem** this time.
- policy
  - system
  - ploy
  - strategy
117. He had to **recant** the statement he made at the police station.
- confirm
  - repeat
  - withdraw
  - maintain
118. A **mycologist** is a person who \_\_\_\_\_
- hates new things
  - hates fruits
  - hates children
  - likes new things.
119. My school principal is a **straitlaced** fellow
- strict
  - fashionable
  - indolent
  - straightforward

130. As far as I am concerned, the difference between the two objects is **inconsequential**.
- clear
  - important
  - inadequate
  - insignificant
131. That is an **irrefragable** allegation
- irrefutable
  - irreversible
  - irresponsible
  - irredeemable
132. In my opinion, it is a **colossal** waste.
- common
  - gigantic
  - reprisal
  - contestable
133. The effect of the workers' strike is **infinitesimal**
- dismal
  - unlimited
  - inconsequential
  - great
134. A **lilliputian** is
- a midget
  - a giant
  - a politician
  - a litigant
135. I have not discovered the man's **idiosyncrasy**
- madness
  - peculiarity
  - mentality
  - mistake
136. Is anyone of your school subjects **indispensable**?
- essential
  - optional
  - difficult
  - unreadable
137. The small boy came out of the wreckage of the car **unscathed**
- unhurt
  - unconscious
  - seriously injured
  - unexpectedly
138. The coach advised the footballers to **consolidate** their lead in the second part of the match
- validate
  - strengthen
  - announce
  - play
139. Elekeru is a **pugnacious** person.
- covetous
  - loquacious
  - cautious
  - bellicose

140. The arrival of Mensah made the party become **animated**.  
 A. rough  
 B. chaotic  
 C. lively  
 D. anointed
141. One of the interviewees demonstrated **stupendous** intelligence.  
 A. astonishing  
 B. foolish  
 C. stupid  
 D. idiotic
142. He did what he did for his community last year for **pecuniary** consideration.  
 A. political  
 B. power  
 C. monetary  
 D. chieftaincy
143. Johnson has just written a **memoir**.  
 A. a biography  
 B. a story  
 C. an autobiography  
 D. a memory verse
144. Chief Ajete is a **venal** politician  
 A. famous  
 B. powerful  
 C. weak  
 D. corrupt
145. Syphilis is a **venereal** disease  
 A. a widespread  
 B. a se-related  
 C. a realistic  
 D. an undisclosed
146. The man was jailed for **perjury**.  
 A. falsehood  
 B. stealing  
 C. murder  
 D. forgery
147. The meal is okay for a **sedentary** worker.  
 A. lazy  
 B. hardworking  
 C. sitting
148. The drug made the man **lethargic**.  
 A. insane  
 B. strong  
 C. asthmatic  
 D. tired
149. The boy looks like a **mendicant** as he sits  
 A. medical student  
 B. ruffian  
 C. beggar  
 D. sailor

150. Do I really need **perseverance**?  
A. persecution  
B. endurance  
C. assurance  
D. self-reliance
151. I will rather take the character of a person into consideration, not the person's **looks**.  
A. appearance  
B. visibility  
C. sight  
D. eyes
152. There is no doubt that our Mathematics teacher is **supine**.  
A. superb  
B. efficient  
C. indolent  
D. brilliant
153. My father is a **nonagenarian**.  
A. between 70 and 79 years  
B. between 80 and 89 years  
C. between 69 and 79 years  
D. between 90 and 99 years
154. I want to tell you that my English Language teacher is a **nonsuch**.  
A. a no nonsense person  
B. a person without equal  
C. a pompous person  
D. a very lazy person
155. Ziko is **an also-ran** in the Essay Competition.  
A. a brilliant participant  
B. a successful person  
C. an unsuccessful person  
D. another fast writer
156. My elder brother is **lanky**.  
A. fat  
B. slim  
C. short  
D. bulky
157. The Governor gave **largess** to his cabinet members recently.  
A. instructions  
B. duties  
C. official quarters  
D. generous gifts.
158. He always demonstrates **laissez-faire** attitude to his studies.  
A. care-free  
B. savoir-faire  
C. careful  
D. serious
159. I am on the **penultimate** paragraph of the essay.  
A. last  
B. initial  
C. last but one  
D. ultimate

160. The president of the Association is admired for his **savoir faire**.
- courage
  - social tact
  - safety method
  - laissez-faire
161. A **will-o-the-wisp** means
- something one catches after a hot chase
  - something one pursues unsuccessfully
  - something one achieves with little effort.
  - Something given to one by another person.
162. The corrupt official had to leave the public service **willy-nilly**.
- compulsorily
  - reluctantly
  - by retirement
  - willingly
163. The impeached Speaker of the house of Assembly walked out with **diatribe**.
- two members of his constituency
  - bitter words
  - two of his supporters
  - the leaders of two other tribes in the House.
164. The boxer won most of his fights through **unorthodox** style.
- barbaric
  - aggressive
  - dishonest
  - unconventional
165. He always calls a spade a spade because he is **an ingenious** person.
- a timid
  - a bashful
  - a frank
  - an excellent
166. You should disregard the statements of that young girl as it is clear that she is **an ingenious** fellow.
- an innocent
  - a rule
  - an honest
  - an intelligent
167. A **fratricide** is a
- person who kills an infant
  - person who kills his step father
  - person who kills his brother
  - person who kills a living thing.
168. The **ingenious** manner the man handled the case beat the imagination of everyone
- candid
  - immature
  - rash
  - clever
169. A **ratty** person is \_\_\_\_\_ person
- a dirty
  - an-tempered
  - a small
  - a cunning

170. That song always gives me an **ethereal** felling
- unearthly
  - earthly
  - sensual
  - external
171. The road leading to the office of the Governor is **coarse**.
- smooth
  - rough
  - wide
  - narrow
172. My meeting with Doctor Sese last month was **fortuitous**.
- planned
  - well-arranged
  - successful
  - accidental
173. The boy is a **protégé** in the capital city.
- dependant
  - professional
  - rogue
  - protector.
174. It is a **septennial** event. This means the event
- occurs every September
  - occurs every seven years
  - occurs every Saturday
  - occurs every six years
175. The man is **senile**.
- weakened by alcohol
  - weakened by old age
  - strengthened by drug
  - strengthened by education
176. My friend is fond of making **sententious** statements.
- long and powerful
  - long and meaningful
  - difficult
  - moralizing
177. A **runagate** is
- a deserter
  - gatekeeper
  - a sprinter
  - a sportsman
178. He seems to enjoy **rustic** life.
- urban
  - dull
  - rural
  - realistic
179. Isn't Teremba a **queer** fellow?
- popular
  - strange
  - harsh
  - dubious

180. A **sexennial** event is one which occurs
- every six years
  - every odd year
  - every leap year
  - every seven years
181. The behaviour of the man is **outlandish** nowadays.
- impressive
  - externally-motivated
  - queer
  - crude
182. In my opinion, the deputy governor's remark is a **faux pas**.
- social blunder
  - political statement
  - prepared speech
  - passionate remark
183. The student has never shown **obsequious** behaviour.
- ordinary
  - cringing
  - obtrusive
  - cheating
184. I want you to see the man's promise as a **hoax**.
- ruse
  - gift
  - caution
  - hint
185. The **mountebank** will be caught one day.
- fraudulent bank official
  - notorious mountaineer
  - pretender to medical skill
  - robber
186. A **prevaricator** is
- a sculptor
  - a pretender
  - an adjudicator
  - a forerunner
187. The beggar said his takings **snowballed** by the hour
- turned into snow
  - reduced
  - increased
  - grew into a ball.
188. He is a **goon**.
- gunner
  - cheat
  - beggar
  - stupid fellow
189. Concerning our studies, the man always **obsecrates** us.
- punishes
  - beseeches
  - teachers
  - abuses

190. The woman is clearly **benign**.
- poor
  - beautiful
  - gentle
  - quarrelsome
191. Timothy is a **bibliophile**.
- lover of books
  - hater of books
  - writer of books
  - collector of books
192. In fact my brother-in-law is a **bibulous** fellow.
- rich
  - drunken
  - nebulous
  - ill-tempered
193. Even though the man is a **sexagenarian**, he is recognized by many people as an ebullient teacher.
- one between 70 and 79 years
  - one between 80 and 89 years
  - one between 60 and 69 years
  - one between 90 and 100 years
194. Etzaka is a **splenetic** person.
- special
  - peevish
  - energetic
  - lazy
195. The teacher is a **tiro**. This means the teacher is
- an experienced
  - one who becomes tired so soon
  - a brilliant one
  - a novice.
196. The **cantankerous** woman sells fruits.
- quarrelsome
  - dirty
  - curious
  - meticulous
197. Some animals are **arboreal** animals.
- hole-related
  - tree-related
  - water-related
  - domestic.
198. Ours is a **nascent** democracy.
- fake
  - genuine
  - mature
  - young
199. I will like the Christmas carol to be a **diurnal** event.
- of daytime
  - of night
  - of two days
  - of two weeks

200. After he had worked for eight hours, Santo **trudged** to his residence.
- walked hurriedly
  - walked arrogantly
  - walked wearily
  - walked majestically
201. Dongato is a **niggardly** fellow.
- mean
  - famous
  - pompous
  - prodigal
202. Are your children's behaviour always **irreproachable**?
- unapproachable
  - sociable
  - flawless
  - irrational
203. Many politicians dread **Fleet Street**.
- open place
  - the press
  - the public
  - demonstration
204. The **anarchy** was caused by Tirogo.
- diarchy
  - oligarchy
  - chaos
  - movement
205. Who is your **alterego**?
- enemy
  - intimate friend
  - adviser
  - rival
206. Ezekiel is my **ally** in the struggle for freedom of worship.
- supporter
  - opponent
  - instructor
  - financier
207. The girl is a **cheeky** fellow.
- robust
  - slim
  - rude
  - polite
208. Isn't the referee **an argus-eyed** person?
- a partial
  - a vigilant
  - a firm
  - a far-seeing.
209. I know that a professor who wants to marry an illiterate market woman has **arriere pensee**.
- genuine love
  - tenderness of heart
  - ulterior motive
  - true foresight

210. The style is **exotic**.
- local
  - popular
  - funny
  - foreign
211. The **flora and fauna** of Africa should be protected against extinction.
- children and adults
  - people and culture
  - plants and animals
  - folklores and fashion
212. What of **Gilbertian situation**!
- chaotic situation
  - humorous situation
  - sorrowful situation
  - thought-provoking situation
213. In my opinion, the jewels are **gimcrack**.
- genuine
  - imported
  - locally made
  - worthless
214. The allegation is **irrefutable**.
- unfounded
  - irresponsible
  - undeniable
  - insignificant
215. Did you notice the **celerity** of his action yesterday?
- slowness
  - quickness
  - sluggishness
  - brevity
216. The **belle** was with me for three hours yesterday.
- small bell
  - rather larger bell
  - beautiful girl
  - brilliant boy
217. The man's talent as an academic is **prodigious**.
- bogus
  - wonderful
  - prodigal
  - innocuous
218. When they were told how much harm they had done, the students were **penitent**.
- contrite
  - content
  - penalized
  - punished
219. It is a person who is always **punctual** that should be made the captain of the group.
- timely
  - pompous
  - fast
  - prompt.

220. The place is an **eleemosynary** place.
- an expensive
  - a special
  - a charitable
  - an ordinary
221. Does he enjoy **carte blanche** in his new place of work?
- unlimited authority to do what he considers right
  - car allowance
  - fringe benefits
  - in-service training
222. The boy's **courtly** behaviour endears him to many people in his environment
- punctual
  - neat
  - polite
  - diligent
223. The **protagonists** of the new movement have been identified
- enemies
  - antagonists
  - leading figures
  - chief opponents
224. The **authenticity** of the information is not in doubt.
- publicity
  - genuineness
  - facts
  - effects
225. Has the silly boy been **eavesdropping** all this while?
- dropping leaves about
  - spreading rumours
  - cheating
  - listening secretly
226. Politicians make tall promises to **hoodwink** the electorate.
- deceive
  - satisfy
  - beg
  - educate
227. Mensah is an **egghead**
- a simpleton
  - a puddenhead
  - a young person
  - an intellectual
228. Come off it! It's all **rodomontade**.
- lie
  - boastful talk
  - appeal
  - threat
229. They are notorious for their **nefarious** activities.
- meritorious
  - infectious
  - disreputable
  - cautious

240. I have always recognized Roland as an **avant garde**.
- a radical leader
  - a passive follower
  - an unassuming person
  - a swashbuckler.
241. Simpson **reneged** on the agreement between him and Sabela.
- stood by
  - failed to keep
  - endorsed fully
  - renewed
242. It is a **Darby and Joan** club. The club is for
- young lovers
  - literate and illiterate people
  - old couples
  - boys and girls.
243. Bembela loves reading **salacious** books
- local
  - straightforward
  - immoral
  - foreign
244. They dwell in **salubrious** surroundings.
- neat
  - dirty
  - somber
  - special
245. Surely, you will be **excoriated** this time.
- suspended
  - expelled
  - criticized
  - praised
246. We know Yahaya for his **parsimony**.
- generosity
  - testimony
  - prodigality
  - meanness
247. Are you not **parochial** in your attitude to politics?
- harsh
  - narrow-minded
  - practical
  - special
248. It is **parky** outside.
- cold
  - hot
  - noisy
  - calm
249. Prempe always views the work of Osondu with **scorn**.
- contempt
  - envy
  - sincerity
  - reservation

250. Political office holders in Africa should desist from **splurge** forthwith
- brutality to the government
  - bribery and corruption
  - making unrealistic promises
  - ostentatious display of wealth
251. It is an **earnest** claim the insurance company's client is making
- earliest
  - insincere
  - honest
  - latest
252. The **incumbent** Governor of Open-Gate State is well educated.
- current
  - former
  - first
  - elected
253. There is a **plethora** of every tool needed for the job.
- shortage
  - surplus
  - low quality
  - high quality
254. Risikat loves telling **risque** stories.
- risky
  - foreign
  - funny
  - indecent
255. Hassan patronizes **ritzy** restaurants nowadays
- cheap and local
  - expensively furnished
  - modern
  - popular
256. The grains are being **insolated**.
- kept in a secret place
  - preserved
  - exposed to the sun to dry
  - planted on a fertile land
257. What chance will you give to an **insouciant** person in a competition?
- efficient
  - indifferent
  - inspired
  - energetic
258. The **interregnum** had adverse effects on the economy of the country.
- war
  - political impasse
  - interval between regimes
  - misunderstanding
259. Does anyone know the source of the man's **jeremiad**?
- lamentation
  - prosperity
  - power
  - poverty

260. The police are looking for the **king-pin** of the robbery gang.  
A. sponsor  
B. informant  
C. leader  
D. collector of goods stolen
261. It is a **refragable** allegation  
A. deniable  
B. believable  
C. convincing  
D. serious
262. What is **queer** object the clock seems!  
A. perfect  
B. strange  
C. gorgeous  
D. beautiful
263. Your uncle is a **vainglorious** person.  
A. highly educated  
B. godly  
C. excessively boastful  
D. senselessly unthankful
264. The illness of the **convalescing** patient is relapsing.  
A. relaxing  
B. disappearing  
C. healing  
D. re-surfacing
265. Was there any **presage** before the incident?  
A. message  
B. sign  
C. complaint  
D. advice
266. I believe that poverty can make a lawyer a **pettifogger**.  
A. a hardworking lawyer  
B. a hooliganistic lawyer  
C. a low-class lawyer given to mean dealings  
D. a poor and lazy lawyer.
267. If I were you, I would go for **petrology** in the university.  
A. the study of petroleum  
B. the study of rocks  
C. the study of water and animals living in water  
D. the study of mountains
268. The **pertinacious** boy is one of the principal's children in this school.  
A. brilliant  
B. precocious  
C. uncompromising  
D. submissive
269. Is it the **knick-knack** that is bothering you so much?  
A. insignificant thing  
B. weighty matter  
C. burglary incident  
D. catastrophic loss.

270. **Physiognomy** means
- judging a country's power by its economy
  - judging the character of a person by his or her name.
  - Judging the character of a person by his or her face
  - Judging character by stature
271. A **picaresque** novel is one which
- deals with pictures and photography
  - deals with the adventures of rogues
  - deals with wars and escapades of war fighters
  - paints the picture of the successes and the failures of the characters
272. One of the rams may be **emasculated** tomorrow.
- slaughtered
  - castrated
  - sold
  - inoculated
273. There is no doubt that Nicolas is a **recondite** novelist in the meantime.
- an unknown
  - a famous
  - a brilliant
  - a rich
274. I had taught that the submarine Football Club was a **redoubtable** team
- weak
  - formidable
  - unpopular
  - unserious
275. Dzogbeselisa is a **crafty** politician
- popular
  - rich
  - artistic
  - cunning
276. For your **information**, the **votary** will be here presently
- religiously **inclined** person
  - canvasser** for votes
  - auctioneer**
  - seller** of assorted things.
277. He **said** large crowds of people always give him the **willies**.
- encouragement
  - discomfiture
  - willingness
  - finesse
278. The author will look into the **corrigenda** in the book.
- compulsory topics
  - minor but important topics
  - errors
  - illustrations.
279. I know that the **freebooter** is your friend.
- thief
  - soldier
  - footballer
  - saboteur

280. The **tomboy** is always punished by the straitlaced teacher.
- rascally boy
  - girl who likes rough games
  - frivolous boy
  - playful young boy
281. I have always believed that the point will be **adumbrated** by him.
- evaded
  - belabored
  - vaguely mentioned
  - shunned
282. The man has promised to **allay** your fear.
- assuage
  - assess
  - discourage
  - waylay
283. This is a clear case of **shilly-shally**.
- indecision
  - non-challance
  - corruption
  - madness
284. Beбето is a **whited-sepulchre**
- fun-loving person
  - foreign sculptor
  - hypocrite
  - fanciful painter
285. The population of forty-four million for the country in question is **hypothetical**
- great
  - hypocritical
  - excessive
  - imaginary
286. A number of **dour** laws were made last year.
- decent
  - unreasonable
  - draconian
  - casual
287. Many of the workers have been **weakened** by the hot weather.
- tortured
  - emasculated
  - marooned
  - mesmerized
288. There is no doubt that your uncle is full of **puerile** tricks.
- manly
  - perfect
  - childish
  - advanced
289. It is obvious that your points have been **misconstrued**.
- perfectly understood
  - misunderstood
  - miscalculated
  - Misquoted

290. Dasoro gave an **extemporaneous** speech at the valedictory service for the outgoing students last month.
- unprepared
  - instantaneous
  - explicit
  - temporary
291. The President's recent comments on smuggling will **redound to** the image of the country.
- tanish
  - contribute to
  - attack
  - belittle
292. The topic of the essay for the final year students was **nebulous**
- vague
  - clear
  - vivid
  - detailed
293. The members of the dreadful secret society have a **cant** among themselves.
- law
  - esoteric language
  - strong vow
  - committed spirit
294. Jezebel was an **impassioned** woman.
- simple
  - poor
  - impassive
  - emotional
295. The **feasibility** study of the proposed project has been completed.
- flexibility
  - practicability
  - visibility
  - financial
296. I know they are **circumspect**
- careful
  - careless
  - playful
  - suspicious
297. Ebino Kakawa is an apostle of **egalitarianism**
- peace
  - welfarism
  - equality
  - humanism
298. That level is the **apogee** of the profession.
- highest level
  - lowest level
  - center
  - base
299. At the **peak** of one's chosen career, one is bound to enjoy.
- nadir
  - zenith
  - conference
  - meeting

- malpractices are **noisome** acts.
- A. pleasing  
B. fantastic  
C. disgusting  
D. winsome
301. Masado is a **wiseacre**.  
A. a great person in his profession  
B. a hardworking person  
C. a very funny jester  
D. a pretender to wisdom.
302. Polinda is a **popinjay**.  
A. an imitator  
B. a workaholic  
C. an egghead  
D. a megalomaniac
303. The language is **exoteric**.  
A. popular  
B. restricted  
C. foreign  
D. local
304. This little gift is for your **leman**.  
A. father  
B. uncle  
C. sweetheart  
D. best friend
305. The press **pilloried** the Baguda Administration in no small measure  
A. publicized  
B. praised  
C. pampered  
D. criticized
306. People say Delano has **debonair** nature.  
A. cheerful  
B. decadent  
C. deceitful  
D. dubious
307. That it was an **expeditious** event is not in doubt.  
A. quick  
B. slow  
C. expensive  
D. superstitious
308. Awilo Logomba plays the piano **fortissimo**.  
A. enthusiastically  
B. very loudly  
C. amateurishly  
D. fantastically
309. The former General Manager of the company got a **golden handshake** at  
farewell party organized for him.  
A. fantastic present  
B. serious embarrassment  
C. warm reception  
D. huge sum of money

310. The woman really looks **divine** in that dress.
- very strange
  - very religious
  - very beautiful
  - very fearful
311. The musician's maiden record was a **flop**
- failure
  - fun
  - success
  - necessity
312. Do you have any comments to make on the **leitmotif** of the artiste's debut album?
- abusive message
  - exhortation
  - theme
  - flattery
313. Adarago is regarded as a **puppet** in the government.
- person whose action is controlled by another
  - person whose aim is to embezzle money
  - person who got to power through a malpractice
  - person who is ever overzealous.
314. Is Maryam really a **lesbian**?
- lazy girl
  - hardworking girl
  - homosexual girl
  - loose girl.
315. The former military governor is really enjoying **Civvy Street** at the moment.
- open popularity
  - private business
  - civilian life
  - military life.
316. He said he needed a **smidgen** of petrol in his car tank.
- small amount
  - large amount
  - undiluted quality
  - refined form
317. People say Samuel demonstrates **churlish** behaviour every now and then.
- unassuming
  - religious
  - rude
  - polite
318. The points the man made about socialism in his speech yesterday were **tendentious**.
- controversial
  - fictitious
  - sententious
  - veracious
319. There is no doubt that the boy is a **toady fellow**.
- one who cringes to powerful people to gain favour
  - one who eats toads and other amphibians
  - one who gossips about other people

340. I can see that a great number of the students are **frisky**.
- fidgety
  - frivolous
  - lively
  - cheerless
341. Simeon and Natanga are **circumspect** drivers.
- reckless
  - rough
  - alcoholic
  - careful
342. The teacher's notes are **pellucid**.
- very difficult
  - very clear
  - very detailed
  - very verbose.
343. **The Orient** are known for the manufacturing of durable cars.
- The Northern countries
  - The Western countries
  - The Southern countries
  - The Eastern countries.
344. The man has been **remiss** in his duties as a father.
- efficient
  - careful
  - negligent
  - dutiful
345. Many a penitent burglar will **remise** the goods stolen
- surrender
  - sell
  - destroy
  - evaluate
346. Many people believe that Tapendoz has **inexorable** quest for fame.
- inexplicable
  - relentless
  - normal
  - indefensible
347. The author has decided to **excise** two chapters.
- expunge
  - explain
  - develop
  - illustrate
348. One of the new converts **abjured** his former faith to the admiration of everyone.
- denounced
  - renounced
  - absorbed
  - absolved.
349. A cross-section of the audience concluded that what the guest speaker said was all **piffle**.
- truth
  - sermon
  - nonsense
  - advice

350. Your younger brother is a **scatty** student.
- brilliant
  - dirty
  - poor
  - forgetful
351. The rich man is **chary of** marrying a second wife.
- interested in
  - insisting on
  - conscious of
  - wary of
352. Do you believe that the President's residence is really **inexpugnable**?
- indescribable
  - inestimable
  - impregnable
  - immovable
353. Aren't Rasendo and Warendo **insensate**?
- friendly
  - stupid
  - dubious
  - greedy
354. I know for sure that Batega is your **crony**.
- enemy
  - adviser
  - chum
  - adversary
355. The **sylvan** setting of the new film is great.
- rural
  - urban
  - exquisite
  - foreign
356. Arababad is a **slap-happy** fellow.
- rude
  - sulky
  - frivolous
  - sober
357. The majority of the pupil who went to Sento Games Reserve on excursion recently were **marooned**.
- attacked
  - kidnapped
  - punished
  - abandoned
358. I can notice that your sister is **downbeat**.
- crestfallen
  - hungry
  - pregnant
  - downgraded
359. The **dynamic** nature of man is not in doubt by a whit.
- permanent
  - fickle
  - developed
  - harmonic

360. In my conscience, drunkenness can cause **aphonia**.
- loss of money
  - loss of sensibility
  - loss of voice
  - loss of sight
361. The **apothecosis** of every profession is open to every practitioner
- enjoyment
  - pinnacle
  - headship
  - office
362. There are always **dud** suggestions.
- worthless
  - invaluable
  - double
  - durable.
363. Kelvin Adasu is a **cocky** person
- pompous
  - lanky
  - domesticated
  - gluttonous
364. Saragogo is a **tear-away**.
- an unruly young person
  - a thieving young person
  - a fast-running young person
  - a timorous young person
365. She called the boy **unprintable** names.
- foreign
  - unpronounceable
  - derogatory
  - inscrutable
366. There is a **symbiotic** relationship between Simbiat and Simisola.
- mysterious
  - symbolic
  - special
  - mutual
367. In my opinion, the instruction was a **complicated** one.
- truncated
  - tortuous
  - compound
  - stipulated
368. Wonuma is a **strumpet**
- an inexperienced girl
  - a brilliant young singer
  - a prostitute
  - a petty-trader
369. Can you explain why your sister goes out in **snazzy** clothes these days?
- dirty
  - local
  - foreign
  - fashionable

370. The members of the social club are **severally** liable for the financial quagmire in which the club finds itself today.
- collectively
  - in many ways
  - permanently
  - separately
371. Mabel pays **religious** attention to anything he does.
- godly
  - prayerful
  - careful
  - spiritual
372. This is a matter for a **sleuth** to handle.
- a detective
  - an expert
  - a professional
  - an old one
373. Najeem is called a **centrist** because
- he is a footballer who plays the center-forward position.
  - he holds moderate opinion on politics
  - He always criticizes government policies
  - He always imposes his opinions on others.
374. Fatiladoma is a **factotum**
- a trouble maker
  - an employee who does miscellaneous work
  - a very humorous jester
  - an extremely inexperienced person
375. Dunsey is **mealy-mouthed** these days.
- argumentative
  - frank
  - elusive
  - noisy
376. Madume is a **minion** in the organization.
- an employee of low rank
  - a hardworking official
  - a vocal union leader
  - an intelligent worker
377. The woman looked at the man **lasciviously**.
- contemptuously
  - proudly
  - amorously
  - ludicrously
378. I know that your sister is **sassy**.
- rude
  - inexperienced
  - pretty
  - brilliant
379. The teacher's subject is a **kingpin**.
- a very hard subject
  - an indispensable subject
  - a very simple subject
  - an interesting subject

380. Chume said that when he was a student he always felt **de trop** each time he went to his uncle.
- A. happy
  - B. satisfied
  - C. unwelcome
  - D. ashamed
381. That young man is **squiffy**.
- A. crazy
  - B. drunk
  - C. stubborn
  - D. proud
382. The **adroit** acrobat held the attention of the crowd.
- A. adamant
  - B. skillful
  - C. confident
  - D. inept
383. An alcoholic has a **proclivity** for becoming a psychiatric patient.
- A. propensity
  - B. sensibility
  - C. progeny
  - D. civility
384. Having to do anything alone gives Hezekiah **heeble-jeebles**.
- A. sense of pride
  - B. a feeling of independence
  - C. a feeling nervousness
  - D. a feeling of test of courage and skill
385. In my opinion, it is a **workaday** assignment.
- A. a tasking
  - B. a common
  - C. a daily
  - D. an awesome
386. Mensah's constant **inebriation** is a matter of serious concern to his people.
- A. drunkenness
  - B. womanization
  - C. eccentricity
  - D. temptation
387. I want you to mention any two acts that are **deprecatory** to you.
- A. commendable
  - B. condemnable
  - C. illusory
  - D. demanding
388. Denjah's experience of life in London is rather **evanescent**.
- A. great
  - B. interesting
  - C. ephemeral
  - D. everlasting
389. The angry demonstrators **despoiled** the palace of the king.
- A. destroyed
  - B. burnt
  - C. looted
  - D. surrounded

390. The comments of your elder brother about the final match were **acerbic**.
- caustic
  - simplistic
  - laconic
  - chic
391. In my humble opinion, Lucetta is a **callow** fellow.
- a careful
  - a careless
  - an immature
  - a cunning
392. The renowned counselor submitted that imagination and curiosity are the antidotes for **annul**.
- madness
  - boredom
  - illusion
  - envy
393. The **lachrymose** girl attended your birthday party.
- young
  - beautiful
  - coquettish
  - weepy
394. Yamah prayed the court to award him compensation **commensurate** to the damage to his personality in the libel case.
- incongruous
  - equal
  - approximate
  - previous
395. His **diffidence** made him perform below expectation.
- arrogance
  - pusillanimity
  - indolence
  - insolence
396. The newspaper gave a **lurid** account of the communal crisis.
- precise and detailed
  - simple and true
  - violent and shocking
  - partial and false.
397. It is obvious that the present government has a laudable programme for the **mendicants**.
- handicapped children
  - medical personnel
  - low income earners
  - beggars
398. No one in the school can deny that the Senior Prefect is **uppity**.
- very brilliant
  - ever neat
  - proud
  - law-abiding
399. His **elegiac** poem won the first prize.
- Rather long
  - mournful
  - didactic
  - lyrical

400. The judge was told that the man actually **bilked** the woman.
- hoodwinked
  - attacked
  - hated
  - raped
401. There will be a special programme for the **impecunious** students in the school.
- gifted
  - dull
  - poor
  - undisciplined
402. Really, we all have our **foibles**.
- dislikes
  - preferences
  - fancies
  - weakness
403. It is very clear that we have an **improvident** government in power at the moment.
- improper
  - wasteful
  - illegal
  - impartial
404. The leader of the gang said he had to **forswear** hooliganism when he did.
- take oath on
  - support
  - repudiate
  - forbear
405. In my own volition, Essendora is an **investerate** agitator.
- a habitual
  - an eccentric
  - an impolite
  - a violent
406. They are looking at the **chasm** on the wall.
- ornament
  - painting
  - aperture
  - stain
407. Everybody heard the **tirade** uttered by one of the contestants.
- complaints
  - diatribe
  - prayer
  - suggestion
408. Tombolo is a **sybarite**. This means Tombolo is
- a chain smoker
  - an easy-going person
  - an arrogant person
  - a pleasure-seeker.
409. The woman takes a **soporific** drug from time to time.
- curative
  - preventive
  - contraceptive
  - hypnotic

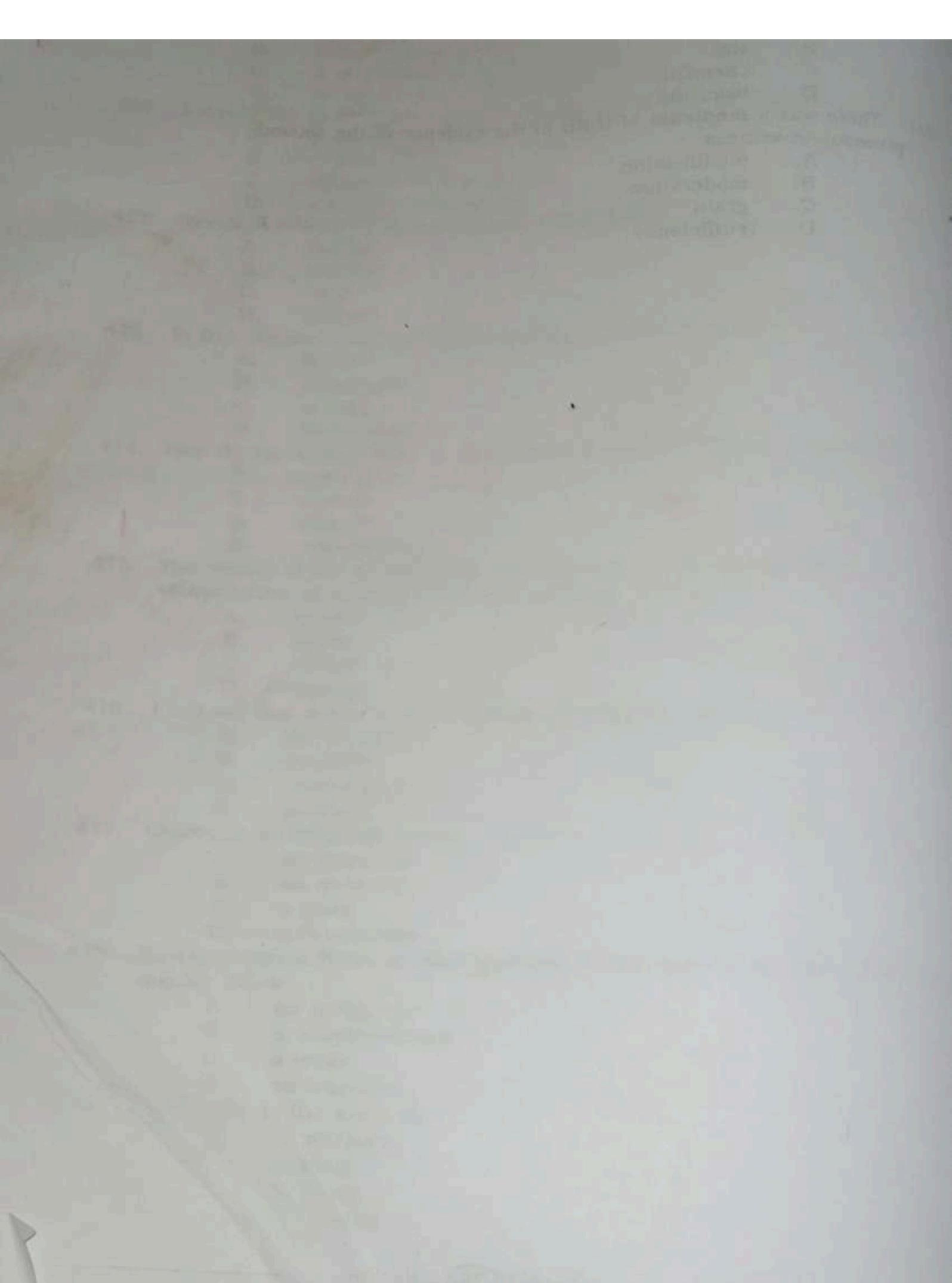
410. To say that somebody or something is **an anathema** means
- a hateful person or thing
  - a fascinating person
  - a sophisticated person or thing
  - an enviable person or thing.
411. I would like to describe Labata as **an anachronism**. This means he is
- a wicked person
  - a liar
  - an old-fashioned person
  - a chronic mad person
412. Wendo is known for doing things in **antediluvian** ways
- foreign
  - ancient
  - easy
  - modern
413. In fact, young lovers are fond of holding **cryptic** meetings.
- illegal
  - impromptu
  - secret
  - flamboyant
414. How do you always react to **ensorious** comments from other people?
- critical
  - copious
  - abusive
  - commending
415. The winner of the governorship election said he was not moved by the **vituperation** of his rival before the election.
- noise
  - tirade
  - allegation
  - campaign
416. I can see that many of the students are **contrite** now.
- destructive
  - peaceful
  - controllable
  - penitent
417. Chinwe is an **irascible** person
- an irrational
  - an ordinary
  - a testy
  - a reasonable
418. Having observed Nana at close quarters, I made bold to say that he is a **touchy** fellow.
- an insincere
  - a simple-minded
  - a tough
  - an irascible
419. a panegyric is the same as
- an allegory
  - a eulogy
  - an elegy
  - a prologue

420. Didn't you notice Stella's **wry** face at the silver anniversary of her wedding?

- A. wan
- B. shy
- C. cheerful
- D. beautiful

421. There was a **modicum** of truth in the evidence of the second prosecution witness

- A. modification
- B. moderation
- C. grain
- D. sufficiency



## SECTION C

# TEST OF IDIOMS

An **idiom** is a metaphorical expression which is not expected to be interpreted literally as its meaning is sort of hidden in the literal expression. However, with sound knowledge of the literal meaning of the expression and profound perception, one will be in a good stead to understand and interpret correctly the hidden meaning of an idiomatic expression.

### NOTE: IDIOTS DON'T UNDERSTAND IDIOMS

In this section, a list of interpretations is given below every sentence or phrase and you are expected to choose the interpretation that gives the correct meaning of the idiom in the sentence or phrase.

1. The man **threw a sop to Cerberus** at the occasion.
  - A. he rally insulted Cerberus
  - B. he confronted danger without consideration for consequences
  - C. he threw his personal effects away
  - D. he influenced the troublesome person with a bribe.
2. Teremba **ran with the hare and hunted with the hounds** in the misunderstanding between Yemi and Tunji. This means Teremba
  - A. was insincere
  - B. was very fair to both
  - C. criticized both seriously
  - D. seized the thing that caused the disagreement
3. To **carry coals to Newcastle** means
  - A. to take things to where they are in abundance already
  - B. to dirty a place known to be ever neat
  - C. to bring shame to a place and its people
  - D. to behave ungratefully to a mentor.
4. Sarah's classmates have **sent her to the Coventry**.
  - A. well-loved by her classmates
  - B. so gullible a girl that her mates cheat her every time
  - C. ostracized by her classmates
  - D. a brilliant representative of her class.
5. Ramond said the wristwatch belonged to his **old flame**. This means the wristwatch was
  - A. his father's
  - B. his grand father's
  - C. his former classmate's
  - D. his former lover's
6. To **be in Davy Jone's locker** is to be
  - A. very secretive
  - B. drowned at sea
  - C. detailed and meticulous
  - D. very rich
7. The boy always **locks the stable door after the horse has bolted** means
  - A. he always acts late
  - B. he always takes a right action at the right time.
  - C. he always gives freedom to others
  - D. he always depends on luck

8. My brother **left me in the lurch** last year. This means my brother
- made me learn my lesson in a hard way
  - did not wait for me before
  - forsook me in time of problem
  - set a trap for me
9. The situation between the two countries at the moment indicates that the fat **is in the fire**. This means
- crisis has been averted
  - trouble is imminent
  - war is going on
  - celebration of peace is going on.
10. David is a person who **talks nineteen to the dozen**. This means David always
- talks nervously
  - talks politely
  - talks senselessly
  - talks continuously
11. We advised the highly educated boy to **put his pride in his pocket** at the village meeting
- to behave simply and ordinarily
  - to speak simple and understandable words
  - to wear traditional dress
  - not to speak at the meeting
12. It is necessary to **sift the grain from the chaff**. This means to
- separate the male from the female
  - separate the illiterate from the literate
  - separate the good from the bad
  - separate the rulers from the governed.
13. Mensah was obviously **born in the purple**. This means
- he was born in the village
  - he was born in the city
  - he was born into a rich family
  - he was born into a royal family
14. Do you know who **got the girl into trouble**? This means who
- stole her money
  - reported her to the police
  - made her pregnant
  - lied against her
15. Darego said he would **get even** with Jingo. This means
- play a draw with Jingo
  - have his revenge on Jingo
  - give advice to Jingo in a similar manner
  - take only even numbers from Jingo.
16. If you are advised to **keep something for a rainy day**, it means you are to keep the thing.
- for the day the rain will make you need it
  - for the day you may need it
  - for the planting time
  - for the time the thing will attract a high price.
17. To **make hay while the sun shines** is to
- make use of an opportunity promptly
  - work hard to achieve a purpose during the day
  - lead a horse out during the day time
  - wait for an opportunity to come one's way

18. To wish somebody **god's speed** is to
- wish the person speedy recovery from illness
  - wish the person great profit in his or her business
  - wish the person protection in a journey
  - wish the person the first position in a competition.
19. Bello's criticism of the biennial football competition was **straight from the shoulder**.
- very destructive
  - put bluntly
  - put ambiguously
  - put in simple terms
20. To have the **whole bag of tricks for something** is to
- have everything needed for it
  - have dubious plans to achieve it
  - have sufficient money to pay the people in-charge
  - have desperation to realize it.
21. Many rulers **tilt at windmills** these days. This means many rulers
- are very timid and nervous nowadays
  - fight imaginary enemies nowadays
  - pursue useless projects nowadays
  - change policies and ideologies arbitrarily.
22. Your suggestions are **on the tapis**. This means the suggestions are
- being implemented
  - very relevant
  - not apposite to issue in hand
  - under consideration
23. Felix is **putty in Ngozi's hands**. This means that Felix
- is too tough for Ngozi to handle
  - is too unpredictable to Ngozi
  - is easily influenced by Ngozi
  - has cold love for Ngozi.
24. Natenga seems **getting too big for his boots** these days. This means Natenga
- appear conceited
  - seems putting on weight
  - appears feeding well
  - appears improving appreciably in his trade.
25. The incident is all **grist to Dada's mill**.
- The incident is a disadvantage to Dada
  - The incident is beneficial to Dada
  - The incident is very painful to Dada
  - The incident makes Dada unconscious.
26. They believe that Rapala is **ploughing the sand** in the capital city. This means Rapala is
- a farmer in the capital city
  - into a lucrative business in the capital city
  - doing a useless job in the capital city
  - a workaholic in the capital city
27. The two communities have been advised to **turn swords into ploughshares**. This means the communities
- should encourage their people to plough the land
  - should substitute peace for hostilities
  - should replace old equipment with modern equipment
  - should invest huge money in agriculture.

28. The man is really **a wolf in sheep's clothing**. This means he is
- a foe pretending to be a friend
  - a brave hunter
  - a famous keeper of games
  - a typical rural dweller
29. You should know that Jack is **as good as his master**. This means
- everybody has equal qualities
  - Jack has the qualities of his master
  - a servant is as capable as his master
  - a girl can do what a boy does.
30. The boy had **a close shave with death** last week. This means
- the boy was shot at a close range last week
  - the boy escaped death narrowly last week
  - the boy nearly escaped death last week
  - the boy's killer was face to face with him last week
31. The man **died in his bed**. This means the man
- died in his sleep
  - poisoned himself
  - died of old age
  - died of inability to sleep
32. Many people are of the opinion that **one swallow does not make a summer**. This means that many people think that
- a leader should have many supporters
  - it is foolish to come to conclusion with only one test
  - one friend does not make a company
  - one wife does not make a happy home
33. Jackson is really **making a noise in the world**. This means Jackson is
- an international musician
  - an notorious criminal
  - an international freedom fighter
  - a widely popular person
34. **For my money**, Felix is a great actor. This means
- In my opinion, Felix is a great actor
  - In terms of money, Felix is a great actor
  - I can take the bet that Felix is a great actor
  - Going by the amount of money I paid to watch him, Felix is a great actor.
35. Jazebel has **married money**. This means she
- has run into huge money in her trade
  - has won a huge amount of money in a lottery
  - has married a rich man
  - has come by money through the death of her husband.
36. We shall give the visiting football team **a good run for their money**. This means we shall
- make them lose their registration fee
  - give them challenging competition
  - make them run away in shame
  - take the bet with them
37. Natanga said it was a **run-off-the-mill** job he did for six years in Lagos. This means the job was
- ordinary
  - lucrative
  - demanding
  - special

38. That Mohammed **played man Friday** in the disagreement between his uncle and Serido is little surprise to me.
- supported his uncle
  - betrayed his uncle
  - went to Mosque to pray before he intervened
  - was fair to the two parties.
39. His mother always advises him **to take time by the forelock**. This means that he
- should watch time always
  - should act promptly
  - should be with a wrist-watch always
  - should be conscious of the importance of time
40. The man died **with his boots on**. This means the man died
- while fighting as a soldier
  - while participating in a football match
  - while marching
  - while he was still active
41. To **laugh on the other side of one's face** is to
- be fantastically amused
  - change from success to failure
  - have something to complain about
  - feel cheated.
42. To **kick against the pricks** is to
- hurt oneself by unnecessary protest
  - oppose the bad policies or decisions of a leader
  - complain about poverty
  - fight an enemy in a tough manner
43. Natendo died **in the harness**. This means he died
- on a horseback
  - while preparing his horse for a journey
  - while doing his usual work
  - in poverty
44. I had left the hall before the meeting was **at sixes and sevens**
- divided into groups of six and even members
  - rounded off between six and seven o'clock
  - in total confusion
  - entertained by different groups of six and seven artistes.
45. Odaran is really **making a rod for his own back**. This means
- saving money for his old age.
  - Preparing trouble for himself
  - Pursuing his trade in a hard way
  - Planning well for his children to enjoy after his death
46. This is a case of **an iron hand in a velvet glove**. This means
- wickedness concealed by good manners
  - an old person in the clothes of the youth
  - a man in the dress of a woman
  - a believer in God behaving like an idol worshiper
47. I want you to know that **a wink is as good as a nod**. This means you should know that
- a small gift is as useful as a big gift
  - a small amount of money has the same effect as a huge amount of money
  - a sly sign is as effective as a more conspicuous signal
  - a female person is as powerful as a male person

48. It happened **before anyone could say Jack Robinson**. This means it happened
- before the arrival of Jack Robinson at the place
  - spontaneously
  - secretly
  - surprisingly
49. The team **met its Waterloo** in Brazil last week. This means the team
- suffered a devastating defeat in Brazil
  - played a tough match in Brazil
  - recorded great success in Brazil
  - played on a water-logged field in Brazil
50. To **hear the Hon in his den** is to
- master rearing wild animals
  - play a dangerous game
  - challenge a tough person in his domain
  - overpower somebody in a contest.
51. Everybody knows that Dimka is **in strait circumstances**. This means Dimka is
- master rearing wild animals
  - play a dangerous game
  - challenge a tough person in his domain
  - overpower somebody in a contest
52. In fact, there is **no love lost** between Nokia and Sendo. This means
- Nokia and Sendo hate each other from the start
  - Nokia and Sendo like each other very well
  - Nokia and Sendo are good at preventing things from getting lost.
  - Nokia and Sendo understand each other's language.
53. To **raise somebody's dander up** is to
- increase the person's income and welfare
  - improve the standard of living of the person
  - make the person angry
  - to make the person more popular
54. Macebo is a **bull in a china shop**. This means he is
- a rough and clumsy person
  - a very careful person
  - a very powerful person
  - a rather greedy person
55. The clerk's answer to the manager's question this morning could be likened to **a red rag to a bull**. This means the clerk's answer.
- was very relevant to the question
  - made the Manager angry
  - showed that the clerk was very brave
  - was very irrelevant to the question
56. Madam Teteh said that John's comments at the Board meeting last month made her **see red**. This means that John's comments
- made Madam Teteh foresee danger ahead
  - made Madam Teteh write her reply in red ink
  - made Madam Teteh angry
  - made Madam Teteh think that the company would be in debt very soon.
57. Mary asked David if polygamy was the **done thing** in his country. This means Mary wanted to know from David if
- polygamy was the way of life of the people of his country
  - polygamy had been discarded by his people
  - polygamy was even practiced by his people
  - polygamy had ever been beneficial to the people of his country.

58. As the man in-charge of the contract will be here very soon, there is no need to **get your knickers in a twist** for now. This means there is no need for you
- to rush to his house
  - to be angry
  - to dress shabily
  - to involve the police.
59. Campers always **take everything but the kitchen sink** with them. This means campers always
- take a large number of things with them
  - take insufficient items with them
  - rely on one another for help
  - don't show interest in cooking
60. Some students **have kittens** about the English language examination. This means some students.
- feel jittery
  - feel confident
  - feel non-challant
  - feel desperate.
61. Employers **fly a kite** from time to time. This means employers
- raise the salaries of their employees regularly
  - say or do certain things to feel the pulse of the employees
  - embark on overseas trips from time to time
  - advertise vacancies regularly
62. The burglar was caught **red-handed**. This means he was
- caught with blood-stained hands
  - caught while burgling the shop
  - caught where he was washing blood off his hands
  - handcuffed by the police
63. The victorious politician entertained his **kith and kin**. This means the politician entertained
- party members and opponents
  - party members and supporters
  - friends and relations.
  - party officers and agents.
64. To **make a hit with somebody** is to
- injure the feelings of the person
  - make a very favourable impression on the person
  - attack the person in public
  - tell wicked lies about the person
65. To **be on edge** is to be
- nervous
  - successful
  - disappointed
  - cheated
66. My school team lost the semi-final match but **nothing daunted**. This means that the footballers
- were not discouraged
  - did not lose the cup
  - were not criticized by the supporters
  - did not lose the money and gifts promised them
67. David **has his eye to the main chance**. This means he
- expects a change of government
  - keeps looking for an advantage to make money
  - keeps looking forward to seeing the day he will go into married life
  - keeps thinking about a life-long profession.

68. Janet is obviously **afraid of her own shadow**. This means Janet
- is extremely fearful
  - is afraid of the consequence of her bad character
  - fears going about in darkness
  - is not happy about her ugly stature.
69. To **feather one's own nest** is to
- build one's house oneself
  - make oneself comfortable at the expense of other people
  - show interest in poultry business
  - make nests for one's birds to make them comfortable.
70. To **make somebody's hair stand on end** is to
- make the person feel proud
  - come to the assistance of the person
  - embolden the person
  - frighten the person
71. Timothy **put Chido on the sport** recently. This means that Timothy
- assisted Chido to master a game recently
  - put Chido in trouble recently
  - cooperated with Chido in business recently
  - advised Chido on health matters recently
72. The newly elected President **shot his bolt during the campaign**. This means the President
- did all within his ability during the campaign
  - killed an opponent during the campaign
  - challenged his opponents during the campaign
  - asked his opponents far-reaching questions during the campaign
73. To **keep a civil tongue in one's head** is to
- speak about civilian life every time
  - criticize the military from time to time.
  - Speak good things about people always
  - Talk continuously
74. Tendodo escaped death last week **by the skin of his teeth**. This means Tendodo escaped death
- miraculously
  - beautifully
  - sharply
  - narrowly
75. Tessy talked to me about my interest in politics **like a Dutch uncle**. This means Tessy talked to me
- in a foreign and difficult language
  - as an experienced person in politics
  - frankly and in all seriousness
  - like a blood relation
76. Tendo **wiped the floor with Abass** recently. This means Tendo
- disgraced Abases recently
  - joined hands with Abases to tidy the room recently
  - wrestled with Abases recently
  - was victorious over Abass in a contest recently
77. In fact, Roland is **wet behind the ears**. This means he is
- a good swimmer
  - a gossip
  - inexperienced
  - inquisitive

78. Methinks Safewa has **bats in the belfry**. This means it seems to me she
- demonstrates strange ideas which suggest madness
  - prefers doing things at night to doing them at day time
  - is partially blind
  - is secretive
79. To be **at the end of one's tether** is to
- be broke
  - be deserted by one's friends and relatives
  - have exhausted one's patience
  - reach the point of death
80. To go **Dutch with somebody** means to
- go into business with the person
  - share expenses with the person
  - visit a place of interest with the person
  - put the person in trust.
81. To be **hoisted with one's own petard** is to
- be hurt by the danger one has set for another person
  - take care of one's needs very well
  - be ready to defend oneself
  - know where one's interest lies
82. Kwame **paid through the nose for his new car**. This means he
- paid a very low price
  - paid a very high price
  - paid through an agent
  - paid throughout the year
83. To say that "**all roads lead to Rome**" means
- it is very easy to travel to Rome
  - everybody is free to go to any place
  - the people of Rome are naturally accommodating
  - there are many ways to achieve an aim.
84. To say that "a rolling stone gathers no moss" means
- it is not good to make a stone roll
  - an unsteady person is bound to encounter failure
  - a person who runs every time cannot live long
  - a young person cannot succeed easily in life.
85. To **set the Thames on fire** is to
- perform wonderfully
  - be destructive
  - shun opposition
  - be a militant
86. Jim must have **kissed the blarney stone**. This means Jim
- is quick at cursing people
  - has a very persuasive tongue
  - scorn the person
  - help the person
87. To **give somebody the bird** is to
- criticize the person
  - attract the person
  - scorn the person
  - help the person
88. Tina always **looks a gift-horse in the mouth**. This means that Tina always
- pays full attention to things
  - shows gratitude to anyone who gives him a gift
  - maintains the good condition of every gift item
  - criticizes gifts

89. Msadora **showed Charles the ropes in warfare**. This means Mansadora
- took Charles to where the ropes relevant to war were
  - taught Charles the methods of fighting war
  - taught Charles how to use different types of ropes in war
  - explained the importance of ropes in war to Charles.
90. Dan's success last year was **a flash in the pan**. This means the success was
- a brilliant but short-lived success
  - a fantastic and durable success
  - a cheap success
  - a dazzling success
91. To **take the gilt out of the gingerbread** is to
- render the gingerbread useless
  - make the gingerbread eatable
  - to remove the most important aspect of something
  - to comply with the rules guiding something.
92. Bandiga's **fingers are all thumbs**. This means that Bandiga is
- fat
  - insincere
  - hardworking
  - rich
93. In Chemistry class, Wewe always feels like a **fish out of water**. This means that in Chemistry class Wewe always
- feels shy
  - feels unrecognized
  - feels strange
  - feels uncomfortable
94. To **count one's chickens before they are hatched** is to
- anticipate problem
  - calculate one's gains before they are realized
  - pre-empt another person in doing something
  - to be very good at counting the uncountable
95. To **kill two birds with one stone** is to
- perform a miracle
  - do with ease what is difficult for others
  - have double rewards for one single effort
  - be determined to succeed.
96. Daba's plans **are castles in the air**. This means the plans are
- great
  - doubtful to come true
  - to make Daba a pilot
  - abstract
97. The man gives every child of his **a plenty of rope**. This means the man gives every child
- total freedom
  - much money
  - ample time
  - many words of advice
98. To say that an issue is **as broad as it is long** means
- it is the same whatever way it is considered
  - it is of no benefit at all
  - it is better left unattended to because of its rather awkward form
  - it is relevant both locally and externally

99. It is a case of a **Roland for an Oliver**. This means a case of
- one-sex affair
  - an eye for an eye
  - jolly friends interaction
  - great intimacy
100. To **lose on the swings what one makes on the roundabouts** means
- to suffer consequences of dishonesty
  - to meet with disappointment in the hands of friends
  - to experience equal losses and gains at the same time
  - to be inexperienced in a game
101. To **talk through one's hat** is to
- talk arrogantly
  - talk inaudibly
  - talk glibly
  - talk senselessly
102. The men must have been holding meetings **on the sly**. This means they must have been
- holding meetings secretly
  - holding meetings upon meetings
  - holding meetings on crucial issues
  - holding meetings on useless missions.
103. The woman is **thankful for small mercies**. This means the woman
- appreciates small gifts more than big gifts
  - is relieved that a bad situation does not degenerate into a worse one.
  - Appreciates a favour done her by a poor person
  - Believes that small gifts have the tendency to become big gifts
104. To say a person **lies through his teeth** means the person
- lies unconsciously
  - lies slightly
  - lies greatly
  - lies occasionally
105. In fact, this is a **chicken-and-egg** situation. This means
- a situation in which no one can speak fearlessly
  - a situation in which it is difficult to tell which one of any two things was the cause of the other
  - a situation which relates to poultry business
  - a situation which concerns youths
106. To say that a person goes to a place **with the whole caboodle or shebang** means that the person goes to the place
- with a large amount of money
  - with all the members of his or her family
  - with all the things needed
  - with all sorts of weapons.
107. The boys can still not **see the wood for the trees**. This means they
- cannot understand the main point
  - cannot find their way to a place
  - cannot easily choose their future careers
  - cannot differentiate trees
108. There are **too many chiefs and not enough Indians**. This means there are
- too many people giving orders and insufficiency of people to carry out the instructions.
  - too many policies and not enough administrators
  - too many job seekers and not enough vacancies
  - too many accommodation seeker and not enough houses.

109. To **keep a slack rein on something** is to
- talk about the thing constantly
  - handle the thing carelessly
  - spend little money on the thing
  - refuse to show interest in the thing
110. Dadasa is **one whose all geese are swans**. This means Dadasa is
- a very lackadaisical person
  - one who peddles rumours
  - one who exaggerates things
  - a person who hunts animals about.
111. The game is **not worth the candle** means
- the game is better played under the flood light
  - the trouble of the game is greater than the reward of it
  - the game is meant for adults
  - the game is for the idiots to play
112. Bembela's ten-year sojourn in Lagos is **nothing to write home about**. This means
- the experiences of Bembela in Lagos are too many to be written down
  - Bembela's people at home are illiterate so they cannot be written a letter about his life in Lagos
  - Bembela's sojourn in Lagos is not eventful at all
  - Bembela's sojourn in Lagos is not relevant to his people at home.
113. The woman always **washed her dirty linen in public**. This means she always
- washes her inner clothes and underwear openly
  - discusses her private problems in public
  - talks about the death of a relative openly
  - quarrels and fights openly
114. The boy needs **the hair of the dog that bit him**. This means he needs
- a medical solution to his problem
  - a spiritual solutions to his problem
  - another type of alcohol to cure the effect of the alcohol taken previously
  - anti-rabies drug against dog bite
115. The visiting football club won the match by **a hair's breadth**. This means the club won the match
- by a wide margin
  - by a marrow margin
  - through a header
  - by playing to the coach's instructions
116. To **knock one's head against a brick wall** is to
- fail totally
  - meet with great success
  - injure oneself greatly
  - behave courageously
117. It is not advisable to **buy a pig in a poke**. This means it is bad to
- buy something very dirty
  - buy something which will not give many advantages to the buyer
  - pay for something not present at the time of payment
  - buy an article on credit

118. The principal said it **was not his pigeon** where his students might choose to work after their education. This means the principal said
- it was not his business or responsibility
  - it was not his design
  - it was not his prayers
  - it was not within his powers to pay their salaries
119. Really, Tempo is trying to **gild the pill** for us. This means Tempo is trying to
- bring shame to us
  - make everyone of us popular
  - make an unpleasant but a necessary thing look attractive to us
  - make every advantage in something become a disadvantage to us
120. To **have other fish to fry** is to
- have other important matter to attend to
  - be a hardworking fish monger
  - have another personal matter to pursue
  - have urgent payment to make
121. The woman and her husband **live a cat-and-dog life**. This means
- they both like keeping pets
  - the woman rears a cat and the husband rears a dog
  - they are conscious of security
  - the quarrel every time.
122. It really **rained cat and dog** yesterday morning. This means
- both cat and dog were found in the rain
  - it rained heavily
  - it rained gently
  - the rain was destructive.
123. The girl said **she was left in the cold** by her boyfriend. This means her boyfriend
- did not play love with her
  - did not buy clothes for her
  - did not caress her to let her feel the warmth
  - forsook her.
124. To **let the cat out of the bag** is to
- be careless
  - be considerate
  - disclose a secret
  - set a prisoner free
125. To **cook somebody's goose** is to
- thwart the plans of the person
  - gossip about the person
  - envy the person's achievement
  - slaughter the person's goose for food
126. The by always **ploughs a lonely furrow**. This means he always
- frowns his face at people
  - prepares the land for planting alone
  - accomplishes asks without assistance
  - lives a lonely life in the village
127. The girl said she had **a bone to pick with the man**. This means the girl
- had something important to collect from the man
  - had something to complain about with the man
  - had a huge amount of money to collect from the man
  - had her life or future in the hands of the man.

128. Sapu is a **bag of bones**. This means Sapu  
 A. loves eating bones for health purpose  
 B. collects bones for a special purpose  
 C. is an energetic and powerful person  
 D. is an extremely thin person
129. Jarem is undoubtedly **the black sheep** of his family. This means Jarem is a person  
 A. who brings shame to his family  
 B. who protects his family against danger  
 C. who provides for the needs of his family  
 D. who travels to places on behalf of his family
130. To **cook the books** is to  
 A. write good books for the public to read and enjoy  
 B. falsify figures dishonestly  
 C. willfully destroy a document which contains vital information  
 D. publish books as a means of living
131. To **skate on thin ice** is to  
 A. demonstrate that one prefers thinness to fatness  
 B. prepare for a task in a hard way  
 C. expose oneself to danger  
 D. obey authorities at all times.
132. I want to tell you that Isaac is **all there**. This means Isaac is  
 A. omnipresent  
 B. sensible  
 C. wealthy  
 D. ubiquitous
133. The insult **cut no ice with the girl**. This means the insult  
 A. made the girl feel hot and angry  
 B. prevented the girls from taking any cold food item  
 C. did not have any effect on the girl  
 D. really injured the feelings of the girl
134. To **wait for a dead man's shoes** is to  
 A. have an eye on somebody's fine shoes  
 B. wickedly wish somebody ill luck  
 C. kill somebody and run away with his or her belongings  
 D. be patient till a person dies for one to occupy his position.
135. Takanu is **not all there**. This means Takanu  
 A. is deranged  
 B. is honest  
 C. is dishonest  
 D. poor
136. Some of our customs **have fallen into desuetude**. This means some of our customs  
 A. have fallen into the hands of destroyers  
 B. are no longer in practice  
 C. made us fall into danger  
 D. have found their ways into foreign lands
137. To **come a cropper** is to  
 A. be very gentle or humble  
 B. meet with success in a contest  
 C. submit oneself to authorities  
 D. meet with failure in a competition
138. Sapiro is **living in clover** in his mother's village. This means Sapiro is  
 A. living in comfort and luxury in the village  
 B. living a rough and poor life in the village  
 C. living in a very small room in the village  
 D. living alone in the village

139. The girl is really **pulling your leg**. This means the girl is really
- trying to make you fail
  - trying to kill you
  - teasing you
  - showing love to you
140. The woman has given the man a **left-handed compliment**. This means the woman has given the man
- one-sided commendation
  - second-hand compliment
  - insincere commendation
  - simple praise
141. Your school football team was the **dark horse** in the last week's semi-final match. This means your school team
- won the match as expected by many people
  - lost the match as expected by many people
  - failed to live up to the expectations of people
  - won the match contrary to the expectations of many people
142. Chukwu is a **fidus Achates** of John'. This means Chukwu is a
- strong rival of John's
  - faithful friend of John's
  - loyal employee of John's
  - sworn enemy of John's
143. To **be on the fiddle** is to
- behave dishonestly
  - behave faithfully
  - be very playful
  - go about drinking alcohol
144. I could see that your school team were **in good fettle**. This means the team were
- tall and strong
  - well-dressed
  - fit and cheerful
  - good at every aspect of the game
145. It is clear that one of the discussants **has his heart in his boots**. This means one of the discussants
- is very brilliant
  - talks beautifully about football
  - speaks to attack people in authority
  - is dejected
146. To **make a mountain out of a mole-hill** is to
- exaggerate a trivial phenomenon
  - trivialize a weighty matter
  - cause commotion unnecessarily
  - cause a fantastic change
147. Kwaku regarded the prize as a **bolt from the blue**. This means he regarded the prize is
- much deserved and expected
  - God-sent
  - Sudden and unexpected
  - Inferior and worthless
148. To **throw in the sponge** is to
- be a dirty person
  - dislike something or somebody
  - be frank
  - accept and submit to defeat

149. Sandoka **caught Sapura on the wrong foot**. This means Sandoka
- hit Sapura where it hurt most
  - took Sapura by surprise
  - attacked Sapura while running
  - came to the assistance of Sapura in time of problem
150. The woman always **keeps her card close to her chest**. This means the woman always
- protects her breasts against luscious eyes
  - keeps her plans secret
  - buys new dresses
  - first with men
151. To **put the cart before the horse** is to
- do the right thing at a wrong time
  - give a special attention to something
  - do favour to somebody who does not deserve it.
  - Put things in the wrong order.
152. There is no doubt that Kingsley is **in the cart**. This means he is an
- high spirits
  - a comfortable state
  - an awkward situation
  - a transport
153. The girl is advised to **show her true colours every time**. This means the girl is advised to
- be frank about the colours she prefers
  - announce to her people the exact colours of her dresses
  - let people know her real character
  - behave like a true artist.
154. Caroline **made no bones** about the choice of red shoes for the occasion. This means Caroline
- was resistant about the choice of red shoes
  - was frank about the choice of red shoes
  - so much disliked red shoes
  - was not a party to the choice of red shoes.
155. To **be born with a silver spoon in one's mouth** is to
- have wealthy parents
  - show strong interest in light or soft food
  - have a distate for fasting
  - dislike eating food with one's fingers.
156. To **set somebody's teeth on edge** is to
- titillate the person
  - make the person laugh from time to time
  - set the person against his or her enemies
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- annoy the person's lover
  - arrange things perfectly for the person
  - spoil the plan of the person
  - cause the death of the person
158. The Manager **kicked Safuwa upstairs**. This means the Manager
- promoted Safuwa to a higher level
  - promoted Safuwa to a position which seems more prestigious but which is not really so.
  - Moved Safuwa's office upstairs
  - Sacked Safuwa

159. The girl did the assignments at a **rate of knots**. This means she did the assignments
- very rapidly
  - very slowly
  - at the appropriate time
  - at the wrong time
160. Teluwo said that he **was sick to death** of his wife. This means Teluwo was
- almost poisoned to death by his wife
  - seriously fed up with his wife
  - deeply in love with his wife
  - made sick by the death of his wife
161. Batoma is in the **first flight of footballers**. This means Batoma
- is in the first team
  - is always the first footballer to score a goal
  - is among the best footballers
  - is the first footballer to run away or leave camp
162. The man **fell on his feet** last month. This means the man
- got himself wounded last month
  - came by success last month after experiencing failure for some time
  - encountered serious disappointment last month
  - died last month
163. It is patent that the woman **has one foot in the grave**. This means the woman
- is so old that she is not likely to live much longer
  - has one bad leg that is likely to be amputated
  - is very lazy
  - has lost her husband to death
164. Samuel always **keeps his pecker up**. This means Samuel is always
- angry with people
  - cheerful inspite of difficulties
  - dejected in time of problems
  - in the mood to fight
165. Edobor is not **the only pebble on the beach**. This means Edobor
- is not the only victim in the accident
  - is not the only person the police are looking for now
  - is not the only person of substance
  - is one of the regular swimmers in his locality
166. In fact the amount of money your uncle contributed to the Town Hall project was a **drop in the ocean**. This means the amount was
- very small
  - very huge
  - very timely
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167. To **eat a humble pie** is to
- be very moderate in one's eating habit
  - think little about oneself
  - think little about others
  - say one is very sorry for a mistake

168. Mathew is a **knight in shining armour**. This means Mathew is
- a very adroit fighter
  - a person who sets two people against each other
  - a person who saves another person in a dangerous situation
  - a person who puts on beautiful clothes every time.
169. To **cut a Gordian knot** is to
- solve a rather difficult problem
  - break relations with somebody
  - offend the creator in a serious way
  - be very highhanded
170. David said he would **eat his hat** if the boy passed the school certificate examination. This means that
- David would be glad if the boy passed the examination
  - David believed that the boy would surely fail the examination
  - David would entertain himself on the boy's success
  - David was sure that the boy would pass the examination
171. To **make a hash of something** is to
- make a success of thing
  - is to be hash in one's attitude toward the thing
  - disallow the access of another person to the thing.
  - Make a mess of the thing.
172. To **come back to earth** is to
- resuscitate from death
  - stop being foolish and face reality
  - return to one's place of birth after some time
  - live in the rural area.
173. To **lead somebody up the garden path** is to
- put the person through in different methods of farming
  - speak to the person always about agriculture
  - mislead the person
  - have total control on the person
174. Sentina **has her tongue in her cheek today**. This means that she is
- nervous today
  - not behaving seriously today
  - very jovial and happy today
  - unhappy today
175. It is said that **those who live in glass houses should not throw stones**. This means, it is said that
- people who live unclean life should not find fault with others
  - people who are decent should not attack the indecent ones
  - people who are fortunate in life should protect the unlucky ones
  - people who have fine property should protect them from damage
176. Tsado **got a smack in the eye recently**. This means Tsado
- became blind recently
  - saw what surprised him most recently
  - suffered a serious defeat or disappointment recently
  - got himself wounded recently
177. To **go Dutch with somebody** is to
- be in love with the person
  - dislike the person seriously
  - drink alcohol with the person
  - share expenses with the person

178. Fanto is a footballer who **knows the ropes**. This means that Fanto
- knows the rules which guide the game of football
  - always scores goals from difficult positions
  - knows the ropes that are best to mark the field with
  - knows what it means to rope a footballer.
179. To find out **how the land lies** is to
- get the actual topography of a piece of land
  - find out the exact measurement of a piece of land
  - know the true position of something
  - know who the genuine owner of a piece of land is
180. I took the prophet's prediction **with a pinch of salt**. This means
- I believed the prediction totally
  - I doubted the prediction
  - I regarded the prediction as a sweet message
  - I regarded the prophet as one that must be obeyed
181. To **kill the goose that lays the golden eggs** is to
- be more concerned about food
  - be fed up with something considered too expensive to keep
  - do away with something regarded as useless
  - satisfy a trivial need now at the expense of better profit in the future
182. Olema **got Logomba's goat** last week. This means that Olema
- stole Logomba's goat last week
  - irritated Logomba last week
  - deceived Logomba last week
  - was rude to Logomba last week
183. The man is **firing on all cylinders**. This means the man is
- using all his energy
  - engaging himself in many tasks at once
  - greedy
  - ambitious
184. To **keep up with the Joneses** is to
- have a liking for anyone who bears the name Jones
  - try to stick to the social standards as other people
  - insist on a certain class of occupations
  - avoid having different types of people as friends
185. Frederick and Fela are **stringing the girls along**. This means Frederick and Fela are
- deceiving the girls into the belief that they will benefit
  - picnicking with the girls
  - taking money from the girls
  - instigating the girls against their parents
186. Jonah **bit his tongue at the ceremony**. This means Jonah
- tried hard not to say what he had in mind at the ceremony
  - chewed roughly and hurt his tongue
  - was provoked by a close friend of his at the ceremony
  - regretted attending the ceremony
187. I want to tell you that writing a book **is no picnic**. This means that writing a book is
- not for a picnicker
  - not a picnic affair
  - a taxing job
  - not an interesting assignment

188. James **tore a strip off Janet** recently. This means James
- stripped Janet naked recently
  - spoke angrily to Janet for her wrongdoing
  - wanted to rape Janet recently
  - disappointed Janet by refusing to give her the money she asked for
189. The book analysed the political problem of the country **to a T**. This means the book gave
- a twenty-page analysis of the country's political problem
  - a twenty-chapter analysis of the country's political problem
  - an incomplete account of the country's political problem
  - a detailed analysis of the country's political problem
190. Mensah **drank kwame under the table** at the Governor's birthday party last month. This means that Mensah
- drank more alcohol than Kwame without becoming as drunk at the party
  - drank less quantity of alcohol than Kwame drank at the party
  - drank alcohol in secrecy unlike Kwame who drank openly at the party
  - drank alcohol under the table of Kwame at the party
191. To **make a beeline for somebody or something** is to
- show strong hatred for the person or the thing
  - move directly and quickly towards the person or the thing.
  - Recognize the person or the thing as a dependable source of enjoyment
  - Criticize the person or the thing every time.
192. Tema is **the bee's knees** in my group. This means Tema is
- the dullest person in the group
  - the most wicked person in the group
  - the best person in the group
  - the smallest person in the group
193. Sabesa will be **in the soup recently**. This means Sabesa will be
- in the kitchen very soon
  - in the canteen for lunch very soon
  - in a profitable business presently
  - in trouble very soon
194. The man said he **sowed his wild oats**. This means the man
- was a farmer in the past
  - could not help planting oats in the past
  - exhibited violent behaviour when he was young
  - was in the habit of selling oats
195. The boy said that boxing was **his pet-aversion** until recently. This means boxing was
- something he like very much
  - something he disliked very soon
  - something that brought much money to him
  - something he enjoyed doing at home
196. I want to tell you that books like the one Janet brought here yesterday are a **dime a dozen**. This means the books are
- very beautiful and detailed
  - sold in a pack of twelve in the bookshops
  - common and almost worthless
  - written by twelve co-authors

197. We shall know our true friends when the **die is cast**. This means our true friend will be known when
- death hits anyone of us
  - an irreversible decision has been made
  - everybody has cast his or her vote
  - we fail our with one another
198. Elijah is a **chip off the old block** means Elijah
- resembles his father in character
  - is a mason who prefers old blocks knew blocks
  - is an ill-tempered person
  - jokes a lot about people around him.
199. Adaraba is regarded as a **rough diamond** by many people. This means many people regard Adaraba as
- a very dirty person
  - a very indolent person
  - one who lacks good manners but believed to have great ability
  - a poorly-paid employee in a large-scale company
200. To **vote with one's feet** is to
- indicate one's position by going or not going somewhere
  - kick the ballot box
  - rush out of a place when confronted with danger
  - go to a polling center on foot instead of by bus
201. To **get down to brass tacks** is to
- begin to learn a new trade
  - start to plan for a married life
  - start to consider the fundamental details of something
  - begin to work on metals as a goldsmith.
202. In fact, this is **the tail wagging the dog**. This refers to a situation
- in which a minor aspect determines or controls the course of the whole
  - in which a major aspect controls the minor aspect as expected
  - in which both minor and major aspects determine the course of the whole
  - in which a dog is used to fish out a criminal.
203. The ruler is **not so black as he is painted**. This means the ruler
- is not as dark-complexioned as people talk of him
  - is not at all as bad or corrupt as people are making of him
  - is not always dressed in black as the painter suggests in his latest work
  - is a half-caste.
204. Omeron is a **dog in the manger**. This means Omron is
- a very wicked person
  - a thoughtful person
  - an eccentric person
  - a selfish and self-centered person
205. To **take the law into one's own hands** is to
- choose to be a lawyer
  - have law books in one's hands all the time
  - resort to force in avenging a wrong
  - go about with a document containing rules and regulations.
206. Badura always **looks to his laurels**. This means Badura always
- looks before he leaps
  - exercises care not to lose his superior position
  - behaves arrogantly
  - looks for opportunity to win prizes

207. To **put the stoppers on something** is to
- suppress or kill the thing prematurely
  - control the growth of the thing from time to time
  - stop attending to the thing
  - limit the benefits of the thing to oneself without allowing others to enjoy the benefits.
208. To **be a law unto oneself** is to
- be an authority on legal matters
  - do whatever one thinks is fit to do
  - give instructions or orders to others
  - have every member of one's family as an expert in law
209. The boy is **in the buff** most of the time. This means the boy is
- drunk most of the time
  - in debt most of the time
  - indoors most of the time
  - without clothes on most of the time
210. To **buck one's ideas up** is to
- fail to pursue one's ambition to a logical conclusion
  - become more alert and more serious
  - sell one's ideas to one's rivals
  - have ideas upon ideas.
211. You should know that Taylor was **born on the wrong side of the blanket**. This means that Taylor was
- physically handicapped at birth
  - mentally handicapped at birth
  - born by parents who were not married to each other
  - born into abject poverty
212. Kwame is one who always **throws his bread upon the water**. This means Kwame always
- waste resources
  - behave awkwardly
  - renders help without expecting a direct reward
  - eats soft or light food
213. Alagoa always **goes for broke**. This means Alagoa
- always spends money recklessly
  - always damages things through careless handling
  - risks everything in the determination to achieve something
  - goes about without money
214. To **have a nodding acquaintance with somebody or something** is to
- give implicit approval to the person or the thing
  - give explicit approval to the person or the thing
  - be well familiar with the person or the thing
  - know the person or the thing slightly
215. To **nip something in the bud** is to
- approve of the thing at the early stage
  - stop the thing at the early stage
  - know much about the beginning of the thing
  - dislike the thing at the advanced stage.
216. Peter is **in the dumps today**. This means Peter is
- melancholy today
  - cheerful today
  - jocund today
  - hungry today.

217. To **catch somebody on the hop** is to
- hit the person so hard
  - surprise the person by doing something when he or she did not expect it.
  - give the person a hot chase until one is able to catch him or her.
  - recognize the person as an insincere person
218. Saloba **carried the can** for the damage of the louver glass. This means Saloba
- packed the debris of the glass into the refuse can
  - could not prevent the damage of the glass
  - accepted blame or responsibility for the glass
  - took the remnants of the damaged glass to the person in charge of the place.
219. Infact, Evangelist Reinhard Bonnke is **one in a million**. This means
- Bonnke is a millionaire by the size of his wealth
  - Bonnke is always found preaching to millions of people who want salvation.
  - There are millions of soul-winners like Evangelist Bonnke
  - Evangelist Bonnke is a very rare type of person
220. The doctor asked the nurse if the patient had **turned the corner**. This means the doctor wanted to know
- if the patient was deteriorating in health
  - if the patient had died eventually
  - if the patient had begun to improve in health
  - if the patient had been discharged
221. Mandosa is really **reaching for the stars**. This means Mandosa is
- very ambitious
  - an astrologer
  - an astronaut
  - very inquisitive
222. To **queer somebody's pitch** is to
- behave in a way that is strange to the person
  - spoil the person's plans or chances of achieving something
  - confuse the person in a funny way
  - put somebody on a strange field to play
223. Dambata is obviously a **cock of the walk**. This means Dambata is clearly
- a person who goes on foot
  - an arrogant person
  - a person who dominate others
  - a very hardworking person
224. The policeman was a **sight for sore eyes** at Bola's birthday party. This means
- the celebrant and the guests did not like the presence of the policeman at the party
  - the policeman dressed shabbily and so he was not pleasing to eyes of the people at the party
  - the people at the birthday party were pleased to see the policeman
  - the policeman wore a pair of glasses to the party because of an eyes disease.
225. The Governor **gave one of his aides the elbow** last month. This means the Governor
- dismissed the aide
  - slapped the aide
  - ordered that the aide be arrested and detained
  - gave the aide a handsome sum of money for good behaviour.

226. Tirogo does not **know his arse from his elbow**. This means that Tirogo does not
- know the profession he should pursue from among many professions.
  - have the requisite knowledge or skill.
  - have the ability to believe information easily
  - know his enemies from his friend
227. A man has **put the young girl in family way**. This means that man
- has adopted the young girl.
  - has impregnated the young girl
  - has decided to bring young into his family to nurture
  - has found a husband for the young girl so that she can start a family of her own.
228. The man is **on the breadline**. This means the man
- is living on bread alone
  - has bread as his favourite food
  - is very poor
  - hates bread so much.
229. To **bring home the bacon** is to
- prefer indoor work to outdoor work
  - be public shy
  - win a huge amount of money at gambling
  - achieve something very successfully
230. Florence is **a bit of crumpet** This means he is
- a slightly rude girl
  - a pretty girl
  - a lazy girl
  - a money monger
231. There is no denying that Santo is **a ball of fire**. This means that Santo
- is an aggressive person who is easily offended
  - has bulging eye balls which are always red
  - is very hard to please
  - a person who is full of energy and enthusiasm
232. Barnabas **goes bananas** every evening he comes here. This means that every evening Barnabas comes here, he
- prefers to be served with bananas
  - is angry
  - is cool and gentle
  - breaks his fast
233. The woman is **up with the lark** nowadays. This means the woman
- gets out of bed very early in the morning nowadays
  - is very hardworking nowadays
  - is very quarrelsome nowadays
  - is very easy to control nowadays
234. One of the burglars is **at large**. This means one of the burglars is
- dead and buried
  - dead but nor buried
  - not found yet
  - in possession of a large sum of money
225. The meeting will come up at **the psychological moment**. This means the meeting will hold
- when no member has any problem bothering his mind
  - at the time the psychologist okays or gives the members
  - at the time nobody will disturb the deliberations
  - at the most appropriate time.

236. Idahosa **saved his becon** last year. This means Idahosa
- avoided a disaster last year
  - saved a huge amount of money last year
  - brought comfort to his family last year
  - started planning for his future last year.
237. Iyarosa is **in rade health**. This means she is
- carrying a pregnancy
  - in a poor state of health
  - in very good health
  - so rude and stubborn that nobody likes her.
238. Benkosa **paid an arm and a leg** to get the motor-cycle for his brother. This means Benkosa
- got himself seriously wounded to get the motorcycle
  - paid a huge amount o money to get the motorcycle
  - paid bit by bit to get the motorcycle
  - volunteered to lose his life for the motorcycle to be got.
239. To **smell a rat** is to
- be good at hunting games
  - suspect that something wrong is happening around one
  - feel uncomfortable in a smelly place
  - make a very small profit in business.
240. The man was **in his birthday suit** then. This means that the man was
- naked then
  - full of joy then
  - in his best and finest cloths then
  - sad then.
241. The Director said that he had to **scrape the bottom of the barrel**. This means that the Director had to
- learn properly how to shoot a gun
  - buy a barrel for personal defence and security
  - use the poor available materials in the absence of better alternatives.
  - Search thoroughly for qualified workers in order to generate profit.
242. The author of the popular book said that writing a book was **all beer and skittles** to him. This means the author
- found writing a book very cumbersome
  - found writing a book very pleasurable
  - found writing a book very expensive
  - liked being stimulated with alcohol to write very well.
243. Jesica said the incident happened to her **in her salad days**. This means
- when she used to eat salad as her favourite dish
  - when she used to organize parties to celebrate her birthday
  - when she was young and inexperienced
  - when she used to have much money and sufficiency of things.
244. To **take the wind out of somebody's sail** is to
- weaken the person's confidence or pride
  - be responsible for the person's calamity
  - come to the aid of the person in time of danger
  - make the person dumb.
245. To **get a word in edgeway** is to
- persuade other people to consider one's opinion on a matter
  - be able to interrupt a talkative person
  - say something very inaudibly
  - dominate a discussion always

246. To **throw somebody overboard** is to
- contribute greatly to the imprisonment of the person
  - help the person to avoid being in debt or trouble
  - abandon the person
  - gossip about the person here and there
247. The girl asked the boy what he believed was a **chink in the teacher's armour**. This means the girl wanted to know
- what the standard of the teacher's education was
  - whether the teacher's certificate was genuine or not
  - what the weak point of or the defect in the teacher's character was
  - what the main dislike of the teacher was
248. Paul **put a spoke in Peter's wheel** recently. This means that Paul
- came to the assistance of Peter recently
  - prevented Peter's plans from being achieved
  - gave a free ride to Peter recently
  - stood in for Peter recently
249. I will like to know if Salario and Salebo are really **on their uppers**. This means I will like to know if they are really
- ambitious to move up in their careers
  - successful in their chosen professions
  - poor
  - rich
250. I want to tell you that all my female teachers **have run to seed**. This means that female teachers
- have become less efficient
  - have become pregnant
  - have added fruit-selling to teaching
  - have been promoted.
251. To **haul somebody over the coals** is to
- make the person look dirty and less attractive
  - injure the pride of the person
  - force the person to work hard for the money he earns
  - criticize the person very severely
252. Hassan **hates Halimat's guts**. This means that Hassan
- dislikes the stupidity aspect of Halimat's nature
  - dislikes Halimat intensely
  - dislikes the dull manner Halimat contributes to discussions
  - is jealous of Halimat's wisdom
253. Tanso says he is **hard up for money** these days. This means Tanso
- works hard for money these days
  - has much money these days
  - has little money these days
  - hardly walks up to anyone for money these days
254. The bereaved woman will soon **get back on an even keel**. This means the woman will soon
- become emotionally balanced
  - resume at her place of work
  - appreciate the inevitability of death
  - be compensated with money
255. To **fall between two stools** is to
- be faced with two serious problems
  - be disappointed by two close friends or relatives
  - be physically handicapped
  - fail to achieve either of two good alternatives due to indecision

256. As a matter of fact, Rapala's **eyes are bigger than his stomach**. This means that Rapala
- always shows interest in big and great things
  - is very greedy
  - is excessively ambitious
  - is a person who is hard to please or entice
257. Dalado **gave his eye-teeth for money**. This means that Dalado
- worked very hard to become very rich
  - sacrificed certain basic things to become rich
  - wished to have much money
  - forfeited his life in the bid to have much money
258. To **bide one's time** is to
- be patient till a good opportunity comes one's way
  - keep watching the clock till the time to do something arrives
  - do something at the time one is instructed to do the thing.
  - Make use of the time one has.
259. Simbo promised to **keep me posted**. This means Simbo promised to
- send letters to me by post from time to time
  - send me to his people and friends regularly
  - inform me of the latest development
  - take me out to places of interest.
260. Maryam's Mathematics teacher **popped the question** to her last week. This means the teacher
- tested the level of Maryam's understanding of Mathematics
  - embarrassed Maryam with an impromptu question
  - asked Maryam a question to encourage her
  - made a proposal of marriage to Maryam.
261. Roseline and her mother are **much of a muchness**. This means that Roseline and her mother
- hate each other much
  - are very alike
  - envy each other very much
  - have much money
262. To play a **mug's game** is to
- engage in an activity that can put one's life in danger
  - show interest in a profitable venture
  - engage in a game one is good at
  - engage in an activity that will bring little or no profit to one
263. To **cut off one's nose to spite one's face** is to
- put things in the right order
  - to harm oneself while taking revenge on another person who has wronged one.
  - make oneself look neat and admirable at all times.
  - criticize anything that can bring shame to one.
264. To **keep one's nose to the grindstone** is to
- keep oneself busy or working hard
  - engage in gossip or idle talk
  - go from one place to another in search of information
  - do useless work from time to time

265. It is likely the company **goes to pot** under the new Board of Directors. This means it is likely the company
- is ruined
  - experiences a rapid development
  - will produce at maximum capacity
  - is reorganized.
266. The country **keeps its powder dry**. This means the country
- remains economically buoyant
  - is on the alert
  - continues to give aids to sister countries
  - remains a poor country
267. The teacher advised the final year students not to **burn the candle at both ends**. This means the students should not
- waste their time and resources
  - overwork themselves into tiredness
  - damage their eyes with flame light
  - avoid reading too much at night
268. The woman **powders her nose** every evening. This means the woman
- makes herself attractive every evening
  - has a rest from work every evening
  - goes to toilet every evening
  - goes out for fun every evening
269. To **load the dice against somebody** is to
- put the person at a disadvantage
  - defeat the person in a competition or contest
  - cheat the person
  - deal ruthlessly with the person
270. One of the leaders of the factions has **handed out an olive branch**. This means that one of the leaders has
- given out a branch of the olive tree
  - been anointed a priest
  - sued for peace
  - challenged the leaders of other factions to a fight
271. Kadoso always **nails his colours to the mast**. This means he always
- effects repair in his apartment.
  - declares his interest or plans openly
  - pursues his plans to conclusion
  - acts with unwavering determination
272. To be **quick on the uptake** is to
- walk or run fast to overtake another person
  - be in a business that brings profit quickly
  - be forthright in settling a misunderstanding
  - be quick to understand what is happening
273. Safura is really a **shrinking violet**. This means she is really
- a very neat person
  - a very careful person
  - a very poor person
  - a very shy person
274. David **darkened Jonathan's** door last wee. This means David
- insulted Jonathan at night last week
  - embarrassed Jonathan and the members of his family last week
  - came to Jonathan's house last week
  - wore black clothes to Jonathan's house last week

275. The little girl's parents told her about **the birds and the bees**. This means the parents told her
- fundamental facts about sex
  - about the dangers in friendship
  - about the predatory relationship between animals and insects
  - about the inherent misunderstandings in interpersonal relationship
276. To **take the bit between one's teeth** is to
- avoid anything that can bring about pain
  - complain about a wrong to the authorities
  - give the little gift one can afford to somebody
  - tackle a difficult task with determination
277. Williams always **holds his head high**. This means Williams always
- avoids looking at crawling objects
  - struggles to avoid being in debt
  - behave arrogantly
  - comes first in a competition
278. Butosa is **all things to all people**. This means that Butosa
- is one who changes at will to please everyone
  - is one who gives all the things he has to the people around him
  - is one who takes all his problems to the people for advice
  - is one who is good at all the occupations in his environment
279. Diweno Sese is **as thick as two short planks** means that Diweno Sese is
- bulky and powerful
  - very stupid
  - very hardworking
  - extremely rich
280. Kwado and Kwaku are **as thick as thieves**. This means they
- are very friendly
  - are partners in crime
  - are very identical in stature
  - live in the same house
281. To **give somebody or something a wide berth** is to
- give the person or the thing a serious consideration
  - give the person or thing the greatest chance of attaining success
  - remain at a distance from the person or the thing
  - allow the person or the thing to act in a far-reaching way.
282. I will describe the comment made by the woman as **an old wives' tale**. This means the woman's comment was
- very reasonable
  - quite pertinent
  - very articulate
  - rather foolish
283. Believe you me, Mobutu is a **dead ringer** for Mr. Denton, our former Mathematics teacher. This means that Mobutu
- is the ring leader of the gang of robbers that killed Mr. Denton
  - so much hates Mathematics that he decides to send a death ring to Mr. Denton
  - looks like Mr. Denton in appearance
  - is fond of speaking ill of Mr. Denton.
284. To **bite the bullet** is to
- die from army gunshots
  - accept something unpleasant because one cannot avoid it
  - swear forcibly against something
  - commit suicide by eating poisoned food.

285. I want to tell you in all seriousness that Sitomatoki is into **monkey business** in the United States of America. This means Sitomatoki is
- into dishonest activities in the USA
  - really working hard to acquire wealth in the USA
  - not steady in one particular business in the USA
  - loafing around in the USA.
286. Yakasi **made my flesh creep** recently. This means that Yakasi
- entertained me enthusiastically
  - wounded me seriously
  - frightened me with dreadful sayings
  - poured strange powder on my body.
287. It is obvious that many of the presidential candidates **have their heads in the clouds**. This means they
- are very unrealistic
  - are well-travelled and known internationally
  - always dodge questions which are not clear to them
  - are very cocky
288. Ozogula is **head and shoulder above everyone of his classmates**. This means Ozogula
- is the tallest student in his class
  - terrorizes everyone of his classmates
  - is academically superior to everyone of his classmates.
  - Is helpful to everyone of his classmates in time of need and problems
289. The mastery of Applied Mathematics has **turned Sese's head**. This means that the mastery of Applied Mathematics has
- made Sese mad
  - made Sese arrogant
  - deformed Sese
  - restructured Sese's attitude to issues
290. Fatimat Matama is a **girl Friday**. This means she
- is very religious as she goes to Mosque on Fridays
  - is fond of receiving and entertaining visitors on Fridays
  - is a young woman saddled with a number of duties at her place of work
  - does not go to work on Fridays
291. One thing about Santoma is that he always **keeps his head down**. This means Santoma always
- behaves stupidly
  - avoids attracting attention
  - thinks about life
  - gets into trouble
292. To **hide one's head in the sand** means to
- be seriously disgraced
  - pretend that a conspicuous problem does not exist
  - live in abject poverty
  - plough the sand
293. The judge **had his hands tied** in the case in which his son was arraigned for a charge of murder. This means that the judge
- was withdrawn from the case
  - was handcuffed while the trial lasted
  - could not help convicting his son
  - was conspicuously partial.

294. I told Belario that the incident happened **the other week**. This means the incident happened
- recently
  - the week that succeeded the week Balario visited me.
  - the week that preceded the week Balario visited me
  - last week
295. I can notice that Ziko **has a roving eye**. This means Ziko
- is hard to please
  - has overweening ambition to succeed in life
  - always looks for chance to start a fresh sexual relationship
  - always has his eyes on the best things.
296. The speaker concluded that "**beauty is only skin-deep**". This means that
- the quality of a person's skin determines the degree of the beauty
  - the inner qualities are more important than the outward appearance
  - the outward appearance determines the state of the inner qualities
  - the skin and beauty are mutually interrelated
297. My uncle always **keeps his nose clean**. This means my uncle
- always pays maximum attention to his duties
  - is always neat and corporate in appearance
  - always keeps away from scandals
  - is a Nosey Parker
298. The teacher **keeps his eyes peeled** for the rascally boy. This means the teacher
- hates seeing the rascally boy
  - watches the rascally boy very closely.
  - Fishes out and thrashes the rascally boy from time to time
  - Talks to the rascally boy with a view to making him behave well.
299. In fact, money **burns a hole in Udoma's pocket**. This means that Udoma is
- very poor
  - stinking rich
  - extravagant
  - stingy
300. Anthony is known for **talking the hind legs off a donkey**. This means that Anthony is known for
- talking brilliantly to make other people agree with him
  - accusing people falsely in his speech
  - exaggerating issues in his speech
  - boring people with long talk
301. Natawi and Butesa **live in each other's pocket**. This means that they
- are very close to each other
  - assist each other in business financing
  - borrow money from each other from time to time.
  - Steal each other's money
302. As a strategist, Chume always **has an ace up his sleeve**. This means Chume always
- walks about pompously
  - prevents his plans from being known to his rivals
  - puts on expensive clothes as a mark of success in life
  - achieves his aims through dubious means.

303. Samuel is **on his Sunday best today**. This means that Samuel
- is very happy today
  - is in his best clothes today
  - is visiting his best friend called Sunday today
  - is celebrating on important occasion in his life today
304. The Secretary **got his claws into the President** last week. This means the Secretary
- fought the president
  - wounded the president very seriously
  - sued the president
  - criticized the president intensely
305. Tambo has never failed to do his **daily dozen**. This means that Tambo
- visits his twelve friends daily
  - sets twelve cogent assignments for himself every day
  - practices physical exercise constantly
  - is influenced by the basic principles of good living from the to time
306. The marriage counselor told the new bride not to **wear the pants**. This means the counselor would want the bride to
- avoid being dominant in the marriage
  - be very faithful to her husband
  - avoid denying her husband of sex
  - dress properly and be morally sound
307. I doubt if the man will ever **keep the pot boiling**. This means I doubt if the man will ever
- find enough money for food
  - cause a commotion in his locality
  - engage in a debate or controversy
  - sustain any good thing he starts at any time.
308. Many people believe your uncle **played possum** at the meeting of the youths with the Governor. This means your uncle
- was clearly on the side of the youths
  - did not support the points of the Governor
  - pretended to be unaware of the crux of the matter in order to deceive
  - was full of praises for the Governor to the displeasure of the youths
309. Lanko Makosa's house is the **last word** in comfort on Nokia Street. This means the house is the
- last to be mentioned when it comes to comfort on Nokia Street
  - most comfortable house on Nokia Street
  - last house built on Nokia Street after the word comfort was discussed
  - last to take comfort into consideration on Nokia Street.
310. Can't you see that Caleb **is as pissed as a newt**? This means Caleb is
- very drunk
  - very happy
  - very sad
  - very sociable
311. Of all vices, Adejah **draws the line at drunkenness**. This means Adejah
- always gets drunk
  - really detests drunkenness
  - will not complain about drunkenness
  - singles out drunkenness as a welcome vice

312. I just want to tell you that Buyoyo **takes the piss out of** Wendodo these days. This means Buyoyo
- assists Wendodo financially
  - dupes Wendodo
  - leads Wendodo
  - makes just of Wendodo
313. Saragama Tantoh is one who will **get away with murder** any time. This means that Sarogama will
- kill anyone who stands in his way
  - flout rules and escape punishment
  - chase away anyone who wants to kill him
  - run away with the corpse of anyone he kills
314. I can see that Stephen **draws in his horns** these days. This means he is
- reserved
  - rather economical
  - very extravagant
  - less ambitious
315. Joseph **cut Janet dead** at the occasion. This means he
- pretended not to have seen her
  - was responsible for her death
  - abused her thoroughly
  - made love advances to her
316. The boy did the work **at the double**. This means he did the work
- twice
  - slowly
  - skillfully
  - quickly
317. The king should not have **let grass grow under his feet** on the chieftaincy matter. This means the king should not have
- allowed outsiders to dictate to him
  - allowed the rural dwellers to be made chiefs
  - delayed unnecessarily in taking a decision
  - taken a unilateral decision
318. The man said that he bought his first private jet **on the never**. This means he bought it
- at a very expensive price
  - by hire purchase
  - at a very cheap price
  - when the hope was almost lost
319. One of the company's drivers saw **put to grass** recently. This means one the drivers was
- asked to go on annual leave immediately
  - forced to retire
  - made to cut grass as a punishment
  - promoted to an enviable post
320. No one can explain why the woman **does her nut** every evening. This means the woman
- is angry every evening
  - is happy every evening
  - cooks food every evening
  - is free and idle every evening

321. To **bite somebody's head off** is to
- be rude to the person
  - criticize the person angrily and often without a genuine reason
  - enter into a secret agreement with the person
  - betray or disappoint the person
322. The Chairman's birthday party was attended **by the world and his wife**. This means the party was attended by
- a large number of people
  - many people invited by the Chairman's wife
  - poor people on the wife's instruction
  - rich and high-placed people
323. I was advised to **grasp the nettle**. This means I was advised to
- avoid dishonest people
  - deal with a difficult matter
  - listen attentively to instructions
  - avoid wasting an opportunity.
324. The boy has **a thick head**. This means he is
- full of idea
  - very courageous
  - stupid
  - gifted
325. As a matter of fact, Abebe **has foot of clay**. This means Abebe
- is rather playful
  - has some basic weakness
  - is very poor
  - is very sensitive to insult
326. Batela **buried his head in the sand** yesterday. This means Batela
- died shamefully yesterday
  - got himself in a serious problem yesterday
  - pretended that he was not faced with a glaring problem yesterday
  - went away shyly yesterday
327. The woman **is in foal**. This means the woman is
- pregnant
  - busy at work
  - idle
  - enterprising
328. The old man is **dead to the world** now. This means the old man is
- no more alive
  - very ill
  - fast asleep
  - very weak and inactive
329. To **be the jewel in the crown** means to be the
- youngest
  - most vocal member of a group
  - leader of a group
  - most successful member of a group
330. It is obvious that civil engineers are **thick on the ground**. This means civil engineers are
- scarce
  - many
  - familiar with ground
  - experienced

331. Diamond is **at a premium** in my country. This means diamond is
- abundant in my country
  - insured in my country
  - greatly valued in my country
  - expensive in my country
332. The young man **pulled himself up by his bootstraps**. This means he
- was the main cause of his problem
  - tried to become a successful person by own effort
  - struggled to achieve success but his efforts were abortive
  - was insincere in his efforts to achieve success.
333. Santana **overplayed his hand** in a competition recently. This means Santana
- spoilt his chance of success by underrating his rival
  - did not comply with instructions
  - exceeded the time scheduled for the competition
  - overused his hand in the competition.
334. The performance of Johnson in the final examination was **out of this world**. This means the performance was
- very woeful
  - very wonderful
  - a little below expectation
  - of international standard.
335. Kwame is **the dead spit of his uncle**. This means Kwame
- really hates his uncle
  - is responsible for the death of his uncle
  - resembles his uncle
  - loves his uncle dearly
336. Mensah had **a dirty weekend** recently. This refers to
- a weekend of financial problem
  - a weekend spent secretly with a sexual partner
  - a weekend of total failure
  - a weekend spent in tattered clothes
337. The girl **went through the motions of preparing for the final examination**. This means the girl
- really prepared for the examination with a view to passing it.
  - Was nervous about sitting for the examination
  - Pretended to be preparing or the examination
  - Went here and there to ask for information about the examination.
338. Believe you me, Otokoto's birthday party was **fast and furious**. This means that the party was
- brief and well-attended by well wishers
  - lively and full of rapid action
  - disorganized by angry people
  - quickly organised.
339. During my studentship in the university, my uncle did me **a fat lot of good**. This means my uncle
- did not help me at all
  - was responsible for all my needs
  - always gave me advice on university life
  - catered for my feeding

340. Notarawi, a Nigerian by birth, has really **gone native in Australia**. This means that Natarawi has
- A. decided to speak to people in his mother tongue in Australia
  - B. decided to leave Australia for Nigeria
  - C. chosen to go about in Nigerian dress in Australia
  - D. adopted the way of life of the people of Australia and abandoned his own.

# GRAMMAR

In this section, different aspects of the grammar of English language are tested with a view to ascertaining the depth of the candidate's knowledge and understanding of the English Language grammar. So questions are asked here on the different parts of speech which, undoubtedly, constitute the crux of the matter in grammar. In my candid opinion, the grammar of English language makes the language tick.

NOTE: YOU ARE ADVISED TO BUY AND STUDY **FIRST-HAND ENGLISH** (Grammar per se) ALSO BY THE AUTHOR OF THIS BOOK.

From the words lettered A to D, choose the one that best completes each of the following sentences:

1. Chinedu \_\_\_\_\_ Chichidodo every time to face his studies squarely.  
A. advices  
B. advice  
C. advise  
D. advises
2. The illness of the woman was so serious that it took a team of medical experts days to \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. pull her over  
B. pull her through  
C. push her on  
D. put her back
3. Pastor Enoron \_\_\_\_\_ in my church occasionally these days.  
A. comes to preach  
B. comes to be preaching  
C. is coming to preach  
D. come to preach
4. I \_\_\_\_\_ for sure that success \_\_\_\_\_ one.  
A. know/exalt  
B. knows/exalt  
C. know/exalts  
D. knows/exalts
5. Diweno says he \_\_\_\_\_ his parents dearly.  
A. love  
B. loves  
C. loved  
D. is loving
6. Asabe said she \_\_\_\_\_ two bottles of beer at Sese's birthday party.  
A. drunk  
B. will drink  
C. drank  
D. drinks
7. If Nerisa failed the examination, she \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. shall repeat  
B. would repeat  
C. will repeated  
D. would repeat
8. Let the boy \_\_\_\_\_ in the way the \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. behaves/likes  
B. behave/like  
C. behaves/like  
D. behave/likes

9. Juliet and Janet have a gold watch each, \_\_\_\_\_?
- don't they
  - do they
  - haven't they
  - aren't they
10. The boy \_\_\_\_\_ stand akimbo before the straitlaced principal.
- dares not
  - dare not
  - is daring not
  - shall not dare
11. A good citizen will not do anything that will \_\_\_\_\_ his or her country.
- disstabilize
  - destabilize
  - instabilize
  - unstabilize
12. Isn't it high time the president of every African country \_\_\_\_\_ money on junket?
- stops to waste
  - stops wasting
  - stopped wasting
  - stop wastage of
13. Although the visit was impromptu, the man \_\_\_\_\_ us into his beautiful compound
- welcome
  - welcame
  - welcomed
  - welcomes
14. The man asked if I \_\_\_\_\_ my race.
- have run
  - had ran
  - have ran
  - had run
15. You need a spiritual rebirth to be able to \_\_\_\_\_ evil at all times.
- ward off
  - ward away
  - walk out
  - work on
16. After he had worked strenuously for six hours, all Cicerio could do was \_\_\_\_\_ along
- march
  - strut
  - run
  - trudge
17. If I \_\_\_\_\_ you, I \_\_\_\_\_ my studies squarely.
- am/will be facing
  - was/will faced
  - were/would face
  - should be/would faced.
18. Chiweno and Sendo shouted very loudly as though they \_\_\_\_\_ a lion.
- are seeing
  - had seen
  - have seen
  - have just seen

19. Tamuzo \_\_\_\_\_ Batega's feelings last night
- hurt
  - hurts
  - hurted
  - was hurting
20. The girls \_\_\_\_\_ expelled by the principal.
- are been
  - have been
  - had being
  - has been
21. The rich man \_\_\_\_\_ money to his wives and children every Monday.
- disperses
  - dispensed
  - discusses
  - dispenses
22. The inexperienced girl was \_\_\_\_\_ last month by her lover who decided to run away with another girl.
- cheated
  - jilted
  - duped
  - raped
23. If I had known that the man was not a genuine pastor, I would not have \_\_\_\_\_ too much confidence in him.
- imposed
  - composed
  - reposed
  - inputted
24. Ligatoba was \_\_\_\_\_ into the army of his country six years ago at the age of twenty-one
- inducted
  - commanded
  - directed
  - imposed
25. The so-called Engineer \_\_\_\_\_ the project up last month.
- has fucked
  - forks
  - forked
  - fucked
26. The poor woman has \_\_\_\_\_ herself to fate.
- consigned
  - concerned
  - resigned
  - reposed
27. I saw them when they \_\_\_\_\_ caned for lateness
- are being
  - have been
  - were being
  - were been
28. The clergy \_\_\_\_\_ every day for the success of the present government.
- are praying
  - is praying
  - pray
  - prays

29. The young girl \_\_\_\_\_ mind her language.  
 A. has better  
 B. had better  
 C. have best  
 D. had best
30. Many a secondary school student \_\_\_\_\_ afraid of English language examination nowadays  
 A. are  
 B. is  
 C. was  
 D. were
31. Belario as well as Selario \_\_\_\_\_ three international languages  
 A. speaks  
 B. speak  
 C. have spoken  
 D. are speaking
32. Dr. Tengo and Chairman of Star Local Government Council \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. have arrived  
 B. have been arrived  
 C. have arrive  
 D. is around
33. The man, with his three wives and seventeen children, \_\_\_\_\_ just traveled abroad  
 A. is  
 B. are  
 C. has  
 D. have
34. Dr. Williams is a force to be \_\_\_\_\_ with in university administration  
 A. recognized  
 B. regarded  
 C. reckoned  
 D. relied
35. The lecturer does not \_\_\_\_\_ his real age.  
 A. seems  
 B. look  
 C. appear  
 D. resemble
36. During the recent communal crisis, the palace of the monarch was \_\_\_\_\_ with charms and amulets.  
 A. decorated  
 B. fortified  
 C. embellished  
 D. ensnared
37. \_\_\_\_\_ your grandfather died before your father died?  
 A. Has  
 B. Have  
 C. Was  
 D. Had
38. The elite \_\_\_\_\_ many fine ideas to suggest to government.  
 A. have  
 B. has  
 C. thinks up  
 D. is having

39. I wish I \_\_\_\_\_ the most appropriate approach to the problem.  
 A. know  
 B. knew  
 C. knows  
 D. am knowing
40. How I wish your father \_\_\_\_\_ alive today  
 A. were  
 B. was  
 C. is  
 D. is to be
41. It is a pity that the boy has \_\_\_\_\_ to rough life.  
 A. resulted  
 B. resorted  
 C. resumed  
 D. reversed back
42. I \_\_\_\_\_ your father to stop going out with politicians; then I changed my mind.  
 A. had told  
 B. have told  
 C. was going to tell  
 D. have being telling
43. I have \_\_\_\_\_ the pepper  
 A. grinded  
 B. ground  
 C. granded  
 D. grounded
44. If I am elected president, I \_\_\_\_\_ the majority.  
 A. will satisfy  
 B. am to satisfy  
 C. would satisfy  
 D. shall have satisfied
45. If I was elected the president of my great country, I \_\_\_\_\_ the majority of her citizens.  
 A. would have satisfied  
 B. would satisfied  
 C. would had satisfied  
 D. would satisfy
46. In fact, if I had been elected the president of my country, I \_\_\_\_\_ the problem of poverty facing the masses  
 A. will have solved  
 B. would solve  
 C. would have solved  
 D. had solved.
47. The silly boy broke the glass after he \_\_\_\_\_ smashed the two eggs  
 A. would  
 B. would have  
 C. had  
 D. has
48. In fact, luck \_\_\_\_\_ the thief who fell into a septic tank as he was trying to escape  
 A. ran away from  
 B. ran out on  
 C. ran over  
 D. ran across

49. The carpenter \_\_\_\_\_ the wood thoroughly
- planed
  - planned
  - plained
  - plaited
50. Evelyn was \_\_\_\_\_ to a rich young prince from Morocco last month.
- handed
  - betrothed
  - consigned
  - released
51. Agate's evil plan \_\_\_\_\_ as he became mad in an attempt to charm Agatona.
- boomerung
  - succeeded
  - boomeranged
  - ignited
52. The traders are \_\_\_\_\_ on the slight increase in the price of petrol to raise the prices of their wares.
- capitalizing
  - monopolizing
  - economizing
  - commercializing
53. He did not either directly or indirectly \_\_\_\_\_ your motion yesterday
- supports
  - supported
  - supportive
  - support
54. The suspects \_\_\_\_\_ before I entered the office.
- was being questioned
  - had been questioned
  - are being questioned
  - have been questioned
55. I can now understand that I \_\_\_\_\_ spoofed.
- have being
  - has been
  - am been
  - have been
56. The man asked his wife \_\_\_\_\_
- if she wants him to buy her a car
  - perhaps she wants to buy a car.
  - If she wanted him to buy her a car
  - If he should bought a car for her.
57. He asked me \_\_\_\_\_
- how often I practised football
  - how often I practiced football
  - do I practise football often
  - if I did practised football often.
58. What saved the boy was that he \_\_\_\_\_ firmly to the side of lorry.
- has clinged
  - had clinged
  - clang
  - had clung

59. It is very bad to \_\_\_\_\_ your neighbour's property.  
 A. convert  
 B. conceal  
 C. covet  
 D. cover
60. It is a useless girl that \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. sleeps about  
 B. goes around  
 C. sleeps around  
 D. walks about
61. The man would have completed the project if illness had not \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. supervised  
 B. supervened  
 C. intersected  
 D. interceded
62. They will be surprised to see that their actions will soon come home to \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. roost  
 B. raid  
 C. rave  
 D. rumble
63. The boy who always \_\_\_\_\_ papers on the floor is as dull as ditch water  
 A. strows  
 B. strews  
 C. strewed  
 D. paste
64. I saw Yebah \_\_\_\_\_ Yaro yesterday.  
 A. slaps  
 B. slapped  
 C. slap  
 D. slapping
65. I believe the two antagonistic groups will \_\_\_\_\_ a balance very soon  
 A. construct  
 B. draw  
 C. strike  
 D. made
66. My supervisor said that he would like to see me \_\_\_\_\_ a group of students.  
 A. teach  
 B. teaching  
 C. to be teaching  
 D. taught
67. 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
68. The frustrated man \_\_\_\_\_ his clothes and \_\_\_\_\_ himself afterwards  
 A. hung/hanged  
 B. hanged/hung  
 C. hanged/hanged  
 D. hung/hung.
69. The sick woman \_\_\_\_\_ in bed for four months.  
 A. lain  
 B. lay  
 C. laid  
 D. lied.

70. The hen has \_\_\_\_\_ another big brownish egg.  
 A. lain  
 B. laid  
 C. layed  
 D. lay
71. Asabe \_\_\_\_\_ many plots of land in the ancient town three years ago.  
 A. aquired  
 B. acquired  
 C. acquirred  
 D. arcquired
72. The musician really \_\_\_\_\_ Europe before he returned home last week  
 A. explored  
 B. exploited  
 C. examined  
 D. exhibited
73. The man said that his conscience \_\_\_\_\_ him.  
 A. smites  
 B. smited  
 C. smitted  
 D. smote
74. Ramond has two cars, \_\_\_\_\_?  
 A. hasn't he  
 B. didn't he  
 C. doesn't he  
 D. has he.
75. The boy has finished the work assigned to him, \_\_\_\_\_?  
 A. has he  
 B. doesn't he  
 C. didn't he  
 D. hasn't he
76. Student: Sir, must we finish the classwork before break time? Teacher: No, you \_  
 A. mustn't  
 B. can't  
 C. shouldn't  
 D. needn't
77. I could not attend the meetin so I asked my half-mother to \_\_\_\_\_  
 A. stand in  
 B. stand out  
 C. stand down  
 D. stand up
78. John said that Juliet was at the ceremony last week \_\_\_\_\_?  
 A. wasn't she  
 B. was she  
 C. didn't he  
 D. saidn't he
79. I know that James cannot find the answer to the problem however hard he tried, \_\_\_\_\_  
 A. don't I  
 B. can he  
 C. do I  
 D. cant't he

80. There is no blinking the fact that my country has not fully \_\_\_\_ its resources.
- explored
  - exploited
  - exposed
  - exported
81. I am your friend, \_\_\_\_\_?
- amn't I
  - don't I
  - aren't I
  - am I
82. When I was explaining the short story to you yesterday, I told you the meanings of many strange words, \_\_\_\_\_?
- was I
  - didn't I
  - wasn't I
  - isn't I
83. There are many exotic items in Yebah's sitting-room \_\_\_\_\_?
- are there
  - aren't they
  - are they
  - aren't there
84. I hated smoking and so \_\_\_\_\_ my wife.
- did
  - was
  - does
  - hated
85. The debater could not \_\_\_\_\_ his points before the bell sounded
- round up
  - round off
  - round of
  - round over
86. I saw Simbo driving his car this afternoon so he \_\_\_\_\_ the car to a car snatcher this morning
- would not have lost
  - would have not lost
  - cannot lose
  - could not have lost
87. Jezebel said she was \_\_\_\_\_ into prostitution by Delilah.
- admitted
  - lured
  - linked
  - lurked
88. The meeting did not adjourn until it \_\_\_\_\_ all the matters before it.
- has discussed
  - had discussed
  - have discussed
  - will discuss
89. These three employees \_\_\_\_\_ absent from work since New Year's Day
- were
  - are being
  - had been
  - have been

90. The prosecution witness \_\_\_\_\_ the court that Dzogbeligo was a collaborator in the deal.
- convened
  - confused
  - convinced
  - consulted
91. The lackadaisical student remarked that it \_\_\_\_\_
- is high time government will do away with JAMB
  - is high time government did away with JAMB
  - was high time government did away with JAMB
  - was high time government does away with JAMB
92. Omeron \_\_\_\_\_ the book to the library yesterday.
- returned
  - had returned
  - has returned
  - would have returned
93. He read the letter to our hearing, \_\_\_\_\_?
- doesn't he
  - readn't he
  - don't he
  - didn't he
94. Please \_\_\_\_\_ the light before you sleep
- extinguish
  - put out
  - put off
  - switch off
95. I want to tell you frankly that measles \_\_\_\_\_ no longer impossible to cure.
- is
  - are
  - was
  - were
96. Vermin \_\_\_\_\_ helpful to good health.
- are not
  - is not
  - will not
  - has not been
97. I don't want to \_\_\_\_\_ your morale at this early stage of the competition.
- damping
  - damp
  - dampen
  - doubt
98. Benedict watched the film and so \_\_\_\_\_ Beatrice
- was
  - had
  - also
  - did
99. He \_\_\_\_\_ up the side glass of the taxi on the instruction of the driver
- wind
  - winded
  - wound
  - sounded

100. The experienced driver \_\_\_\_\_ very bend perfectly.  
 A. negotiated  
 B. approached  
 C. passed  
 D. made
101. The police \_\_\_\_\_ too silent on the disturbing rate of crime in this country these days  
 A. is  
 B. are  
 C. was  
 D. has been
102. If I \_\_\_\_\_ the president of this country, I \_\_\_\_\_ deal ruthlessly with perpetrators of examination malpractices.  
 A. am/can be able to  
 B. was/could  
 C. were/would  
 D. ca be/shall
103. The military \_\_\_\_\_ contributed \_\_\_\_\_ quota to the development of this country.  
 A. has/there  
 B. have/their  
 C. has/its  
 D. are/their
104. A number of students \_\_\_\_\_ expelled by the no-nonsense principal last year  
 A. were  
 B. was  
 C. are  
 D. had been
105. The number of the candidates that failed the final examination \_\_\_\_\_ large.  
 A. are  
 B. will be  
 C. was  
 D. were
106. One of the students who \_\_\_\_\_ here every morning \_\_\_\_\_ a scholarship to study in the United Kingdom next academic session.  
 A. comes/has won  
 B. come/have won  
 C. come/has won  
 D. comes/have worn.
107. The girl who \_\_\_\_\_ beautifully in the school hall every morning as if she \_\_\_\_\_ a professional singer is my cousin.  
 A. sing/has become  
 B. sings/is  
 C. sings/will become  
 D. sings/were
108. The class \_\_\_\_\_ into two before the teacher was transferred to another school  
 A. has been splitted  
 B. had been splitted  
 C. was split  
 D. had been split
109. The man will let the boy \_\_\_\_\_ very soon.  
 A. go  
 B. goes  
 C. he going  
 D. to go

110. She watches her son \_\_\_\_\_ ping-pong every Saturday  
 A. plays  
 B. played  
 C. play  
 D. playing
111. You had better \_\_\_\_\_ for wear if you want to enjoy peace.  
 A. prepared  
 B. prepares  
 C. got prepared  
 D. get prepared
112. The woman \_\_\_\_\_ the wheat into powder last night  
 A. grinded  
 B. ground  
 C. grand  
 D. granded
113. The efficient English language teacher \_\_\_\_\_ every mistake in the essay I wrote for him recently  
 A. rang  
 B. rings  
 C. ringed  
 D. rung
114. I \_\_\_\_\_ the wet clothes then I \_\_\_\_\_ them on the line.  
 A. wrung/spread  
 B. wringed/spreaded  
 C. wrang/spreaded  
 D. wrung/speaded
115. The woman \_\_\_\_\_ the sharp knife from the baby in a subtle way  
 A. wrested  
 B. rested  
 C. wrestled  
 D. arrested
116. As English language is a compulsory subject, Chinedu \_\_\_\_\_ for it in the final examination he wrote last year.  
 A. seated  
 B. has to sit  
 C. had to sat  
 D. had to sit
117. When Kenario was alive, he \_\_\_\_\_ his appetite for every meal.  
 A. will whet  
 B. would whetted  
 C. would wet  
 D. would whet
118. What made Tina \_\_\_\_\_ that before the principal yesterday?  
 A. said  
 B. say  
 C. to say  
 D. says
119. The driver \_\_\_\_\_ to make the pedestrians give way.  
 A. horned  
 B. blew the horn  
 C. is horning  
 D. was horned

120. My father hates \_\_\_ deceived by anyone
- to be
  - been
  - being
  - be
121. The boy looks very exhausted, a cup of tea will \_\_\_ him some good.
- do
  - make
  - give
  - enable
122. The poor boy \_\_\_\_\_ the assistance of everybody around him
- solicits
  - solicits for
  - solicit
  - solicited for
123. In fact, her parents would rather she \_\_\_ next year than this year.
- marries
  - will marry
  - married
  - is marrying
124. The members of the class have \_\_\_ to cooperate with their teachers.
- refuse
  - resulted
  - resolved
  - resumed
125. The social critic successfully \_\_\_\_\_ the mob.
- worked up
  - worked out
  - worked on
  - walked out
126. At the end of the fasting period, the woman \_\_\_\_\_ of her sins.
- feels cleaned
  - felt cleaned
  - felt cleansed
  - feeled cleaned
127. I don't know who \_\_\_\_\_ petroleum in Nigeria but I know that Elias Howe \_\_\_\_\_ the sewing machine
- discovered/found
  - invested/discovered
  - founded/founded
  - discovered/invented
128. The old man \_\_\_\_\_ in his sleep last week.
- passed on
  - passed out
  - passed over
  - passed off
129. Chief Denja \_\_\_\_\_ Messaih High School and \_\_\_\_\_ it for ten years.
- founded/funds
  - founds/funds
  - founded/funded
  - funded/founded

130. I cannot \_\_\_\_\_ the noise of the children any longer.
- put on by
  - put up with
  - put of with
  - put out on.
131. The new president \_\_\_\_\_ the cooperation of everybody.
- requested
  - requests for
  - request
  - requested for
132. Sanddra \_\_\_\_\_ to have provoked the mad man.
- shouldn't
  - couldn't
  - oughtn't
  - hasn't
133. The Manager instructed the secretary to \_\_\_\_\_ one hundred copies of the agenda.
- run out
  - run over
  - run off
  - run in
134. Having escaped death narrowly, we can safely say that Jingosa \_\_\_\_\_ in the inferno.
- might have been killed
  - must have been killed
  - ought not to have been killed
  - has been narrowly killed
135. One of the thieves died shortly after \_\_\_\_\_ shot at the policeman
- been
  - having
  - being
  - becoming
136. Many workers were \_\_\_\_\_ recently by the state government
- laid off
  - lain off
  - laid down
  - lay out
137. Although the boy greeted the girl, \_\_\_\_\_
- but she does not answer him
  - and she did not answer him
  - yet she has not answered him
  - she did no answer him.
138. Let's go to market to buy some food items, \_\_\_\_\_?
- don't we
  - can't we
  - shouldn't we
  - shall we.
139. Didn't Rose and Viola come here by bus last week?
- Yes, they do
  - No, they didn't
  - Yes, they come
  - No, they don't

140. I want to \_\_\_\_\_ the pencil.
- sharp
  - sharpen
  - sharpening
  - sharpener
141. The man said that he would \_\_\_\_\_ home next week.
- returned back
  - returned
  - return back
  - return
142. Radio: I want to write the sixth letter to Julius to ask for my calculator  
Steve: I would rather you \_\_\_\_\_
- go to him for the calculator
  - went to him for the calculator
  - can report him to the principal about the calculator
  - forget about the calculator.
143. He had to \_\_\_\_\_ with his friend's jealousy for about five weeks after the loss of his posh car to an armed robber.
- made do
  - make do
  - make up
  - make out.
144. Every guest was \_\_\_\_\_ with pleasure at the Vice-President's birthday party.
- satiated
  - saturated
  - sapped
  - sanctioned
145. It is useless \_\_\_\_\_ over a loss.
- brooding
  - to brood
  - brooded
  - to be brooding.
146. The girl \_\_\_\_\_ to the overtures of the womanizer at last.
- gave up
  - gave out
  - gave in
  - gave over
147. The project \_\_\_\_\_ because of lack of funds.
- fall through
  - fell through
  - felt through
  - feel through
148. The speaker's voice is audible enough; I \_\_\_\_\_ every point he is making.
- can understand
  - am understanding
  - have understood
  - could understood
149. Do you think the laity \_\_\_\_\_ the right to suggest what should be done to the clergy?
- has
  - has got
  - have
  - is entitled to

150. Rice and beans \_\_\_\_\_ a kind of food I like to take in the morning nowadays.
- was
  - are
  - is
  - were
151. Litoba said he was \_\_\_\_\_ by Kamala.
- smitted
  - smoten
  - smitten
  - smote
152. Darego \_\_\_\_\_ the thief in the chest
- shoot
  - snooted
  - shut
  - shot
153. The only student who failed the test \_\_\_\_\_ away without the knowledge of the teacher
- slank
  - slunk
  - slink
  - slinked
154. Luceta always \_\_\_\_\_ Janet in a controversy.
- sides
  - side
  - side with
  - sides with
155. I am convinced that either Deji or Deta \_\_\_\_\_ fit for the post now.
- is
  - was
  - are
  - were
156. You should know that either the boy or the girls \_\_\_\_\_ responsible for the damage which happened to the mirror recently.
- was
  - were
  - is
  - are
157. James \_\_\_\_\_ not go to the principal's office in a pair of slippers.
- dare
  - dares
  - dared
  - is daring
158. David and Jonathan are bosom friends. They \_\_\_\_\_ each other some four years ago.
- took after
  - took before
  - took to
  - took for
159. Ajala and his new wife are not \_\_\_\_\_ with each other at all.
- getting fine
  - getting on
  - getting through
  - getting along

160. Adaragona knew what he \_\_\_\_\_ in party politics  
 A. wants  
 B. is wanting  
 C. wanted  
 D. was wanting
161. The man will not \_\_\_\_\_ any act of indiscipline from anyone  
 A. console  
 B. condole  
 C. condone  
 D. connote
162. He said his new car \_\_\_\_\_ him a pretty penny.  
 A. costs  
 B. costed  
 C. will cost  
 D. cost
163. The government originally \_\_\_\_\_ the proposed modern stadium at forty million naira  
 A. costing  
 B. costed  
 C. costs  
 D. cost
164. All \_\_\_\_\_ well with Elekeru  
 A. is not  
 B. are not  
 C. have not been  
 D. were not.
165. The ceremony was \_\_\_\_\_ at 7:30p.m  
 A. round up  
 B. rounded of  
 C. rounded up  
 D. rounded off
166. The poor \_\_\_\_\_ the support of government very badly  
 A. need  
 B. needs  
 C. are needing  
 D. is in need of
167. The woman complained to the police that she  
 A. was been duped  
 B. has been duped  
 C. had being duped  
 D. had been duped.
168. Rapala was so anxious to get to the venue of the lecture early that he \_\_\_\_\_ his scientific calculator in his room.  
 A. forgot  
 B. left  
 C. refused to take  
 D. dropped
- I need to \_\_\_\_\_ my car engine.  
 A. overhaul  
 B. overhalt  
 C. overhall  
 D. overheat

170. The careless bus driver \_\_\_\_\_ into a wall.  
 A. reversed back  
 B. reverted  
 C. reversed  
 D. recoured
171. Many stolen articles have been \_\_\_\_\_ by the police  
 A. recovered  
 B. found  
 C. kept  
 D. arrested
172. Unless your excused of alibi is \_\_\_\_\_ by a willing witness, the judge will convict you.  
 A. collaborated  
 B. corrected  
 C. correlated  
 D. corroborated
173. Bassey: "I prefer writing to reading notes" Musa: \_\_\_\_\_  
 A. So am I  
 B. So do I  
 C. So also is me  
 D. I am too.
174. \_\_\_\_\_ so downcast, the boy attempted to take his life.  
 A. Been  
 B. Having being  
 C. Hading been  
 D. Having been.
175. Dagogo said he once saw a snake \_\_\_\_\_ a rat.  
 A. swallows  
 B. swallowed  
 C. swallow  
 D. to swallow.
176. I am looking forward \_\_\_\_\_ from you as soon as possible.  
 A. to hearing  
 B. at hearing  
 C. to hear  
 D. for hearing
177. Batega's account of the incident cannot be true; he just \_\_\_\_\_  
 A. made it out  
 B. made it off  
 C. made it up  
 D. made it around
178. He always \_\_\_\_\_ stories to titllate people.  
 A. cooks up  
 B. mixes up  
 C. blends up  
 D. creates out
179. The playful boy \_\_\_\_\_ from the ladder and got his left arm \_\_\_\_\_ recently.  
 A. fall down/breaking  
 B. falled/break  
 C. fell/broken  
 D. fell down/broken

180. One of his classmates always \_\_\_\_\_ him each time he is sent on an errand.
- escorts
  - accompanies
  - supports
  - guides
181. The man \_\_\_\_\_ his vote before his wife \_\_\_\_\_ hers.
- had cast/cast
  - had casted/casted
  - has casted/has casted
  - casted/casted.
182. I hate the students who \_\_\_\_\_ the streets during school hours.
- roam about
  - roam around
  - roam
  - are roaming over.
183. Some six boys came to \_\_\_\_\_ in any fish pond recently.
- poach
  - swim
  - broach
  - verify
184. We need to \_\_\_\_\_ for the purpose of making the building of a modern town hall a reality.
- pull resources together
  - pool resources
  - push resources
  - pool resources together.
185. My price for a copy of the book is N500. I cannot \_\_\_\_\_ anything less than that
- settle for
  - bear with
  - tolerate
  - bear to
186. As a result of constant threat to his life, the social critic has decided to \_\_\_\_\_ his allegations against the government.
- recount
  - recall
  - recant
  - repeat
187. My father's poultry business is really \_\_\_\_\_ in spite of the austerity measure in the country
- looking on
  - looking out
  - looking up
  - looking at.
188. Teachers \_\_\_\_\_ their points so that their students can understand them.
- reiterate
  - recant
  - read
  - research
189. That absurd act of his will definitely \_\_\_\_\_ his popularity.
- add to
  - enhance
  - vitiate
  - luxuriate

190. Can you \_\_\_ the point you have just made?  
 A. expantiate  
 B. expatiate  
 C. expanciate  
 D. eperciate
191. Prices have \_\_\_ astronomically in his country.  
 A. risen up  
 B. rising  
 C. risen  
 D. went up
192. It was reported that he stole the money. \_\_\_?  
 A. didn't he  
 B. was it  
 C. wasnt it  
 D. doesnt he.
193. Three of the suspects were \_\_\_ to death yesterday.  
 A. convicted  
 B. executed  
 C. confined  
 D. condemned
194. I \_\_\_ the case to be a hopeless one, but fortunately it proved promising  
 A. considered  
 B. had considered  
 C. have considered  
 D. consider
195. Since we could not get what we really wanted, we have to \_\_\_ with the thing that is available to us now.  
 A. make up  
 B. make out  
 C. make on  
 D. make do.
196. I don't know whether Kadoso \_\_\_ the language you are speaking to him or not  
 A. hears  
 B. can hear  
 C. understands  
 D. is hearing
197. A conscientious parent will not \_\_\_ his or her respnsibilities  
 A. shark  
 B. shake  
 C. shirk  
 D. share
198. The rain \_\_\_ at 4.30p.m. and the football match \_\_\_ shortly after  
 A. seized/took off  
 B. ceased/was kicked off  
 C. ceases/kicks off  
 D. ceased/kicked off
199. The tenant promised to pay his rent last week but then \_\_\_  
 A. stood out  
 B. begged out  
 C. came down  
 D. begged off

200. They won't help us, \_\_\_\_\_?
- would they
  - won they
  - will they
  - can they
201. The man willed three of his houses to the state, \_\_\_\_\_?
- wouldn't he
  - will he
  - wasn't he
  - didn't he
202. The new Governor will \_\_\_\_\_ office next week Monday.
- appear in
  - resume
  - assume
  - visit
203. She \_\_\_\_\_ with dysentery and was unable to attend the party.
- came up
  - came out
  - came down
  - came over
204. Do you know when the President-elect will be \_\_\_\_\_?
- sworn to
  - swear in
  - swearing in
  - sworn in
205. To ensure moral rectitude in the country, books and films should be properly \_\_\_\_\_
- censured
  - printed and recorded
  - censored
  - registered
206. How often do you \_\_\_\_\_ on the rights of another person?
- infringe
  - impinge
  - hinge
  - stimulate
207. The man assignment of the towncrier in the precolonial time was to \_\_\_\_\_ the news
- disriminate
  - disseminate
  - manipulate
  - formulate
208. The venue of the meeting of the past governors and presidents was well \_\_\_\_\_ off by the police
- condoned
  - consecrated
  - called
  - cordoned
209. I believe very sincerely in \_\_\_\_\_ a true achiever.
- been
  - being
  - be
  - to be

210. When Lookman and Manlook called at my house recently, they \_\_\_\_\_
- met my absence
  - found me absence
  - found me absent
  - met me absent
211. There is no denying the fact that people of like minds will easily \_\_\_\_\_ one another.
- take after
  - take to
  - take over
  - take for
212. Samdra may be \_\_\_\_\_ with burglary any time from now.
- accused
  - charged
  - arrested
  - tried
213. Donario and Tano do not \_\_\_\_\_ the religion they profess.
- live up to
  - live on
  - live with
  - live by
214. You should not \_\_\_\_\_ the religion they profess.
- push
  - pull
  - breach
  - broach
215. Kwanu \_\_\_\_\_ rice as it is the only food he eats nowadays.
- lives on
  - lives off
  - live with
  - live by
216. The boys \_\_\_\_\_ politics when I entered the dormitory.
- are discussing
  - are discussing about
  - were discussing on
  - were discussing.
217. We \_\_\_\_\_ the meeting before a policeman rushed into the hall to stop it.
- had began
  - have began
  - had begun
  - have started
218. **Muno:** Please \_\_\_\_\_ me your scientific calculator. **Rendo:** I regret to tell you that Tiko has \_\_\_\_\_ it from me
- borrow/borrowed
  - lend/borrowed
  - give/taken
  - supply/demanded
219. The home team has \_\_\_\_\_ another chance to move into the lead.
- bungled
  - bundled
  - burgled
  - broadened

220. The notes the teacher dictated this morning \_\_\_\_\_ forty pages.
- ran through
  - ran over
  - ran into
  - ran into
221. Chief Tetede had many beautiful cars when he was the Executive Chairman of Naira Company, \_\_\_\_\_?
- wasn't he
  - hadn't he
  - didn't he
  - does he
222. The President will \_\_\_\_\_ the members of the victorious football team tomorrow.
- fete
  - vet
  - fed
  - feel
223. The carpenter \_\_\_\_\_ the piece of furniture to my taste.
- varnished
  - vanished
  - furnished
  - furbished
224. You cannot \_\_\_\_\_ to fail the forthcoming final examination.
- affect
  - effect
  - afford
  - avoid
225. The counsel \_\_\_\_\_ the court to temper justice with mercy on the accused person.
- begged
  - ordered
  - prayed
  - instructed
226. Many young men \_\_\_\_\_ a lot to entice young girls these days.
- dress
  - walk arrogantly
  - affect
  - effect
227. I was \_\_\_\_\_ by the young boy's amazingly wonderful performance in the Quiz Competition.
- strike
  - struck
  - strikened
  - striked
228. Julius \_\_\_\_\_ the subject of a business loan with his bank manager.
- brushed
  - poached
  - broached
  - pushed.
229. One of the footballers fell and fainted but a medical expert quickly \_\_\_\_\_
- brought him through
  - brought him out
  - brought him up
  - brought him in.

230. The feckless student \_\_\_\_\_ everyone of his teachers as a sadist.
- looks at
  - looks on
  - looks to
  - looks for.
231. The former civilian president was \_\_\_\_\_ in a military coup detat.
- hosted
  - jolted
  - ousted
  - blasted
232. Hooligans will not stop taking hard drugs until kingdom \_\_\_\_\_
- comes
  - came
  - come
  - has come.
233. Please tell your brother when he returns from the office that I \_\_\_\_\_.
- call
  - am calling
  - called
  - have call
234. The students have \_\_\_\_\_ not to go against the grains if they want to succeed in life.
- been advised
  - being advised
  - been adviced
  - being adviced.
235. The teacher said his joy \_\_\_\_\_ the success of his students.
- consisted of
  - consisted in
  - comprised
  - consists of
236. It is a pity that the boys have \_\_\_\_\_ to their old practice of truancy
- resumed
  - reversed back
  - reverted
  - revised
237. Kooson \_\_\_\_\_ the picture on the wall after he had arranged the furniture.
- hanged
  - had hanged
  - hangs
  - hung
238. The class \_\_\_\_\_ boys and girls of high intelligence.
- consist of
  - comprises of
  - comprises
  - constituted
239. My uncle's bed is \_\_\_\_\_ iron.
- made with
  - make of
  - made by
  - made of
240. The school will \_\_\_\_\_ for Christmas next week Wednesday.
- break up
  - break away
  - break out
  - break off

241. \_\_\_\_\_, I would not have invited him.  
 A. If I had know he will come with his wife  
 B. Have I known he would come with his wife  
 C. Had I known he would come with his wife  
 D. if I had knew he would came with his wife.
242. It is rare to find a wife that will \_\_\_\_\_ her husband in time of serious problem.  
 A. stick to  
 B. stick by  
 C. stick around  
 D. stick with
243. Pastor Newton has volunteered to \_\_\_\_\_ a meeting to iron out the differences between the two antagonistic communities.  
 A. command  
 B. condemn  
 C. convene  
 D. convince
244. I was there when the tyre \_\_\_\_\_  
 A. burst  
 B. bursted  
 C. bursts  
 D. was bursting.
245. The manager told the accountant to \_\_\_\_\_ for ten million dollars  
 A. make a cheque about  
 B. made a cheque out  
 C. create a cheque in  
 D. make a cheque out
246. The sick boy's mother told him that one of his friends \_\_\_\_\_ him.  
 A. asked after  
 B. asked for  
 C. asked about  
 D. asked on.
247. Jerome speaks French fluently to \_\_\_\_\_ a French citizen.  
 A. pass with  
 B. pass for  
 C. pass by  
 D. pass to
248. Lagbaja \_\_\_\_\_ the motion for the adjournment of the meeting and Tamedo \_\_\_\_\_ the motion  
 A. moved/seconded  
 B. raised/supported  
 C. moved/opposed  
 D. said/kicked against
249. You are advised to \_\_\_\_\_ your debts if you want to have peace in your mind.  
 A. pay away  
 B. pay off  
 C. pay up  
 D. pay for
250. I don't know why some school boys and girls come to \_\_\_\_\_ unripe fruits in my garden.  
 A. pick  
 B. pick at  
 C. pick up  
 D. pick about

251. About twenty-six suspects were \_\_\_\_\_ on the charge of burglary at the Kilanko Magistrate Court last week.
- A. arranged
  - B. arraigned
  - C. arrested
  - D. accused
252. You can come and \_\_\_\_\_ at 5.30 p.m. this evening.
- A. pick me
  - B. pick me up
  - C. pick on me
  - D. pick-up me
253. It is unfortunate that your suggestions do not \_\_\_\_\_ the problem.
- A. bear upon
  - B. bear with
  - C. bear at
  - D. bear over
254. Teachers were \_\_\_\_\_ their students in the good old days.
- A. done well for
  - B. done well by
  - C. done well on
  - D. done well with
255. The man's ability to \_\_\_\_\_ made him survive all odds in life.
- A. hang up
  - B. hang down
  - C. hang on
  - D. hang about
256. It is generally believed that out-patients \_\_\_\_\_ faster than in-patients.
- A. pull up
  - B. pull out
  - C. pull over
  - D. pull round
257. Bassey Adex, a brilliant radio reporter, \_\_\_\_\_ on the final football match to bring situation report live to radio listeners.
- A. commentaries
  - B. commentated
  - C. commented
  - D. complained
258. You are advised to do everything that can make your business \_\_\_\_\_
- A. look round
  - B. look on
  - C. look up
  - D. look through
259. Six juvenile delinquents were \_\_\_\_\_ the Chief Magistrate yesterday.
- A. brought before
  - B. brought to
  - C. brought with
  - D. brought for
260. The man may \_\_\_\_\_ his nagging wife this December.
- A. throw up
  - B. throw away
  - C. throw off
  - D. throw round

261. The aeroplane \_\_\_\_\_ at 12.15p.m. and \_\_\_\_\_ at 3.30p.m.
- took up/touched down
  - took off/turned down
  - flew up/came down
  - look off/touched down
262. The poor girl \_\_\_\_\_ the pickpocket who took to his heels after he had snatched her handbag.
- made after
  - made at
  - made up for
  - made away
263. Bantona and his brother dare their teachers from time to time, \_\_\_\_\_
- daren't they
  - didn't they
  - don't they
  - doesn't they
264. When the die \_\_\_\_\_ we shall know the genuine supporters of the programme.
- is thrown
  - is tossed
  - is cast
  - has been casted.
265. It is my \_\_\_\_\_ that all politicians are tarred with the same brush
- believe
  - believing
  - belief
  - beliefs
266. Definitions are expected to be learnt \_\_\_\_\_
- by wrote
  - in heart
  - by rote
  - by writing
267. The \_\_\_\_\_ one can draw from your suggestion the woman is that you are in secret love with her.
- inference
  - deference
  - difference
  - reference
268. In fact, it is somebody \_\_\_\_\_ that can handle this matter in the best way.
- in the know
  - in the knowledge
  - with the knowing
  - by the know-how
269. The money must be paid into the \_\_\_\_\_ of the government.
- covers
  - coffers
  - purses
  - pauses
270. The \_\_\_\_\_ of government put an end to the internecine war between the two communities.
- interference
  - intervention
  - intermediary
  - intermission

271. Sidosa said he would like to be a teacher of \_\_\_\_\_
- reputation
  - reputability
  - repute
  - report
272. The \_\_\_\_\_ of your message is that you dislike capitalism.
- importane
  - import
  - importation
  - important
273. It appears the President is at a \_\_\_\_\_
- crossroad
  - crossingroad
  - crossroads
  - crossway
274. The librarian told me to return the book to the library on Monday morning \_\_\_\_\_
- without failing
  - without failure
  - without fail
  - without failings
275. There is no clear \_\_\_\_\_ between the two shirts.
- different
  - difference
  - deference
  - differential
276. He said he didn't want any \_\_\_\_\_ from anybody.
- interference
  - intervention
  - intermediary
  - intermission
277. Jarendo practises \_\_\_\_\_
- Christian beliefs
  - Christianbelief
  - Christian believes
  - Christian believing
278. The passenger told the bus conductor to handle his \_\_\_\_\_ with great care.
- luggages
  - baggages
  - properties
  - luggage
279. I have decided to sue the truck driver for \_\_\_\_\_ because of the \_\_\_\_\_ he did to my car.
- damage/damages
  - damages/damage
  - damage/damage
  - damages/damages
280. My elder brother brought five \_\_\_\_\_ from London.
- breads
  - loafs of bread
  - loaves of bread
  - bread.
281. All her teachers gave her \_\_\_\_\_ before she started the final examination.
- advice
  - advices
  - advise
  - many advises

282. The students were talking about their common \_\_\_\_\_ for the English language teacher.
- likeness
  - liking
  - likes
  - likely
283. The president of my country did not attend the last year's OAU \_\_\_\_\_
- summit
  - submit
  - congregation
  - resolution
284. The country's flag was flown at half \_\_\_\_\_ as a mark of respect for the slain president
- kite
  - mass
  - size
  - mast
285. I don't worry about problems; I just take them in my \_\_\_\_\_.
- stride
  - faith
  - condition
  - fate
286. Infact, it is characteristic of a lazy person to pass the \_\_\_\_\_ every time.
- ball
  - buck
  - bucket
  - test
287. Danborobaka's is a life of \_\_\_\_\_
- made-belief
  - make-belief
  - make-believing
  - made-believe
288. The man who is as bald as a \_\_\_\_\_ is my uncle.
- pig
  - coot
  - cock
  - lizard
289. There is no doubt that the television has recently become a powerful \_\_\_\_\_ of communication.
- symbol
  - source
  - medium
  - media
290. The final match was played under \_\_\_\_\_ at the ultra-modern Dandy International Stadium last week Saturday.
- floodlights
  - full light
  - flooding lights
  - beaming lights.
291. The young man accepted the ambassadorial job with \_\_\_\_\_
- temerity
  - rascality
  - alacrity
  - certainty

292. The \_\_\_\_\_ with which the boy ate the food is simply alarming
- avidity
  - enormity
  - ability
  - capability
293. Believe you me, you are \_\_\_\_\_ in this local dress
- an indigene
  - a figure
  - a sight
  - a reality
294. The principal told the students to take care of the \_\_\_\_\_ in the laboratory.
- properties
  - equipments
  - implement
  - equipment.
295. The article will surely incite the \_\_\_\_\_
- readable public
  - reader public
  - reading public
  - public readers
296. I am sorry I can't go to the cinema with you for I have \_\_\_\_\_ to do
- many works
  - an important work
  - much work
  - plenty work
297. The girl is used \_\_\_\_\_ without meat.
- to eating
  - to eat
  - to be eating
  - at eating
298. The young man who won a large sum of money in a lottery last month has been going on a spending \_\_\_\_\_.
- trip
  - spree
  - journey
  - tour
299. A person who dies without leaving a will behind him or her is \_\_\_\_\_
- a criminal
  - a pauper
  - an intestate
  - a renegade
300. As a moral young girl, Mary spurns the \_\_\_\_\_ of men.
- advices
  - advises
  - advances
  - adversities.
301. The embarrassed guest of honour left the hall in a fit of \_\_\_\_\_
- pique
  - regret
  - complaint
  - surprise

302. In fact, \_\_\_\_\_ prompted his coming home from abroad last month.
- nausea
  - nostalgia
  - non-challenge
  - nationality
303. Michael took the wind out of Yaya's \_\_\_\_\_ to the surprise of the latter.
- sales
  - sails
  - tube
  - breathing
304. I expressed my love to the belle on the \_\_\_\_\_ of the moment.
- sport
  - spur
  - start
  - spot
305. The young lady said the \_\_\_\_\_ she got from many people about the man discouraged her from marrying him.
- informations
  - different informations
  - information
  - pieces of informations
306. It is your duty to protect the \_\_\_\_\_ of your parents
- belonging
  - luggage
  - properties
  - property
307. The tailor has three \_\_\_\_\_
- scissors
  - scissorses
  - pairs of scissors
  - pairs of scissorses
308. There \_\_\_\_\_ on Kurado Bridge last week Saturday
- were many traffics
  - was much traffic
  - was a few traffic
  - were plenty traffics
309. The man's \_\_\_\_\_ for money is his greatest weakness.
- loss
  - lose
  - lust
  - luck
310. Losers of elections congratulate winners in Africa! Yes, and \_\_\_\_\_ might fly.
- pigs
  - dogs
  - hawks
  - pigeons
311. There \_\_\_\_\_ in the refridgerator.
- is plenty of oranges
  - are plenty oranges
  - is plenty oranges
  - is a plenty oranges.

312. As many as ten \_\_\_\_ have volunteered to defend the accused at the Federal High Court
- counsel
  - counsels
  - councilors
  - counsellors
313. To abandon a person in a difficult situation is to leave the person in the \_\_\_\_
- lunacy
  - lush
  - lurch
  - mess
314. I want to tell you whole-heartedly that jeans are still flavour of the \_\_\_\_ among undergraduates.
- day
  - month
  - moment
  - time
315. Dagogo resolved that he would become rich by hook or by \_\_\_\_
- net
  - line
  - sinker
  - crook
316. The woman lost consciousness for a \_\_\_\_
- spilt second
  - split second
  - spilt moment
  - splitting period
317. To wave a magic \_\_\_\_ is to solve a problem in an amazing style.
- stick
  - wand
  - tone
  - wind
318. Balarabe is a famous \_\_\_\_
- future-teller
  - future-forecaster
  - fortune-teller
  - future-sayer
319. My elder brother makes no \_\_\_\_ about his intention to marry a white lady.
- promises
  - flesh
  - bones
  - vow
320. The efficient hunter killed five \_\_\_\_ recently.
- deer
  - dears
  - deers
  - dares
321. Madagona stole forty \_\_\_\_ last week.
- heads of cattle
  - herd of cattles
  - cattles
  - head of cattle

322. The Association of market men and women was formed last month under the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Ministry of Trade.
- ages
  - aegis
  - force
  - law
323. The programme moderator instructed the \_\_\_\_\_ to give the guest speaker a round of \_\_\_\_\_ at the end of his scintillating speech.
- spectator/applause
  - crowd/applaud
  - audience/applause
  - mob/clapping
324. The baren woman could not help resigning herself to \_\_\_\_\_.
- faith
  - fate
  - God
  - prayer
325. The two babies whose mothers died recently in a road accident are now being looked after in the only \_\_\_\_\_ in this town.
- orphantage
  - orphanage
  - orphantry
  - orphandome
326. I have started studying science subjects with a view \_\_\_\_\_ a medical doctor.
- for becoming
  - to become
  - to becoming
  - to want to become
328. I don't believe that everyone of us in this country lacks \_\_\_\_\_ culture.
- maintainance
  - maintenance
  - mentenance
  - mentainance
329. A good tax system must have the quality of \_\_\_\_\_.
- convinience
  - convenence
  - convenience
  - convinence
331. The \_\_\_\_\_ eventually got justice in a higher court
- appellant
  - appealer
  - bailiff
  - prosecutor
332. A godly person will not indulge in illegal \_\_\_\_\_ of wealth.
- accummulation
  - accumulation
  - acumulation
  - acummulatation
333. The crises in our universities can be attributed to youthful \_\_\_\_\_.
- cumbersomeness
  - exuberance
  - egoism

334. It is said that what is \_\_\_ for the goose is \_\_\_ for the gander.
- good/good
  - good/better
  - sauce/sauce
  - sure/certain
335. It is normal that the \_\_\_\_\_ should be separated from the goats.
- pigs
  - sheeps
  - dogs
  - sheep
336. Politicians are in the habit of tilting at \_\_\_\_\_
- shadows
  - opponents
  - windmills
  - elections
337. The new Manager's \_\_\_\_\_ makes him very popular among the workers of the company.
- empathy
  - apathy
  - acerbity
  - elections
338. Nerisa jacobin is the name of the \_\_\_ employed to drive the rich man to places.
- chauffeur
  - chauffeuse
  - chaplain
  - auto-woman
339. While the military head of state announced four \_\_\_ in the month of July, the military governor of Bravo State of the country announced two \_\_\_ in the same month.
- decrees/edicts
  - edicts/decrees
  - laws/decrees
  - resolutions/assertions
340. The information was obtained from the official \_\_\_ of the Atlantic State government for the month of March.
- paper
  - gazette
  - form
  - communiqué
341. The man who is fond of laying too much emphasis on rules is often accused of \_\_\_
- inventory
  - casuistry
  - pedantry
  - industry
342. It is the duty of the government at the centre to control the movement of \_\_\_ in this country.
- arms and ammunition
  - arms and ammunitions
  - arms and ammonitions
  - arm and ammunition

343. Many people believe that the company's accountant is a \_\_\_\_\_ in the machine.
- cog
  - rod
  - bolt
  - screw
344. Your \_\_\_\_\_ of the word is rather faulty.
- pronunciation
  - pronouncement
  - pronunciation
  - pronounciasion
345. The peace meeting was held under the \_\_\_\_\_ of the United Nations Organisation
- command
  - auspices
  - invitation
  - permission
346. I have searched every \_\_\_\_\_ of the room for the missing book.
- place and corner
  - nook and angle
  - nook and corner
  - nook and cranny
347. \_\_\_\_\_ this junction, I wish you \_\_\_\_\_
- more grease to our elbow
  - more power to your elbow
  - more elbows to your power
  - more powers to your elbows
348. When I was a bachelor, I used to buy \_\_\_\_\_ at the end of every month.
- four dozens eggs
  - four dozen eggs
  - four dozens of eggs
  - four dozen of eggs.
349. The pen is not mine; it is \_\_\_\_\_
- someone else's
  - someone's else
  - someones else
  - someone's else's
350. Batero is a friend \_\_\_\_\_
- of Natego
  - of Natego's
  - for Natego
  - to Natego.
351. The invention of mobile telephone marked a new \_\_\_\_\_ in the world of business.
- epoch
  - style
  - bargaining
  - communication
352. The \_\_\_\_\_ has promised to ensure that the cooking is done perfectly.
- chief
  - chef
  - coiffeur
  - chauffeuse

353. Wole Soyinka is a popular \_\_\_\_\_.
- playwriter
  - dramatician
  - playwright
  - playmaker
354. Sarayoma has become \_\_\_\_\_ of ridicule in the town.
- a subject
  - an object
  - a symbol
  - an idea
355. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the man was stretched to the limit by the liar's story
- credence
  - credulity
  - credibility
  - crescendo
356. The title "Great Country" is a \_\_\_\_\_ for the country whose citizens cannot eat three square meals daily.
- misname
  - misnomer
  - misnamer
  - missingname
357. On our way to Canada last month, we had a two-day \_\_\_\_\_ in Egypt.
- stop-off
  - stop-out
  - stopper
  - stopover
358. If you absent yourself from work without permission, it means you have taken \_\_\_\_\_
- a personal holiday
  - individual leave
  - French leave
  - unilateral work leave
359. Many wives don't see eye to eye with their \_\_\_\_\_
- mothers-in-law
  - mothers-ins-laws
  - mother's-in-law
  - mother-in-law.
360. He has just left for the \_\_\_\_\_ to board a vehicle to his destination.
- garage
  - motor-park
  - harbour
  - station
361. The matter is now before the \_\_\_\_\_ of African countries for consideration.
- heads of states
  - head of states
  - head of state
  - heads of state
362. The man goes to places nowadays in his \_\_\_\_\_ car.
- father-in-law's
  - father's-in-law
  - father-in-law
  - father's-in's-law

363. The cadger begs \_\_\_\_\_ of alms  
 A. passer-bys  
 B. passers-bys  
 C. passer-by  
 D. passers-by
364. Do you know that three former \_\_\_\_\_ of the United Nation Organisation will be honoured by Precision University at the end of next month?  
 A. Secretary-Generals  
 B. Secretaries-Generals  
 C. Secretary-General  
 D. Secretaries-General
365. Sese mensah is \_\_\_\_\_ for he takes delight in settling disputes in his community  
 A. a troubleshooter  
 B. a popinjay  
 C. an opportunist  
 D. an orator
366. A road which has only one entrance or exit is \_\_\_\_\_  
 A. a lane  
 B. an avenue  
 C. a cul-de-sac  
 D. a pied-a-terre
367. A system of reading and writing for the blind is \_\_\_\_\_  
 A. blindage  
 B. blindgraphy  
 C. braille  
 D. Braid
368. It is a pity that there is no discipline within the \_\_\_\_\_ of the political party  
 A. rank and file  
 B. seniors and juniors  
 C. rank and cadre  
 D. low level and high level
369. A person who is in prison on the ground of political victimization is called a prisoner of \_\_\_\_\_  
 A. politics  
 B. political ideology  
 C. political opposition  
 D. conscience
370. Your father's \_\_\_\_\_ is worse than his bite  
 A. laughter  
 B. complaint  
 C. bark  
 D. chewing
371. Dabuna, Otomah and Teremere died of dysentery two days ago. The \_\_\_\_\_ are survived by wives and children.  
 A. diseased  
 B. deceased  
 C. diseaseds  
 D. deceaseds
372. The old man died in his sleep two hours ago. His \_\_\_\_\_ will be interred at 4pm tomorrow.  
 A. remaining  
 B. remnant  
 C. remain  
 D. remains

373. You should prepare \_\_\_\_ for the three guests.
- two cupful rice
  - two full cup of rice
  - two cupful of rice
  - two cupfuls of rice
374. The burial ceremony of the late community leader will be performed according to the \_\_\_\_ of Islam
- rites
  - rights
  - writes
  - rite
375. Who will hold the \_\_\_\_ in your absence?
- fortitude
  - fort
  - fortress
  - forte
376. The two \_\_\_\_ in the road accident are receiving medical attention in one private hospital
- survivals
  - survivors
  - survivers
  - survivalists
377. Many people believe that Chief Tedoma stole \_\_\_\_ when he was Minister for Finance.
- public fund
  - public finance
  - public funds
  - public finances
378. The village head ordered that every \_\_\_\_ into the village hall project should be given a receipt to the tune of his/her donation.
- donator
  - donationist
  - donater
  - donor
379. In my opinion, the final match was a \_\_\_\_ on the part of the defeated team
- sell-away
  - sell-off
  - sell-out
  - sell-down
380. We need to make our \_\_\_\_ neat and attractive.
- surrounding
  - surroundings
  - environment
  - environ
381. Schools in Lagos and its \_\_\_\_ always attract very high fees
- surrounding
  - sorrounding
  - environs
  - environments
382. The boy with poor sight always puts on \_\_\_\_
- spectacle
  - glasses
  - glass
  - a pair of glass

383. Zanga obviously opted for active politics with the \_\_\_ to embezzle public funds.  
 A. intention  
 B. intent  
 C. decision  
 D. determination
384. It is wicked person who derives joy from fanning the \_\_\_ of disaffection.  
 A. flames  
 B. ember  
 C. embars  
 D. fire
385. At this \_\_\_\_, I will like to suggest a few measures that can be taken by government  
 A. junture  
 B. junction  
 C. joint  
 D. juncture
386. A nanny-goat takes care of her \_\_\_\_  
 A. kitten  
 B. kid  
 C. puppy  
 D. cub
387. The Manager said that the rather high increase in salary which the workers asked for recently was tantamount to crying for the \_\_\_\_.  
 A. money  
 B. moon  
 C. sun  
 D. wealth
388. A person or team that finishes in the second position in a competition is known as \_\_\_\_.  
 A. an inferior participant  
 B. an interloper  
 C. a runner-up  
 D. a semi-finalist
389. I will advise you to stop shouting the man's name for he is out of \_\_\_\_  
 A. earshot  
 B. earslot  
 C. earshut  
 D. earshort
390. He said he would make a \_\_\_\_ of fiasco in every undertaking of his.  
 A. bunfire  
 B. burnfire  
 C. burning-fire  
 D. bonfire
391. The \_\_\_\_ programme against childhood diseases has commenced in my locality.  
 A. vaccination  
 B. immunization  
 C. injection  
 D. nutrition
392. The \_\_\_\_ of the popular daily publishes letters on personal problems from time to time.  
 A. centre page  
 B. centre spread  
 C. agony column  
 D. editorial column

393. It is very unfortunate that the social critic is full of \_\_\_ for the new leader.
- structure
  - advices
  - stricutres
  - structures
394. A lot of new \_\_\_ has been procured by the company.
- machineries
  - machinery
  - machine
  - machine tool.
395. Three witnesses gave \_\_\_ before the judge last week.
- evidence
  - evidences
  - different evidences
  - an evidence each
396. The woman always keeps her \_\_\_ in a safe place.
- cutlery
  - cutleries
  - set of cutleries
  - sets of cutlery
397. The no-nonsense judge has ordered that a \_\_\_ be served on the wife of the governor
- summon
  - summons
  - letter
  - report
398. The judge eventually granted the \_\_\_ which the plaintiff had asked for,
- judgement
  - interlocutory case
  - interim bail
  - interlocutory injunction
399. I have just bought \_\_\_\_\_
- a trouser
  - a pair of trousers
  - two trousers
  - an attractive trouser.
401. You should not overstay your \_\_\_ in a place
- welcome
  - time
  - period
  - moment
402. I don't think the arrogant boy will talk to the \_\_\_ of me.
- like
  - likes
  - likeness
  - liking
403. It was reported that \_\_\_ suddenly descended on the ebullient politician when he heard that the President's only son is one of his opponents in the senatorial election
- lassitude
  - altitude
  - attitude
  - exactitude

## SECTION A

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71.	B	119.	B	167.	D	215.	D	263.	C
72.	A	120.	C	168.	B	216.	D	264.	C
73.	D	121.	A	169.	A	217.	C	265.	C
74.	C	122.	A	170.	C	218.	B	266.	C
75.	D	123.	C	171.	A	219.	A	267.	A
76.	D	124.	C	172.	D	220.	C	268.	A
77.	A	125.	A	173.	B	221.	C	269.	B
78.	C	126.	C	174.	D	222.	A	270.	B
79.	B	127.	D	175.	B	223.	A	271.	C
80.	B	128.	A	176.	A	224.	C	272.	B
81.	C	129.	C	177.	C	225.	C	273.	C
82.	B	130.	B	178.	A	226.	C	274.	C
83.	D	131.	A	179.	C	227.	B	275.	B
84.	A	132.	C	180.	B	228.	C	276.	A
85.	B	133.	C	181.	A	229.	A	277.	B
86.	D	134.	A	182.	C	230.	B	278.	D
87.	B	135.	C	183.	A	231.	C	279.	B
88.	B	136.	A	184.	B	232.	C	280.	C
89.	D	137.	D	185.	A	233.	C	281.	A
90.	C	138.	D	186.	C	234.	A	282.	B
91.	C	139.	B	187.	C	235.	B	283.	A
92.	A	140.	B	188.	A	236.	C	284.	D
93.	D	141.	D	189.	C	237.	D	285.	A
94.	B	142.	B	190.	B	238.	C	286.	B
95.	A	143.	B	191.	C	239.	D	287.	B
96.	A	144.	A	192.	C	240.	D	288.	B
97.	C	145.	A	193.	D	241.	C	289.	C
98.	D	146.	C	194.	B	242.	B	290.	A

291.	C	339.	A	387.	C	435.	C	483.	B
292.	A	340.	B	388.	C	436.	B	484.	D
293.	C	341.	C	389.	A	437.	D	485.	A
294.	D	342.	A	390.	D	438.	B	486.	A
295.	C	343.	A	391.	B	439.	B	487.	C
296.	C	344.	C	392.	C	440.	D	488.	D
297.	A	345.	B	393.	C	441.	C	489.	D
298.	B	346.	D	394.	B	442.	B	490.	C
299.	C	347.	B	395.	A	443.	C	491.	C
300.	C	348.	B	396.	A	444.	A	492.	B
301.	A	349.	A	397.	B	445.	C	493.	B
302.	B	350.	B	398.	D	446.	B	494.	A
303.	B	351.	A	399.	B	447.	C	495.	B
304.	B	352.	B	400.	B	448.	C	496.	C
305.	C	353.	C	401.	A	449.	A	497.	D
306.	D	354.	B	402.	B	450.	A	498.	A
307.	C	355.	B	403.	A	451.	A	499.	C
308.	B	356.	B	404.	A	452.	B	500.	B
309.	C	357.	D	405.	B	453.	B	501.	D
310.	A	358.	C	406.	B	454.	D	502.	A
311.	A	359.	A	407.	D	455.	C	503.	A
312.	A	360.	B	408.	C	456.	A	504.	C
313.	C	361.	D	409.	D	457.	B	505.	A
314.	B	362.	A	410.	C	458.	D	506.	C
315.	D	363.	D	411.	A	459.	C	507.	D
316.	B	364.	D	412.	B	460.	A	508.	B
317.	B	365.	A	413.	B	461.	B	509.	A
318.	C	366.	C	414.	A	462.	D	510.	D
319.	C	367.	C	415.	B	463.	B	511.	C
320.	A	368.	A	416.	A	464.	C	512.	C
321.	D	369.	D	417.	A	465.	A	513.	B
322.	B	370.	C	418.	A	466.	C	514.	C
323.	C	371.	B	419.	A	467.	C	515.	B
324.	B	372.	A	420.	B	468.	B	516.	D
325.	B	373.	D	421.	A	469.	D	517.	B
326.	C	374.	A	422.	A	470.	A	518.	A
327.	A	375.	B	423.	B	471.	C	519.	C
328.	B	376.	B	424.	D	472.	D	520.	B
329.	C	377.	C	425.	B	473.	A	521.	D
330.	B	378.	D	426.	C	474.	B	522.	C
331.	A	379.	C	427.	C	475.	A	523.	A
332.	B	380.	B	428.	C	476.	C	524.	A
333.	B	381.	C	429.	B	477.	C	525.	B
334.	C	382.	B	430.	A	478.	B	526.	C
335.	D	383.	B	431.	C	479.	A	527.	B
336.	C	384.	A	432.	C	480.	B	528.	A
337.	A	385.	D	433.	A	481.	D	529.	B
338.	B	386.	B	434.	A	482.	C	530.	B

# TEST 1

## A KNOW-YOUR-STAND IN-ENGLISH TEST

Time Allowed: 50 Minutes

**Instruction:** From a list of four options, choose the option that provides the correct answer to every question in this paper.

1. The greatness of a country is believed to \_\_\_\_\_ the well-being of its citizens.  
A. comprise of  
B. consist of  
C. comprise  
D. consist in
2. The girl **gave me the bird** recently. This means the girl  
A. reciprocated my love advance  
B. treated me with contempt  
C. complained bitterly to me  
D. was moody before me.
3. Batela is indeed a **coxcomb**. This means that Batela is  
A. a person who shows off  
B. a very fashionable person  
C. a person who loves the company of other people  
D. a rather reserved person
4. The man is **as bald** as  
A. a baby  
B. a coot  
C. a pigeon  
D. an eagle
5. I will give you the money next week \_\_\_\_\_  
A. without faility  
B. without failure  
C. without fail  
D. without failing
6. The death sentence passed on the man is **a fait accompli**. This means the death sentence is  
A. faithfully passed  
B. influenced by facts  
C. a wicked act  
D. irreversible
7. The property of the jailed former local government chairman have been \_\_\_\_\_  
A. confisticated  
B. confiscated  
C. convisitcated  
D. comfisticated
8. I know \_\_\_\_\_ it was that killed the dog.  
A. who  
B. whom  
C. whose  
D. which
9. A **Gilbertian situation** means  
A. a rather dull situation  
B. humorous situation  
C. a violent situation  
D. a great situation
10. Students always patronize **flea markets**. This means they patronize  
A. markets where expensive materials are sold  
B. markets where the things they need are sold  
C. markets where foreign goods are sold  
D. markets where cheap and second-hand things are sold.
11. I have been influenced by one of the \_\_\_\_\_  
A. school of thoughts which stresses the importance of socialism.  
B. schools of thought which stresses the importance of socialism  
C. schools of though which stress the importance of socialism  
D. school of though which stress the importance of socialism

12. In the \_\_\_\_\_ of his lecture, the erudite professor mentioned many fine points.  
 A. cause  
 B. coarse  
 C. curse  
 D. course
13. I will like to know if the boy will **come a cropper** in the examination. This means if the boy.  
 A. will fail the examination  
 B. will succeed in the examination  
 C. will win a prize in the examination  
 D. will be disallowed from writing the examination.
14. To say that a person is **as cross as two sticks** means  
 A. the person is highly critical of other people  
 B. the person is conscious of material wealth  
 C. the person is bad tempered  
 D. the person is arrogant and greedy
15. Obote is a **has-been**. This means Obote is  
 A. a person who has just completed a task  
 B. a person who used to be great  
 C. a person who has just returned from abroad  
 D. a person who has just been probed.
16. It is a **recondite** subject. This means  
 A. the subject is difficult to understand and not known by many people  
 B. the subject is very easy to understand  
 C. the subject is a sine qua non.  
 D. the subject is local one.
17. The man is a **recidivist**. This means the man is  
 A. an unrepentant criminal who continues to commit crimes  
 B. a reserved and unassuming person  
 C. a notorious womaniser  
 D. workaholic
18. You should know that **in for a penny, in for a pound**. This mean you should know.  
 A. that it is good to be moderate in life  
 B. that it is normal to be enterprising  
 C. that carelessness can lead to trouble  
 D. that something begun must be pursued to conclusion
19. To put **a quart into a pint pot** is to  
 A. exaggerate points  
 B. attempt the impossible  
 C. be exact in action  
 D. pay attention to details
20. Because of the \_\_\_\_\_ the truck driver did to my house wall, I have decided to sue him for \_\_\_\_\_  
 A. much damage/much damage  
 B. many damages/many damages  
 C. many damages/ a damage  
 D. much damage/damages
21. Rapala is a **recluse**. This means Rapala is  
 A. a person who avoids the company of other people  
 B. a man about town  
 C. a rather dull person  
 D. a person who is always busy

22. One of the players fainted but was later \_\_\_\_\_ by a medical doctor  
 A. brought up B. brought round  
 C. brought under D. brought forth
23. Mansador is a student \_\_\_\_\_ University of Ibadan  
 A. in B. on  
 C. at D. with
24. I saw the girl \_\_\_\_\_ bus this morning  
 A. in B. on  
 C. inside D. with
25. The boy said he was \_\_\_\_\_ after failing the same examination the third time.  
 A. done at B. done to  
 C. done for D. done off
26. Tudor is called an **iconoclast** because  
 A. he is very precocious  
 B. he is hard to please in money matter  
 C. he always criticizes accepted beliefs and customs  
 D. he is a member of a special class.
27. To describe a man as a **fogey** means the man  
 A. holds tenaciously to old beliefs which he doesn't want to give up  
 B. is fastidious about clothes  
 C. is proud and arrogant  
 D. is frivolous and playful.
28. I know the \_\_\_\_\_ of the subject.  
 A. ins and outs B. inner and outer  
 C. in and out D. inside and outside
29. While the husband is **generous**, the wife is \_\_\_\_\_  
 A. reserved B. rough  
 C. niggardly C. wretched
30. That the woman is a **flibbertigibbet** is the same as to say she is  
 A. a flirt B. loving and doting mother  
 C. a cheat D. a gossip
31. Every worker is \_\_\_\_\_ his desk at 7.30am daily.  
 A. for B. at  
 C. on D. by
32. The teacher asked \_\_\_\_\_  
 A. if the boy wants to achieve success  
 B. if the boy wanted to achieved success  
 C. if the boy want to achieve success  
 D. if the boy wanted to achieve success
33. I can \_\_\_\_\_ the trees.  
 A. fall B. fell  
 C. fall down D. be falling
34. I heard all \_\_\_\_\_ you told your friend about me.  
 A. what B. which  
 C. that D. of what
35. You are advised to \_\_\_\_\_ unfamiliar words in the dictionary  
 A. look up B. look round  
 C. look out D. look

36. The accused person swore like a \_\_\_\_\_ during the trial  
 A. counsel  
 B. counselor  
 C. bargee  
 D. barrister
37. The four accused persons have got four \_\_\_\_\_ to argue their case  
 A. counsels  
 B. counsel  
 C. councilors  
 D. counselors
38. How I wish \_\_\_\_\_ to my teachers.  
 A. I had listened  
 B. I have listened  
 C. I had listen  
 D. I have to listen
39. \_\_\_\_\_ forget, I want you to be prayerful  
 A. Less I  
 B. Lest I  
 C. Less I should  
 D. Lest I should
40. The room is redolent \_\_\_\_\_ marijuana.  
 A. of  
 B. with  
 C. for  
 D. in
41. It is certain that the boy is **looking for a needle in a haystack**. This means the boy is  
 A. into a hopeful search for something  
 B. into a determined search for something  
 C. into a hopeless search for something  
 D. very laborious.
42. I always leave my **options open**. This means I  
 A. always disclose my plans to people  
 B. always avoid committing myself to a particular opinion  
 C. always surrender myself to authorities  
 D. always leave my house open to callers and well-wishers.
43. I will surely catch the boy \_\_\_\_\_  
 A. unawarely  
 B. unaware  
 C. unawares  
 D. non-aware
44. She stays \_\_\_\_\_ nowadays.  
 A. indoorly  
 B. indoors  
 C. doorly  
 D. indoor
45. I know from the \_\_\_\_\_ that the boy is not serious by a whit.  
 A. outset  
 B. onset  
 C. inset  
 D. outstart
46. You should endeavour to \_\_\_\_\_ your opponents at all times  
 A. overmanoeuvre  
 B. outmanoeuvre  
 C. dismanoeuvre  
 D. outmanouvre
47. The number of students expelled by the authorities of the institution recently \_\_\_\_\_ large.  
 A. was  
 B. were  
 C. will be  
 D. are
48. There were seventy students in the hall **at the outside**. This means that  
 A. seventy students were outside the hall  
 B. there were seventy students in hall outside the school  
 C. there were not more than seventy students in the hall  
 D. there were less than seventy students in the hall

49. This is a case of **penny wise and pound foolish**. This means a case of  
 A. being completely careless  
 B. being pushed around by insignificant people  
 C. being careful in small matters and careless in serious matters.  
 D. Being shoddy in money matters
50. He hurt his father's feeling, \_\_\_\_\_?  
 A. doesn't he  
 B. did he  
 C. hurtn't he  
 D. didn't he
51. Unless he is absolved from the charges, his parents will disown him,  
 \_\_\_\_\_?  
 A. is he  
 B. won't they  
 C. isn't he  
 D. will they.  
 ?
52. I don't think he can solve the problem, \_\_\_\_\_?  
 A. don't I  
 B. do I  
 C. can he  
 D. can't he .
53. The students are \_\_\_\_\_ politics.  
 A. discussing on  
 B. discussing about  
 C. discussing upon  
 D. discussing
54. Many \_\_\_\_\_ visited Nigeria recently.  
 A. heads of state  
 B. heads of states  
 C. head of states  
 D. head of state
55. Najeem is **apolitical**. This means that Najeem  
 A. doest not have interest in politics  
 B. has great interest in politics  
 C. is into politics because he is unemployed  
 D. a successful politician.
56. She \_\_\_\_\_ her vote for the least popular candidate last month.  
 A. cast  
 B. casted  
 C. casts  
 D. would cast
57. If I saw James, I \_\_\_\_\_ the information to him.  
 A. would give  
 B. would have given  
 C. will give  
 D. I shall have given
58. \_\_\_\_\_, the woman would not have packed out.  
 A. If the man has not been jailed  
 B. Has the man not been jailed  
 C. Had the man not been jailed  
 D. if the man had not being jailed
59. Do you know the amount the government \_\_\_\_\_ the proposed stadium  
 initially?  
 A. cost  
 B. costed  
 C. costs  
 D. costing
60. Chief Ajetan's sitting-room is replete \_\_\_\_\_ modern furniture.  
 A. by  
 B. with  
 C. for  
 D. in
61. Many people left the village at the \_\_\_\_\_ of the disease.  
 A. outset  
 B. inset  
 C. onset  
 D. downset

62. **Bibliography** means  
 A. a collection of poems  
 B. a collection of books on a particular subject or topic  
 C. a collection of books on different subjects or topic  
 D. a collection of outdated books
63. The boy is a **bibliophile**. This means the boy is  
 A. a lover of books  
 B. a hater of books  
 C. a seller of books  
 D. a writer of books.
64. While the **epilogue** of the book is straight-forward, the \_\_\_\_\_ of it is incomprehensible.  
 A. appendix  
 B. preface  
 C. prologue  
 D. foreword
65. The term "**erratum**" in printing or publishing means  
 A. edition  
 B. copyright  
 C. copy  
 D. error
66. You missed the point because you interpreted the idiom \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. Literarily  
 B. literally  
 C. literary  
 D. literal
67. He **got the push** recently. This means he  
 A. got promotion recently  
 B. was sacked recently  
 C. died recently  
 D. was influenced recently.
68. They have beautiful cars, \_\_\_\_\_?  
 A. have they  
 B. isn't it  
 C. haven't they  
 D. don't they
69. The boys \_\_\_\_\_ sleeping without the light on.  
 A. used to  
 B. are use to  
 C. use to  
 D. are used to
70. The palmwine tapper was struck dead by \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. lightning  
 B. lighting  
 C. lightening  
 D. lighten
71. Your elder sister is my \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. confidential  
 B. confidante  
 C. confidence  
 D. confidant
72. A female lawyer has been appointed the \_\_\_\_\_ of Chief Ikujare's will.  
 A. executor  
 B. executioner  
 C. executionist  
 D. executrix
73. It was an **internecine** war indeed! This means it was a war  
 A. in which both sides suffered greatly  
 B. which was won by the stronger side  
 C. which was surprisingly won by the weaker side  
 D. in which international fighters participated.
74. He works \_\_\_\_\_ his father's farm every day.  
 A. in  
 B. at  
 C. on  
 D. inside
75. I promise to intimate you \_\_\_\_\_ the latest development  
 A. on  
 B. with  
 C. of  
 D. for

76. She always prides herself \_\_\_\_\_ her beauty.  
 A. on  
 C. of  
 B. with  
 D. at
77. The seller will not take a \_\_\_\_\_ from any customer  
 A. promisory note  
 C. promise note  
 B. promissory note  
 D. promisyary note
78. I want you to \_\_\_\_\_ me on the problems of marriage.  
 A. enlighting  
 C. enlightenment  
 B. enlight  
 D. enlighten
79. I am your friend, \_\_\_\_\_?  
 A. amn't I  
 C. aren't I  
 B. isn't it  
 D. am I
80. He explained to me that politics was fraught \_\_\_\_\_ danger  
 A. with  
 C. on  
 B. by  
 D. at
81. Having won the cup three times, my club has won the cup \_\_\_\_\_  
 A. for keeping  
 C. for keeps  
 B. by keep  
 D. for keep
82. To **plough the sand** is to  
 A. do a profitable job  
 B. do agriculture-related business  
 C. be very hardworking  
 D. do a useless job.
83. \_\_\_\_\_ expressed our opinions on the issue.  
 A. I and he  
 C. He and me  
 B. He and I  
 D. Himself and myself
84. The counsel to the accused \_\_\_\_\_ the court to quicken the trial.  
 A. prayed  
 C. advised  
 B. begged  
 D. told
85. The boy is not taller than \_\_\_\_\_,  
 A. her  
 C. myself  
 B. I  
 D. him
86. While Nero was referred to as a **Lilliputian**, Amos was said to be a \_\_\_\_\_  
 A. bigot  
 C. colosus  
 B. midget  
 D. runt
87. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the new Chancellor of Great Focus University will take place in March  
 A. investiture  
 C. investigation  
 B. investment  
 D. investing
88. The man will **stew in his own juice**. This means  
 A. he will enjoy the benefits of his good work  
 B. he will suffer trouble from his own action  
 C. he will enjoy praise from other people  
 D. he will get criticism from his colleagues
89. He is ambitious \_\_\_\_\_ his children.  
 A. for  
 C. with  
 B. by  
 D. at

90. A number of students \_\_\_\_\_ by the university authorities last semester.  
 A. was rusticated  
 B. are rusticated  
 C. were rusticated  
 D. has been rusticated
91. Benjamin \_\_\_\_\_ from school before his mother travelled abroad.  
 A. has been expelled  
 B. had been expelled  
 C. have been expelled  
 D. was being expelled
92. The girl always \_\_\_\_\_ her friend in a quarrel  
 A. sides  
 B. side  
 C. side with  
 D. sides with
93. \_\_\_\_\_ you do a similar thing in the future, you will be dealt with seriously.  
 A. Should in case  
 B. Should  
 C. If in case  
 D. In case if
94. The woman has gone to inform \_\_\_\_\_ her husband at the police station.  
 A. about  
 B. of  
 C. against  
 D. for
95. The footballers are \_\_\_\_\_  
 A. on high spirits  
 B. with high spirits  
 C. at high spirit  
 D. in high spirits
96. The accused has been served \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. on summon  
 B. By summons  
 C. with summons  
 D. with summon
97. My father served \_\_\_\_\_ the Board of Education last year.  
 A. on  
 B. in  
 C. with  
 D. for
98. Government is highly interested in the country's academia. The word "academia" means  
 A. education  
 B. teachers  
 C. students  
 D. publication
99. The judge instructed that the \_\_\_\_\_ should be served \_\_\_\_\_ all the accused persons.  
 A. summon/with  
 B. summons/for  
 C. summons/on  
 D. summon/to
100. The experts \_\_\_\_\_ are in a position to right the wrongs.  
 A. in field  
 B. on field  
 C. on the field  
 D. in the field

# TEST 2

## A size-yourself-up-in-ENGLISH test

TIME ALLOWED: 50 MINUTES

*Instruction: From a list of four options, choose the option that provides the correct answer to every question in each section in this paper.*

1. Ezezesio always plays the keyboard **fortissimo**.  
A. fantastically  
B. very loudly  
B. enthusiastically  
D. arrogantly
2. Mansadora is a **wiseacre**  
A. a great professional  
C. a very funny jester  
B. a hardworker  
D. a pretender to wisdom
3. Adaobi Diweno is a **popinjay**.  
A. an imitator  
C. an egghead  
B. straightforward  
D. a megalomaniac
4. Bambela loves reading **salacious** books  
A. local  
C. immoral  
B. straightforward  
D. foreign
5. Surely, you will be **excoriated** this time!  
A. suspended  
C. criticized  
B. expelled  
D. praised
6. If I were you, I would go for **petrology** in the university  
A. the study of petroleum  
B. the study of rocks  
C. the study of water and animals in water  
D. the study of mountains.
7. A **picaresque** novel is one which  
A. deals with pictures and photographs  
B. deals with the adventures of rogues  
C. deals with wars and escapades of fighters  
D. paints the picture of the successes and the failures of the characters.
8. Your uncle is a **vainglorious** person  
A. highly educated  
C. boastful  
B. godly  
D. senselessly
9. Risikatu loves telling **risqué** stories  
A. bawdy  
C. risky  
B. interesting  
D. embarrassing
10. Hassan patronizes **ritzy** restaurants nowadays  
A. cheap and local  
C. popular  
B. very neat  
D. expensive
11. What chance will you give to an **insouciant** person in a competition?  
A. efficient  
C. inspired  
B. indifferent  
D. energetic
12. Do you know the source of Jeremiah's **jeremiad**?  
A. lamentation  
C. power  
B. prosperity  
D. joy

13. The **mountebank** will be caught one day.  
 A. fraudulent banker  
 C. pretender to medical skill  
 B. notorious mountaineer  
 D. robber
14. A **ratty** person is \_\_\_\_\_ person  
 A. a dirty  
 C. a small  
 B. an ill-tempered  
 D. a cunning
15. Can you cite examples of **arboreal** animals?  
 A. hole-related  
 C. water-related  
 B. tree-related  
 D. domestic
16. The language is **exoteric**.  
 A. popular  
 C. foreign  
 B. restricted  
 D. local
17. The former General Manager of the company got a **golden handshake** the farewell party.  
 A. fantastic present  
 B. document containing his many achievements  
 C. warm reception  
 D. huge sum of money
18. People say Deborah has **debonair** nature  
 A. cheerful  
 C. deceitful  
 B. decadent  
 D. dubious
19. I know he will **adumbrate** the point when it is his turn.  
 A. belabour  
 C. vaguely mention  
 B. shun  
 D. expatiate
20. Dzogbeselisa is a **whited-sepulcher**  
 A. a fun-loving person  
 C. hypocrite  
 B. foreign sculptor  
 D. professional painter
21. Nicolas is a **recondite** novelist.  
 A. an unknown  
 C. a brilliant  
 B. a famous  
 D. an imaginative
22. I had thought that the Submarine Football Club was a **redoubtable** team.  
 A. weak  
 C. strong  
 B. popular  
 D. predictable
23. There is no doubt that our sociology teacher is **supine**.  
 A. superb  
 C. indolent  
 B. efficient  
 D. sulky
24. The **lymphatic** person will do anything for **lucre**.  
 A. loving/love  
 C. asthmatic/charity  
 B. hardworking/money  
 D. sluggish/money
25. The **armistice** between the two antagonistic countries lasted one week.  
 A. truce  
 C. fight  
 B. arm transfer  
 D. dialogue

### Section B (Test of antonyms)

26. She is said to be a **malapert** girl at home but a \_\_\_\_\_ student in her school.  
 A. maladjusted  
 C. neat  
 B. dull  
 D. courteous

27. While David is Ade's **confidant**, Esther is Ojo's \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. informant  
 B. assistant  
 C. confidante  
 D. lover
28. While Simbiat is recognized by her classmates as a \_\_\_\_\_ girl, Sabela is considered **perky** by everybody.  
 A. respectful  
 B. cheeky  
 C. pesky  
 D. lanky
29. The President's recent comments on smuggling will **redound** to the image of the country.  
 A. contribute  
 B. tarnish  
 C. glorify  
 D. enhance
30. The essay topic for the final year students was **nebulous**.  
 A. vague  
 B. ludicrous  
 C. wide  
 D. clear
31. The allegations are **refragable**.  
 A. undeniable  
 B. weak  
 C. malicious  
 D. constructive
32. While Sola's **generosity** endears her to many people, Yahaya's \_\_\_\_\_ continues to estrange him.  
 A. curiosity  
 B. animosity  
 C. parsimony  
 D. pomposity
33. It is **parky** inside but \_\_\_\_\_ outside.  
 A. cold  
 B. noisy  
 C. hot  
 D. calm
34. While Otoma is at the **nadir** of his profession, his sister is at the \_\_\_\_\_ of her chosen career.  
 A. centre  
 B. apogee  
 C. bottom  
 D. busy stage
35. Whereas yours is a **wistful** expectation, mine is a/an \_\_\_\_\_ expectation.  
 A. selfish  
 B. inexperienced  
 C. thoughtful  
 D. reluctant
36. Is Natarati **unnoticeable** novelist or \_\_\_\_\_ one?  
 A. an indigent  
 B. a visible  
 C. a celebrated  
 D. an arrogant
37. The man is a **protean** person but his wife is a \_\_\_\_\_ fellow.  
 A. vitaminous  
 B. narrow-minded  
 C. stable  
 D. novelist
38. While Dende is **shifty**, his wife is \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. eccentric  
 B. enduring  
 C. stable  
 D. trustworthy
39. Totanato's **naivety** contrasts sharply with Sabella's \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. diligence  
 B. experience  
 C. ignorance  
 D. novelty
40. Chukwu's **moody** disposition contrasts with Ziko's \_\_\_\_\_ nature.  
 A. mendacious  
 B. pesky  
 C. debonair  
 D. sensual
41. The town was **agog** last week.  
 A. on fire  
 B. chaotic  
 C. riotous  
 D. dull

42. Is the man a **prolix** speaker or a \_\_\_\_\_ one?  
 A. conservative  
 B. laconic  
 C. radical  
 D. weak
43. You should be a **disinterested** umpire, not a/an \_\_\_\_\_ person.  
 A. prejudiced  
 B. laconic  
 C. uninterested  
 D. interest.
44. You should know that what **repels** you may \_\_\_\_\_ another person.  
 A. attract  
 B. choke  
 C. incite  
 D. ruin
45. While Yela is very **presumptuous** in her way of life, Yela is always seen as a \_\_\_\_\_ person.  
 A. stupid  
 B. modest  
 C. arrogant  
 D. dogmatic

**Section C (Test of prepositions and spellings)**

46. A student who is bereft \_\_\_\_\_ points will fail  
 A. of  
 B. with  
 C. in  
 D. about
47. The greatness of a country consists \_\_\_\_\_ the welfare of her citizens.  
 A. for  
 B. of  
 C. in  
 D. at
48. The men are ambitious \_\_\_\_\_ the children.  
 A. about  
 B. of  
 C. with  
 D. for
49. The girls are seeking admission \_\_\_\_\_ the University of Ibadan  
 A. into  
 B. to  
 C. inside  
 D. for
50. It is certain that unseriousness will result \_\_\_\_\_ failure.  
 A. in  
 B. into  
 C. on  
 D. with
51. It is an act of indiscipline to renege \_\_\_\_\_ one's promise  
 A. with  
 B. at  
 C. on  
 D. in
52. Tairu informed \_\_\_\_\_ Dongayaro at Moore Police Station last week.  
 A. about  
 B. of  
 C. on  
 D. against
53. The deputy governor is responsible \_\_\_\_\_ the governor  
 A. to  
 B. for  
 C. by  
 D. on
54. Please open your book \_\_\_\_\_ page fifty-five.  
 A. at  
 B. by  
 C. to  
 D. on
55. The President was \_\_\_\_\_ the air between 7pm and 9pm yesterday  
 A. in  
 B. on  
 C. for  
 D. with
56. The man was disgusted \_\_\_\_\_ the indiscipline of the boy  
 A. with  
 B. at  
 C. for  
 D. on

57. The principal said he was disappointed \_\_\_\_\_ the poor performance of the school's students in the last SSCE.  
 A. with  
 C. at  
 B. on  
 D. for
58. Julius will intercede \_\_\_\_\_ your angry father on your behalf  
 A. on  
 C. with  
 B. for  
 D. by
59. The remark of the peacemaker savours \_\_\_\_\_ insincerity.  
 A. of  
 B. with  
 C. on  
 D. from
60. The thug's room is redolent \_\_\_\_\_ marijuana every time  
 A. for  
 C. by  
 B. of  
 D. in
61. Politicians in Africa are concerned with illegal \_\_\_\_\_ of wealth  
 A. accumulation  
 C. accumilation  
 B. accumulacion  
 D. accumulacion
62. Are they \_\_\_\_\_ in nature?  
 A. homogenous  
 C. homogeneous  
 B. homogenious  
 D. homogeneious
63. It is a \_\_\_\_\_ to dine with the President  
 A. previlege  
 C. privilege  
 B. priviledge  
 D. previledge
64. He is suffering from \_\_\_\_\_  
 A. catarrh  
 C. cattarrh  
 B. cater  
 D. cartarh
65. She said she was in support of \_\_\_\_\_  
 A. statue quo  
 C. state quo ante  
 B. status quo ante  
 D. statu quo
66. They are guilty of \_\_\_\_\_  
 A. agrandiziment  
 C. aggradiziment  
 B. aggrandisment  
 D. aggrandizement
67. We seem to lack \_\_\_\_\_ culture.  
 A. maintainance  
 C. mentainance  
 B. maintenance  
 D. mentenance
68. Please pay more attention to \_\_\_\_\_  
 A. pronuniciation  
 C. pronunciasion  
 B. pronounciation  
 D. pronounciasion
69. I don't have any regard for \_\_\_\_\_ degrees.  
 A. honourary  
 C. honorari  
 B. honorary  
 D. honour
70. You should not give \_\_\_\_\_ interpretation to idioms  
 A. literary  
 C. literature  
 B. literal  
 D. literally

**Section D. (Test of Grammar)**

71. One of the boys who \_\_\_\_\_ here every night \_\_\_\_\_ two cars.  
A. come/has  
B. come/have  
C. comes/has  
D. will come/will have
72. The boy \_\_\_\_\_ you slapped last week is hospitalized now.  
A. who  
B. which  
C. whom  
D. whose
73. If I \_\_\_\_\_, I \_\_\_\_\_ the story  
A. saw him/would told him  
B. see him/would tell him  
C. will see him/will tell him  
D. saw him/would tell him
74. \_\_\_\_\_, I would not have come  
A. If I have known  
B. If I had knew  
C. Had I known  
D. Have I known
75. This book is \_\_\_\_\_  
A. somebody  
B. somebody else's  
C. somebody's else  
D. somebody else'
76. The man said \_\_\_\_\_  
A. he knows what he wanted  
B. he knew what he wants  
C. he knew what he wanted  
D. he knows what he wants
77. Tolani is \_\_\_\_\_ than Yetunde.  
A. more taller  
B. the tallest  
C. much more taller  
D. much taller
78. Rose is \_\_\_\_\_ than any of her three sisters.  
A. cleverer  
B. the most cleverest  
C. more cleverer  
D. the cleverest
79. The man \_\_\_\_\_ drinking tea without sugar nowadays.  
A. used to  
B. is used to  
C. is use to  
D. is uses to
80. I look forward \_\_\_\_\_ your letter  
A. to receive  
B. at receiving  
C. to receiving  
D. to be receiving
81. He has three cars, \_\_\_\_\_?  
A. hasn't he  
B. doesn't he  
C. has he  
D. isn't it.
82. They need calculators as science students, \_\_\_\_\_?  
A. need they  
B. needn't they  
C. do they  
D. don't they
83. Dada and \_\_\_\_\_ participated in the quiz competition.  
A. other brilliant two young mathematicians  
B. two other brilliant young mathematicians  
C. two young other brilliant mathematicians  
D. other two brilliant young mathematicians
84. \_\_\_\_\_ took part in the essay competition last term.  
A. I and he  
B. He and me  
C. he and myself  
D. He and I

85. The matter is strictly between \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. me and she  
 C. me and her  
 B. she and I  
 D. her and me
86. Talazo stole \_\_\_\_\_ last month.  
 A. forty herd of cattles  
 C. forty heads of cattle  
 B. forty cattles  
 D. forty head of cattle

**Section E (Test of Idioms & Phrasal verbs)**

87. To sweep somebody off his feet means \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. to defeat his intention  
 B. to make him strong wit enthusiasm  
 C. to make him fall  
 D. to put him in trouble
88. To have a green eye means \_\_\_\_\_  
 A. to be greedy  
 B. to be inexperienced  
 C. to be jealous  
 D. to have a sense of beauty
89. To throw off one's mask means \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. to divorce one's marriage partner  
 B. to show one's true characters  
 C. to reveal one's talents to people  
 D. to say what one wishes to tell people.
90. To be generous to a fault means \_\_\_\_\_  
 A. to be very insincere in one's generosity  
 B. to encourage others to be generous  
 C. to be over generous  
 D. to commit blunders in the process of being generous.
91. To come a cropper means \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. to meet with failure  
 B. to surrender to threat  
 C. to do useless job.  
 D. to behave cowardly
92. This is just a fly in the ointment. This means  
 A a minor defect  
 C. a natural occurrence  
 B. a domestic matter  
 D. a welcome issue
93. To have the gift of the gab means \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. to be very rich and popular  
 B. to be fluent  
 C. to be flamboyant  
 D. to be loved by many people
94. To cook somebody's goose means \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. to be envious of the person  
 B. to assist the person in domestic chores  
 C. to prevent the person's plans from being realized.  
 D. to come to the person's assistance in financial matters.

95. What are the qualities that \_\_\_\_\_ the character of the boy?  
 A. make for  
 B. make out  
 C. make of  
 D. make up
96. It is not good to \_\_\_\_\_ your rival's programmes  
 A. play down  
 B. play up  
 C. play on  
 D. play about
97. The meeting will \_\_\_\_\_ immediately the chairman arrives.  
 A. get on  
 B. get off  
 C. get along  
 D. get up
98. My pocket money has begun to \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. give out  
 B. give up  
 C. give in  
 D. give about
99. They promised to \_\_\_\_\_ us soon  
 A. check up  
 B. check on  
 C. check up on  
 D. check
100. His recent accident \_\_\_\_\_ his chances of becoming a top footballer.  
 A. took away from  
 B. took after  
 C. took off  
 D. took around.

TEST 3

A watch-your-weight-in-ENGLISH Language Test

Time Allowed: 50 Minutes

Instruction: From a list of four options, choose the option that provides the correct answer to every question in this paper.

1. My school won the cup donated by the Governor \_\_\_\_\_ last year.
  - A. for keeping
  - B. for keeps
  - C. by keeper
  - D. for keep
2. To kiss the rod is to
  - A. be reckless in enjoyment
  - B. be a libertine
  - C. be a bully
  - D. accept punishment with little complaint
3. The girl is **off colour** means the girl
  - A. is unwell
  - B. is naked
  - C. is pregnant
  - D. is angry
4. Chukwu **maintains a kitchen garden**. This means
  - A. Chukwu has a garden behind his kitchen
  - B. Chukwu has a garden where fruits and vegetables are grown
  - C. Chukwu has a small garden
  - D. Chukwu cooks and eats in the garden everytime.
5. Many of the \_\_\_\_\_ enacted by the former military ruler were draconian
  - A. fiats
  - B. feats
  - C. feet
  - D. resolutions
6. Ours is a \_\_\_\_\_ society.
  - A. heterogenous
  - B. heterogenious
  - C. heterogeneous
  - D. heterogenus
7. You should not allow refuse to \_\_\_\_\_ in you premises
  - A. acummlate
  - B. accumulate
  - C. acumulate
  - D. accummlate
8. The \_\_\_\_\_ Department of the Company is headed by Engineer Sasadotu
  - A. Maintenance
  - B. Maintainance
  - C. Mentenance
  - D. Maintennance
9. Do the boys have the mind to \_\_\_\_\_?
  - A. retarliate
  - B. reterliate
  - C. retaliate
  - D. retalate
10. The \_\_\_\_\_ the mad boy exposed his family to was great.
  - A. embarrassment
  - B. embarassment
  - C. embarrasment
  - D. embarasment
11. The erudite speaker brought many points into focus in the \_\_\_\_\_ of his speech
  - A. course
  - B. cause
  - C. curse
  - D. coarse
12. The \_\_\_\_\_ of proof rests \_\_\_\_\_ the complainant
  - A. need/on
  - B. bonus/with
  - C. onus/with
  - D. task/on

13. The captain of the team bore the \_\_\_\_\_ of the defeat  
 A. bruise  
 C. insult  
 B. brunt  
 D. disadvantage
14. The flag is \_\_\_\_\_ at 10a.m everyday.  
 A. foisted  
 C. fastened  
 B. fixed  
 D. hoisted
15. The government of Kenya has made a law to protect the \_\_\_\_\_ of the country  
 A. fauna  
 C. faunas  
 B. faunae  
 D. faunases
16. Wherever the members of the victorious team went, they were \_\_\_\_\_  
 A. fed  
 C. festooned  
 B. feted  
 D. fondled
17. To have a face **as long as a fiddle** is to  
 A. look very cheerful  
 C. look like a baby  
 B. look sad  
 D. look very old
18. Dagonro is regarded as **a fibber** by many. This means that many people regard Dagonro as  
 A. a liar  
 C. a crisis manager  
 B. a story teller  
 D. a pretender
19. Has the woman begun to **sit up and notice**? This is asking if she has  
 A. begun to recognize the love of her husband for her.  
 B. begun to go about her trade well.  
 C. begun to show signs of recovery from illness.  
 D. begun to shun nagging
20. The launching of the new political association formed by a former military ruler came with \_\_\_\_\_  
 A. pump  
 C. bomb  
 B. pomp  
 D. bump
21. The man always **keeps a straight face**. This means he always  
 A. fixes his attention on one plan  
 B. avoids any immoral act  
 C. goes about his work diligently  
 D. refrains from laughing
22. If he went with his father, he \_\_\_\_\_ attacked.  
 A. would not be  
 C. would not have been  
 B. will not be  
 D. had not been
23. The highly religious members of the audience were offended by the \_\_\_\_\_ drama.  
 A. risqué  
 C. ritual  
 B. risky  
 D. rocky
24. One of the clerks has **got the push**. This means one of the clerks has  
 A. been promoted  
 C. been sacked  
 B. been transferred  
 D. been arrested
25. The boy **looked nettled** by the comments of his father means  
 A. he looked pleased  
 C. he felt proud  
 B. he was annoyed  
 D. he was not moved

38. The woman is \_\_\_\_\_ her choice of marriage partner.  
 A. mistaking with  
 B. mistaken about  
 C. mistaken for  
 D. mistaking about
39. There is no \_\_\_\_\_ what profession the handicap should take to  
 A. mistaking  
 B. mistaken  
 C. mistake  
 D. misjudge
40. The man is as dead as  
 A. stone  
 B. tree  
 C. mutton  
 D. myrmidon
41. Don't you think Ragasa is really a **mug's game**? This is asking if Ragasa is  
 A. into what will bring profit to him  
 B. into what may not bring profit to him.  
 C. into what his friends do  
 D. a lover of in-door games
42. The so-called mathematician was found \_\_\_\_\_ last week  
 A. wanting  
 B. wanted  
 C. wanton  
 D. want
43. Are you a **roomer** in this town?  
 A. an owner of a room  
 B. a tenant  
 C. a landlord  
 D. a squatter
44. Ayoola is one who **gathers life's roses**. He is  
 A. one who is philanthropic  
 B. one who wants the best for himself  
 C. one who seeks pleasure of life  
 D. one who criticizes evil things.
45. To **ride rough shod over somebody** is to  
 A. treat the person with little or no regard for his personality  
 B. find an indecent partner for the person  
 C. criticize the person every time  
 D. quarrel with him or her
46. It rained \_\_\_\_\_ last year.  
 A. all the years round  
 B. all the year's round  
 C. all the year round  
 D. all of the year round
47. That Ramond is a **rover** means  
 A. he is a wanderer  
 B. he is a pleasure seeker  
 C. he is a womanizer  
 D. all of the year round
48. Isn't that friend of yours a **roughneck**?  
 A. a reckless driver  
 B. a hooligan  
 C. a nomad  
 D. a womanizer
49. The sojourners really **roughed it in** Canada.  
 A. They lived without the common comforts of life  
 B. They did rough but well-paid jobs  
 C. They struggled hard to make it  
 D. They made money with ease
50. The picnickers came to Ile-Ife and had a \_\_\_\_\_  
 A. looking round  
 B. look round  
 C. looking about  
 D. look around

51. Bamanga is a **rough diamond**. This means he is  
 A. a poor man  
 B. a struggling person  
 C. an uneducated person  
 D. an inconsiderate person
52. That method is **an open sesame**. The method is  
 A. an access to something regarded difficult  
 B. a dangerous plan  
 C. a risky method  
 D. a controversial method
53. A **sesquipedalian word** is a  
 A. mono-syllabic word  
 B. bi-syllabic word  
 C. a poly-syllabic word  
 D. a six-syllable word
54. To **size somebody up** is to  
 A. form an opinion of the person  
 B. measure the person from head to toe  
 C. imagine the body weight of the person  
 D. ridicule the person in public
55. Taiwo is **six of one and half a dozen** of Kehinde means  
 A. the two are perfectly alike  
 B. the two are completely unidentical  
 C. there is very little difference between the two  
 D. the two love each other very dearly
56. It is a pity that the members of the club are intolerant \_\_\_\_\_  
 A. with themselves  
 B. of one another  
 C. of each other  
 D. against themselves
57. The company has decided to \_\_\_\_\_ all unserviceable vehicles in its premises.  
 A. dispose off  
 B. dispose  
 C. dispose of  
 D. dispose away
58. Madam Tomori is a woman who **wears the breeches**. This means Madam Tomori is  
 A. an arrogant woman  
 B. a hardworking woman  
 C. a brilliant woman  
 D. one who rules her husband
59. David behaves erratically nowadays; I don't know what has come \_\_\_\_\_ him.  
 A. upon  
 B. about  
 C. over  
 D. with
60. The man **had a close shave with death** last week. This means the man  
 A. escaped death narrowly  
 B. was almost saved  
 C. was seriously injured  
 D. died mysteriously
61. He said he could \_\_\_\_\_ the tree  
 A. fell  
 B. felled  
 C. fall  
 D. falled
62. You should be able to \_\_\_\_\_ yourself after university education.  
 A. vend for  
 B. fend with  
 C. fend for  
 D. vend with
63. There is no doubt that hardwork conduces \_\_\_\_\_ success  
 A. for  
 B. with  
 C. to  
 D. by

64. It was alleged that the policeman connived \_\_\_\_\_ the escape of the prisoners.  
 A. with  
 B. at  
 C. to  
 D. for
65. The two brothers are **chewing the rag** in the room. This means they are  
 A. discussing old grievances  
 B. discussing matters of family interest  
 C. discussing politics  
 D. discussing old people
66. The man said he would \_\_\_\_\_ his promise to buy you an aeroplane  
 A. fulfilled  
 B. fulfill  
 C. fulfill  
 E. fulfill
67. About ten \_\_\_\_\_ have been contacted to defend the accused person  
 A. counselors  
 B. counsel  
 C. counsels  
 E. councilors
68. Every guest enjoyed himself \_\_\_\_\_ at the Governor's birthday party  
 A. to the full  
 B. to the fullest  
 C. by the fullest  
 D. to the fullness
69. A conceited person is one who \_\_\_\_\_ himself  
 A. turns around  
 B. gets above  
 C. runs for  
 D. talks about
70. Your comments about Yele **got home to him**. This means that  
 A. Yele was told the truth at home  
 B. Yele really took in the comments  
 C. the comments were complementary  
 D. the comments made Yele go home.
71. The fire fighters eventually got the fire \_\_\_\_\_  
 A. off  
 B. away  
 C. by  
 D. under
72. Are the little boys \_\_\_\_\_ for food in the field?  
 A. foreseeing  
 B. foraging  
 C. formenting  
 D. foreboding
73. To **play somebody false** is to  
 A. cheat the person  
 B. tell lie to the person  
 C. tell lie against the person  
 D. to kill the person
74. People say Tirogo is a libidinous young man. This means he is  
 A. energetic  
 B. licentious  
 C. liberal  
 D. lenient
75. Rapala is undoubtedly a **lie-abed**. This means he is  
 A. a womanizer  
 B. a sickler  
 C. an indolent person who stays longer in bed  
 D. a wicked liar
76. Your school team will **carry off the palm** in the competition. This means your school team  
 A. will be victorious  
 B. will lose  
 C. will be applauded by the spectators  
 D. will be disqualified
77. Femi paled before Yemi in a debate yesterday. This means  
 A. Femi outshined Yemi  
 B. Yemi outshone Femi  
 C. Femi had the same point with Yemi  
 D. Yemi made Femi cry during the debate

78. Pastor Amoye always preaches against \_\_\_\_\_ desires  
 A. carnival B. cannibal  
 C. carnal D. cardinal
79. I will like you to keep the brilliant performance you had in the last examination \_\_\_\_\_  
 A. on B. off  
 C. around D. up
80. James and Julius are \_\_\_\_\_ good terms  
 A. on B. in  
 C. with D. at
81. I know that Bello does politics **for kicks**. This means that Bello does politics  
 A. for the fun of it  
 B. for material purpose  
 C. to antagonize the people in power  
 D. to favour his friends and relatives.
82. Your behavior is not \_\_\_\_\_ with our culture  
 A. in keep B. on keep  
 C. in keeping D. at keeping
83. To be **a duffer** is to be  
 A. clever B. rascally  
 C. dutiful D. unintelligent
84. To shake the dust off one's feet is to leave a place  
 A. with pleasure B. in anger  
 C. with the min to come back soon D. in a neat manner
85. The boy did not get a word in edgeways in the discussion means the boy  
 A. was prevented from speaking by a talkative person  
 B. was too shy to speak in public  
 C. was walked out of the venue of discussion  
 D. failed to drive his point some
86. The products are \_\_\_\_\_ each other  
 A. complimentary to B. complementary to  
 C. complimentary with D. complementary with
87. The man is **composmentis** means the man is  
 A. mentally deranged B. finicial  
 C. an expert in literature D. sound in mind
88. Tirogo and Dogbesa are always \_\_\_\_\_ these days  
 A. in loggerhead B. at longerheads  
 C. at loggerheads D. on longheads
89. The boy goes about in \_\_\_\_\_ nowadays  
 A. a short knicker B. in short knickers  
 C. in knickers D. in shorts
90. She is too reticent for \_\_\_\_\_  
 A. my likeness B. me to like  
 C. my like D. my liking
91. You can't \_\_\_\_\_ a football match if your English is not straight  
 A. commentate B. comment  
 C. commenting D. commentary

92. She can't look at anyone \_\_\_\_\_  
 A. at the face  
 C. on the face  
 B. in the face  
 D. at face
93. You are advised to obey instructions  
 A. to the letter  
 C. by the letter  
 B. to the letters  
 D. for the letters
94. The boy is \_\_\_\_\_ now.  
 A. for the soup  
 C. in the soup  
 B. in soup  
 D. inside soup
95. You should let \_\_\_\_\_  
 A. bygone be bygone  
 C. bygones be bygone  
 B. bygones be bygones  
 D. bygone be bygones
96. I shall give you the money tomorrow without \_\_\_\_\_  
 A. fail  
 C. failing  
 B. failure  
 D. having to fail
97. My father served \_\_\_\_\_ the Board of Education for five years  
 A. in  
 C. with  
 B. on  
 D. for
98. I know from the \_\_\_\_\_ that the boy is not serious \_\_\_\_\_  
 A. outset/with a wheat  
 C. outset/by a whit  
 B. onset/by a wit  
 D. set out/by a wit
99. The poor palmwine tapper was \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_  
 A. stricken dead/lightning  
 C. striked dead/lighting  
 B. struck dead/lightning  
 D. struck dead/lightening
100. Butoyo and Santana have foreign accounts, \_\_\_\_\_?  
 A. have they  
 B. haven't they  
 B. didn't they  
 D. don't they

# A dot-your-i's-and-cross-your-t's ENGLISH test

## TEST 4

Time Allowed: 50 Minutes

**Instruction:** From a list of four options, choose the option that provides the correct answer to every question in this paper.

1. While Simbo did his assignment **in a trice**, Timboto did his \_\_\_\_  
A. very quickly  
C. twice  
B. at once  
D. very slowly
2. The poor woman has \_\_\_\_ herself to fate  
A. consigned  
C. resigned  
B. concerned  
D. reposed
3. The film whose theme is unity is a multitribal country's Tetedoman's **swansong**.  
A. last film  
C. best film  
B. first film  
D. worst film
4. The man's \_\_\_\_ for money is his greatest weakness  
A. luck  
C. lust  
B. lurk  
D. loss
5. Whatever made Stephen \_\_\_\_ before the principal last week!  
A. say  
C. says  
B. said  
D. to say
6. The Governor is really keeping his commissioners \_\_\_\_ by not allowing them to act freely  
A. out  
C. in  
B. down  
D. off
7. The discovery of gold in his backyard is sheer \_\_\_\_  
A. assiduity  
C. ingenuity  
B. civility  
D. serendipity
8. He has **a down on** her nowadays. This means he  
A. loves her dearly  
C. hides things from her  
B. dislikes her  
D. acts on behalf of her
9. The \_\_\_\_ of proof always \_\_\_\_ the accuser  
A. bonus/relies upon  
C. onus/rests with  
B. task/rests on  
D. responsibility/rests upon
10. It is very clear that government is trying hard to \_\_\_\_ opposition.  
A. stifle  
C. strike  
B. stitch  
D. stake
11. All of us should join hands to get rid of corruption from our body \_\_\_\_  
A. politics  
C. politicians  
B. politic  
D. polity
12. As a matter of fact, Justice Simbo is \_\_\_\_  
A. law-original  
C. legal-personification  
B. law-personified  
D. justice-intensified
13. He said his \_\_\_\_ the balance  
A. fate hangs in  
B. fate hung in  
C. fate hanged in  
D. faith hanged on

14. The death of the good-for-nothing boy is indeed a good \_\_\_\_\_  
 A. riddance  
 B. ridding  
 C. rid of  
 D. radiance
15. Dr. Tribotan is a medical doctor of \_\_\_\_\_  
 A. reputation  
 B. repute  
 C. reputability  
 D. reputes
16. Many African leaders were disturbed by \_\_\_\_\_ in Africa in the 70s.  
 A. coups detat  
 B. coups detats  
 C. coup detats  
 D. coup detat
17. The Christian Association of Nigeria (CAN) is a/an \_\_\_\_\_ Association  
 A. religion  
 B. denominational  
 C. ecumenical  
 D. interdependent
18. The members of the victorious football club received their medals with great \_\_\_\_\_  
 A. tension  
 B. élan  
 C. serendipity  
 D. assurance
19. A \_\_\_\_\_ woman can never have a stable home  
 A. harpy  
 B. beautiful  
 C. wealthy  
 D. ugly
20. The old man \_\_\_\_\_ in his sleep last month  
 A. passed out  
 B. past away  
 C. passed on  
 D. passed over
21. Elizabeth Okoh is the name of the \_\_\_\_\_ employed by Chief Adejabor to drive him about in his new car.  
 A. charwoman  
 B. chaplain  
 C. chauffeuse  
 D. chaperon
22. The installation of the new king was without \_\_\_\_\_ from any part of the town  
 A. demur  
 B. demure  
 C. demurhage  
 D. decorum
23. The \_\_\_\_\_ boxer was knocked out in round one  
 A. ineffectual  
 B. effete  
 C. sturdy  
 D. sinewy
24. The Governor has set up a/an \_\_\_\_\_ committee to organize a befitting reception for the visiting president.  
 A. task force  
 B. reception  
 C. adhoc  
 D. official
25. The \_\_\_\_\_ brought the suffering of the animal to an end  
 A. coup de grace  
 B. coup detat  
 C. cul de sac  
 D. kill joy
26. Selario is a **sophomore** at the moment. This means Selario is \_\_\_\_\_ at the moment  
 A. a successful trader  
 B. a soothsayer  
 C. an irritable person  
 D. a student in the second year in the university
27. Many people are not satisfied with the \_\_\_\_\_ in the country today  
 A. goings-ons  
 B. on-goings  
 C. going-ons  
 D. goings-on

28. The famous author \_\_\_\_\_ many copies of the novel at the place it was  
 A. sealed  
 C. automated  
 B. autographed  
 D. autofixed
29. Abasido \_\_\_\_\_ here these days  
 A. comes seldomly  
 C. seldomly come  
 B. comes seldom  
 D. seldom comes
30. Cabinet members are \_\_\_\_\_ liable for the gloomy state of the economy  
 A. singly and doubly  
 C. jointly and collectively  
 B. jointly and severally  
 D. personally and officially
31. Abarabi is a \_\_\_\_\_ person  
 A. collected  
 C. collection  
 B. collective  
 D. collectivist
32. It is high time somebody told the man to desist from setting the cat among  
 the \_\_\_\_\_  
 A. dogs  
 C. pigeons  
 B. rats  
 D. eagles
33. The policeman who shot the thief in the head is a good \_\_\_\_\_  
 A. headshooter  
 C. marksman  
 B. targeter  
 D. markingman
34. A \_\_\_\_\_ for admission to the prestigious institution is proficiency in English  
 Language  
 A. criteria  
 C. criterion  
 B. criterium  
 D. criterio
35. Masamasa is on a knife-edge about the election into the Senate. This  
 means Masamasa is  
 A. very confident and certain  
 B. very nervous  
 C. determined to employ all means to win  
 D. about to withdraw for another candidate
36. Stephen Otobo went about the assignment **at a rate of knots** means he  
 went about the assignment  
 A. very slowly  
 B. very unbelievable determination  
 C. very rapidly  
 D. rather carelessly
37. I shall be as pleased as \_\_\_\_\_ to see you as an undergraduate soonest  
 A. Angle  
 C. Dove  
 B. Punch  
 D. Bride
38. It is commonly said that \_\_\_\_\_ is the better of valour  
 A. discretion  
 C. attitude  
 B. principle  
 D. sensibility
39. When something is about to occur, we say that the thing is \_\_\_\_\_  
 A. on the happening  
 C. in the offing  
 B. in the happen  
 D. in the imminence
40. The trophy will be won \_\_\_\_\_ this time.  
 A. at keeping  
 C. for keeping  
 B. for keeps  
 D. to be kept

41. Madam Rose Apanura is the \_\_\_\_\_ of beauty  
 A. paradox  
 B. parable  
 C. personification  
 D. metaphor
42. He said that his elder brother \_\_\_\_\_ him to commit the crime  
 A. goaled  
 B. goaded  
 C. gamboled  
 D. goofed
43. A **lexi-cographer** is one who \_\_\_\_\_  
 A. collects photographs  
 B. takes photographs of beautiful objects  
 C. speaks high-sounding words  
 D. writes dictionaries
44. Examples are \_\_\_\_\_ to convince anyone that the body is not serious by a whit.  
 A. abounds  
 B. abound  
 C. binding  
 D. bonding
45. The sick baby is being taken care of by a renowned \_\_\_\_\_  
 A. gynaecologist  
 B. occultist  
 C. paediatrician  
 D. obstetrician
46. Dr. Fengo is an **ornithologist**. This means Dr. Fengo is an expert in the study of \_\_\_\_\_  
 A. snails  
 B. snakes  
 C. birds  
 D. insects
47. Professor Afolabi is into **entomology**. This means that the Professor is into the study of \_\_\_\_\_  
 A. water animals  
 B. birds  
 C. foreign plants  
 D. insects
48. Many people recognized Asabe as **an ornery** person. This means Asabe is recognized by many people as a/an \_\_\_\_\_ person.  
 A. well-behaved  
 B. bad tempered  
 C. arrogant  
 D. neat and fashionable
49. A **suave** person is one who \_\_\_\_\_  
 A. has smooth manners  
 B. is very annoying  
 C. is very unpredictable  
 D. is rather selfish
50. The amount was **stupendous** means the amount was \_\_\_\_\_  
 A. rather small  
 B. very annoying  
 C. moderate  
 D. very great
51. The phenomenon of unnecessary anxiety or worry about one's health is known as \_\_\_\_\_  
 A. amnesia  
 B. hypochondria  
 C. megalomania  
 D. insomnia
52. He came here on **Shank's pony**. This means he came here \_\_\_\_\_  
 A. in a gorgeous dress  
 B. on foot  
 C. in company of a friend  
 D. in a very shabby form
53. A person who suffers absence of memory occasionally is said to be suffering from \_\_\_\_\_  
 A. insomnia  
 B. amnesia  
 C. apoplexy  
 D. hypnosis

54. The army of the Republic of Cassala will \_\_\_\_\_ the army of Abamo in the impending war.  
 A. rout  
 C. roast  
 B. root  
 D. roost
55. A war in which the two sides suffer much loss is a/an \_\_\_\_\_ one  
 A. interside  
 C. troublesome  
 B. internecine  
 D. palpable
56. Sendo had better \_\_\_\_\_ for the examination  
 A. prepared  
 C. got prepared  
 B. prepares  
 D. get prepared
57. I think he can do it alone, \_\_\_\_\_?  
 A. isn't it  
 C. can he  
 B. thinkn't I  
 D can't he
58. If the man had known that the woman was a witch, he would not have married her, \_\_\_\_\_?  
 A. would he  
 C. wasn't he  
 B. hadn't he  
 D. wouldn't he
59. Young children were \_\_\_\_\_ from entering into the hall to watch Batela's new film.  
 A. banned  
 C. barred  
 B. barned  
 D. bad
60. The building is being handled by three experienced \_\_\_\_\_  
 A. masonists  
 C. building expert  
 B. contractor  
 D. masons
61. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the proposed local government council is not known yet  
 A. headquaters  
 C. headquarter  
 B. headquarter  
 D. headsquaters
62. He was expelled \_\_\_\_\_ of insubordination  
 A. on the ground  
 C. with the ground  
 B. on the grounds  
 D. at the ground
63. While Deji's behaviour at the occasion was **insufferable**, Deta's was \_\_\_\_  
 A. pleasing  
 C. strange  
 B. annoying  
 D. impolite
64. The man \_\_\_\_\_ the issue of a business loan with his bank manager  
 A. breached  
 C. broached  
 B. poached  
 D. pushed
65. The embarrassed man left the man in a fit of \_\_\_\_\_  
 A. pique  
 C. complaint  
 B. regret  
 D. surprise
66. Believe you me, Nerosa is a/an \_\_\_\_\_ in this local dress  
 A. indigene  
 C. sight  
 B. figure  
 D. reality
67. A lazy person will always pass the \_\_\_\_\_  
 A. ball  
 C. bucket  
 B. buck  
 D. test
68. That is just a \_\_\_\_\_  
 A. tip of the bag  
 C. top of the iceberg  
 B. tip of the iceberg  
 D. tip of the icebag

69. I don't admire the \_\_\_\_\_ of Adulfus Omega  
 A. likes B. like  
 C. liking D. likeness
70. Theophilus and Ezenwa exchanged pleasantries \_\_\_\_\_ the plane last week.  
 A. in B. inside  
 C. on D. at
71. The man said he would not \_\_\_\_\_ words with his nagging wife  
 A. bandy B. bawdy  
 C. study D. bide
72. The published \_\_\_\_\_ informed many people of the marriage between the President's son and a vulcanizer's daughter.  
 A. barns B. banns  
 C. banner D. pamphlet
73. The parents are committed \_\_\_\_\_ their children through in life  
 A. to see B. to be seen  
 C. to seeing D. for seeing
74. A person who exaggerates things is one who draws a long \_\_\_\_\_  
 A. line B. bow  
 C. stick D. image
75. An undisciplined person will soon stew in his or her own \_\_\_\_\_  
 A. juice B. soup  
 C. pot C. oil
76. I believe that there is more in the woman's behaviour than meets the \_\_\_\_\_  
 A. mind B. eye  
 C. brain D. purpose
77. He is ready to crush anything that stands \_\_\_\_\_ his way this time.  
 A. on B. at  
 C. in D. by
78. Jingosa is a \_\_\_\_\_ boy  
 A. rascally B. rascal  
 C. rascalion D. rascality
79. The \_\_\_\_\_ man is talking nonsense  
 A. drunk B. drinking  
 C. drunken D. drunkard
80. The laudable programme was stymied by lack of \_\_\_\_\_  
 A. wherewithal B. wherefores  
 C. whereabouts D. wherein
81. The girl is **in rude health**. This means she is  
 A. carrying a pregnancy  
 B. in a poor state of health  
 C. in very good health  
 D. very stubborn
82. Aduroja is **on the fiddle** most of the time. This means he \_\_\_\_\_ most of the time  
 A. behaves dishonestly B. is very playful  
 C. behaves faithfully D. goes about drinking alcohol
83. The weaker of the two boxers threw in the \_\_\_\_\_ in round three.  
 A. belt B. gloves  
 C. punches D. sponge

threw in the

84. The resources of this country have not been fully \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. explored  
C. exploited  
B. explored  
D. exported
85. No one will like the \_\_\_\_\_ side of life
- A. seamy  
C. seaming  
B. seeming  
D. sunny
86. The man all alone \_\_\_\_\_ a big tree yesterday.
- A. falled  
C. fell  
B. felled  
D. has fallen
87. Six of the accused persons were \_\_\_\_\_ to death last week
- A. convicted  
C. confined  
B. executed  
D. condemned
88. Unscrupulous politicians will not stop rigging elections until kingdom \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. has come  
C. comes  
B. come  
D. is coming
89. That pen is not yours; it is \_\_\_\_\_
- A. somebody's else  
C. somebody else's  
B. somebody else  
D. somebody's else's
90. The efficient \_\_\_\_\_ has promised to serve the invited guests with delicious food
- A. chef  
C. coiffeur  
B. chief  
D. charwoman
91. The fantastic success recorded by this company in the outgoing year will go down in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the company.
- A. annuals  
C. gazette  
B. annals  
D. memorandum
92. Can you tell \_\_\_\_\_ the object looks like?
- A. how  
C. which  
B. what  
D. that
93. The head of the village under the siege of armed robbers had to send \_\_\_\_\_ signals to the police
- A. distress  
C. many  
B. disturbing  
D. double
94. Adaobi's **courtly** behaviour contrasts with Otema's \_\_\_\_\_ manners
- A. legalistic  
C. insufferable  
B. cheeky  
D. polite
95. The workers who worked over time were \_\_\_\_\_ by the appreciative boss.
- A. punished  
C. retrenched  
B. recompensed  
D. pilloried
96. The poem was **annotated** by Dr. Pasuma last year. This means Dr. Pasuma
- A. wrote the poem  
C. criticized the poem  
B. explained the poem  
D. recommended the poem
97. Really, one \_\_\_\_\_ does not make a summer
- A. swallow  
C. rainbow  
B. sparrow  
D. thunder
98. If you absent yourself from work without permission, we say that you have taken a \_\_\_\_\_
- A. personal leave  
C. French leave  
B. strike action  
D. German leave

99. While Yahaya is known for **parsimony**, Sandoka is known for \_\_\_\_\_  
A. alimony  
B. magnanimity  
C. assiduity  
D. animosity

100. I know you are as keen as \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. soldier  
B. politician  
C. lion  
D. mustard

# TEST 5

## A Sit-up ENGLISH Test

**Instruction:** From a list of four options, choose the option that provides the correct answer to every question in this paper.

**Time Allowed: 50 Minutes**

1. While Sentina is a tardy fellow, Sabela is ever \_\_\_\_  
A. tarry  
C. moody  
B. brisk  
D. testy
2. No sane woman will voluntarily marry a \_\_\_\_ man  
A. drunkard  
C. drunken  
B. drinking  
D. drunk
3. I can see that you are as keen as \_\_\_\_  
A. mustard  
C. mouse  
B. lion  
D. bee
4. At the end of fasting period, the woman \_\_\_\_ of her sins  
A. feels cleaned  
C. felt cleansed  
B. felt cleaned  
D. feeled forgiven
5. Whatever that made Tina \_\_\_\_ like that yesterday before the principal  
A. talks  
C. talk  
B. talked  
D. talking
6. I knew from the \_\_\_\_ that the boy \_\_\_\_  
A. onset/would fumble  
C. outset/would fumble  
B. onset/will fumbled  
D. onset/will fumble
7. Jacob said his elder brother \_\_\_\_ him on Mathematics  
A. glided  
C. goaded  
B. goaled  
D. galled
8. The mechanic **cocked the engine up** eventually. This means the mechanic  
A. spoilt the engine  
C. replaced the engine  
B. repaired the engine  
D. sold the engine
9. Mr. Tengo \_\_\_\_ one of his cars to raise money for his wife's birthday party  
A. disposed off  
C. disposed  
B. disposed of  
D. disposed out
10. You should always see the promise of a typical politician as a \_\_\_\_  
A. hoax  
C. hope  
B. coax  
D. toast
11. When we say a person is **sanguine**, we mean the person is  
A. selfish  
C. pessimistic  
B. optimistic  
D. wicked
12. By saying that Nathan is **testy**, it is meant that he is  
A. studious  
C. irritable  
B. lazy  
D. hasty
13. In fact, a **tetchy** person is \_\_\_\_ person  
A. happy  
C. a poor  
B. a bad-tempered  
D. an inquisitive
14. Babajo is **fastidious** means Babajo is  
A. curious  
C. sagacious  
B. hardworking  
D. critical

15. Yes, I can see that the man is **flummoxed**. This means the man is  
 A. drunk  
 B. pleased  
 C. patient  
 D. confused
16. The audience cheered the speaker's **flowery language**. This means the audience admitted the speaker's  
 A. high-sounding words  
 B. simple words  
 C. agricultural terms  
 D. foreign language
17. While Sendo's action is a **studied** one, Nokia's action is  
 A. illiterate  
 B. unlettered  
 C. unintentional  
 D. special
18. Maputo's success in the competition is a **calculated one**, but Tirogo's is  
 A. a fluke  
 B. miscalculated one  
 C. an original one  
 D. an illegal one
19. He is determined to crush anything that stands \_\_\_\_\_ his way to the office of the President  
 A. on  
 B. at  
 C. in  
 D. across
20. It is my good intention to invest N30m \_\_\_\_\_ Agriculture next planting season  
 A. into  
 B. in  
 C. on  
 D. for
21. The convalescing boy still \_\_\_\_\_ his meal  
 A. picks on  
 B. picks over  
 C. picks  
 D. picks at
22. The bill passed recently by the parliament is meant to \_\_\_\_\_ the opposition.  
 A. stimulate  
 B. stifle  
 C. sensitize  
 D. sanctify
23. The president will \_\_\_\_\_ the victorious members of the national football team this evening.  
 A. fete with  
 B. fete  
 C. vet  
 D. vete
24. About ten people died at the \_\_\_\_\_ of cholera in the sleazy community.  
 A. onset  
 B. outset  
 C. outstart  
 D. inset
25. Would you want me to \_\_\_\_\_ your father on your behalf?  
 A. interfere with  
 B. intervene for  
 C. intercede with  
 D. intersect at
26. You don't just criticize, you should be kind to \_\_\_\_\_ solutions to the problems identified  
 A. proffer  
 B. prefer  
 C. promote  
 D. promise
27. The General Manager of an organization is regarded as the man in the \_\_\_\_\_  
 A. office  
 B. saddle  
 C. power  
 D. influence
28. It is obvious that the woman is **pie-eyed**. This means the woman is \_\_\_\_\_  
 A. drunk  
 C. happy  
 D. shy  
 C. angry

29. When we say that something is a **jam tomorrow**, we mean that the thing is  
 A. an everlasting thing  
 B. a mirage  
 C. a constant phenomenon  
 D. a cheap thing
30. Members of the public are advised to direct all \_\_\_\_\_ to the office of the Vice-President  
 A. correspondents  
 B. correspondences  
 C. correspondence  
 D. correspondent
31. It is very obvious that factional disputes are fast \_\_\_\_\_ the ruling political party  
 A. leading  
 B. renting  
 C. rending  
 D. lending
32. Are we as safe as \_\_\_\_\_ now?  
 A. a bank  
 B. houses  
 C. nests  
 D. a grave
33. We should strive hard to prevent the \_\_\_\_\_ of this ugly incident  
 A. recurrence  
 B. reoccurrence  
 C. reoccurring  
 D. recurrent
34. A priest is expected to discharge his \_\_\_\_\_ duties with fear of God.  
 A. priestic  
 B. worshipping  
 C. sacerdotal  
 D. holistic
35. The \_\_\_\_\_ letter you wrote to the chairman last month really appalled him  
 A. insulting  
 B. emotive  
 C. emotional  
 D. abusing
36. It was a/an \_\_\_\_\_ service that was held by pastors from different churches in honour of the visiting international evangelist.  
 A. ecumenical  
 B. episcopal  
 C. theological  
 D. church
37. In my opinion, the problem in hand is **insuperable**. This means the problem is  
 A. insurmountable  
 B. inscrutable  
 C. casual  
 D. unimaginable
38. Daniel is a **skinflint** means he is a  
 A. generous giver  
 B. miser  
 C. sickler  
 D. pauper
39. The woman is **chappfallen** now. This means the woman  
 A. is in debt  
 B. used to be brilliant  
 C. is dejected  
 D. is sick
40. To **keep one's eyes peeled** is to  
 A. have a very poor vision  
 B. be watchful and careful  
 C. be very concerned about the care of one's eyes  
 D. become blind at old age
41. While Sasanato is a **spendthrift**, Sasadotu is a/an \_\_\_\_\_ fellow.  
 A. prodigal  
 B. amanuensis  
 C. skinflint  
 D. eccentric
42. The act of taking bribe by a legislator is \_\_\_\_\_  
 A. unseeming  
 B. unseemly  
 C. unseemingly  
 D. unseen

43. It is going to be \_\_\_\_\_ between you and me.  
 A. a fight to finish  
 C. a fight to the finish  
 B. the fight to the finish  
 D. fight to finish
44. Advertisements often create \_\_\_\_\_ demand for goods and services  
 A. factitious  
 C. factional  
 B. fictitious  
 D. factual
45. The captain of the victorious team said he was **fagged**. This means the captain was  
 A. tired  
 C. humiliated  
 B. insulted  
 D. honoured
46. As the country is faced with problems in all sectors, we say that the country has \_\_\_\_\_ problems.  
 A. molten  
 C. mortal  
 B. motley  
 D. mutual
47. The tough teacher watched the student he beat \_\_\_\_\_ in pain  
 A. writhe  
 C. real  
 B. wreath  
 D. roll
48. It is sheer \_\_\_\_\_ of hardwork that brought the man to the pinnacle of his chosen profession  
 A. doing  
 C. dint  
 B. deed  
 D. deal
49. It is high time the country \_\_\_\_\_ the problem of bribery and corruption  
 A. grabbed  
 C. grasped  
 B. grappled on  
 D. grappled with
50. Professor Newton is a man of \_\_\_\_\_ integrity.  
 A. proven  
 C. proved  
 B. proving  
 D. proof
51. I am cocksure that Rose is not wiser than \_\_\_\_\_  
 A. me  
 C. him  
 B. he  
 D. her
52. It is useless looking for a needle in a \_\_\_\_\_  
 A. bag  
 C. haystack  
 B. shop  
 D. machine
53. In point of fact, it was a **ludicrous** episode we witnessed yesterday. This means the episode was  
 A. ridiculous  
 C. funny  
 B. harmonious  
 D. embarrassing
54. Do you think the Senior Prefect deserved the **excoriation** he got from the Principal last week?  
 A. exaltation  
 C. gift  
 B. criticism  
 D. praise
55. Simbo **took Stella to the cleaners** last month. This means that Simbo  
 A. duped Stella of her money  
 B. criticized Stella's uncouth behaviour  
 C. asked for Stella's hand in marriage  
 D. came to the assistance of Stella
56. The poor girl is sad because her mother \_\_\_\_\_ her every now and then  
 A. picks on  
 C. picks at  
 B. picks over  
 D. picks for

57. I saw the young lovers \_\_\_\_\_ at the bar beach yesterday  
 A. billing and cooing  
 B. kissing and stitching  
 C. mooing and muting  
 D. looking and watching
58. Dr. Nerosa was \_\_\_\_\_ the panel that investigated the causes of the communal riot.  
 A. in  
 B. with  
 C. inside  
 D. on
59. Butama is often described as a **Job's comforter**. This means that Butama is a person who  
 A. enjoys consoling people in problem  
 B. worsens the agony of the person he is supposed to be comforting  
 C. stays long with anyone in problem until the person is fully pacified  
 D. speaks words of God to comfort people in distress
60. Don't you think the man will make \_\_\_\_\_ of the task?  
 A. shambles  
 B. shamle  
 C. a shambles  
 D. a shamle
61. The teacher is rather quick in action as he always give any erring student short \_\_\_\_\_  
 A. shift  
 B. shrift  
 C. stroke  
 D. shaft
62. The police acted promptly to \_\_\_\_\_ the scene of the volcanic eruption  
 A. condone off  
 B. condone of  
 C. cuddle up  
 D. cordon off
63. It took the police some hours to \_\_\_\_\_ written confessional statements out of the robbery suspects.  
 A. price  
 B. prise  
 C. pilfer  
 D. pass
64. Natanga is obviously \_\_\_\_\_ the fraud.  
 A. prior to  
 B. party for  
 C. privy to  
 D. consigned with
65. The experienced carpenter \_\_\_\_\_ the wood work beautifully  
 A. vanished  
 B. varnished  
 C. furnished  
 D. furbished
66. Believe you me, Michael is a guitar \_\_\_\_\_  
 A. virtuoso  
 B. virtuerer  
 C. virtuosity  
 D. virtue
67. I am your friend, \_\_\_\_\_?  
 A. amn't I  
 B. am I not  
 C. aren't I  
 D. am I
68. Our footballers **are no great shakes** at the moment. This means our footballers are  
 A. not well-paid at the moment  
 B. very dependable at the moment  
 C. inefficient at the moment  
 D. very pleased at the moment

69. The boy will be considered for the job **when push comes to shove**. This means the boy will be considered  
 A. when there is no other choice  
 B. when the boy must be employed to avoid trouble  
 C. when it becomes cheaper to employ him than another person  
 D. when the organization is being pushed to liquidation.
70. Elderly people are highly respected for their \_\_\_\_\_ sayings  
 A. pity  
 B. pithy  
 C. piteous  
 D. pitiful
71. If Waraba hurt you, what \_\_\_\_\_?  
 A. will you do  
 B. can you do  
 C. would you do  
 D. have you done
72. There is no denying the fact that criminals \_\_\_\_\_ hotels.  
 A. hunt  
 B. hound  
 C. haul  
 D. haunt
73. The trickster was able to dupe the \_\_\_\_\_ victims with ease  
 A. unsuspecting  
 B. unsuspecting  
 C. unsuspected  
 D. suspiciousless
74. Darego hit Elido hard, \_\_\_\_\_?  
 A. doesn't he  
 B. hitn't he  
 C. didn't he  
 D. was he
75. The case has been adjourned \_\_\_\_\_ next month as two suspects are still \_\_\_\_\_  
 A. till/missing  
 B. to/on large  
 C. until/ on the run  
 D. to/ at large
76. The governor has refused to give his \_\_\_\_\_ to one of the bills passed by the House of Assembly  
 A. accent  
 B. ascent  
 C. assent  
 D. assessment
77. If you fail this test, you will get words of \_\_\_\_\_ from your father.  
 A. reproof  
 B. reproof  
 C. reproving  
 D. reprove
78. I repose much confidence \_\_\_\_\_ my uncle.  
 A. on  
 B. in  
 C. over  
 D. with
79. \_\_\_\_\_ that all is not well with the members of the club.  
 A. Supposing to say  
 B. Suffice to say  
 C. Sufficient to say  
 D. Suppose to say
80. It is very unfortunate that some members of the club are being \_\_\_\_\_ by the President.  
 A. kept down  
 B. kept up  
 C. kept out  
 D. kept on
81. In my opinion, the points made by the guest speaker are as plain as \_\_\_\_  
 A. an onion  
 B. a star  
 C. a spikestaff  
 D. a wand
82. The shameless womanizer is in the habit of \_\_\_\_\_ money to entice women  
 A. staking  
 B. flaunting  
 C. fawning  
 D. trickling

83. Political office holders in my country have inculcated the habit of wasting money without \_\_\_\_\_ to consider the plight of the citizens.  
 A. watching  
 B. deigning  
 C. mooing  
 D. insisting on
84. I am sure that a sane person will not \_\_\_\_\_ his wealth  
 A. spray  
 B. fawn  
 C. flaunt  
 D. flush
85. The man's assistant will hold the \_\_\_\_\_ for him in his absence.  
 A. fort  
 B. forte  
 C. fortress  
 D. format
86. The goat in the woman's custody is a **hostage to fortune**. This means  
 A. the woman will suffer if the goat is lost  
 B. the goat is making woman suffer now  
 C. the goat is in a delicate condition in the woman's custody  
 D. with the goat in the woman's custody, fortune will not come to her
87. I want to tell you that it has not **come to the crunch** yet. This means it has not  
 A. come to the time of a serious crisis  
 B. come to time of actions and decisions  
 C. come to the time of entertainment and relaxation  
 D. come to the meeting time
88. Chigoe's uncle is a **cuckold**. This means the uncle  
 A. had just changed an old job  
 B. has just lost his wife  
 C. is one whose wife has committed adultery  
 D. is one who sticks to old practices.
89. The man \_\_\_\_\_ the rabid dog to the tree in front of his house  
 A. pilloried  
 B. pinioned  
 C. pinpointed  
 D. pilfered
90. The guests were **tickled pink** at Sabela's birthday party recently. This means the guests were  
 A. amused  
 B. fed to satisfaction  
 C. made drunk  
 D. annoyed
91. The rascally boy broke into my room and \_\_\_\_\_ off with my calculator  
 A. walked  
 B. waltzed  
 C. waggled  
 D. warded
92. The man may **blow his stack** any time from now. This means the man may  
 A. resign his appointment  
 B. suffer a great disappointment  
 C. incur debt  
 D. lose his temper
93. Nicolas is described as a **stayer** because he  
 A. has the strength to continue in a competition till the end  
 B. often stays in a place longer than necessary  
 C. is never moved by embarrassment  
 D. is terribly dull
94. The programme stopped for some time during the \_\_\_\_\_ of the communal crisis  
 A. continuity  
 B. continuation  
 C. continuance  
 D. continue

95. Many people see the imposition of dusk to dawn curfew on the two warring communities as a \_\_\_\_\_
- A. punishment  
B. placebo  
C. tranquility  
D. parole
96. The National Identity Card project will likely be \_\_\_\_\_ until the second term of the president.
- A. held out  
B. held on  
C. held over  
D. held off
97. Ezekoleze is \_\_\_\_\_ the staff of Ezendo Construction Company
- A. in  
B. on  
C. with  
D. for
98. The students went to the place **on shank pony**. This means they went to the place
- A. on their own volition  
B. by bus  
C. on foot  
D. without invitation
99. At this juncture, I will honestly advise you to gird your \_\_\_\_\_ for the task ahead
- A. girdle  
B. loins  
C. joint  
D. mood
100. Samson is obviously **on his uppers**. This means it is obvious that Samson is
- A. comfortable in life  
B. poor  
C. at the apex of his profession  
D. ever busy at work

# TEST 6

## A fasten-your-belt ENGLISH test

**Instruction:** From a list of four options, choose the option that provides the correct answer to every question in this paper.

**Time Allowed: 50 Minutes**

- The death of the company's chairman has made it \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. rough  
B. rustic  
C. rudderless  
D. rubbishy
- The \_\_\_\_\_ of chief Nangerwa is the new Chancellor of Budex University recently was witnessed by people from all walks of life.  
A. investiture  
B. investment  
C. inversion  
D. invention
- The nagging woman is obviously an \_\_\_\_\_ to her easy-going husband.  
A. encumbrance  
B. encumberer  
C. encumber  
D. encumberant
- I am sure that an \_\_\_\_\_ is a bother to his or her parents.  
A. indisciplined child  
B. adventurer  
C. enfant terrible  
D. infant terrorist
- The **pulchritude** of Wedo contrasts with the \_\_\_\_\_ of Selina.  
A. rectitude  
B. negligence  
C. cowardice  
D. ugliness
- He described the match between Flamingo FC and Parot FC as a \_\_\_\_\_ one because it lacked expected actions.  
A. drab  
B. violent  
C. tenacious  
D. tough
- One could perceive \_\_\_\_\_ in the faces of the people watching the poor quality film.  
A. empathy  
B. enthusiasm  
C. ennui  
D. envy
- The man who stood in for your father at the PTA meeting of your school last week actually acted \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. in locus standi  
B. in loco parentis  
C. in loco paternity  
D. in loco status
- The woman was full of \_\_\_\_\_ against the killer of her only goat.  
A. invectiveness  
B. invectives  
C. infectives  
D. invectives
- I have just told you the \_\_\_\_\_ truth about the state of affairs in this country today.  
A. fact  
B. real  
C. gospel  
D. realistic
- A \_\_\_\_\_ was issued at the end of the meeting of the Presidents of African countries.  
A. gazette  
B. memorandum  
C. communiqué  
D. report
- The police are looking for the \_\_\_\_\_ of the unauthorized meeting.  
A. conveyor  
B. convener  
C. conscriptor  
D. campaigner

13. A person who dies without leaving a will behind him or her is said to have died \_\_\_\_\_  
 A. intestate  
 B. will-less  
 C. unwilled  
 D. indubitable
14. I know from the \_\_\_\_\_ that the man would disappoint you.  
 A. outstart  
 B. onset  
 C. onstart  
 D. outset
15. Hardly had the riot started when security \_\_\_\_\_ were invited to the scene  
 A. operators  
 B. operatives  
 C. masters  
 D. directors
16. The member of the club are **severally** liable  
 A. collectively  
 B. in many ways  
 C. separately  
 D. permanently
17. A sycophant is a person who always likes to \_\_\_\_\_ favour  
 A. enjoy  
 B. carry  
 C. curry  
 D. incur
18. That issue you have just raised is a different kettle of \_\_\_\_\_  
 A. water  
 B. fish  
 C. tea  
 D. soup
19. The father of the hardworking undergraduate told him that he could see that he was in the \_\_\_\_\_ of earning a university degree  
 A. throes  
 B. throws  
 C. trouble  
 D. trauma
20. This is to tell you that all \_\_\_\_\_ should be directed to the address above.  
 A. correspondences  
 B. correspondence  
 C. correspondents  
 D. correspondent
21. To the surprise of many people, ten \_\_\_\_\_ volunteered to defend the notorious armed robber at Maputo High Court.  
 A. counsel  
 B. lawyer  
 C. advocators  
 D. counsels
22. The greatness of a country \_\_\_\_\_ the welfare of its citizens  
 A. consists of  
 B. consists in  
 C. comprises of  
 D. constituted
23. I don't want you to see me as a \_\_\_\_\_ in the machine  
 A. spoke  
 B. cog  
 C. rod  
 D. line
24. My elder brother was \_\_\_\_\_ into the army last year  
 A. indicted  
 B. induced  
 C. inducted  
 D. indulged
25. The \_\_\_\_\_ student was expelled last term  
 A. undisciplined  
 B. indiscipined  
 C. non-disciplined  
 D. misdisciplined
26. One of the accused persons said that he was \_\_\_\_\_ by a classmate  
 A. implicated  
 B. indicted  
 C. embarrass  
 D. complicated
27. Every member of the panel was paid a/an \_\_\_\_\_  
 A. gift  
 B. honoraria  
 C. honorarium  
 D. salary

43. Examination malpractices are so \_\_\_\_\_ nowadays that many candidates don't believe the efficacy of hardwork again.  
 A. rife B. rout  
 C. rife D. rite
44. You are warned to beware of the \_\_\_\_\_ of tricksters  
 A. woes B. wins  
 C. weens D. wiles
45. The \_\_\_\_\_ prays for my family every morning  
 A. clergy B. cleric  
 C. clerk D. pastors
46. Is Jonathan a \_\_\_\_\_ Christian?  
 A. devout B. devote  
 C. devoted D. devoted
47. It is the \_\_\_\_\_ of a good teacher to teach his students to pass examinations.  
 A. binding duty B. bounding duty  
 C. bounden duty D. bidden duty
48. The passenger \_\_\_\_\_ the taxi side-screen up without the approval of the driver  
 A. raised B. brought  
 C. wounded D. winded
49. The brilliant boy has been advised to look to his \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. position B. laurels  
 C. prizes D. brain
50. Swindlers speak with great \_\_\_\_\_ to catch their victims with ease  
 A. unction B. effort  
 C. auction D. induction
51. The no non-sense judge has ordered that a \_\_\_\_\_ be served on the wife of the president with immediate effect.  
 A. summons B. summon  
 C. communiqué D. gazette
52. The flag was \_\_\_\_\_ at half \_\_\_\_\_ to mourn the slain president  
 A. foisted/mass B. hoisted/mast  
 C. flown/range D. blown/still
53. Kingsley is **in the cart**. This means he is  
 A. in high spirits B. in a comfortable state  
 C. in an awkward situation D. on the run
54. To be a **knight in shining armour** is to be a  
 A. very adroit fighter  
 B. person who sets two people against each other  
 C. person who saves another person in a dangerous situation  
 D. person who dresses attractively often
55. To **bite the bullet** is to  
 A. die of army gunshots  
 B. accept something unpleasant because one is helpless  
 C. swear forcibly against something  
 D. commit suicide by eating poisoned food.
56. Tundo and Muro are **as thick as thieves**. They are  
 A. very friendly B. partners in crime  
 C. very identical in stature D. hardened and notorious criminal

57. Your comment is an **old wives' tale**. This means your comment is  
 A. very reasonable  
 B. quite pertinent  
 C. very articulate  
 D. rather foolish
58. To **take the bit between one's teeth** is to  
 A. avoid any thing that can bring pain  
 B. complain about a wrong to the authorities  
 C. give the little gift one can effort to somebody  
 D. tackle a difficult task with determination
59. Her mother told her about **the birds and the bees**. This means her mother told her  
 A. fundamental facts about sex.  
 B. about the dangers in friendship  
 C. about the predatory relationships between animals and insects  
 D. about the inherent misunderstandings in the interpersonal relationship
60. The man is **wet behind the ears**. This means he is  
 A. a good swimmer  
 B. a gossip  
 C. inexperienced  
 D. inquisitive
61. This is really a **chicken-and-egg** situation. This means  
 A. a situation in which no one can speak the truth  
 B. a situation in which it is difficult to tell which one of any two things was the cause of the other  
 C. a very sensitive situation  
 D. a situation which concerns the youths
62. Tema is **the bee's knees** in my group. This means Tema is  
 A. the dumbest person in the group  
 B. the most wicked person in the group  
 C. the best person in the group  
 D. the smallest person in the group
63. Barnabas **goes bananas** everytime he comes here. This means every time Barnabas comes here, he  
 A. prefers to be served with bananas  
 B. is angry  
 C. is cool and gentle  
 D. breaks his fast
64. Adabana is a **rough diamond** means Adabana is  
 A. a very dirty person  
 B. a poorly paid person in a large-scale company  
 C. an officious person  
 D. one who lacks good manners but believed to have great ability
65. Kanu \_\_\_\_\_ rice as it is the only food he eats nowadays  
 A. lives on  
 B. lives off  
 C. live with  
 D. live by
66. It is a pity that the home team has \_\_\_\_\_ another chance to move into the lead.  
 A. bungled  
 B. bundled  
 C. burgled  
 D. broaden

67. The clergy need the support of the \_\_\_\_\_ in the administration of the church  
 A. choir  
 B. laity  
 C. assembly  
 D. deacons
68. Jarome speaks French fluently to \_\_\_\_\_ a French citizen  
 A. pass with  
 B. pass by  
 C. pass for  
 D. pass to
69. Litoba said he was \_\_\_\_\_ by Jerome  
 A. smitted  
 B. smoten  
 C. smitten  
 D. smote
70. The lecturer does not \_\_\_\_\_ his real age  
 A. seam  
 B. look  
 C. appear  
 D. seems
71. Bassey: 'I prefer writing to reading notes' Musa: \_\_\_\_\_  
 A. So am I  
 B. So do I  
 C. So also is me  
 D. I am too
72. All sorts of people were present at the **obsequies**. That is, at the \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. launching ceremonies  
 B. coronation ceremonies  
 C. funeral ceremonies  
 D. marriage ceremonies
73. The woman lost consciousness for a \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. spilt second  
 B. split second  
 C. spill second  
 D. splitting period
74. Madagona stole forty \_\_\_\_\_ last week  
 A. herd of cattles  
 B. herds of cattle  
 C. head of cattle  
 D. heads of cattle
75. The embattled president has vowed to deal with the members of the \_\_\_\_\_ if they are caught eventually.  
 A. army  
 B. police  
 C. militia  
 D. military
76. Losers of elections congratulate winners in Africa! Yes, and \_\_\_\_\_ might fly.  
 A. pigs  
 B. dogs  
 C. hawks  
 D. pigeons
77. I want to tell you whole-heartedly that jeans are **still flavour of the** \_\_\_\_\_ among undergraduates  
 A. day  
 B. month  
 C. moment  
 D. time
78. The \_\_\_\_\_ eventually got justice in a higher court  
 A. appellant  
 B. bailiff  
 C. appellatant  
 D. prosecutor
79. Focus Specialist Hospital attended to several \_\_\_\_\_ from other hospitals last month.  
 A. referrers  
 B. referrals  
 C. references  
 D. referees
80. The new manager's \_\_\_\_\_ makes him very popular among the workers of the company  
 A. empathy  
 B. apathy  
 C. acerbity  
 D. temerity

81. Politicians are fond of tilting at \_\_\_\_\_  
 A. shadows  
 C. windmills  
 B. opponents  
 D. elections
82. My country has many things to learn from \_\_\_\_\_  
 country has many things to learn from **the Orient**. This means my  
 A. the Eastern countries  
 C. the Northern countries  
 B. the Western countries  
 D. the Southern countries
83. You should know that Yetaha was \_\_\_\_\_ to the deal  
 A. privy  
 C. prissy  
 B. privileged  
 D. primary
84. The USA can boast of sophisticated military \_\_\_\_\_ today  
 A. hardwares  
 C. hardwears  
 B. hardware  
 D. hardware
85. The Chairman of the probe panel said that the panel's \_\_\_\_\_ were not explicit  
 A. times of reference  
 C. times of reverence  
 B. terms of reference  
 D. terms of reverence
86. The woman **powders her nose** every evening means the woman \_\_\_\_\_ every evening  
 A. flirts with men  
 C. observes a comforting rest  
 B. goes to toilet  
 D. goes out for fun
87. Mobutu is a **dead ringer** for Bagudu who died last week. This means Mobutu  
 A. is the ring leader of the gang that killed Bagudu  
 B. so much hates Bagudu that he always speaks ill of him  
 C. looks like Bagudu in appearance  
 D. is ready to avenge the death of Bagudu in any way he can
88. The musician really \_\_\_\_\_ Europe before he returned home last month.  
 A. exploited  
 C. exhibited  
 B. explored  
 D. examined
89. The elite \_\_\_\_\_ many fine ideas to suggest to government  
 A. have  
 C. thinks up  
 B. has  
 D. is having
90. The only student who failed the test \_\_\_\_\_ away without the knowledge of the teacher.  
 A. slank  
 C. slink  
 B. slunk  
 D. slanked
91. The clergy \_\_\_\_\_ everyday for the success of the new government  
 A. are praying  
 C. pray  
 B. is praying  
 D. prays
92. While Adarago is a **skinflint**, Chigoe is a/an \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. intruder  
 C. niggard  
 B. hardworker  
 D. spendthrift
93. The members of the club have \_\_\_\_\_ to cooperate with the new president  
 A. refuse  
 C. resorted  
 B. resulted  
 D. resolved
94. I want to tell you that your sister is a **bit of crumpet**. This means she is  
 A. rather rude  
 C. shy  
 B. pretty  
 D. very lazy

95. To ensure moral rectitude in the country, books and films should be properly \_\_\_\_\_
- A. printed and recorded  
B. censured  
C. censored  
D. registered
96. She \_\_\_\_\_ with dysentery and was unable to attend the party
- A. came up  
B. came out  
C. came down  
D. came off
97. You can import quality electrical appliances from the **Occident**. This means you can import from
- A. the Western countries  
B. the Eastern countries  
C. the Northern countries  
D. the Southern countries
98. Temu Rengo visited **the Big Apple** recently. This means Temu visited \_\_\_\_\_ recently.
- A. China  
B. The United Kingdom  
C. New York  
D. The Moon
99. Dele Odule's latest film has a **sylvan** setting. This means the film has a \_\_\_\_\_ setting.
- A. rural  
B. urban  
C. exotic  
D. flashy
100. Sabetoma is a **shrinking violet**. This means that she is
- A. an indigent person  
B. a beautiful person  
C. a very shy person  
D. a troublesome person.

## TEST 7

# A ROLL-UP-YOUR-SLEEVES TEST

Instruction: From a list of four options, choose the option that provides the  
Time Allowed: 50 Minutes

1. While Diego Merenge is a **shiftless** person. Maitó Santana is \_\_\_\_\_ person.  
A. an indolent  
B. a diligent  
C. a shifty  
D. a selfless
2. He would like to see the woman in **sackcloth and ashes**. This means we would like to see the woman  
A. carry pregnancy  
B. to show signs that she is sorry for an offence  
C. complain vehemently about the unfair treatment by her husband  
D. cheerful at all times.
3. The old man **hit the hay** at 9pm yesterday. This means the old man \_\_\_\_\_ at 9pm yesterday  
A. went to bed  
B. passed on  
C. fainted  
D. fell sick
4. Masamasa makes an honest woman of Stella. This means Masamasa  
A. is convinced of the honesty of Stella  
B. teaches Stella how to be honest  
C. marries Stella after having sexual relationship with her  
D. prefers Stella to any other woman for her honesty.
5. He will certainly **be for the high jump** this time. This means he will be \_\_\_\_\_  
A. warned  
B. punished  
C. promoted  
D. decorated
6. The boy said he would **score off** his opponent in the competition. This means he will  
A. make his opponent appear foolish  
B. score more goals than his opponent  
C. score a goal before his opponent  
D. try to make his opponent score from a wrong position.
7. It seems that **the gloves are off the man's hands**. This means it appears  
A. the man is ready to make peace  
B. the man is ready for a fight  
C. the man is through with his nagging wife  
D. the man has resigned from his place of work
8. As the man no longer smokes cigarette, we say the ugly habit has flown out of \_\_\_\_\_  
A. the wind  
B. the heart  
C. the window  
D. the air
9. What do you see to the **sequestration** of Mobamba's car? This refers to the \_\_\_\_\_ of Mobamba's car.  
A. seizure for non-payment of a debt  
B. seizure for lack of necessary papers  
C. loss to a car snatcher  
D. loss to fire

10. When we say that a boat turns, we mean the boat \_\_\_\_\_  
 A. is empty  
 B. is full with cargo  
 C. capsizes  
 D. is costly
11. Do you know the **schmo** that left a short while ago?  
 A. scholar  
 B. pedantist  
 C. votary  
 D. fool
12. He travelled out of the country \_\_\_\_\_  
 A. with the false pretend  
 B. under false pretences  
 C. for the false pretence  
 D. under false pretexts
13. Many a politician is a pretender \_\_\_\_\_ patriotism  
 A. for  
 B. about  
 C. on  
 D. to
14. The teacher said he would give free \_\_\_\_\_ to every student.  
 A. rein  
 B. reins  
 C. reign  
 D. reigns
15. The men were **shooting the breeze** at that time. This means they were \_\_\_\_\_  
 A. asleep  
 B. recuperating from illness  
 C. having a casual discussion  
 D. having a casual discussion
16. They recognized her as **the bee's knees** in the group.  
 A. the worst  
 B. the best  
 C. the noisiest  
 D. the most wicked
17. The girl was born yesterday. This means the girl  
 A. lacks experience  
 B. is very young and beautiful  
 C. is very respectful  
 D. is conservative
18. Dende had to contend with a can of worms last month. This means Dende was  
 A. faced with a rather difficult problem last month  
 B. down with a strange illness last month  
 C. attacked by thugs last month  
 D. encouraged to work hard for success last month.
19. Nangerewa is **woozy**. This means he is  
 A. lazy  
 B. tired as a result of too much work  
 C. unwell as a result of too much alcohol  
 D. very wicked
20. When a person has a strong desire for something, we mean that the person has \_\_\_\_\_ for the thing  
 A. an eon  
 B. a yard  
 C. a yarn  
 D. a yen
21. Manta is an **anchorite**. This means Manta is  
 A. a habitual drinker of alcohol  
 B. one who lives completely alone on the ground of religion.  
 C. one hated by many people  
 D. a rather hardworking person
22. If you fail the forthcoming universities matriculation examination, your father will be terribly angry. This means your father will  
 A. throw a spanner  
 B. throw a wobbly  
 C. spin a yarn  
 D. chew the rag

23. Banteh is randier than Buyowa. This means Banteh is \_\_\_\_\_  
 A. livelier  
 B. more robust  
 C. more sexually excited  
 D. more timorous
24. Maruwa is **livid**. This means Maruwa is \_\_\_\_\_  
 A. a very lively  
 B. extremely angry  
 C. seriously ill  
 D. pathetically poor
25. The organization is **rudderless**. This means the organization is \_\_\_\_\_  
 A. not following a particular direction  
 B. broke and bankrupt  
 C. understaffed  
 D. oerstaffed
26. Is your brother a **roomer**? This is asking if your brother \_\_\_\_\_  
 A. is an owner of a room  
 B. is a tenant  
 C. owns land on which he can build a house  
 D. shares a room with another person
27. To **gild the lilly** is to,  
 A. worsen or aggravate  
 B. pretend to be virtuous  
 C. be arrogant  
 D. to improve something already satisfactory
28. Beautiful surroundings conduce \_\_\_\_\_ good health  
 A. for  
 B. to  
 C. with  
 D. in
29. The boy prides himself \_\_\_\_\_ his nomination as the senior prefect.  
 A. on  
 B. for  
 C. with  
 D. in
30. If a person manages his own affairs without assistance from other people, we say the person \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. sows for himself  
 B. shifts for himself  
 C. sets for himself  
 D. strews for himself
31. To force somebody to do something is to  
 A. encourage him to do the thing  
 B. rattle the person into doing the thing  
 C. rainroad the person into doing the thing  
 D. rave at the person to do the thing
32. Y our elder brother is a **recluse**. He is \_\_\_\_\_  
 A. a hermit  
 B. a recondite  
 C. an intruder  
 D. a loon
33. It is obvious that Santoto Wendo **is on the rack**. This mean Santoto is  
 A. very happy  
 B. very accommodating  
 C. suffering mental pain  
 D. very sober
34. While Asamedo encourages **converging** dispositions, Tirogo preaches \_\_\_\_\_ dispositions.  
 A. disparate  
 B. disparaging  
 C. convalescing  
 D. concordant
35. He was expelled \_\_\_\_\_ reason of gross misconduct  
 A. with  
 B. for  
 C. by  
 D. on
36. As Otemao didn't have any serious work to do, he \_\_\_\_\_ with a friend  
 A. string along  
 B. strings along  
 C. strung along  
 D. stringed along



51. Although many people said the incident was a **studied** one, the man maintained that it was  
 A. unknown  
 B. unwritten  
 C. accidental  
 D. steady
52. The accused person eventually got off lightly. This means the accused  
 A. escaped serious punishment  
 B. escaped light punishment  
 C. was freed after light punishment  
 D. paid a huge fine
53. I will not allow you to \_\_\_\_\_ your ideas on me.  
 A. host  
 B. hoist  
 C. foist  
 D. filter
54. Where a person exudes the qualities of a master, we say the person is \_\_\_\_\_  
 A. masterful  
 B. masterly  
 C. mastering  
 D. masteric
55. There is more to the constitutional amendment than \_\_\_\_\_  
 A. suggest to the mind  
 B. meet the mind  
 C. meet the eye  
 D. got to head
56. Infact, erratic supply of electricity will continue to \_\_\_\_\_ economic development in this country.  
 A. exemplify  
 B. stratify  
 C. stabilize  
 D. stultify
57. \_\_\_\_\_ does not believe in hardwork these days.  
 A. Many students  
 B. Many a student  
 C. Some students  
 D. A few student
58. Samalia and Sambawa were \_\_\_\_\_ the committee that handled the allocation of federal government quarters.  
 A. on  
 B. in  
 C. with  
 D. for
59. Maito Dabaito is called **A Nosey Parker** because he  
 A. has travelled far and wide  
 B. has a rather big nose  
 C. shows curiosity in the affairs of other people  
 D. speaks and understands many international languages
60. Stephen Drogba is a **cipher**. This means he is a person  
 A. of no importance  
 B. who goes about harassing people  
 C. who is very rich  
 D. who is very fashionable
61. It is said that "he that pays the piper..."  
 A. dictates the tone  
 B. calls the tune  
 C. who is very rich  
 D. defines the tone
62. Lepadgau **is as pissed as a newt** means Lepadgau is  
 A. very diligent  
 B. very drunk  
 C. very fashionable  
 D. slightly crazy
63. The woman asked the man  
 A. if he was interested in marrying her  
 B. did you want to marry me  
 C. if he has married already  
 D. if she could packed into his house immediately

64. You are advised to see how the \_\_\_\_\_ lies before you make any comments  
 A. public B. bed  
 C. lizard D. land
65. Rando is as mad as  
 A. a builder B. a hatter  
 C. an antelope D. a weaver
66. The man's wealth is indeed a \_\_\_\_\_  
 A. boat from the sea B. bolt from the sky  
 C. bolt from the blue D. boat from the archer
67. To **hit the target**, is to hit the \_\_\_\_\_  
 A. the dog's eye B. the bull's eye  
 C. the cat's eye D. the eagle's eye
68. When we say that a person carries everything before himself or herself, we mean the person  
 A. is very successful B. is very greedy  
 C. covets other people's belonging  
 D. is highly aggressive
69. You should not cheese your parents off. This means you should not \_\_\_\_\_  
 A. annoy your parents B. cheat your parents  
 C. harm your parents D. spite your parents
70. To say that a person runs to seed means that the person.  
 A. is unwell B. is less efficient  
 C. is popular D. is unwell
71. The bag is not mine, it is \_\_\_\_\_  
 A. someone's else B. someone else's  
 C. someone else D. someone's else's
72. Kenny is as keen as \_\_\_\_\_ to become the next Governor of his state.  
 A. musket B. tiger  
 C. mustard D. cat
73. Tunde's idea to change the name of his town has passed the muster. This means the idea  
 A. has been totally rejected B. has been widely accepted  
 C. is regarded as irrational D. has been modified
74. Who will not take fright \_\_\_\_\_ the bomb blast!  
 A. for B. with  
 C. about D. at
75. Bodmas is better \_\_\_\_\_ Mathematics than Chinwe  
 A. in B. with  
 C. at D. on
76. Elekeru's teacher is always disgusted \_\_\_\_\_ him  
 A. with B. at  
 C. by D. in
77. We were sated \_\_\_\_\_ entertainment at the President's son's birthday party.  
 A. at B. with  
 C. by D. for
78. I wish I \_\_\_\_\_ German.  
 A. understand B. understands  
 C. understood D. am understanding

79. Pastor Adadevor said he believed that evil thoughts \_\_\_\_\_ in the mind of the woman  
 A. lucked  
 C. locked  
 B. lurked  
 D. lorded
80. The demonstrating students are only crying \_\_\_\_\_ as the school authorities always take them into consideration.  
 A. bird  
 C. dog  
 B. wolf  
 D. monkey
81. It is characteristic of a typical womanizer to talk \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. fluently  
 C. tall  
 B. arrogantly  
 D. fancifully
82. Timothy is a \_\_\_\_\_ Christian  
 A. devout  
 C. devoted  
 B. devoted  
 D. devote
83. I want you to know that skating on a thin ice is \_\_\_\_\_ with danger.  
 A. fraught  
 C. fought  
 B. fraught  
 D. fright
84. The lazy boy knew from the outset that he was \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. born for  
 C. done for  
 B. borne for  
 D. bore for
85. The man is now in a **loon-bin**. This means he is  
 A. living in comfort  
 C. in a mental home  
 B. living in poverty  
 D. in prison
86. The country is already \_\_\_\_\_ with too many political parties  
 A. abased  
 C. enmeshed  
 B. polity  
 D. awashed
87. Don't you sincerely think the politicians are really heating up the \_\_\_\_\_?  
 A. politics  
 C. crisis  
 B. polity  
 D. entity
88. The woman covered her face with a **diaphanous** veil.  
 A. black and thick  
 C. light and transparent  
 B. thick and wooly  
 D. loose and dirty
89. Merenge is as drunk as \_\_\_\_\_ now  
 A. a lord  
 C. an ostrich  
 B. a butcher  
 D. a bottle-opener
90. In my opinion, the man is **ornery**. This means the man is  
 A. fashionable  
 C. bad tempered  
 B. arrogant  
 D. accommodating
91. A person who prefers being alone to being in company of others is  
 A. a stickler  
 C. a puritan  
 B. a lone wolf  
 D. a lone looker
92. It is a clear case of **runs** with the boy. This refers to a case of  
 A. madness  
 C. diarrhea  
 B. catarrh  
 D. poverty
93. The list of the new converts is as long as your  
 A. arm  
 C. neck  
 B. leg  
 D. trunk

94. Sabela's **malleability** contrasts sharply with Otendo's \_\_\_\_\_  
 A. frigidity  
 B. partiality  
 C. adamancy  
 D. lunacy
95. The girl complained that the boy got in her hair. This means the boy  
 A. raped the girl  
 B. annoyed the girl  
 C. deceived the girl  
 D. spied on the girl
96. Chichi Moshe is obviously **lovelorn**. This means she is  
 A. deeply in love  
 B. sad because of unrequited love  
 C. in multiple love  
 D. really enjoying the love of her partner
97. The task is **very** different at the moment  
 A. so  
 B. rather so  
 C. too quite  
 D. only too
98. It is \_\_\_\_\_ to be wasteful  
 A. inadvisable  
 B. non advisable  
 C. unadvisable  
 D. unadviseable
99. Temora is described as a **slacker** because he  
 A. repairs things carelessly  
 B. avoids work  
 C. does work after others have done theirs  
 D. sleeps at work
100. At this juncture, everyone needs to \_\_\_\_\_ his loins.  
 A. gird  
 B. guide  
 C. guard  
 D. grind

## TEST 8

**Instruction: Answer all the questions in this paper to the best of your knowledge of English**

**Time allowed: 50 minutes**

1. I just want you to know that the law of \_\_\_\_\_ says that your darling team will win the final match.  
(a) sport (b) sports  
(c) averages (d) competition
2. A **gangling** person is the same as \_\_\_\_\_ person  
(a) an enduring (b) a go-getter  
(c) an idle (d) a lanky
3. There is no denying that Wole Soyinka is Africa's greatest playwright by \_\_\_\_\_  
(a) a dot (b) a mile  
(c) a leap (d) an acceptance
4. In my \_\_\_\_\_ a lazy student will suffer failure  
(a) take (b) taking  
(c) takes (d) token
5. To accept that a statement is correct without discussing it is to the statement  
(a) as fact (b) as read  
(c) in trust (d) with love
6. Who kicked the new programme into touch? This is asking for the identity of the person who  
(a) stopped the programme from reaching completion  
(b) started the programme  
(c) financed the new programme  
(d) initiated the taking off of the new programme.
7. The \_\_\_\_\_ of your comment is simply that you are not interested in politics  
(a) importance (b) importation  
(c) import (d) important
8. Realizing that death is a necessary end of every being, the man remained \_\_\_\_\_ when the news of his wife was broken to him  
(a) implacable (b) impervious  
(c) impetuous (d) imperturbable
9. Both Nigerians at home and in \_\_\_\_\_ are expected to show genuine interest in the development of the country.  
(a) dispers (b) distance  
(c) diaspora (d) aboard
10. Bedwetting is the same as  
(a) effusion (b) mutism  
(c) enuresis (d) behaviourism
11. Can you mention any **entomophagus** creature?  
(a) flesh-eating (b) insect -eating  
(c) burrow-dwelling (d) flying

12. A \_\_\_\_ was held recently at the instance of the president on the food crisis in the country  
 (a) communiqué (b) colloquium  
 (c) colloquial (d) collusion
13. It is clear that Madame **has had his chips**. This means Madame  
 (a) is a very comfortable situation  
 (b) has eaten and drunk to satisfaction  
 (c) in a hopeless situation  
 (d) has achieved all he has set before himself.
14. Even though things are no \_\_\_\_ at the moment, I am coping with my studies  
 (a) smooth shakes (b) fast shaking  
 (c) great mood (d) great shakes
15. The guest speaker mentioned \_\_\_\_ in the course of his speech that African politicians are cheats.  
 (a) en message (b) en passant  
 (c) entente (d) enraptur
16. The ever-serious student took \_\_\_\_\_ and rushed out for his lecture  
 (a) elevenses (b) appetizer  
 (c) essence (d) foods
17. A large number of the citizens of this country are really struggling to cope with the \_\_\_\_ of poverty induced depression.  
 (a) chaos (b) miasma  
 (c) duty (d) acme
18. To hold the floor is to  
 (a) faint for a long time  
 (b) faint for a brief moment  
 (c) to speak to a group of people for a long time  
 (d) suffer a serious defeat
19. Lucetta is a **floozy**. This means she is  
 (a) a hardworking person (b) a girl with low moral standards  
 (c) a highly ambitious girl (d) an uncompromising girl of enviable manners.
20. There was a serious \_\_\_\_ among the parliamentarians on the mode of probing the former president  
 (a) dissension (b) dissention  
 (c) dissemination (d) dissolution.
21. Madaro is an **insufferable** person. This means that Madaro is  
 (a) a very comfortable person (b) a proud person  
 (c) an opulent person (d) a mentally disturbed person
22. You are advised not to lose your \_\_\_\_ innocence  
 (a) primal (b) prime  
 (c) primary (d) prior
23. The manager has promised to give \_\_\_\_\_ to the sacked man  
 (a) severe pay (b) suffering payment  
 (c) several payment (d) severance pay
24. When he was coming here, he hit the man \_\_\_\_?  
 (a) wasn't he (b) was he  
 (c) hitn't he (d) didn't he

25. Tribotan read the letter aloud, \_\_\_\_\_?  
 (a) doesn't he (b) readn't he  
 (c) didn't he (d) isn't it
26. The president seems to have a \_\_\_\_\_ of friends and loyalists around him  
 (a) council (b) coterie  
 (c) club (d) camp.
27. Your uncle is a **clever Dick**. This means that your uncle is a person who  
 (a) is very dubious (b) is very brilliant and innovative  
 (c) thinks he is always right (d) does not respect others
28. It is understandable that students live \_\_\_\_\_ their parents  
 (a) on (b) by  
 (c) off (d) with
29. It is expected that a teacher gives a \_\_\_\_\_ to his pupils to follow  
 (a) diagram (b) paradigm  
 (c) guardlines (d) chart.
30. The man later retired into a restaurant to enjoy a light \_\_\_\_\_  
 (a) requiem (b) repose  
 (c) repast (d) digest
31. I will like to advise you not to concentrate too much on \_\_\_\_\_ at the expense of local goods  
 (a) exotics (b) exotica  
 (c) exoticals (d) exoticas
32. It is an aphrodisiac pill. This means the pill is  
 (a) sex-stimulating (b) prophylactic  
 (c) sleep-inducing (d) analgesic
33. There is no doubt that Melvin is an anachronism judging from his comments at the meeting. This means that Melvin is  
 (a) an intelligent person (b) an analyst  
 (c) a fogey (d) a rude person
34. Jonathan is in the black this month. This means Jonathan is  
 (a) having much money in his bank account  
 (b) sad and unwilling to associate with other  
 (c) in black clothes  
 (d) a lover of night parties
35. The man opted for \_\_\_\_\_ medicine instead of scientific method of curing the disease worrying him.  
 (a) theoretical (b) folk  
 (c) refined (d) crude
36. Many people believe that a hotel is a \_\_\_\_\_ for criminals  
 (a) hang-around (b) hang-about  
 (c) hang-out (d) hang-off
37. A person who enjoys life and does not worry about things is said to person  
 (a) a jocund (b) a faddish  
 (c) an egotistic (d) a happy-go-lucky
38. How dare the expelled student to have the \_\_\_\_\_ to come to the school principal for a testimonial.  
 (a) effrontery (b) effusion  
 (c) effervescence (d) efficacy

39. That the man becomes a millionaire at a tender age of twenty years was a  
 (a) happening instance (b) happenstance  
 (c) happeningstance (d) happeninstance
40. The jury is still out on the issue of constitution amendment. This means that  
 (a) the judges are still considering the issue  
 (b) the issue has not been decided  
 (c) the issue is still being influenced by the jury  
 (d) the issue is to be discussed in the open for fair play.
41. Johnson bought a car at Jacob's expense. This means that  
 (a) Johnson bought the car at the place recommended by Jacob  
 (b) Johnson bought the car at Jacob's disadvantage  
 (c) Jacob paid for the car bought by Johnson  
 (d) Jacob expected Johnson to buy the car
42. Terry bought a bus at the expense of Diego. This means that  
 (a) Terry bought the bus at Diego's disadvantage  
 (b) Terry bought the bus at the expectation of Diego  
 (c) Diego paid for the bus  
 (d) Terry spends Diego's money on the bus
43. Rerally, Etim **is game** to marry. This means that Etim is  
 (a) nervous about marriage (b) willing to marry  
 (c) not serious about marriage (d) making a sport of marriage
44. My uncle's new car is rather expensive. So it is correct to say that the car  
 cleaned him  
 (a) out (b) up  
 (c) off (d) on
45. The medical practice of removing part of the brain to cure somebody of  
 mental disorder is called  
 (a) vasectomy (b) lobotomy  
 (c) phlebotomy (d) anatomy
46. A person who has spent a lot of time in prison is known as  
 (a) a jailer (b) a bailiff  
 (c) an accused (d) a jail-bird
47. He has hit the ground running in his poultry business. This means that  
 (a) he is bankrupt  
 (b) he is just building the business  
 (c) the business has started experiencing success  
 (d) the running cost is steadily on the increase
48. Everyone knows Nero as a **loanshark**. This means Nero is known as  
 (a) habitual borrower  
 (b) person who lends money at high rates of interests  
 (c) person who lends money generously and with low rate of interests  
 (d) person who hates taking loans.
49. I can see that the man is in a huff. This means that he is  
 (a) very angry (b) highly elated  
 (c) very vocal (d) in comfort
50. Wilson is a **peccatiphobic**. This means that Wilson is  
 (a) a lover of alcoholic drinks (b) a pedantic person  
 (c) an unrepentant sinner (d) a person who fears sinning

51. It is very obvious that the odds are \_\_\_\_\_ against the man whose opponent in the election is the president's son.  
 (a) stacked (b) starked  
 (c) stayed (d) stilled
52. \_\_\_\_\_ I ask who is older between you and your wife?  
 (a) Can (b) May  
 (c) Might (d) If
53. Many politicians believe erroneously that they cannot win elections without \_\_\_\_\_ to political vandalism  
 (a) recourse (b) recause  
 (c) recurse (d) recall
54. I struggled in vain to reconcile my politician friend \_\_\_\_\_ the benefits of socialism  
 (a) with (b) for  
 (c) to (d) on
55. A leader should be **thick-skinned**. This means the leader should be  
 (a) hardworking (b) tolerant of criticisms  
 (c) magnanimous (d) very determined
56. The man is a **rake**. This means that the man is a  
 (a) hardworker  
 (b) wicked person  
 (c) person of incontrollable sexual desires  
 (d) rather greedy person
57. The members of the victorious team **painted the town red recently**. This means the members  
 (a) caused mayhem (b) reveled  
 (c) dressed in all red (d) refused to show their faces
58. A **cockalorum** is  
 (a) a self-important person (b) a cowardly person  
 (c) an intelligent person (d) a very busy person
59. In the literary world, the term **panegyric** refers to  
 (a) a short story (b) a poem of mourning  
 (c) a poem that praises (d) a tragic play
60. The former president ruled with **lupine** ferocity this means the president ruled with the wickedness of  
 (a) a lion (b) an elephant  
 (c) a wolf (d) an leopard
61. It is very unfortunate that many politicians get elected into political offices nowadays through  
 (a) bricksmanship (b) brinkmanship  
 (c) brainmanship (d) breakmanship
62. If power, or authority is passed to somebody who has less power, we say the power or authority is  
 (a) devolved (b) dissolved  
 (c) defused (d) devoid
63. The majority of the fighters in the war between the two neighbouring towns are **freebooters**. This means the fighters  
 (a) fought freely  
 (b) fought with their freeboots.

- (c) fought with the intent to steal goods  
(d) fought without control
64. Who is you **five** in the group?  
(a) enemy (b) favourite  
(c) family (d) lover
65. A poem which mourns the death of a person is  
(a) lyric (b) lullaby  
(c) dirge (d) panegyric
66. Sedoma is a **con-man**. This means that sedoma is a man who  
(a) goes places for contracts  
(b) connects himself to influential people  
(c) is fond of contradicting himself  
(d) tricks people to give him money
67. The young lady confessed of **androphobia**. This means she confessed of  
(a) sexual desire (b) fear of male sex  
(c) fear of strangers (d) fear of rape
68. A **satyr** is a  
(a) man with uncontrollable sexual desires  
(b) man full of evil thoughts especially against his business rival  
(c) simple-minded person  
(d) person who will do anything for money
69. The girl gave in to the \_\_\_\_\_ of the young man after much delay  
(a) oversures (b) overturns  
(c) overtures (d) overruns
70. Everyone knows the man as a **marriage-broker**. This means the man is known as  
(a) a person who breaks marriages  
(b) a person paid to arrange for two people to meet and marry  
(c) a person who prosecutes whoever causes a marriage to break  
(d) an authority on marriage break-ups
71. By **semantics**, it is meant the  
(a) study of sentences  
(b) study of idiomatic expressions  
(c) study of the meanings of words and phrases  
(d) systematic arrangement letter to form words
72. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the deep voice of the guest speaker in the view hall added colour to his brilliant lecture.  
(a) resonance (b) resolution  
(c) renaissance (d) resistance
73. The boy is a **voyeur**. This means that he is  
(a) a vandal  
(b) a person who loves travelling especially on water  
(c) a trickful person  
(d) a person who takes delight in secretly watching people having sex
74. Their high \_\_\_\_\_ was an advantage  
(a) morals (b) morality  
(c) morale (d) morales
75. People hate Judas because he is a \_\_\_\_\_ young man  
(a) trickish (b) tricky  
(c) tirckful (d) trickster

76. Mutando has just been declared a **persona non grata** by the British Government. This means Mutando has been declared  
 (a) ungrateful person (b) unwelcome guest  
 (c) impersonator (d) unofficial guest
77. To say that somebody's behaviour is childish means the behaviour is  
 (a) chilvarious (b) puerile  
 (c) friendly (d) fiendish
78. The doctor asked the patient \_\_\_\_\_  
 (a) what is problem (b) what the problem is  
 (c) what the problem was (d) what was the problem
79. A **delinquency** refers to any form of misbehavior related to  
 (a) young people (b) old people  
 (c) male people (d) female people
80. My uncle is a **crotchety** man. This means he is  
 (a) magnanimous (b) careful  
 (c) coolheaded (d) hot tempered
81. The young man \_\_\_\_\_ from time to time  
 (a) solicits for advice (b) solicits advice  
 (c) solicits for advise (d) solicits advise
82. **Delirium tremens** refers to  
 (a) charm-induced madness (b) drug-induced madness  
 (c) alcoholism-induced madness (d) age-induced madness
83. The man lives in a **sleepy** village. This refers to  
 (a) a very small village  
 (b) a very quiet village  
 (c) a village where the dwellers go to bed early  
 (d) a village where the dwellers stay late in bed
84. Ronaldo scored a brilliant hat trick in the final match of the football competition. This means that he  
 (a) scored the winning goal  
 (b) deceived the goalkeeper before scoring the goal  
 (c) scored three goals in the match  
 (d) scored a goal from a rather difficult position
85. The young man is a **libertine**. This means that he is  
 (a) licentious man (b) liberty-loving man  
 (c) free-thinker (d) hardworking man
86. A **reprobate** is  
 (a) an exceptionally brilliant person  
 (b) a rather reckless person  
 (c) an immoral person  
 (d) a puddenhead
87. The keepers themselves are sometimes \_\_\_\_\_ by the bees  
 (a) stang (b) sting  
 (c) stinged (d) stung
88. The trader \_\_\_\_\_ his wares at the trade fair  
 (a) exhibited (b) displayed  
 (c) demonstrated (d) spread

89. The **potential** resources of the university should be fully exploited. This refers to the \_\_\_\_\_ resources  
 (a) important (b) talent  
 (c) intellectual (d) abundant
90. We cannot explain his objection \_\_\_\_\_ the new law  
 (a) for (b) on  
 (c) to (d) with
91. A conscientious teacher should be well disposed \_\_\_\_\_  
 (a) to teach (b) to teaching  
 (c) for teaching (d) with teaching
92. Children's clothes have to be strong to stand \_\_\_\_\_ rough use  
 (a) up to (b) in for  
 (c) out to (d) up with
93. It took the woman many months to get \_\_\_\_\_ the untimely death of her husband  
 (a) out of (b) over  
 (c) through (d) across
94. Shall I make the cheque \_\_\_\_\_ you or to your firms  
 (a) on to (b) out to  
 (c) up to (d) up for
95. The cupboard is \_\_\_\_\_ cockroaches  
 (a) invested by (b) infested by  
 (c) affected by (d) infested with
96. The chairman's laughter was with no \_\_\_\_\_ to ridicule the applicant  
 (a) intention (b) intendment  
 (c) intent (d) nitend
97. The two antagonistic neighbours are yet to iron \_\_\_\_\_ their differences  
 (a) off (b) in  
 (c) out (d) with
98. Drementra is not very bold. He is not \_\_\_\_\_ a rough life  
 (a) cut up for (b) cut in for  
 (c) cut out for (d) cut in with
99. The rest of the boys admire Simeon's **verve**. This refers to Simeon's  
 (a) honesty (b) energy  
 (c) intelligence (d) handsomeness
100. The man holds on firmly to his **hackneyed** view of life. This means that the man's view is  
 (a) obsolete (b) positive  
 (c) progressive (d) realistic

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