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Answer all the questions.

Each question is followed by four options lettered A to D. Find out the correct option for each question and shade in pencil on your answer sheet, the answer space which bears the same letter as the option you have chosen. Give only one answer to each question. An example is given below.

Be sure you understand the instructions at the beginning of each section before you try to answer any of the questions that follow them.

Do not spend too much time on a question. If you find a question difficult, leave it and go on and try it again later.

Use HB pencil throughout. If you wish to change an answer, erase your first answer completely and shade the appropriate space for the new answer.

Do all rough work on this question paper.

An example is given below.

He got into trouble in an attempt to conceal the truth me.

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

The correct answer is from which is lettered C and therefore answer space C would be shaded.

[A] [B] [~~C~~] [D]

Think carefully before you shade the answer spaces; erase completely any answer you wish to change.

Now answer the following questions.

SECTION 1

In each of the following sentences, there is one underlined word and one gap. From the list of words lettered A to D, choose the one that is most nearly opposite in meaning to the underlined word and that will, at the same time, correctly fill the gap in the sentence.

1. The secretary showed no remorse for misbehaving; she remained

 - A. aggressive
 - B. saucy
 - C. unrepentant
 - D. snobbish

2. Once in a while, we ought to be liberal and not

 - A. critical
 - B. harsh
 - C. conservative
 - D. orthodox

3. The sea which was turbulent an hour-ago is now
- A. cool
 - B. deep
 - C. calm
 - D. motionless
4. Yao's old car is durable but this new one looks
- A. flashy
 - B. fragile
 - C. strong
 - D. spacious
5. Some parents have room only for condemnation and not
- A. probation
 - B. recommendation
 - C. commendation
 - D. punishment
6. Nowadays computerized services are taking the place of operations.
- A. manual
 - B. electrical
 - C. daily
 - D. efficient
7. After enjoying the excitement of city life for twenty years, Olu found it difficult to adjust to the life of his village.
- A. quiet
 - B. rustic
 - C. monotonous
 - D. busy
8. Kobina's eldest wife was very frugal but the youngest was rather
- A. foolish
 - B. extravagant
 - C. childish
 - D. callous

9. Modou's business which was flourishing up to last week is now
- A. closing
 - B. diminishing
 - C. declining
 - D. vanishing
10. Okon seldom goes to school because he is afraid of meeting his class teacher.
- A. never
 - B. quite
 - C. always
 - D. terribly

SECTION 2

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

11. Charles, the king's eldest son, is indisputably the to the throne.
- A. owner
 - B. claimant
 - C. guard
 - D. heir
12. The teacher found it difficult to read Hassan's work and so he advised him to make it
- A. legible
 - B. easier
 - C. large
 - D. eligible
13. No one had any comment to make on the minutes and so the chairman asked for its
- A. correction
 - B. reading
 - C. adoption
 - D. amendment
14. Poor feeding has caused children of this village to suffer from
- A. malnutrition
 - B. malaria
 - C. convulsion
 - D. meningitis

15. In a child-centred classroom, the interest of the child is of importance.
- A. permanent
 - B. pre-eminent
 - C. prominent
 - D. paramount
16. Each of the under-seventeen players received a handsome from the president.
- A. reward
 - B. praise
 - C. treat
 - D. kit
17. Dele loves all his students and so he is very among them.
- A. humble
 - B. jovial
 - C. popular
 - D. simple
18. Since Ebou was found guilty of the crime, the magistrate him to two years' imprisonment.
- A. sentenced
 - B. confined
 - C. punished
 - D. confirmed
19. Mary's of the accident is very different from yours.
- A. summary
 - B. outline
 - C. account
 - D. statement
20. You were not expected to this secret to the police.
- A. divulge
 - B. display
 - C. write
 - D. discuss

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

21. Tunde is very troublesome and so his neighbours find it difficult to put up with him. This means that his neighbours
- A. cannot live with him under the same roof.
 - B. cannot rely on him.
 - C. cannot tolerate him.
 - D. hate him immensely.
22. The President's birthday party was attended by the cream of society. This means that
- A. the most important people were at the party.
 - B. all the civil servants were at the party.
 - C. other presidents attended the party.
 - D. only invited guests attended the party.
23. The principal played the ostrich when she got reports of malpractices in the examination hall. This means that the principal
- A. became vigilant.
 - B. behaved like an ostrich.
 - C. ignored the problem.
 - D. denied the reports.
24. Our uncle visits us only once in a blue moon. This means that our uncle
- A. visits us only when the moon is blue.
 - B. seldom visits us.
 - C. visits us once a year.
 - D. finds it difficult to visit us.
25. The Principal's prompt intervention nipped last week's crisis in the bud. This means that
- A. the crisis was averted.
 - B. the students were chased away.
 - C. no one was willing to be part of the crisis.
 - D. the students decided to obey the Principal's orders.
26. The school next door is virtually a bedlam as its students are uncontrollable. This means that
- A. the school is a playground for everybody.
 - B. the students move up and down in the compound.
 - C. no student is willing to stay in the classroom.
 - D. the school is a place of noise and confusion.

27. Mary should not criticize anybody since she too has a skeleton in her cupboard. This means that she
- A. has a secret.
 - B. loves to play with skeletons.
 - C. studies skeletons.
 - D. does not want anybody to steal from her cupboard.
28. Araba's friends decided to send her to coventry. This means that
- A. Araba was to be sent to a convent.
 - B. she was to be sent away.
 - C. her friends decided to ignore her.
 - D. her friends decided to forgive her.
29. The widow works her fingers to the bone to take care of her children. This means that the widow
- A. wears out her fingers with work.
 - B. is lazy.
 - C. massages her bones.
 - D. works extremely hard.
30. The way the boys beat up their friends made my blood boil. This means that
- A. I was not happy with the boys.
 - B. I hated the boys.
 - C. my blood boiled.
 - D. I was thoroughly agitated by the action of the boys.

SECTION 4

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

31. Popular leaders are always given tumultuous welcome when they visit their supporters.
- A. pleasant
 - B. friendly
 - C. noisy
 - D. encouraging
32. Conceited bosses are often inaccessible.
- A. unfriendly
 - B. unapproachable
 - C. selfish
 - D. apathetic

33. The good neighbours restrained the impatient landlord from ejecting his tenant.
- A. prevented
 - B. forced
 - C. compelled
 - D. halted
34. The inauguration of the political party has been hampered by lack of funds.
- A. cancelled
 - B. postponed
 - C. discouraged
 - D. hindered
35. Unfortunately, many of our companies lack virtuous men.
- A. upright
 - B. famous
 - C. clever
 - D. wealthy
36. The wife's comments further infuriated her already angry husband.
- A. frightened
 - B. moved
 - C. enraged
 - D. challenged
37. Esiri's father has an alluring personality which endears him to many people.
- A. enduring
 - B. honourable
 - C. attractive
 - D. interesting
38. Bribery and corruption are inimical to Africa's economic advancement.
- A. common
 - B. unavoidable
 - C. harmful
 - D. negative
39. We are skeptical about Sana's story that he saw four lions at the roundabout.
- A. concerned
 - B. doubtful
 - C. amazed
 - D. terrified

40. An inflexible father ends up destroying himself and his family.
- A. unbending
 - B. aggressive
 - C. unfeeling
 - D. ignorant

SECTION 5

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

41. The most recent explosion at the railway station caused panic in the city.
- A. have
 - B. has
 - C. had
 - D. haven't
42. The teacher expects every student to respect
- A. themselves
 - B. ourselves
 - C. himself
 - D. oneself
43. Monkeys don't talk, ?
- A. don't they
 - B. they do
 - C. didn't they
 - D. do they
44. It is high time we for the airport.
- A. left
 - B. leave
 - C. are leaving
 - D. had left
45. we waited, Bisi went to look for the dog.
- A. When
 - B. Why
 - C. While
 - D. Where

46. Balogun is being trained to the post of manager from Ikem.
- A. take away
 - B. take up
 - C. take over
 - D. take in
47. The police have succeeded in rounding all the thieves in our area.
- A. up
 - B. over
 - C. in
 - D. off
48. Your suit is bright for the occasion we are to attend.
- A. very
 - B. so
 - C. too
 - D. quite
49. Wise people are open criticism.
- A. to
 - B. for
 - C. in
 - D. about
50. The athletics captain asked me whether I had ever the hundred metres.
- A. runs
 - B. running
 - C. ran
 - D. run
51. It is useless with a man who holds on to only his own opinion.
- A. to have argued
 - B. argued
 - C. to argue
 - D. to be arguing
52. did this disgraceful thing will not go unpunished.
- A. Whichever
 - B. Whoever
 - C. Whomever
 - D. Whatsoever

53. I said they did not steal the money, ?
- A. did they
 - B. did I
 - C. didn't I
 - D. didn't it
54. He never passed his Mathematics,
- A. he tried however hard
 - B. he however tried hard
 - C. however hard he tried
 - D. however he tried hard
55. I wish Joseph here to witness this.
- A. were
 - B. was
 - C. is
 - D. are
56. Mary has misplaced her
- A. American blue leather bag
 - B. blue leather American bag
 - C. American leather blue bag
 - D. blue American leather bag
57. Our social club sets aside money for
- A. poor
 - B. the poors
 - C. some poor
 - D. the poor
58. I have found out that all your like you.
- A. brothers -in-law
 - B. brother-in-law's
 - C. brothers-in-laws
 - D. brother-in-laws
59. My grandfather was very sick and could not
- A. pull away
 - B. pull through
 - C. pull over
 - D. pull out

60. were selected to represent our school in the forum on Blind Abuse.
- A. Chris and I
 - B. Chris and myself
 - C. Myself and Chris
 - D. I and Chris
61. The witness said he saw the thief over the wall.
- A. had leapt
 - B. leapt
 - C. leap
 - D. was leaping
62. All the are expected to attend this special summit on corruption in Africa.
- A. Head of states
 - B. Heads of state
 - C. Heads of states
 - D. Head of state
63. The dog barked angrily when Bamiyo stepped on tail.
- A. their
 - B. its
 - C. it's
 - D. the
64. Mimi is by far of all the girls in her class.
- A. the most studious
 - B. most studious
 - C. the studious
 - D. the more studious
65. In a really democratic country no one is the law.
- A. within
 - B. above
 - C. against
 - D. below
66. The villagers will have to blame for this year's poor harvest.
- A. each other
 - B. ourselves
 - C. themselves
 - D. one another

67. I wonder the man did not defend himself.
- A. how
 - B. when
 - C. why
 - D. then
68. He was confronted the evidence of his guilt.
- A. with
 - B. at
 - C. by
 - D. on
69. The village elder spoke experience.
- A. on
 - B. for
 - C. from
 - D. in
70. The kind and gentle deserve peace of mind.
- A. its
 - B. their
 - C. his
 - D. our
71. Joseph says he has read book in the library.
- A. a lot of
 - B. all
 - C. every
 - D. lots of
72. David was asked to stand in favour of another candidate.
- A. by
 - B. in
 - C. up
 - D. down
73. I am going to beat him, well he prepares for the contest.
- A. however
 - B. although
 - C. so
 - D. whichever
74. The dress she wore was appropriate for the party.
- A. much
 - B. quite
 - C. too
 - D. more

SECTION 6

In the following passages, the numbered gaps indicate missing words. Against each number in the list below each passage, **four** options are offered in columns lettered A to D. Choose the word that is the **most suitable** to fill the numbered gaps in the passages.

PASSAGE A

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

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

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

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

PASSAGE B

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

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

After a pulsating 120 minutes of soccer — **94** — the resultant — **95** — shoot-out saw some strikers who

had — 96 — goals in some of the group — 97 — failing to score, as their feeble — 98 — were easily parried by their opponents' — 99 —. The loss effectively ended some of the countries' dreams of winning the — 100 —.

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

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