

SECTION 1

In each of the following sentences, there is a word underlined and one gap.. From the list of words lettered A to D, choose the word 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. Binetou's inquisitiveness is in sharp contrast with her sister's _____.

- A. calmness
- B. noisiness
- C. indifference
- D. dullness

2. Though at first it appeared an insignificant idea, it turned out to be quite _____.

- A. remarkable
- B. successful
- C. outstanding
- D. interesting

3. After grasping the fundamental aspects of his job, Kwasi had to cope with more _____ procedures.

- A. subsidiary
- B. advanced
- C. academic
- D. secondary

4. The youth prefer discussing contemporary issues to _____ ones.

- A. stale
- B. uninteresting
- C. archaic
- D. political

5. As erroneous as it might sound, the Headmaster's assumption was quite _____.

- A. wise

- B. faulty
- C. precise
- D. correct

6. Halima likes to dwell on trivial rather than _____ matters.

- A. weighty
- B. popular
- C. strong
- D. heavy

7. We all know that Bola is insolent whereas Ade is _____.

- A. cowardly
- B. humble
- C. modest
- D. respectful

8. A few days after Musa's _____, his sister longed for his departure.

- A. coming
- B. entrance
- C. welcome
- D. arrival

9. Algebra seems complicated, but with practice it becomes _____

- A. solved
- B. achievable
- C. simple
- D. accessible

10. Mrs. Agide is unassuming whereas her twin Sister is

- A. boastful
- B. cheerful
- C. loud
- D. rude

SECTION II

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

11. At Christmas, employees of the Sugar Factory receive huge _____.

- A. benefits
- B. bonuses
- C. dividends
- D. salaries

12. The exposed milk in that container has turned _____.

- A. stale
- B. putrid
- C. mouldy
- D. sour

13. Not all activists champion _____ causes.

- A. concrete
- B. real
- C. worthy
- D. favourable

14. The Mayor gave a glowing _____ at the funeral of the city's only curator.

- A. tribute
- B. statement
- C. citation
- D. commendation

15. At the end of _____, the National Anthem is played on our radio station.

- A. programming
- B. transmission

- C. transition
- D. production

16. The defence counsel was unable to convince the _____ of John's innocence.

- A. jury
- B. witness
- C. panel
- D. plaintiff

17. Unfortunately, corruption is the _____ of most African countries.

- A. venom
- B. back
- C. disaster
- D. bane

18. The _____ results proved that the patient had hepatitis.

- A. test
- B. diagnosis
- C. probe
- D. investigation

19. The new book has beautiful _____ which make it attractive.

- A. illuminations
- B. demonstrations
- C. illustrations
- D. compositions

20. Their marriage was finally _____ after years of hostility.

- A. separated
- B. cancelled
- C. broken
- D. annulled

SECTION III

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

21. Can you Imagine Oka behaving as if he has all the knowledge in the world? This means that Oka

- A. is admired by everybody.
- B. knows so much more than we think.
- C. respects other people.
- D. does not really know everything.

22. Akin is too full of himself. This means that Akin

- A. talks too much.
- B. is too proud.
- C. eats too much.
- D. is quite annoying.

23. She slogged her guts out for the examination. This means that

- A. she failed the examination despite working hard for it.
- B. passed the examination despite not working hard for it.
- C. really worked hard for the examination.
- D. used unfair means to face the examination.

24. I admire Modou: very few people can stomach all of Adaeze's insults. This means that Modou

- A. did the right thing by remaining silent.
- B. was a weakling.
- C. had no answers to Adaeze's insults.
- D. tolerated Adaeze's insults.

25. After months of battling with stroke he is now a shadow of his former self. This means that he

- A. is vulnerable.
- B. is now frail.
- C. is hopeless.
- D. has almost recovered.

26. Kura, you can't be too careful when dealing with Wang. This means that Kura

- A. has no reason to be suspicious of Wang.
- B. has to be very careful in his relationship with Wang.
- C. can fully rely on Wang.
- D. may feel free in the company of Wang.

27. Don't tell me another cock and bull story. This means that the speaker does not want to

- A. be further deceived.
- B. hear the same old story.
- C. hear another drab story.
- D. be further baffled.

28. Had he confessed much earlier, she would have trust him. This means that he

- A. hadn't confessed earlier on and he wasn't trusted.
- B. had confessed much earlier on and he was trusted.
- C. hadn't confessed much earlier on and he was trusted.
- D. had confessed earlier on but wasn't trusted.

29. Kola "You really worked hard to win the case".

Didia: "You don't know the half of it". This means that

- A. it wasn't as difficult as Kola had thought.
- B. Kola's statement was not actually correct.
- C. winning the case didn't mean much to Kola.
- D. it was even more difficult than Kola could imagine.

30. Femi is too clever by half This means that Femi

- A. hides how clever he really is.
- B. is not as clever as he thinks.
- C. pleases everyone he meets.
- D. displays his cleverness in an annoying way.

SECTION IV

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. He was such a brilliant footballer!

- A. a skillful
- B. an intelligent
- C. a dazzling
- D. an inspired

32. The politician is a fluent speaker.

- A. insightful
- B. superficial
- C. eloquent
- D. persuasive

33. Everyone has the urge succeed in life.

- A. desire
- B. compulsion
- C. need
- D. courage

34. When he heard the gunshot, he ran into a thick forest.

- A. tight
- B. dense
- C. deep
- D. close

35. That was a timely intervention.

- A. prompt
- B. accurate
- C. suitable
- D. major

36. David is not only hardworking but also scrupulous.

- A. daring
- B. ambitious
- C. pleasant
- D. painstaking

37. We really have to be careful because the situation is rather tricky.

- A. difficult
- B. trivial
- C. unexpected
- D. deceitful

38. I think that his essay is impeccable.

- A. erroneous
- B. faultless
- C. satisfactory
- D. correct

39. There has been a marked change in her study habit.

- A. fill
- B. real
- C. significant
- D. complete

40. He was directed to write the letter.

- A. advised
- B. forced
- C. persuaded
- D. instructed

SECTION V

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

41. Every one of the students _____ to be excited about the excursion.

- A. seems
- B. is seeming
- C. seem
- D. was seeming

42. We should assist the poor, _____?

- A. shall we
- B. shouldn't we
- C. isn't it
- D. we shouldn't

43. Either he or you _____ to clean up the mess.

- A. has
- B. was
- C. must
- D. have

44. If Musa had woken up earlier, he _____ breakfast.

- A. shall have missed
- B. ought not to miss
- C. would not have missed
- D. may have missed

45. He would rather appeal the decision _____ defeat.

- A. instead of accepting
- B. than accepting
- C. than accept
- D. than accepts

46. The student complained that he _____ the teacher.

- A. could not hear
- B. was not hearing
- C. does not hear
- D. is not hearing

47. My brother _____ in Lagos for the past ten years.

- A. is living
- B. has been living
- C. will have lived
- D. lived

48. I am totally disappointed _____ such poor grades.

- A. with
- B. from
- C. for
- D. on

49. He is a doctor but he dabbles _____ politics now and then.

- A. on
- B. through
- C. in
- D. into

50. _____ arrived before the manager.

- A. Neither me nor him
- B. Neither me nor he
- C. Either I nor him
- D. Neither he nor I

51. The evening was rounded _____ with a dance.

- A. up
- B. off
- C. out
- D. down

52. I _____ have done the dishes but I haven't had the time.

- A. should
- B. will
- C. might
- D. shall

53. I have heard all _____ you said.

- A. what
- B. that
- C. which
- D. whatever

54. Life in the city is _____ challenging for the lazy.

- A. too much
- B. so much
- C. much too
- D. very much

55. It is always _____ that get the blame.

- A. me
- B. mine
- C. myself
- D. I

56. He spends a _____ deal of his time studying.

- A. large

B. huge

C. big

D. great

57. I guess he holds _____ sensitive position in the company.

A. some kind of

B. many kind of

C. some kind

D. many kind

58. He always gives _____ for coming late to school.

A. some excuse or another

B. one excuse or the other

C. one excuse or another

D. some excuse or the other.

59. _____ you turn down the volume of the radio? I am trying to read!

A. May

B. Should

C. Would

D. Will

60. I know it's a secret, so I _____ tell anyone.

A. couldn't

B. mightn't

C. needn't

D. shan't

61. At the last minute, Amidu backed _____ of the plan.

A. out

B. off

C. up

D. down

62. He _____ be very handsome but I don't like him.

- A. shall
- B. will
- C. can
- D. might

63. During her early days in school, she stu for hours.

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

64. He _____ this morning in a dazzling white shirt.

- A. turned out
- B. turned in
- C. turned by
- D. turned off

65. The police have _____ a warning to all residents of the area.

- A. put on
- B. put in
- C. put out
- D. put off

66. My parents taught me a lot of lessons, most of _____ are difficult to forget.

- A. whom
- B. who
- C. which
- D. what

67. Sani _____ on a banana peel and fell down.

- A. slid
- B. slide
- C. had slid
- D. was sliding

68. I look forward to _____ from you.

- A. hear
- B. to be hearing
- C. hearing
- D. have heard

69. I have made remarkable progress _____ learning French.

- A. in
- B. at

- C. by
- D. for

70. The beans have not been properly _____.

- A. grind
- B. grinding
- C. ground
- D. grounded

SECTION VI

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

An entrepreneur is a person who organises and manages any business enterprise, or one who combines the other factors of —71— to start a business and make a profit. He possesses considerable initiative and is willing to take —72—. An entrepreneur can be a farmer, a dressmaker, a factory owner, a wholesaler or a —73—. More often than not, it is best for an entrepreneur to start a business from scratch rather than —74— in or buy an existing business. One advantage is that he would be independent and not become a —75— or get to inherit some bad debt.

The —76— of a good entrepreneur must include hard work, innovation and creativity. He must be well informed and confident to make worthwhile decisions. As it takes a great deal of energy, time and money to operate one's own business, entrepreneurs must seek to possess good managerial —77— in order to manage their business successfully.

But how useful is the entrepreneur to the society? He is an innovator who develops new —78— and services to make life easier and more comfortable. He plans, organises, directs and —79— his business activities effectively thus minimising wastage of limited —80— and enhancing

	A	B	C	D
71.	production	provision	construction	creation
72.	debts	risks	pitfalls	problems
73.	retailer	peddler	hawker	trader
74.	plunge	break	invest	delve
75.	colleague	partner	fellow	comrade
76.	tendencies	properties	features	attributes
77.	knack	talents	skills	foresight
78.	products	yields	outputs	materials
79.	bridles	checks	restrains	controls
80.	assets	resources	stock	wealth