

POST UTME PAST QUESTION PAPERS AND ANSWERS (FREE PACK)

ENGLISH

Choose the word or group of words that best completes each of the following sentence. (1-29)

1. One of his greatest achievements _____ the restoration of order and stability to the company
A. was
B. were
C. have been
D. Are
2. If I had heard this earlier, I _____ given him the job
A. would not have
B. would have not
C. will not have
D. will have not
3. Mr. Smith had worked here before leaving for the UK _____ ?
A. isn't it
B. wasn't it
C. didn't he
D. hadn't he
4. Who saw the accused _____ the purse from the complainant's handbag?
A. take
B. took
C. taken
D. takes
5. _____ bring a better of authority before the can collect the money?
A. needs he
B. need he
C. he needs
D. does he need
6. Surely, he _____ come in person if he doesn't want to!
A. need not
B. does not need
C. did not need
D. need to

7. Fortunately, my father _____ the scene before the explosion occurred.
- A. has just left
 - B. just left
 - C. had just left
 - D. is just leaving
8. The rainstorm did a lot of _____ to the houses and trees in the area.
- A. damages
 - B. damaging
 - C. damage
 - D. havocs
9. You are not allowed to carry _____ on this flight
- A. much luggage
 - B. many luggages
 - C. few luggages
 - D. more luggage
10. It is no longer easy for graduates to secure _____
- A. employment
 - B. many employments
 - C. employments
 - D. an employment
11. If you would listen, I could give you _____
- A. a valuable advice
 - B. some valuable advices
 - C. valuable advise
 - D. valuable advice
12. That load is _____ heavy for a child of his age to carry.
- A. very
 - B. most
 - C. much
 - D. too
13. Tunji was _____ hungry that he ate the food meant for his three sisters
- A. so
 - B. extremely
 - C. very
 - D. quite

14. On my way to the post office, I _____ my old classmate.

- A. stop to greet
- B. stopped to greet
- C. had stopped greeting
- D. stopped greeting

15. The celebrations were rounded _____ with a novelty match

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

16. As fresh fruits were scarce in the dry season, we had to _____ tinned fruits.

- A. make do with
- B. make up for
- C. take out
- D. take up with

17. They are _____ new employees at the headquarters of the factors.

- A. Taking up
- B. Taking after
- C. Taking on
- D. Taking over

18. We well look forward to _____ ourselves at the party.

- A. enjoy
- B. have enjoyed
- C. be enjoying
- D. enjoying

19. The messenger _____ home until his boss leaves.

- A. dare not went
- B. dare not go
- C. dare not to go
- D. dare not go

20. Sherifat did not behave _____ her parents' wishes

- A. with accordance to
- B. in accordance about
- C. with accordance in
- D. in accordance with

21. Are you keen _____ joining me in this venture?

- A. at
- B. in
- C. on
- D. about

22. Do you notice John and Comfort glancing at _____?

- A. themselves
- B. the other
- C. each other
- D. their selves

23. The corrupt bank manager was arrested and convicted _____

- A. on the long run
- B. at the long run
- C. in the long run
- D. after the long run

24. I cannot travel in an open car because I am allergic _____ dust.

- A. with
- B. to
- C. from
- D. by

25. If you keep trying, you'll success _____ the end

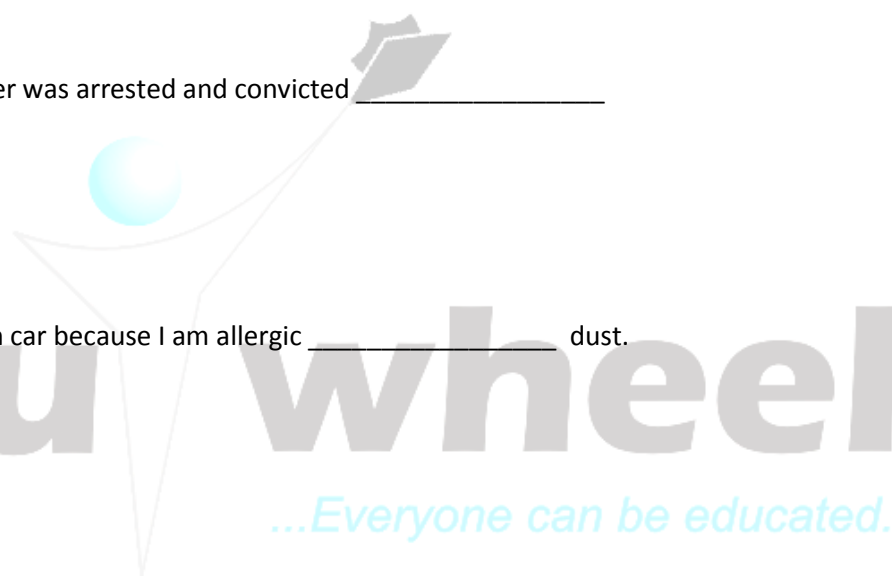
- A. by
- B. at
- C. with
- D. in

26. For our Sunday lunch, Mother always cooked a _____

- A. large pot of thick, spicy groundnut soup
- B. large, think, spicy pot to groundnut soup
- C. large, spicy, think groundnut put of soup
- D. large, spicy pot of thick groundnut soup.

27. Don't believe all _____ he has told you

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



D. there

28. He succeeded _____ the odds he faced

- A. after
- B. despite
- C. even on
- D. in addition to

29. Please let me have _____ salt in my soup.

- A. a little
- B. few
- C. a small
- D. a few

Choose the question to which the given sentence is the appropriate answer with the emphatic stressed (30-34)

30. MARY loves brown shoes

- A. What colour of shoes does Mary love?
- B. Does MARY hate brown shoes
- C. Who loves brown shoes?
- D. Does MARY love brown gowns?

31. It rained ALL day yesterday

- A. For how long did it rain yesterday?
- B. When did it rain all day?
- C. Was it dry all day yesterday?
- D. Did it rain all day last week?

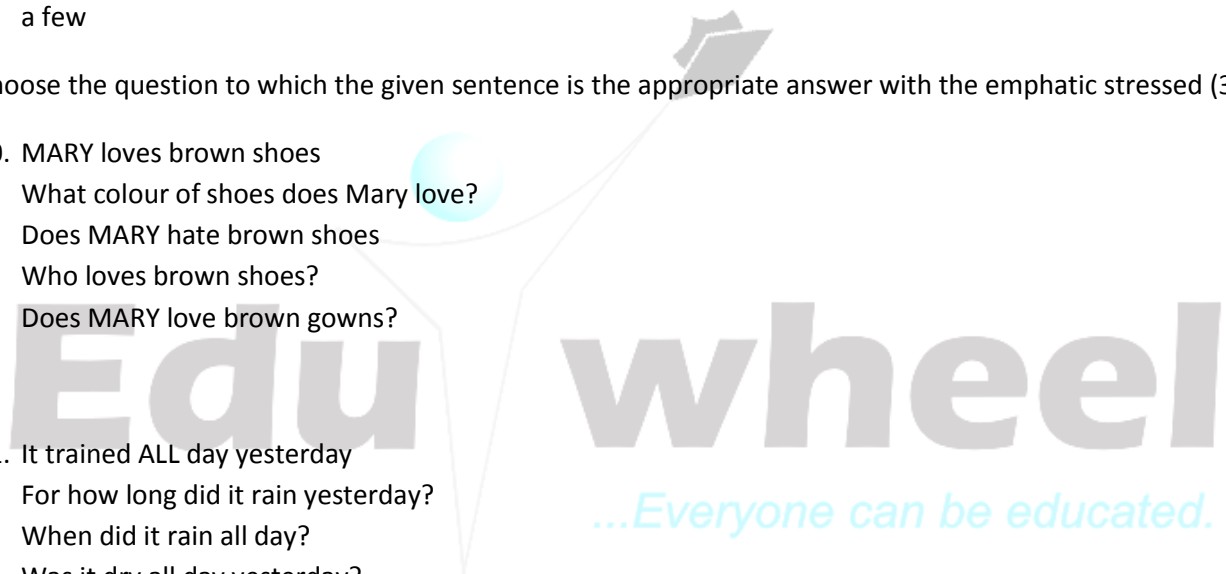
32. The ROBBERS attacked the bus at night

- A. Did the policemen attack the bus?
- B. Did the robbers attack the train?
- C. Where did the robbers attack the bus
- D. Did the robbers attack the bus during the day?

33. The three boys arrived by AIR

- A. Did the three boys leave by air?
- B. How did the three boys arrive?
- C. How many boys arrived by air?
- D. Did the three girls arrive by air?

34. Nigeria won the Africa Cup FOOTBALL competition



- A. Did Cameroon win the African cup football competition?
- B. Did Nigeria win the African cup handball competition?
- C. Did Nigeria win the World cup football competition?
- D. Did Nigeria loss the African cup football competition?

35. Choose the word that contains the sound represented by this phonetic symbol: /u/

- A. Pool
- B. Look
- C. Flood
- D. crude

36. Choose the word that contains the sound represented by this phonetic symbol: /l/

- A. English
- B. Leave
- C. Case
- D. kept

37. Choose the word that contains the sound represented by this phonetic symbol: /ʌ/

- A. Hot
- B. Blood
- C. Lurk
- D. verse

38. Choose the word that contains the sound represented by this phonetic symbol: /j/

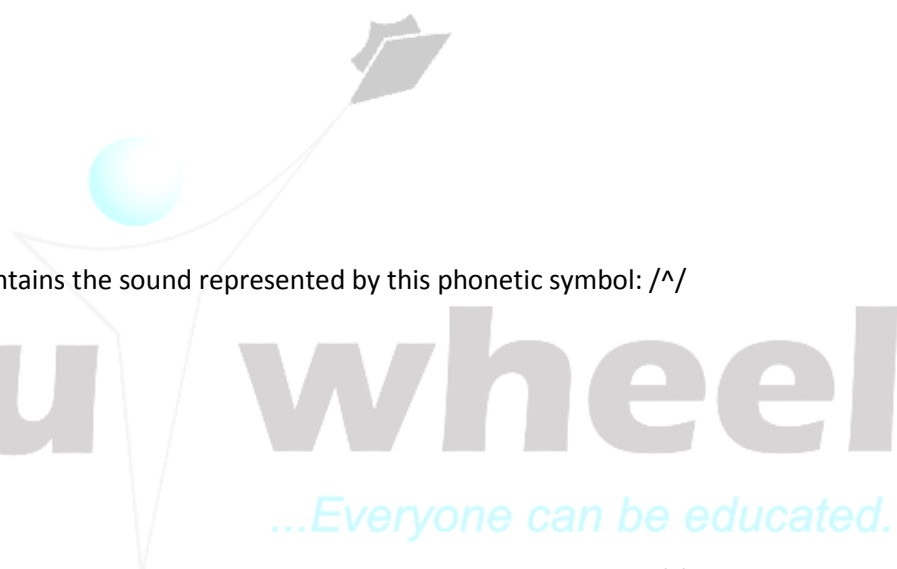
- A. Jam
- B. George
- C. Gauge
- D. yam

39. Choose the word that contains the sound represented by this phonetic symbol: /z/

- A. insist
- B. resign
- C. loose
- D. bats

40. Choose the word that contains the sound represented by this phonetic symbol: /ð/

- A. tin
- B. thin
- C. din
- D. this



Choose the word opposite in meaning to the word/s starred* (41-49)

41. The minister was accused of making utterances that could increase* rather than _____ anxiety among the citizenry.

- A. modify
- B. diminish
- C. intensify
- D. remove
- E. inculcate

42. At the end of the crisis, the leader declared that there was no victor* and no _____

- A. Winner
- B. Rebel
- C. Patriot
- D. opponent
- E. vanquished

43. I was impressed by the man's eagerness* but was rather put off by his wife's _____

- A. anxiety
- B. impatience
- C. indifference
- D. negligence
- E. calmness

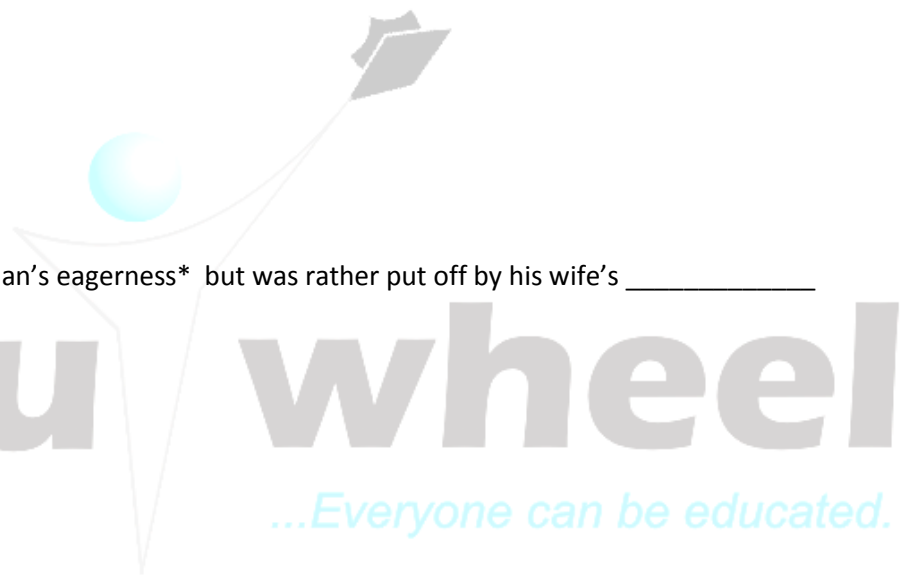
44. He is a famous* artist but has a _____ drinking habit

- A. remarkable
- B. admirable
- C. notorious
- D. wicked
- E. hostile

45. The first twin is so vain* and the second so _____ that one would think they were not brothers.

- A. proud
- B. complacent
- C. selfish
- D. humble
- E. harmless

46. Mary: 'I wonder why armed robbers are so hard-hearted*'. John: " The fact is that to be an armed robber you cannot be _____ "



- A. Considerate
- B. Intolerant
- C. Revengeful
- D. Soft-spoken
- E. Grateful

47. To ascend* this steep hill is the problem, to _____ is quite easy.

- A. Depart
- B. decline
- C. drop
- D. descend
- E. disengage

48. Working in the field is easy when your machete is sharp* and not when it is _____

- A. Jagged
- B. coarse
- C. sound
- D. keen
- E. blunt

49. The gradual* process of transition to civil rule came to an _____ end.

- A. unnecessary
- B. anticipated
- C. invidious
- D. unhappy
- E. abrupt

Choose the option that best completes of the following sentence.

50. In many ways my parents are very conservative but there are times when they surprise me with their _____ ideas on family planning.

- A. orthodox
- B. critical
- C. modern
- D. new
- E. liberal

SOLUTION

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|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 1. A | 11. D | 21. C | 31. C | 41. D |
| 2. B | 12. D | 22. C | 32. A | 42. E |
| 3. D | 13. A | 23. C | 33. A | 43. C |
| 4. A | 14. B | 24. B | 34. B | 44. C |
| 5. B | 15. A | 25. B | 35. D | 45. D |

6. A	16. A	26. A	36. B	46. A
7. C	17. C	27. C	37. A	47. D
8. C	18. D	28. B	38. C	48. E
9. A	19. B	29. A	39. D	49. E
10. C	20. D	30. D	40. B	50. E

MATHEMTICS

- The sum of N140, 000 is shared between Abu, Kayode and Uche. Abut has twice as much a kayode, and Kayode has twice as much as Uche. What is Kayode's share? (A) N80,000 (B) N10,000 (C) N40,000 (D) N20,000
- I am x years and my brother is 3years older. How old was my brother last year (A) $(x - 4)$ years (B) $(x + 2)$ years (C) $(3x - 1)$ years (D) $(3x + 1)$ years
- Divide the sum of 8,7,2,6,0,4,7,2,3 by their mean (A) 7 (B) 9 (C) 8 (D) 6
- A chord of length 6cm is drawn in a circle of radius 5cm. find the distance of the chord from the centre of the circle (A) 2.5cm (B) 3.0cm (C) 3.5cm (D) 4.0cm
- A sector of a circle of radius 1cm containing an angle 60° is folded to form a cone. Calculate the radius of the base of the cone (A) $5\frac{1}{2}$ cm (B) $4\frac{2}{3}$ cm (C) $3\frac{1}{2}$ cm (D) $2\frac{1}{3}$ cm
- A rectangular picture 6cm by 8cm is enclosed by a frame $\frac{1}{2}$ cm wide. Calculate the area of the frame (A) 20sq.cm (B) 15sq.cm (C) 13sq.cm (D) 16sq.cm
- In a sector competition in one season, a club had scored the following goals: 2,0,3,3,2,1,4,0,0,5,1,0,2,2,1,3,1,4,1 and 1. The mean, median and mode are, respectively: (A) 1.8, 1 and 1.5 (B) 1.8, 1.5 and 1 (C) 1.5, 1 and 1.8 (D) 1, 1.8 and 1.5
- Seven (7) pupils of average age 12years leave a class of 25 pupils of average age of 14 years. If 6 new pupils of average age 11 years join the class, what is average age of the pupils now in the class? (A) 13 years (B) 12 years $7\frac{1}{2}$ months (C) 13 years 5month (D) 13 years 10 months

9. By selling an article for N45.00 a man makes a profit of 8%. For how much should he have sold it in order to make a profit of 32% (A) N180.00 (B) N58.00 (C) N55.00 (D) N63.00
10. A group of 14 children received the following scores in a reading test:
35,35,26,26,26,29,29,29,12,25,25,25,25,17. What was the median score? (A) 29 (B) 26 (C) 25 (D) 23

SOLUTION

1. let my age be x

REM: Abu has twice as Kayode: $A = 2k$; $k = \frac{A}{2}$

Since my brother is 3 years older, than we have

2

$(x + 3)$ years

We have $80,000 = \#40,000$

His age last years: $(x+3) - 1$ years

2

$(x + 3 - 1)$ years

Therefore Kayode's share = # 40,000

Ans = B

Ans = C

2. From the name, let Abu, Kayode and Uche,s
share A, K and U respectively.

3. The sum of the set of no. gives

$$8+7+2+6+0+4+7+2+3 = 39$$

Since Abu has twice as Kayode: $A = 2k$

Their mean = $\frac{\text{total no. of the set}}{9} = 39$

$$\Rightarrow K = \frac{A}{2}$$

No. of the set 9

By putting the value of K in k, we have $\frac{A}{2}$

$$= 4.33$$

Ans = B

Therefore $\frac{A}{2} \times \frac{1}{2} = \frac{A}{4}$

Total share: $A + \frac{A}{2} = \frac{A}{4}$ #140,000

$$4A + 2A + A = A \text{ #140,000}$$

4 Using Pythagoras theorem

$$OA^2 = Ap^2 + Op^2$$

$$5^2 = 3^2 + d^2$$

$$25 = 9 + d^2$$

$$16 = d^2 \Rightarrow d = 4.0 \text{ Ans=D}$$

4

$$7A = _ \text{ # 140,000}$$

$$\underline{7A} = _ \text{ #560,000}$$

$$\underline{A} \times \underline{A} = \underline{A} \text{ #140,000}$$

$A = \#80,000$ Abu's share N80,000

5 Using $\Theta = r = \text{unknown}$,

[iii]

1 = radius, $\Theta = 60^\circ$

$$\frac{60}{360} = \frac{r}{14}$$

$$360 = 84r$$

$$84 = 360r$$

$$84 = 36r$$

$$R = 2.5\text{cm} \quad \text{Ans} = A$$

Mode = the number with the highest occurrence [Highest frequency]. From the set of nos. the mode is 1, since it occurred 6 times and 1.5 in the options. Therefore, from the options Ans = A[1.8, 1 and 1.5] since it follows the sequences.

6 Area of frame = External Area – Internal Area

$$= [8 + 1][6 + 1] - 8[6]$$

$$= 9 \times 7 - 48$$

$$= 63 - 48 \Rightarrow 15 \text{ sq. cm}$$

Ans = A

7 [i] The mean = $\frac{\text{total no. of the set}}{\text{No. of the set}}$

No. of the set

$$\frac{\text{Total no. of the set}}{\text{No. of the set}} = \frac{36}{20} = 1 \frac{4}{5}$$

$$\text{No. of the set} = 20$$

[ii] To find the median, first arrange the set on nos.

in either ascending or descending order. By

arranging in ascending order it becomes

0,0,0,0,1,1,1,1,1,1,12,2,2,2,3,3,3,4,4,5. By

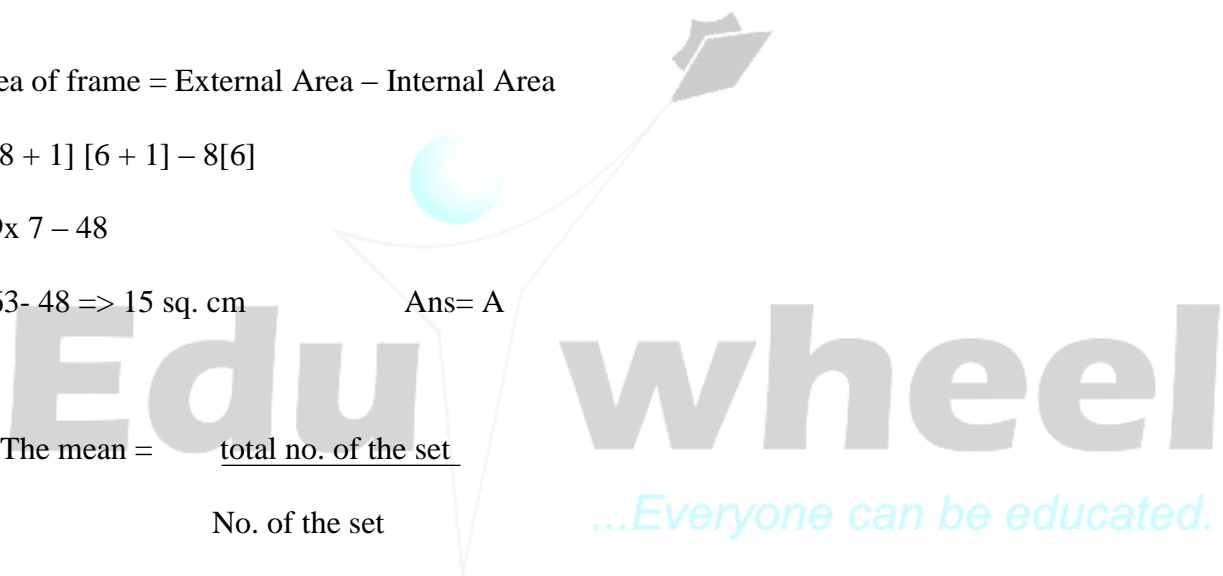
counting 10s on both sides of the set of nos 1

and is middle numbers in this case, we have to

add them and divide their sum by 2. i.e $\frac{1+1}{2} = 1$

$$= 1$$

$$2$$



- 8 Total sum of 7 pupils of average age 12 yrs. Total sum of 25 pupils of average age 14 yrs = 25 x 14 = 350. Total no. age remaining: 350 – 84 = 266. Total sum of 6 pupils of average age 11 yrs = 6x11= 66. Since they joined the class, then it gives = 266 + 66 = 332. No of pupils remaining in the class: = 25 – 7 +6 = 24.

Average age of remaning pupils gives: = 332 = 13 Rem. 5 => 13 years 5 months Ans = C

- 9 8% profit = 100 + 108%, 32% profit = 100 + 32 = 132%

108% => N45.00

132% =>?

Therefore $\frac{132\%}{100} \times 45 = \text{N}55.00$ Ans = C

100

- 10 Frist arrange the set of nos. in either ascending or descending order:

12,17,25,25,25,25,26,26,26,29,29,29,35,35 ...Everyone can be educated.

By counting 6 on each side on the set of the nos. the median fall b/w 26 and 26

Median = $26 + \frac{26}{2} = 26$ Ans = B

CURRENT AFFAIR

1. Which of the following represent the cheapest mode of transportation? (a) water
(b) air (c) rail (d) road
2. A rural settlement is a settlement that is classified by its _____ (a) age
(b) site (c) functions (d) shape
3. Which of the following factor least influence population distribution (a) climate
(b) relief (c) soil (d) illiterate

4. The name of the incumbent president of upper legislative chamber in Nigeria is (a)Hon Mark Etteh (b)Hon funmilayo Dabiri (c)Hon David Mark (d) Hon ken Nammani
5. An aging population refers to the preponderance of (a)middle age people in the population (b)younger people in the population (c)women in the population (d)old people in the population
6. The 2006 population census in Nigeria put its population at about (a)120million (b)140million (c)230million (d) 150million
7. Who is the Governor General of Nigeria between 1914 – 1919 (a) Sir Fredrick Lugard (b) Sir Donald Cameron (c) sir James Robertson (d) Sir Arthur Richard
8. Who is the fourth military Head of state in Nigeria? (a) Dr. Nnamdi Azikwe (b)General Olusegun Obasanjo (c) Gen. Yakubu Gowon (d) Gen. Muhammadu Buttari
9. Nigeria is a former _____ colony? (a)British (b) French (c) Portuguese (d) American
10. The average weather condition over a period of 35.40 years is called? (a)climate (b)temperature (c) weather situation (d) humidity
11. The following are protein source in food formulation except (a)sun flower meal (b) blood meal (c) maize (d) groundnut cake
12. Ultra modern storage facility used for grain storage is called _____ (a)silo (b) dip (c) bed (d) iron pot
13. Sheep meat is called _____ (a)veal (b)beef (c)pork (d)mutton
14. All these are found on metrological geographical station except (a) wind vane (b) barometer (c) Rainguage (d) geocal
15. Which of the following national resources is the main stay of the Nigeria economy (a) coal (b)cocoa (c) crude oil (d) groundnut
16. Noun is an acronym for _____ (a)Nigeria Open University (b)name a person, place or things (c) national open university of Nigeria
17. A trade unionist becomes a Governor of a state in Nigeria, his name is _____ (a)Comrade Abdulwaheed (b) Comrade Osunbor (c)Comrade Oshiomole (d) Comrade Oshiomhole

18. A parcel bomb kills Dele Giwa, the founding Editor in Chief of news-watch magazine in the year ____ (a) 1986 (b) 1869 (c) 1978 (d) 2001
19. The palace coup led by Gen. Sani Abacha was stage in the year ____ (a) 1903 (b) 1963 (c) 1993 (d) 1994
20. All the following is from the north – east geo-political zone except (a) Jigawa (b) bauchi (c) Adamawa (d) Yobe
21. The central bank of Nigeria was establish in the year (a) 1985 (b) 1958 (c) 1948 (d) 1966
22. When was the federal capital of Nigeria move from Lagos to Abuja? (a) 1992 (b) 1994 (c) 1991 (d) 1990
23. The name Nigeria was given by ____ (a) Sir Fredrick Lugard (b) Samuel Ajayi Crowder (c) Lady Lord Lugard (d) Herbert macaulay
24. Where was the first primary school establish in Nigeria? (a) Calabar (b) Jos (c) Kaduna (d) badagry Lagos
25. In 1905, the first motor road was built in which part of Nigeria State? (a) Sokoto (b) Ondo (c) Ibadan Oyo (d) Kwara

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 11 C 12 A 13 D 14 D 15 C 16 C 17 C 18 A 19 C 20 A
 21 B 22 C 23 C 24 D 25 C

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