

## ENGLISH

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. It is ..... , not optional for every citizen to take part in the monthly sanitation exercise.

- A. obliging
- B. forceful
- C. compelling
- D. mandatory

2. During the seminar, some participants were ..... while others were mute.

- A. adamant
- B. arguing
- C. vocal
- D. critical

3. Apart from one controversial bill, all the others were ..... .

- A. acceptable
- B. understandable
- C. commendable
- D. defensible

4. Instead of acknowledging the problem at hand, the chief ..... it.

- A. criticized
- B. revealed
- C. addressed
- D. denied

5. It will be difficult to prove whether their actions were intentional or ..... .

- A. careless
- B. wicked
- C. accidental
- D. reckless

6. We expected the criminal to be treated with scorn and not ..... .

- A. fear
- B. cruelty
- C. kindness
- D. respect

7. The laws of this land are rigid while those of my country are .....

- A. vague
- B. normal
- C. law
- D. regular

8. I assisted with the production of the soap but its advertisement was ..... by lack of funds.

- A. hindered
- B. obstructed
- C. dissuaded
- D. restricted

9. In this country, the elite have no patience with the .....
- A. oppressed
  - B. labourers
  - C. weak
  - D. masses
10. The government's domestic policy is geared towards encouraging ..... investment.
- A. foreign
  - B. external
  - C. tourist
  - D. alien
- From the words lettered A to D, choose the word that best completes each of the following sentences.
11. Because of the circumstances surrounding his death, his corpse was ..... after burial.
- A. extracted
  - B. exhumed
  - C. examined
  - D. exorcised
12. Our school ..... a defeat in the last quiz competition.
- A. suffered
  - B. received
  - C. sustained
  - D. endured
13. My brother has a ..... appetite and so he eats any food that comes his way.
- A. vivacious
  - B. avaricious
  - C. voracious
  - D. tremendous
14. The wristwatch was not expensive but had great sentimental .....
- A. feel
  - B. value
  - C. price
  - D. view
15. Last week's earthquake ..... the city.
- A. troubled
  - B. devastated
  - C. shocked
  - D. confused
16. Our government has always placed an ..... on the sale of harmful drugs.
- A. embargo
  - B. abstention
  - C. injunction
  - D. obstruction
17. The facts were so ..... that the plaintiff broke down in tears.
- A. disfigured
  - B. deformed

- C. distorted
- D. disjointed

18. She ..... my appetite with the soup.

- A. raised
- B. increased
- C. whetted
- D. heightened

19. My cousin is very .....; he always says please, excuse me and thank you.

- A. gentle
- B. courteous
- C. graceful
- D. aristocratic

20. The three armed robbers were ..... to five years' imprisonment.

- A. jailed
- B. condemned
- C. charged
- D. sentenced

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

21. My friend's bad behaviour made my blood boil. This means that I

- A. was agitated by friend's bad behaviour.
- B. was hurt by my friend's bad behaviour.
- C. was confused when my friend behaved badly.
- D. ignored my friend when he behaved badly.

22. Even though he was proud, he was made to eat his words. This means that he

- A. had to retrieve the documents.
- B. was made to cook alone.
- C. could not speak to anyone on the issue.
- D. was forced to admit his error.

23. Our school swept the board at the inter-school sports competition. This means that our school

- A. performed very badly.
- B. triumphed in all aspects of the competition.
- C. withdrew from the competition.
- D. could not survive the competition.

24. She made a beeline from my house to the stadium. This means that she

- A. lost her way to the stadium.
- B. was chased by bees all the way to the stadium.
- C. went directly and quickly to the stadium.
- D. took a strange route from my house to the stadium.

25. Many politicians throw dust in the eyes of the masses. This means that many politicians

- A. rebuke the masses.
- B. harass the masses.
- C. deceive the masses.
- D. overpower the masses.

26. Mr Opeh has always managed to keep his head above water. This means that Mr Opeh

- A. keeps his head above water when swimming.
- B. likes swimming very much.
- C. knows the techniques for survival.
- D. stays out of financial difficulty.

27. Matters came to a head when the man walked off with him. This means that the

- A. accusation worsened the relationship.
- B. complete the conflict.
- C. couple were living peacefully before accusation.
- D. husband hit the wife on the head because her misbehaviour.
- D. wife had been proved to be unfulfilling and husband.

28. The two warrants countries agreed to buy a hatchet. This means that the countries agreed to become friends again.

- A. hide their hatchet.
- B. exchange prisoners.
- C. open their borders.

29. She is eating her heart out for a sitting who says:

- A. will be there.
- B. quarrelling with her suitor.
- C. angry with her suitor.
- D. longing for her suitor.

30. The new priest is very down-to-earth. This means that he is

- A. practical.
- B. very short.
- C. very humble.
- D. prayerful.

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

31. The villagers showered encounters on the grass.

- A. passes.
- B. presents.
- C. tributes.
- D. blessings.

32. The borsar absconded with our school (nash) suddenly disappeared.

- A. travelled.
- B. arrived safely.
- C. gambled.

33. The campaign rally was deferred due to the heavy rains

- A. cancelled
- B. postponed
- C. stopped
- D. banned

34. Anna's evidence corroborates that of Fatima.

- A. amplifies
- B. guarantees

- C. reinforces
- D. demonstrates

35. The prisoner was kept in solitary confinement.

- A. quiet
- B. lonely
- C. tight
- D. dark

36. Surely, Akl's mistake is parolombic.

- A. questionable
- B. minor
- C. excusable
- D. negligible

37. The lecturer showed much gratifixion.

- A. insight
- B. knowledge
- C. wisdom
- D. research

38. We should emulate the virtues of our peers.

- A. duplicate
- B. observe
- C. imitate
- D. preserve

39. Our driver was oblivious of the shouting at the back seat.

- A. annoyed
- B. unmistakable
- C. tireless
- D. destroys

40. He was reluctant to grant my request.

- A. opposed
- B. delighted
- C. indifferent
- D. insulting

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. It was not Ayi Kwei Arnab who wrote "Black Boy" \_\_\_\_\_?

- A. wasn't he
- B. was it
- C. isn't it
- D. was he

42. We now have a new \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. black American managing director
- B. black managing director's mercian
- C. American black managing director
- D. managing director black American

43. The \_\_\_\_\_ are being briefed about the latest developments in the West African region.

- A. commander-in-chief
- B. commander-in-chief
- C. commanders-in-chief
- D. commanders-in-chiefs

44. If you don't want to be overheard, don't talk \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. bad
- B. much loud
- C. badly
- D. more loudly

45. You should start to investigate \_\_\_\_\_ you get the statements of the prisoner.

- A. no sooner
- B. as soon as
- C. so soon as
- D. as soon

46. Tom played \_\_\_\_\_ than anyone else.

- A. worse
- B. badly
- C. bad
- D. worst

47. With \_\_\_\_\_ we entered the contest.

- A. Amadou acted as our leader
- B. Amadou acting as our leader
- C. Amadou acts as our leader
- D. Amadou act as our leader

48. The minister has insisted ..... continuing the demolition exercise:

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

49. When we were children, we ..... that song everyday after breakfast

- A. have sung
- B. sing
- C. are singing
- D. sang

50. Tom will never pass Mathematics ..... he tries.

- A. however hard
- B. as much as
- C. how much
- D. no matter hard

51. The principal, with his staff, ..... on a conducted tour of the school farm.

- A. is
- B. are being
- C. have been
- D. were

52. No sooner ..... the car than the gunman rushed at him.

- A. was he opening
- B. would he be opening
- C. had he been opening
- D. had he opened

53. Your boss is in ..... position to brief you on the outcome of the meeting.

- A. a best
- B. best
- C. better
- D. a better

54. The jury wanted to go over several ..... testimonies.

- A. witness'
- B. witnesses'
- C. witnessess'
- D. witness

55. We do not know what the future holds for us.

- A. do we
- B. didn't we
- C. isn't it
- D. we do

56. Although Mr. Tanidoh is a university, ..... wants to teach in the primary way.

- A. but he
- B. he yet
- C. still yet
- D. he

57. The manager expects every worker to stay .....

- A. myself
- B. yourself
- C. himself
- D. ourselves

58. Few people ..... their word.

- A. live for
- B. live by
- C. live with
- D. live on

59. It is good to give ..... where necessary.

- A. whatever advice
- B. advice
- C. an advice
- D. advise

60. Most of the pupils ..... their hands to answer question.

- A. raised on
- B. raised above
- C. raised up
- D. raised

61. The committee has appended a note to ..... report.

- A. it
- B. its
- C. their
- D. it's

62. Ignorance ..... the law is no excuse.

- A. for
- B. about
- C. of
- D. before

63. The colours on the fabric are ..... brightly my liking.

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

64. Oprah is the \_\_\_\_\_ student in our class.

- A. elevated
- B. slower
- C. elevated
- D. much slower

65. Doreen can't sing \_\_\_\_\_ as her sister.

- A. better
- B. as well
- C. so well
- D. more

66. The guard did not see the burglar \_\_\_\_\_ the office.

- A. entered
- B. having entered
- C. enter
- D. to enter

67. Farmers try to sell their produce \_\_\_\_\_ a profit.

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

68. His wife thinks that buying a new car is \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. the unnecessary expense
- B. some unnecessary expense
- C. an unnecessary expense
- D. unnecessary expense

69. The director is open \_\_\_\_\_ criticism.

- A. for
- B. to
- C. on
- D. about

70. Everyone was happy when the two friends \_\_\_\_\_ with each other.

- A. made off
- B. made do
- C. made away
- D. made up

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

A student had a severe attack of malaria and was rushed to the hospital in a private ambulance. He was brought to the .71. ward where the doctor or duty was waiting to attend to him. The patient was wheeled into the consulting room on a .72. and the nurses stepped aside for the doctor to start his examination. He took out his .73. - placed its arms into his ears to listen to the patient's heartbeat. The patient's temperature was taken with a clinical .74.

When the doctor completed his diagnosis, he asked the nurse to take the patient to the .75. where he was kept under observation for twenty-four hours.

Drugs and injections were .76. by the doctor and were administered by the nurses. One of the nurses loaded a .77. for an injection to be given to the patient. Two days later, he started to .78. and the doctor decided to .79. him. He was advised by the doctor to sleep under a .80. mosquito net.

- | 71. | A. in-patient | B. medical | C. out-patient | D. surgical |
- | 72. | A. truck | B. nolley | C. stretcher | D. table |
- | 73. | A. telescope | B. microscope | C. periscope | D. stethoscope |
- | 74. | A. thermometer | B. hydrometer | C. crucible | D. spatula |
- | 75. | A. ward | B. hall | C. room | D. lounge |
- | 76. | A. prescribed | B. written | C. authorised | D. ordered |
- | 77. | A. capsule | B. syringe | C. vial | D. tube |
- | 78. | A. relax | B. recoup | C. recuperate | D. revive |
- | 79. | A. discharge | B. release | C. free | D. acquit |
- | 80. | A. dyed | B. treated | C. washed | D. sprayed |

## ANSWER

1. D
2. C
3. A
4. D
5. D
6. A
7. C
8. D
9. A
10. B
11. A
12. B
13. C
14. B
15. D
16. A
17. C

18. D
19. B
20. C
21. A
22. D
23. B
24. C
25. A
26. D
27. A
28. D
29. C
30. A
31. D
32. A
33. B
34. C
35. B
36. C
37. B
38. C
39. B
40. D
41. B
42. A
43. C
44. C
45. B
46. A
47. D
48. B
49. B
50. A
51. D
52. A
53. D
54. D
55. A
56. B
57. C
58. B
59. D
60. D
61. B
62. C
63. A
64. C
65. B
66. C
67. C
68. C
69. B
70. D
71. C
72. C
73. A
74. D

75. A

76. A

77. A

78. B

79. C

80. A