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1. In the sentence Is Mary here?, "is" is a/an (a) noun (b) verb (c)pronoun (d)subject of the sentence (e)modifier
2. The car has a dazzling light. The underlined word is a/an (a) noun (b) verb (c) adjective (d) adverb (e) qualifier
3. Sails can function as a/an \_\_\_\_\_ in a sentence (a) noun (b) verb (c)adjective (d) a+b (e) gerund
4. We have much furniture in our store. The underlined word is a (a) count noun (b) non-count noun (c) a+b (d) none (e) all except 'd'
5. The room contains Melinda's portrait. In the sentence above, the underlined word functions as a/an (a) possessive pronoun (b) adjective (c) determiner (d) a+b (e) none

From questions 6 to 10, fill in the gaps with the appropriate options.

- 6 Ella is an \_\_\_\_\_ of Benue State University. (a) alumnus (b) alumnae (c) alumni (d) alumna (e) alumna
7. The boy, with several others, \_\_\_\_\_ late for school (a) is (b) are (c) were (d) was (e) none
8. Neither Dooshima nor the parents \_\_\_\_\_ at home. (a) is (b) were (c) can be (d) are (e) b+d
9. The Principal advised all the students to be of help to \_\_\_\_\_ (a) each other (b) one another (c) each another (d) themselves (e) a+b+d
- 10 The family \_\_\_\_\_ discussing \_\_\_\_\_ difficulties (a) was/their (b) was/its (c) were/their (d) b+c (e) b+c+d
- 11 Which of these begins with capital letters regardless of its position in a sentence? (a) relative pronoun (b) first person singular (c) reflexive pronoun (d) abstract noun (e) a+c
12. The only punctuation mark that separates two main clauses is the (a) comma (b) colon (c) semi-colon (d) period (e) none of these
13. Communication is perceived to be complete when (a) the message is complete (b) the message is received (c) the message is interpreted (d) the message is decoded (e) the message is encoded
14. In the sentence "It was she I gave the book", the pronoun 'she' functions as? (a) complement of the object (b) complement of the subject (c) object of the verb (d) complement of the preposition (e) subject of the complement
- 15 Adverbs can modify (a) adjectives, verbs, prepositions (b) pronouns, adjectives, verbs (c) adjectives, verbs, adverbs (d) pronouns, adjectives, prepositions (e) nouns, pronouns, gerunds
16. There is little food available. The underlined word is a (a) verb (b) qualifying adverb (c) qualifier (d) postmodifier (e) b+d
17. You and I are supposed to be friends. The underlined part of the sentence is a/an (a) transitive verb (b) primary auxiliary verb (c) modifier (d) modal auxiliary (e) none
- 18 His group knows how to manufacture automobiles. The underlined portion is (a) verbal phrase (b) adjectival phrase (c) adverbial clause (d) noun phrase (e) noun clause
19. Enewa has been playing the piano. The underlined part of the sentence is in what tenses? (a) past perfect continuous (b) present continuous tense (c) present perfect continuous (d) Present progressive (e) future continuous tense
20. Eje does nothing than giving. - The underlined part of the sentence can best be described as a/an (a) verb and noun (b) adverbial phrase (c) adjectival clause (d) verb phrase (e) prepositional phrase
21. A \_\_\_\_\_ of ladies (a) group (b) class (c) bevy (d) company (e) number

- 22 A \_\_\_\_\_ of singers. (a) group (b) choir (c) troupe (d) band (e) host
23. In terms of number, alphabet are (a) as many as letters (b) twenty four (c) from 'a' to 'z' (d) as many as languages (e) none of these
24. The train had left when we arrived is an example of (a) past tense (b) past present tense (c) past perfect tense (d) simple past (e) none of these
- 25 \_\_\_\_\_ is used to represent contracted forms of expressions. (a) dash (b) apostrophe marks (c) parenthesis
26. The word 'fast' can function as a/an \_\_\_\_\_ in a sentence (a) verb and noun (b) adverb and preposition (c) adverb and adjective (d) verb and gerund (e) noun and adverb
27. In the sentence "This is the boy who won the race, the pronoun 'who' functions as a \_\_\_\_\_ in the sentence. (a) possessive pronoun (b) demonstrative pronoun (c) relative pronoun (d) sub noun (e) b+d
28. In the sentence "I would rather read than write", the underlined words are \_\_\_\_\_ conjunctions. (a) superlative (b) coordinating (c) correlative (d) subordinating (e) comparative
29. A complex sentence contains (a) a subject and a predicate to make meaning (b) one independent clause and one or more dependent or subordinate clauses (c) a noun phrase and a verb phrase (d) a single compound subject and a complete meaning (e) a+b+d
- 30 to my sister is a/an (a) adjectival clause (b) noun phrase (c) prepositional phrase (d) adverbial (e) a+b+d
31. The committee will give \_\_\_\_\_ reports tomorrow (a) it's/them (b) it's/their (c) it/their (d) its/their (e) none
- 32 Little is to big as dwarf is to \_\_\_\_\_-(a) tall (b) giant (c) large (d) huge (e) a+b+d
33. The \_\_\_\_\_ grunts (a) sheep (b) horse (c) pig (d) rat (e) goat
34. The nouns that can be formed from 'select' are (a) selectionals/selections (b) selectives/selection (c) selected/selecteds (d) selects/selections (e) selections/selectives
35. \_\_\_\_\_ is an adjectives that can be formed from 'attract (a) attractives (b) attractable (c) attracter (d), attracts (e) attractiveness
- 36 \_\_\_\_\_ works on an anvil. (a) carpenter (b) plumber (c) blacksmith (d) sailor (e) shephard
37. The plural of 'deer is, \_\_\_\_\_ (a) door (b) deers (c) some deers (d) deer (e) none
38. These are my boxes. The underlined word is a (a) reflexive pronoun (b) demonstrative pronoun (c) personal pronoun (d) possessive pronoun (e) reciprocal pronoun
- 39 Soldiers live in the \_\_\_\_\_ (a) barrackes (b) barrack (c) barracks (d) barack (e) baracks
40. I shall be winning major events in my later years indicates (a) past perfect progressive (b) future tense (c) future perfect tense (d) future continuous tense (e) future past tense
41. Ann visits her friend often. The underlined adverb indicates (a) time (b) frequency (c) manner (d) place (e) a+c
42. In whatever he meant by that is none of my business. The underlined is a/an (a) pronoun clause (b) adjectival clause (c) noun clause (d) adverbial clause (e) relative clause
43. We live \_\_\_\_\_ 21<sup>st</sup> century. (a) in (b) within (c) by the (d) in the (e) with the
44. That hat is similar \_\_\_\_\_ mine. (a) in (b) to (c) with (d) like (e) b or c
45. Paragraphing means (a) summarising a source's ideas (b) summarising with little addition to a source's ideas (c) restatement in different words (d) summarising in different words (e) all correct except 'd'
46. Two from five \_\_\_\_\_ three (a) laeves (b) leeves (c) lives (d) leaves (e) c or d
47. Dave, Marian and

48. Snazzy is the\_\_\_\_\_ of the two boys. (a) strongest (b) strong (c) stronger (d) strongst (e) a+c
49. It was they, not we\_\_\_\_\_ ran away (a) which (b) who (c) that (d) whom (e) b+c  
went on a picnic. (a) me (b) I (c) myself (d) a+b+c (e) none
50. Identify the punctuation errors in the sentence - I have read Achebes short story The Voter  
(a) 3 (b) 5 (c) 2 (d) 1 (e) 4
51. The friends blamed each other for \_\_\_\_\_ lateness to the lecture. (a) his or her (b) each other's  
(c) their (d) a+b+c (e) a+c
52. Aminu Kano was one of the greatest politicians\_\_\_\_\_ ever lived. (a) which (b) who (c)  
whom (d) that (e) b+d
53. Identify the name and function of the underlined part of the sentence - That is the boy who  
stole the car. (a) Noun clause, serving as complement (b) adjectival clause, modifying 'boy' (c)  
adjectival phrase, modifying 'car' (d) adverbial clause, modifying 'stole' (e) demonstrative  
adjective
- 54 Either the boys or the girls\_\_\_\_\_ to blame. (a) will (b) is (c) are (d) can (e) b+c
- 55\_\_\_\_\_ can be used to separate extra information or an extraneous comment from the rest of a  
sentence (a) hyphen (b) quotation marks (c) colon (d) parenthesis (e) comma
- 56.\_\_\_\_\_entails the continuous and quick identification of the main points while reading. (a)  
scanning (b) skimming (c) inferential reading (d) critical reading (e) none
57. Nigerians are living in poverty. The underlined word is a/an (a) collective noun (b) concrete  
noun (c) abstract noun (d) common noun (e) proper noun
58. Two former\_\_\_\_\_are contesting the post (a) Commander-in-Chiefs (b) Commanders-in-  
Chiefs (c) Commander-in-Chieves (d) Commanders-in-Chief (e) Commander-in-Chief
59. Either the boy or the father\_\_\_\_\_ the key. (a) have (b)has (c) having (d) is have (e) are  
have
60. Which of these is the most appropriate plural for the word 'appendix'? (a) appendix (b)  
appendixes (c) appendices (d) appendixs (e) none

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1. English is Nigeria's official language because of (a) its popularity (b) our many languages (c) its spread (d) lingua franca (e) its standard.
2. A correct reading habit is (a) pointing (b) silent reading (c) reading back (d) vocalising (e) lip movement.
3. In communication,..... describes the sender: (a) channel (b) speaker (c) encoder (d) decoder (e) medium.
4. A weakness of written communication: (a) not audible (b) takes time (c) deniable (d) can be an evidence (e) a-d.
5. Which of these is not a speech organ? (a) the lips (b) the lungs (c) the tongue (d) the teeth (e) they all are
6. Vocabulary' means (a) vocal cord (b) voicing of words (c) collection of words (d) word choice (e) language.
7. In spoken language, meaning is produced by (a) words (b) contexts (c) gestures (d) postures (e) all of these.
8. Simple sentence has.....clause(s) (a) a main (b) a subordinate (c) 2 main (d) 1 main + 1 subordinate (e) a phrase
9. An assumption on listening comprehension is that the receiver (a) feels (b) sees (c) smiles (d) talks (e) none.
10. Ladi was sad but she laughed, is a....sentence. (a) simple (b) compound (c) complex (d) confused (e) complete
11. Oko made. ....grades in his first year. (a) small (b) big (c) perfect (d) more perfect (e) most perfect
12. Of both wrestlers, Gugu is. (a) strong (b) stronger (c) strongest (d) more stronger (e) most strongest.
13. In 'I have less joy as an adult', 'less' is (a) determiner (b) adjective (c) comparative (d) superlative (e) a word.
14. Ortom now farms even mushrooms and snakes... ..large scale. (a) in (b) on (c) at (d) to (e) from.
15. A vendor is..... ..the gate. (a) around (b) before (c) at (d) near (e) on.
16. You are warned... cheating. (a) of (b) for (c) over (d) about (e) against.
17. Rejoice not... another's misfortune. (a) at (b) about (c) on (d) over (e) in.
18. Youngsters are inclined...foolishness. (a) towards (b) into (c) to (d) at (e) on.
19. "I found this phone here; I don't know.....it is." (a) whose (b) whom (c) for whom (d) for what (e) for who.
20. I'll see him when he ...(a) will come (b) shall come (c) comes (d) will be back (e) all of these.
21. "She was singing...." is in the.....tense. (a) present cont. (b) simple past (c) past cont. (d) perfect (e) pluperfect.
22. Idi had slept when...' is.....tense. (a) imperfect (b) perfect (c) simple past (d) present perfect (e) past perfect.
23. Maize season comes soon' is in.....tense (a) simple present (b) present continuous (c) habitual present (d) present perfect (e) simple future.
24. Lazy students have been advised. The verb is in.....tense (a) perfect (b) present continuous (c) present perfect (d) past perfect (e) none of these.
25. Agreement of subject and verb is described as (a) modal (b) passive mood (c) concord (d) cordiality (e) gerund.

26. 'Alma will be staying with Ter' is.....tense (a) present (b) future (c) future cont. (d) future perfect cont. (e) none.
27. Smart ones are being rewarded.' The tense here is (a) simple present (b) present continuous (c) present participle (d) present perfect (e) past continuous.s
28. "You should pass GST well" is in.....tense (a) present (b) future (c) conditional (d) suppositional (e) predictive.
29. 'The Council usually.. ...the loan. (a) approves (b) approve (c) will approve (d) has approved (e) a + b.
30. This teenager graduated from UAM. The verb is (a) active (b) inactive (c) passive (d) transitive (e) modal.
31. ....who stole my purse" is an/a (a) phrase (b) noun phrase (c) noun clause (d) adjct. clause (e) adjectival phrase
32. "I was taken unawares." "Unawares' is a/an (a) phrase (b) noun (c) verb (d) adverb (e) none of these.
33. She is his wife.' The noun in this sentence is (a) concrete (b) proper (c) improper (d) abstract (e) a and c.
34. Boys love play.' 'Boys' is....noun. (a) proper (b) common (c) concrete + countable (d) common + countable (e) none.
35. Joan reached before me.' 'Before' is.. ...a/an (a) adjective (b) adverb (c) preposition (d) noun (e) conjunction.
36. Let's love one another' expresses a.....pronoun (a) personal (b) reflexive (c) reciprocal (d) relative (e) none.
37. They themselves fled' is a... ....pronoun. ((a) personal (b) reflexive (c) reciprocal (d) relative (e) demonstrative.
- 38/Aeroplanes scarcely crash in Ireland' shows adverb of (a) time (b) place (c) condition (d) frequency (e) a-d.
39. Unless I'm 30, I won't marry' express adverb of (a) time (b) condition (c) purpose (d) age (e) occurrence.
40. Goats from Gombe are tall. 'from Gombe is a/an'(a) adjectival noun (b) adjectival phrase (c) adjectival clause (d) adverbial phrase (e) adverbial noun.
41. The boss as well as his men.....(a) are (b) has been (c) have been (d) has being (e) have being.
42. You better table the matter.' Table is (a) a word (b) the subject (c) the object (d) the noun (e) the verb.
43. Which of these is not a countable noun? (a) Smiles (b) Rice (c) Poverty (d) Determination (e) a to d.
44. Identify the odd option among these nouns: (a) nail (b) brilliance (c) sorrow (d) water
45. A proper noun equivalent of air is (a) lady (b) lass (c) woman (d) Jane (e) fiancée
46. A common noun derived from Africa is (a) black world (b) location (c) nations (d) map (e) idea.
47. Number the errors in, "My land lady understand with me." (a) 1 (b) 2 (c) 3 (d) 4 (e) none.
48. The errors in, 'In some certain good marriages, both couples love themselves', are: (a) 1 (b) 2 (c) 3 (d) 4 (e) 0.
49. Number the errors in, The man and woman are intending to marry one another' (a) 0 (b) 1 (c) 2 (d) 3 (e) 4.
50. Punctuate this sentence, as appropriate: What a mess this is' (a)(b)? (c) (d)! (e):

51. The punctuation mark(s) before a list is/are (a) dash (b) comma (c) colon (d) semi-colon (e) a and c.
52. In English writing, a foreign word is put in (a) italics (b) brackets (c) quotation (d) bold print (e) capital letters.
53. Identify the missing punctuation mark or marks in "Oh no" (a), (b). (c) (d) a and b (e) a and c.
54. A girl visited him, suggests a/an... girl (a) definite (b) familiar (c) unknown (d) mysterious (e) shy..
55. Iyaa is a good wife' shows (a) noun phrase (b) noun clause (c) adjectival phrase (d) verbal phrase (e) adverb.
56. I will praise God.' The mood here is (a) purposeful (b) imperative (c) declarative (d) prophetic (e) exclamatory.
57. Reading comprehension involves (a) ability to read (b) reading fluently (c) understanding the sentences (d) reading & understanding (e) understanding beyond the words.
58. In communication, what is odd here? (a) A recorder (b) Feedback (c) A channel (d) The message (e) Sender.
59. The purpose of, "Pass your scripts!" is: (a) Obedience (b) Discipline (c) Imperative (d) Timeliness (e) a-e
60. Amala is my choice' is (a) affirmative (b) declarative (c) preference (d) imperative (e) wishful.

#### Comprehension Section

Carefully read the narrative piece below, and answer the questions on it:

Blood ties aside, Guduma would not have sold Kanti the huge cow.

However, the buyer's hard bargain and the demands of Guduma's expansive house made him go the extra mile, selling well below the current market value of cattle. The prized purchase had hardly been carted away in a truck when its former owner shouted, "Kaiiii!" and bit his finger: he wished he could kill the finished deal! One man's pain is another man's gain! (Andrew A. Aba).

61. Give a title to this piece: (a) Cow Business (b) A Sad Purchase (c) Guduma's Day (d) Kanti's Gain (e) Huge Sale.
62. For how many reasons was the cow disposed of? (a) one (b) two (c) three (d) four (e) Not indicated.
63. The buyer of the cow is a/an (a) cow butcher (b) cow breeder (c) beef seller (d) Fulani herdsman (e) none of these.
64. The seller needed cash to (a) redo his ranch (b) build a house (c) finish a house (d) feed his family (e) for rainy day.
65. The proper name of the purchased item is (a) Cow (b) Kanti (c) Animal (d) Guduma (e) None of these.
66. The seller (a) regretted (b) wished to kill the cow (c) trekked an extra mile (d) acted in ignorance (e) a-d.
67. He was upset because he (a) trekked an extra mile (b) did not kill the cow for his family (c) had sold for less (d) he bit himself (e) his cow was gone.
68. another man's meat" refers to (a) Guduma (b) the buyer (c) a neighbour (d) a family member (e) a Fulani man.
69. "Prized purchase" means (a) hard bargained (b) highly priced (c) very costly (d) very valuable (e) for Prize Giving.

70. The last line is a... ..sentence (a) compound (b) confusing (c) complicated (d) concluding (e) contradictory.

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1 a communication limited to human beings? (a) Yes (b) No (c) Vague (d) Irrelevant (e) Arguable.

2. Reading is a/an -----skill (a) active (b) neglected (c) negligible (d) productive (e) respected.

3. The most challenging language skill is (a) reading (b) writing (c) speaking (d) listening (e) comprehension.

4 The faculty hosts a yearly conference. The underlined is (a) adjective (b) adverb of place (c) adverb o (d) adverb of frequency (e) adverb of time

5. To decode is to (a) understand (b) hear and respond (c) listen well (d) interpret well (e) receive.