



**UNIVERSITY OF UYO, UYO**  
**POST-UME SCREENING EXERCISE 2006/2007**  
**ENGLISH 2006/2007**

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

1. \_\_\_\_\_ of the five boys was able to show me the way to the zoo. A. none B. neither C. any D. some
2. This \_\_\_\_\_ be David's handwriting, I know his handwriting well enough A. may B. will c. ought D. can't
3. \_\_\_\_\_ things she had in the room were thrown out. A. so few B. the few C. all few D. very few
4. There are five boys \_\_\_\_\_ A. of which two were beaten B. whom two were beaten C. two of whom were beaten D. of whom two of them were beaten.
5. This is the man \_\_\_\_\_ told me the story A. whom I said B. who I said C. said that he D. who I said he
6. Many students find Mathematics \_\_\_\_\_ than English A. difficult B. too difficult C. very difficult D. more difficult
7. It is such a bad Place \_\_\_\_\_ is will never dream of going there another time A. Therefore B. thus C. that D. than
8. He has not been seen by his parents \_\_\_\_\_ lest month. A. since B. for C. getting D. since over.
9. The \_\_\_\_\_ came here last week A. handsome tall young man B. young tall handsome man C. tall handsome young man D. young handsome tall man
10. The activities marking the golden jubilee celebrations of the club were \_\_\_\_\_ with a party. A. round off B. rounded over C. rounded through D. rounded up.

**Choose the option that is nearly apposite in meaning to the underlined word and the will, at the sometime, correctly fill the gap in the sentence.**

11. To encourage productivity we must reward industry and \_\_\_\_\_ laziness A. withhold B. withdraw C. punish D. oppose
12. It is quite customary to introduce the guest speaker but \_\_\_\_\_ to insult him. A. illegal B. implore C. unusual D. useless
13. I encouraged my younger brothers to take on law as a profession while I \_\_\_\_\_ my sister from doing so A. warned B. dissuaded C. persuaded D. t
14. Olu was able to kinds the from which my father had to \_\_\_\_\_ later. A. switch B. distinguish C. destroy D. ignite

15. It is curious how Bayo can be so carefree in his way when his brother is so \_\_\_\_\_ A. meticulous B. eccentric C. easy going D. different
16. Mr. John has always managed to keep his head above water. A. keep his head above water while swimming B. know the techniques of swimming C. stay out of financial difficulty D. he is trying to pay up borrowed money.
17. The men eventually got back on their oppressors. A. strike B. have their revenge on C. beat up D. abuse
18. He went off the rails as soon as he heard of his failure in the last examination A. became annoyed B. wept bitterly C. became disorganized D. lost consciousness.
19. She is eating her heart out for a sailor who is away at sea. A. long for B. quarrelling with C. fuming about D. hating
20. You can't make bricks without straws. A. used straw for making bricks B. afford not to have all the necessary materials C. seek a leader D. erect a brick without straws.

**Provide the synonyms for the underlined words**

21. The superintendent was appalled by the attitude of some of their employees toward their word. A. annoyed B. disappointed C. shocked D. provoked
22. The lawyer's argument of the case was exhaustive. A. fascinating B. exaggerating C. exhilarating D. thorough
23. The monk lived an ascetic life in order to discipline himself. A. a holy B. a religious C. a prayerful D. an austere
24. Okon attempted to entice Eno with the promise of a handsome sum of money. A. deceive B. force C. trick D. tempt
25. It is absurd to suggest that Tumble should marry that saucy lady. A. pinable B. hopeless C. humorous D. ridiculous.

**ANSWERS TO ENGLISH 06/07**

- 1.A 2.D 3.B 4.A 5. A 6.D 7.C 8.A 9.C 10.A 11.C 12.C 13,B 14.B 15.A 16.C 17.C 18.C 19.A 20.B 21.C 22.D 23.D 24.D 25.D.



**UNIVERSITY OF UYO, UYO  
POST-UTME SCREENING EXERCISE 2007/2008  
ENGLISH 2007/2008**

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

1. After much debate on the controversial issues, the meeting was \_\_\_\_\_ till the next morning. A. postponed B. proscribed C. adjourned D. delayed.
2. The company distributed gifts to its staff as an \_\_\_\_\_ to hard work. A. incentive B. inception C. interest D. induction
3. You must have \_\_\_\_\_ I was coming. A. know B. knowed C. known D. know
4. The chairman \_\_\_\_\_ by the news of his defeat A. was shake B. was shook C. was shaken D. was shocked
5. Who \_\_\_\_\_ this sketch? A. drew B. drawn C. drewed D. drawn.

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

6. Etim is very frugal whereas his friend Nsikak is \_\_\_\_\_ A. miserly B. thrifty C. precocious D. extravagant.
7. You should be \_\_\_\_\_ so as not to be caught unawares. A. serious B. sober C. ready D. alert
8. The manager who was sacked last month has been \_\_\_\_\_ A. retired B. suspended C. reinstated D. promoted.
9. The school authorities expected the contributions to be \_\_\_\_\_ rather than compulsory A. willful B. voluntary C. deliberate D. outright.

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

10. It was quite impossible for him not to have noticed that Lola had arrived. This means that he \_\_\_\_ A. should have known that Lola had arrived B. found it impossible to say that Lola had arrived C. said that Lola had not arrived D. pretended not to know that Lola had arrived.
11. My father advised us not to go with the crowd. This means that he advised us not to \_\_\_\_\_ A. stay in the crowd B. have many friends C. travel with many people D. be unduly influenced by others.
12. We would grant request if we had money. This means that \_\_\_\_\_ A. we have the money but will not grant your request B. we have the money and will grant your request C. we will have the money and will grant your request D. we do not have the money and cannot grant your request.
13. Amina has an infectious smile. This means Amina \_\_\_\_\_ A. spread infection when she smiles B. has sore in her teeth C. makes other smile when she smiles D. becomes infected when she smiles.

**From the words lettered A to D, choose the word that is nearest in meaning to the underlined word.**

14. Your inability to decide on a line of action can mar your future. A. build b. make C. destroy D. none of above.
15. Erne's waist is adorned with beads A. surrounded B. besieged C. decorated D. defaced
16. Samuel was skeptical about the story Umoh told him A. ignorant B. confused C. doubtful D. combined
17. The politician made very scurrilous remains about his opponent. A. abusive B. intolerable C. false D. sharp.

**From the words lettered A to D, choose the word that has the same vowel sound as the one represented by the letter(s) underlined.**

18. Seat A. sot B. key C. cite D. set
19. Dirty A. worn B. sun C. burn D. date
20. Time A. beam B. that C. by D. baby
21. Bad A. man B. pan C. all D. car

**From the words lettered A to D, choose the word that has the same consonant sound as the sound represented by the letter(s) underlined**

22. Vast A. fast B. laugh C. nephew D. offer
23. Joke A. watch B. age C. ago D. leg
24. Tailor A. talk B. calm C. laugh D. walk
25. Leisure A. sugar B. pressure C. decision D. compulsion

**ANSWERS TO USE OF ENGLISH – 2007/2008**

- 1.C 2.A 3.C 4.D 5.A 6.D 7.D 8.C 9.B 10. A 11. D 12. D 13.C 14.C 15.C 16.C 17.A 18.B 19.C 20.C 21.A 22.C 23.B 24.C 25C.



**UNIVERSITY OF UYO, UYO  
POST-UTME SCREENING EXERCISE 2008/2009  
ENGLISH 2008/2009**

Instructions: Chooses the word that is most nearly opposite in meaning to the underlined word and that at the same time, correctly fill the sentence.

1. Polygamy is very common in Africa, whereas the only acceptable form of marriage in Europe is \_\_\_\_\_. A. bigamy B. celibacy C. polyandry D. monogamy
2. He denied that he ever \_\_\_\_\_ committed the offence in his earlier statement. A. admitted B. argued C. emphasized D. negated
3. The long trek exhausted him so he needed rest to \_\_\_\_\_ himself A. repent B. remake C. recuperate D. accident
4. The computerized service of the new bank contrast with the \_\_\_\_\_ operations of the old ones. A. mechanical B. electrical C. aerial D. manual
5. I felt as if I was in an oven throughout my stay in the Sahara, while our form here in Jos is like a \_\_\_\_\_. A. geezer B. chimney C. ventilator D. furnace
6. The prices of cars has become \_\_\_\_\_. A. painful B. unbearable C. stringent D. exorbitant
7. We need to \_\_\_\_\_ our resources in these hard times. A. squander B. economize C. minimize D. retrench
8. Ngozi's soothing remarks were made to \_\_\_\_\_ Femi's anger. A. blazed B. electrified C. radiated D. electrocuted
9. The poor boy was \_\_\_\_\_ when he stepped on live wire. A. blazed B. electrified C. radiated D. electrocuted.
10. The policeman ran to another country to seek \_\_\_\_\_. A. refuge B. safeguard C. retreat D. safety
11. The Governor ordered that any work done by any contractor should be properly \_\_\_\_\_ so as to know the correct amount to pay. A. processed B. investigated C. evaluated D. accounted.
12. The University awarded \_\_\_\_\_ Doctorate degrees to four distinguished members of the the community A. honorable B. expensive C. ceremonious D. honorary

**From the list of words lettered A to D choose the correctly spelt word**

13. A. deceive B. deceiver C. decive D. deceiver
14. A. illumminate B. illuminate C. iluminat D. illuminat
15. A. omission B. ommission C. ommision D. ommition
16. A. necesitate B. nicessitate C. necessitate D. neccessitate

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

17. The works of art in this gallery are priceless A. irreplaceable B. precious C. invaluable D. durable
18. My father was skeptical about the story I told him A. ignorant B. doubting C. embarrassed D. luke warm

19. My Uncle was so engrossed in his work that He didn't hear me come in A. fascinated B. thrilled C. absorbed D. overwhelmed
20. The chairman was given a tumultuous welcome. A. strange B. pleasant C. noisy D. well-organized.
21. The evidence of the witness was corroborated by the accused. A. verified B. alleged C. confirmed D. signed
- In each of the following sentences, the word that receives the emphatic stress is written in CAPITAL LETTERS. Choose the question to which the given sentence is the appropriate answer.**
22. The motor car crashed INTO the building A. Did the motor lorry crash into the building? B. Did the motor car park in front of the building C. Did the motor car crash beside the building? D. Did the motor car crash into the electric pole?
23. Mother has invited TEN guests to dinner tonight. A. has father invited ten guests to dinner tonight? B. Has mother invited ten guests to dinner tomorrow? C. Has mother invited ten guests to lunch tomorrow? D. has mother invited twelve guests to dinner tonight?
24. Jane RARELY wakes up before seven o'clock A. Does Susan rarely wake up before seven o'clock B. Does Jane rarely sleep before seven o'clock.
25. SOME children are afraid of the dark A. are some adults afraid of the dark? B. Are all children afraid of the dark C. Are some children Afraid of the Light? D. are some children in love with the dark?

**ANSWER TO 2008/09 ENGLISH**

- 1.D 2.A 3.C 4.D 5.A 6.D 7.B 8.D 9.D 10.A 11.D 12.D 13.C 14.B 15.A 16.C 17.C 18.B 19.C 20.C 21.C 22.C 23.D 24.C 25. B.



**UNIVERSITY OF UYO, UYO  
POST-UTME SCREENING EXERCISE 2009/2010  
ENGLISH 2009/2010**

**SECTION A: Choose the option that is most nearly opposite in meaning to the underlined word.**

1. Though his parents' poverty placed many obstacles in his path as a young man, Olu succeeded at last. A. hurdles B. advantages C. temptations D. diversion
2. Binta sobbed by the door because she had lost her mother's precious necklace. A. cried B. smiled C. wept D. laughed
3. The president took exception to the ignoble role the young man played in the matter. A. honourable B. embarrassing C. dishonorable D. extraordinary.
4. The man who had been seriously ill was convalescing at a sea-side resort. A. regaining health B. deteriorating health C. recuperating D. relaxing
5. Ogedegbe was an intrepid fighter for human freedom and dignity A. timed B. half-hearted c. fearless D. undaunted.
6. His antipathy to religious ideas makes him unpopular. A. remedy B. consciousness C. hostility D. receptiveness.

**Choose the option nearest in meaning to the word(s) or phrase underlined.**

7. You are free to leave the hall. A. opportune B. right C. at liberty D. at an advantage.
8. The discussion became animated A. due B. noisy C. lively D. specialized.
9. The beggar's taking snowballed every, hour. A. grew into a ball B. turned into snow C. a turned D. grew
10. Many of the workers hired for firing the furnace had themselves fired as a result of the unfortunate accident. A. got themselves burnt accidentally B. Jumped into the fire themselves C. get themselves from the job D. were sacked from their jobs.
11. Many candidates now apply to read accounting because it is a lucrative profession. A. brings plenty of profit B. brings high prestige C. brings quick money D. brings rapid promotion.
12. The speaker took his audience down memory lane before he went to the topic of his lecture. A. took his audience on a journey through a street called memory lane B. Recalled events from the past C. told a tale about a place called memory lane D. blesses his congregation.

**Choose the word(s) or phrased(s) which best fills the gap(s):**

13. The Affair Officer is expecting all of us \_\_\_\_\_ in the Dining room. A student B. student's C. students D. students
14. Many a candidate \_\_\_\_\_ to realize he difference between written and spoken English. A fail B. is failing C. have failed D. fails
15. All \_\_\_\_\_ well with lyabo. A. are not B. were not C. is not D. were not
16. A tale of two cities \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ we are studying. A. are/novels B. is/novel C. are/novel D. were/novels

17. My first cousin does not have flair \_\_\_\_ mathematics. A. at B. in C. with D. for
18. It was \_\_\_\_ who fought the civil war. A. they B. them C. those D. theirs
19. A number of students \_\_\_\_ missed the opportunity to re-register. A. is B. has C. have D. do
20. Adekunle is prepared for a \_\_\_\_ with his opponent following his defeat last season. A. show-off B. shown-down C. show-up D. show-out

**From the words lettered A to D choose the word that rhymes with the given word in CAPITALS**

21. HURRY A. curry B. sorry C. gory D. glory
22. GARNISH A. finish B. punish C. tarnish D. girlish
23. PURGE A. budge B. wage C. forge D. scourge
24. EXTENSION A. evasion B. intrusion C. mention D. scourge
25. TALL A. toll B. wall C. goal D. dull

**ANSWERS TO 09/10 – ENGLISH**

- 1.B. 2.D 3.A 4.B 5.A 6.D 7.C 8.C 9.D 10.D 11.A 12.B 13.D 14.A 15.C 16.B 17.D  
18.B 19.C 20.B 21.A 22.C 23.D 24. 25.B.



**UNIVERSITY OF UYO, UYO  
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ENGLISH 2010/2011**

**Read the pages below and answer questions 1-6 that follow:**

Two goats once met in the middle of a wooden bridge over the river in a village. The bridge was narrow that only one goat could safely pass across it at



a time. "Go back" shouted the first goat in anger, "I am older than you", answered the second goat. "I will soon teach you a lesson, we shall see whose bones are stronger" challenged the other. So anger did they become that they started pushing each other. This led to butting and they continued to fight until at last both fell into the river. Neither of them could swim and so both of them drowned.

1. Where did the goats meet? A. in the middle of the bridge B. under the narrow bridge C. at the end of the bridge D. over the river
2. What caused the arguments between the two goats? A. The goats were foolish B. Each goat wanted to cross first C. The bridge was too narrow for both of them to cross. D. The river was deep and narrow.
3. Why did the first goat order the other to go back? A. because the first goat was the older one B. he wanted to teach the other a lesson C. the first goat was in a hurry D. because the first goat was more foolish.
4. Why did the second goat want to cross first? A. Because it was very angry B. It wanted to push the other C. Because it was strange D. to challenge the other goat.
5. How did they try to settle the dispute? A. By teaching each other a lesson B. by fighting C. the first goat walked over the second D. both of them went back.
6. What happened to them finally? A. they started to fight B. they wounded each other on the bridge C. they continued to fight D. they fell into the river and drowned

**Choose the option that is nearest in meaning to the underlined statement or word**

7. Had she asked me earlier, I might have been able to employ him. A. I employed her B. I did not employ him C. I did not employ her D. I employed neither of the two.
8. If he were to apologize, I would probably forgive him. A. I will not forgive him even if he apologizes, I will check whether or not to forgive him C. I will definitely forgive him if he apologizes D. he will not apologize and I will not forgive him
9. His summary of the meeting was brief and to the point A. careful B. precise C. accurate D. exact.
10. Publishers say that newsprint has become more expensive. A. newspapers B. paper for printing C. printer's salaries and wages D. publishing news.
11. One of the stages of the creative process is the incubation period. This refers to the period when. A. the ideas are firmly fixed through reaction B. the person suddenly comes upon the idea C. the person thinks over the idea D. the idea is given up.

12. In spite of the loud music John soon managed to fall asleep. A. the loud music soon helped John to fall asleep B. John soon fell asleep as a result of the loud music C. the loud music made John despise sleep D. John soon fell asleep even though the music was loud.

13. My school principal's getting old, his mates have been retired. But because of his zeal for work he has been retained. A. my school principal is strong B. my school principal is cheerful C. my school principal's activity at work is unparalleled D. my school principal is enthusiastic about his job.

**Choose the expression or word that best completes each sentence below**

14. The bridge connecting the two cities was \_\_\_ by the enemy. A. blown down B. blown up C. blown off D. blown out.

15. By the end of this year, \_\_\_ in this town for eleven years. A. I'm living B. I'd be living C. I have lived D. I'll have lived.

16. Walking down the street \_\_\_ A. the boy was knock down by caqr B. a car knocked the boy down C. a car collided with a boy D. the boy was knocked down by a car.

17. She doesn't have to attend the lecture \_\_\_ A. deoesn't she? B. is she? C. has she? D. does she?

18. After our series of quarrels, it would be \_\_\_ to pretend that I have any more regard for him. A. hypothetical B. essential C. inevitable D. hypocritical.

19. If the company had any delay at the customs office, it was \_\_\_ their own making. A. at B. of C. from D. through.

**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**

20. The leader of the delegation was commended for the manner in which he handled the matter, while their host were \_\_\_ A. applauded B. praised C. criticized D. sanctioned.

21. Musa is very frugal whereas Audu is \_\_\_ A. miserly B. thrifty C. precocious D. extravagant.

22. Taiwo's flamboyance and Kehinde's \_\_\_ often keep people wondering if they are really twins. A. modesty B. arrogance C. timidity D. pretention.

23. He was promoted for his efficiency, while his colleague was demoted for \_\_\_ A. ability B. lateness C. incompetence D. capability.

24. You should be \_\_\_ so as not to be caught unawares. A. serious B. sober C. trendy D. alert.

25. The school authorities expected the contributions to be \_\_\_ rather than compulsory. A. willful B. voluntary C. deliberate D. outright.

### ANSWER ENGLISH 2010/2011 0220

1. A 2. B 3.A. 4.C 5.B 6.D 7.B 8.B 9.B 10.B 11.C 12.D 13.D 14.B 15.B 16.D 17.D  
18.D 19.B 20.C 21.D 22.A 23.C 24.D 25.B



**UNIVERSITY OF UYO, UYO**  
**POST-UTME SCREENING EXERCISE 2011/2012**  
**ENGLISH 2011/2012**

**Section A: Choose the option that is most nearly opposite in meaning to the underlined word.**

1. I took the drug to relieve my headache A. alleviate B. provoke C. abate  
D. aggravates.
2. "This information is very confidential" the director said A. public B. personal  
C. popular D. private.

3. You will succeed fairly well with adolescents if you coax them. A. coerce B. punish C. pamper D. curse.

4. Life has become a misery for many due to harsh economic conditions. A. satisfaction B. extravagance C. peace D. comfort.

5. He ended the discussion on amicable terms. A. unacceptable B. hostile C. friendly D. aggressive.

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

6. The visit of the patron of the club \_\_\_\_\_ the words of the players. A. elated B. induced C. boasted D. boosted.

7. The man advised his children not to give \_\_\_\_\_ to the temptations of the city. A. of B. up C. in D. out

8. \_\_\_\_\_ were seated to the library by the English teacher. A. I and Udoh B. Udoh and me C. Udoh and I D. myself and Udoh.

9. You're not too tired do continue \_\_\_\_\_? A. are you B. isn't it C. can you D. it is

10. \_\_\_\_\_ and the journey started \_\_\_\_\_ the engine developed a fault. A. that B. when C. than D. soon.

**Choose the word that is nearest in meaning to the underlined word**

11. The bride was praised by her mother-in-law for her impeccable behaviour. A. spotless B. appropriate C. beautiful D. faultless.

12. The accused vehemently denied the charges against him. A. ignorantly B. stupidly C. deliberately D. strongly

13. The foreman believed that with the augmented work-force the construction job would take one more month to complete. A. skilled B. enlarged C. hired D. determined.

14. The children were warned not to be unduly inquisitive. A. naughty B. playful C. troublesome D. curious

15. The incessant chatter of the pupils irritated the teacher A. excited B. meaningless C. unceasing D. illogical.

**Choose the interpretation that you consider most appropriate for each sentence.**

16. Although Aliyu was acquitted by the court for want of evidence, the police still kept a tag on him. This means that they A. kept him under close observation B. set a trap to catch him again C. attached a tag to his clothes D. kept him behind bars.

17. When it came to the question of often increase in allowances, the striking worker spoke with one voice. This means that the workers A. became frightened B. appointed one of them as their spokesman C. repeated their demand in a chorus D. were unanimous in their position.

18. The newly acquired air-pus plane is a white elephant this means that the plane is A. very costly but worthless B. very useful C. as big as an elephant D. the biggest plane on the fleet.

19. Amina always flies off at a tangent when a serious matter is being discussed. This means that Amina A. gets over excited B. keeps digressing C. keeps the discussion lively D. has nothing to contribute

20. The restaurant owners offered Olu a drink on the house. This means that A. the drink was taken to Olu's house B. Olu was invited to the owner's house C. the drink was free of charge D. Olu was served inside the restaurant.

**Choose the correctly spelt word from questions 21 to 25**

21. A. Tommorrow B. Tommorow C. Tomorrow D. Tomorrow

22. A. proffessor B. professor C. profesor D. profesor

23. A. Paralell B. Parelled C. Parared D. parallel

24. A. Embarassment B. Embarrasment C. embarrassment D. emberrassment

25. A. donounciation B. denonciation C. denunciation D. denounziation

**Answers to 2011/2012 – English**

1.D 2.A 3.A 4. D 5.B 6.A 7.C 8.C 9.A 10.C 11.D 12.D 13.B 14.D 15.C 16.A 17.D  
18.A 19.B 20.C 21.C 22.B 23D 24.C 25.C



**UNIVERSITY OF UYO, UYO**

**POST-UTME SCREENING EXERCISE 2012/2013**

**ENGLISH 2012/2013**

From the option lettered A to D below chose the following sentences, choose the word or groups of words that is nearest in meaning to the underlined expression as it is used in the sentences.

(1) My choice of a partner would be based on character, not looks. A. visibility B. feasibility C. appearance D. stares

- (2) The girl has just come out of the fattening room and her waist is adorned with beads. A. surrounded B. decorated C. besieged D. defaced
- (3) There are some drugs that could exacerbate a particular illness A. heal B. ameliorate C. lengthen D. worsen
- (4) What you cannot avoid you try to endure A. cast off B. put off C. dispense with D. tolerate

Choose the word opposite in meaning to the underlined

- (5) His outspokenness contrasts with the....of the father. A. humour B. sobriety C. deafness D. taciturnity
- (6) A gully, which is a natural phenomenon, could not be mistaken for a tunnel, which.... A. supernatural B. false C. artificial D. modern
- (7) Personally, I give in rather easily when it comes to arguments, but Emeka will always....to his opinions. A. hold in B. hold on C. give D. hold back
- (8) The crops the farmer planted were....by some naughty boys. A. sowed B. weeded C. destroyed D. uprooted

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

- (9) Mrs. Adams purchased..... A. a pure leather bag imported B. an imported pure leather bag (c) a leather bag imported pure D. an imported bag pure leather
- (10) It was apparent that we were being.....by the heat as soon as the air conditioner was switched off. A. beaten B. stifled C. attacked D. bitten
- (11) Jumal's stay in the hotel afforded her.....chance to do her writing A. ample B. insufficient C. powerful D. opportune
- (12) You were punished because you.....last week without permission. A. ought not to have traveled B. must not have traveled C. ought not to travel D. will not have traveled
- (13) The PTA meeting did not adjourn until it had discussed all the matters placed.....it A. by B. with C. before D. over
- (14) My mother was pleased.....when she learnt of my success A. with B. at C. in D. for
- (15) The students refused to appear before the.....panel set up to look into their demands A. five-man's B. five man C. five men's D. give-men
- (16) The teachers.....politics when I entered the staff room A. are discussing B. were discussion about C. a discussing on D. were discussing

- (17) Because it had been raining heavily all morning,....people turned out to welcome the august visitor A. few B. quite a few C. only fewer D. few
- (18) "it is high time you.....crying", the woman told her daughter gently A. stop B. should stop C. stopped D. must stop
- (19) The day that Musa's uncle died was the .....day of his life. A. more sadder B. sadder C. saddest D. most saddest
- (20) The little boy could not move the heavy stone.....he tried. A. as much as B. how much C. no matter that D. however hard

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

- (21) The accountant falsified the records in order to feather his own nest. This means that the account tried. A. deceive his boss B. put a feather in his cap C. make himself rich D. avenge a wrong done to him by his boss
- (22) The cashier wanted to pull the wool over my eyes by making me sign for money didn't receive. This means that the cashier wanted to A. deceive me B. blindfold me C. rub my eyes with cotton wool D. have my support
- (23) The tax-driver smelt a rat when the policemen waved him to stop and so he sped off. This means that the driver A. suddenly saw a big rat B. had killed a rat C. committed an offence D. became suspicious
- (24) The proscription of the students' union was to nip the planned demonstration in the bud. This means that proscription was meant to A. keep the students on the alert B. prevent the proposed demonstration C. disorganize the students D. punish the students
- (25) The officer urged the soldiers to gird up their loins for the task ahead. This means that the soldiers should A. wake up early the next morning B. guard their hungry lions C. wear new battle uniform D. be on full alert

**ANSWERS TO USE OF ENGLISH**

1. C 2. B 3. D 4. D 5. D 6. C 7. B  
8. D 9. B 10. A 11. A 12. A 13. C 14. A  
15. B 16. B 17. D 18. C 19. C 20. D 21. C  
22. A 23. D 24. B 25. D



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Choose the option that is nearest in meaning to the word (s) or phrase (s) underlined in the sentence

1. The young lady is obsessed with the fear of failing the examination a second time. A. dismayed about B. depressed C. Haunted by D. troubled
2. Akpan's sonorous voice could be heard from a far distance. A. Muddled B. Loud C. pungent D. Cracked
3. Most Nigerians are skeptical of government's monetization policy. A. Critical B. Curious C. Doubtful D. Excited
4. My guest arrived at an opportune time A. Suitable B. Unexpected C. Busy D. Bad
5. There were sporadic occurrences of communal clashes in the state A. Frequent B. Widespread C. Occasional D. Scattered

**Choose the option that is opposite in meaning to the words or phrases underlined in the sentence.**

6. The result of election underscores the views I expressed in the book. A. emphasizes B. confirms C. beliefs D. contradicts
7. She is an extravagant housewife A. Prudent B. miserly C. Stingy D. Patient.
8. Everyone expected him to be acquitted by the judge. A. ejected B. convicted C. released D. Pardoned.
9. The frequent demands for the better condition of service by workers could be catalyst to change. A. reaction B. incentive C. instigation D. reversal
10. This new breed of politicians is only interested in squandering the nations resources. A. using B. conserving C. preserving D. preparing

Choose the word or phrase that best completes each of the following sentences

11. Their allegations are baseless. We have decided to ignore them until they are able to .....those allegations. A. Substantiate B. argue out C. emphasize D. generalize
12. Sharks have a formidable team that could win..... for the country in any international engagement. A. goals B. sports C. laurels D. attention



13. Lacks of commitment of policy .....in the agricultural sectors has been identified as a key mainstay. A. idea/factor B. stipulation/money C. objectives/sector D. enunciations/economic.
14. The proposal of government to offer N200 million as a dedicated facility for the purchase of grain is With a number of problems. A. surplus/fraught B. plenty/lifted C. dry/blessed D. foreign/constituted.
15. Oil prices are expected to remain and inflation is already under A. stable/control B. poor/threat C. high/observation D. good /balance.

**Select the best possible interpretation for each sentence from the options given**

16. The manager told Ayo to hold his tongue and get on With his work. This means Ayo was to..... A. hold his tongue while working B. remain silent C. talk with his hand on his tongue D. keep his mouth open.
17. It would not have been necessary to adjourn the meeting if the Chairman had been there. This means that A. the meeting w not held because the chairman did not come. B. the meeting was not adjourned C. the chairman did not attend the meeting D. there was no need to adjourn the meeting.
18. In this broadcast, the governor tried to pour out on troubled waters by explaining to the people what led to his being abducted. This means the governor tried to A. calm the people B. warn the people C. spray oil on the lake D. cause uproar.
19. The two buses had a close shave at the approach to the bridge. This means the two buses A. had a bread down B. had a head on collision C. had a narrow D. had a slight collision.
20. Small though his contribution was, it did not go unacknowledged. This means that A. he was not thanked although he gave a lot B. he was thanked because he gave a little C. he was thanked since he gave a lot D. he was thanked although he gave very little.

**Choose the option that best completes each sentence below**

21. Bisi is a girl who can be relied A. by B. of C. upon D. over.
22. The faces are Identical each other. A. between B. to C with D. by.
23. The two boys helped..... To complete the tasks. A. each other B. themselves C. one another D. their selves
24. The city is seriously short of A. fuel B. fuels C. some fuel D. any fuel

25. How can you supply to the company? A. many furniture B. more furniture C. much furniture D. much furnitures

**ANSWERS**

1. D 2. B 3. C 4. A 5. C 6. D 7. B 8. B 9. D 10. B 11. A 12. C 13. D 14. A 15. A 16. B 17. A 18. A 19. D 20. D 21. C 22. C 23. A 24. A 25. C



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Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions on it

**Passage 1**

Demola Drone spoke up, "We've become the laughing stock of the insect community and the humans have turned against us".

"yes, the humans especially hate us!" shouted Dotun Drone adjusting his danshiki with devilish panache. And the chant began:

"Sting her to death!"

"Sting her to death!"

Queen Honey Bee raised up two legs to command silence. "One drone at a time, and be careful not to drone on. You were saying Demola Drone"?

Demola Drone was not put out by Queen Honey Bee's daunting attitude and declared:" Word has reached us from other insects and from humans that the honey of the bee community is no longer sweet. They say it is bitter. As the leader of the bees, it is your duty to ensure that our reputation, our honour as bees, as the chief producers of hone is...is kept...well...intact".

Dotun Drone agreed, “You’re giving bees a bad name. honey is supposed to be sweet its not meant to be bitter.”

Queen Honey Bee smiled. “Drones, members of the male community of bees. As you are well aware, I am no despot. I am not beastly, I have in my opinion ruled the bee community with a great deal of responsibility. I lay eggs, but unusual for a queen, I oversee the collection of nectar and pollen, the production of wax and honey. And I do this busily. I may not be the bees knees, but whenever the work is completed satisfactorily, I hold a Beefeast for all, even for you drones – especially for you drones.

Dupe Drone clapped his wings. “Thank you Queen Honey Bee. Thank you for everything you have done”. But before he could finish speaking, Demola Drone cut him short, “the fact remains that whatever you have done in the past has been, Umm, destroyed largely by what is happening now. The honey is bitter and you must die!”

His right hand man, Dotun Drone, rose high in the air and with his danshiki fluttering waved some of his legs, “It’s I, I, I, with you Queen Hone Bee. I did this for the bees and I did that for the bees. Let’s sting her to death!”

Queen Honey Bee settled herself comfortably on her hive throne and again addressed the drones. “So you drones want the right to kill me? You want a communal drone decision on my honey? On me? Firstly, as I have already said, I am no despot. I do not begrudge you this “bee in your bonnet one little bit. You have a right to berate me if I have done something wrong. It is your drone duty to be little me even banishes me, even kill me. Secondly, you can all taste my honey and decide for yourselves whether it is sweet or bitter”. (From Karen-King Aribisala’s Queen Honey Bee and Drone Designs).

### Questions

1. Give a word or phrase which means almost the same and can replace the word daunting in the passage. (a) shocking (b) despicable (c) intimidating (d) foolish
2. Explain the meaning of put out as used in the passage in one word or phrase. (a) encouraged (b) silenced (c) discouraged (d) frightened
3. Comment on the writer’s use of the words: responsibility and beesknees (a) the passage is about bees (b) the writer is reproducing the word bees (c) the words are used for sound effect (c) all of the above

4. What are the complaints of the drones about Queen Honey Bee? (a) that she is too proud and bossy (b) that she claims to be the only one doing everything for the bees (c) that she can no longer produce sweet honey (d) a and b above
5. What do you think is the real reason why the drones want to kill Queen Honey Bee? (a) the drones did not like Queen Honey Bee to rule over them (b) the honey was really bitter (c) she was too old to produce honey (d) they were ashamed of her and her honey
6. Why in your opinion does Queen Honey not deserve to die? (a) her honey was not sweet (b) the drones were only being malicious and resentful (c) she was doing her duties as she should (d) the drones do no work in the hive themselves
7. What is implied by the expression...even for you drones? (a) the drones do not deserve a feast because they do not work (b) the drones hated her (c) the drones were the masters (d) they were only there to cause problems
8. "It is your drone duty to be little me". From this sentence what do you think is the attitude of the writer towards the drone and Queen Honey Bee? (a) the writer is in sympathy with both the drones and Queen Honey Bee (b) the writer is in sympathy with the drones (c) the writer is in sympathy with Queen Honey Bee (d) the writer was in sympathy with neither the drones nor Queen Honey Bee
9. According to the passage, what is the main function of the Queen Honey Bee? (a) to rule the bees (b) to produce honey (c) to lay eggs (d) to supervise the collection of nectar and pollen
10. What is the writer's tone in the passage? (a) patronizing (b) condemning (c) sarcastic (d) humorous
11. Most Nigerians are horrified \_\_\_\_\_ the recent bombing by Boko Haram (a) with (b) about (c) at (d) for
12. You have neither succeeded \_\_\_\_ failed (a) or (b) nor (c) but (d) none of the above
13. Either you study to pass the examination \_\_\_\_\_ you fail it (a) nor (b) but (c) or (d) decide
14. Would you go \_\_\_\_\_ the rain (a) under (b) in (c) with (d) by

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15. The choir had already \_\_\_\_\_ their song before the quests arrived (a) sung (b) sing (c) sand (d) done of the above
16. I have the points \_\_\_\_\_ (a) in my head (b) be head (c) off-head (d) off hand
17. The principal and her vice got \_\_\_\_\_ a pair of sunglasses (a) themselves (b) each other (c) ourselves (d) herself
18. He defeated his opponent by \_\_\_\_\_ of 1000 votes (a) gap (b) consensus (c) margin (d) surplus
19. Examination misconduct is a known \_\_\_\_\_ in Nigerian universities (a) programme (b) exercise (c) phenomenon (d) event
20. Stop being a \_\_\_\_\_ because you need favour from those in power (a) callous (b) radical (c) simpleton (d) sycophants
21. The chairperson with her team \_\_\_\_\_ approaching the matriculation arena (a) has (b) are (c) is (d) none of the above
22. The vice chancellor and chairperson of senate \_\_\_\_\_ just arrived for today's meeting (a) have (b) is (c) has (d) none of the above
23. Every student \_\_\_\_\_ prepared for this morning's examination (a) is (b) are (c) have (d) all of the above
24. The registrar and the administrative staff \_\_\_\_\_ an urgent meeting (a) has (b) have (c) having (d) is having
25. The production director, together with his cost, \_\_\_\_\_ fantastic (a) are (b) is (c) were (d) were not

### ANSWERS

1.B 2.C 3.C 4.D 5.A 6.B 7.A 8.C 9.A 10.D 11.C 12.B 13.C 14.B 15.C 16. 17.A 18.C 19.C 20.D 21.C 22.A 23.A 24.D 25.B