

ENGLISH LANGUAGE
NECO
PAST QUESTIONS

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1. Choose from the options A to E the one that MOST APPROPRIATELY COMPLETES THE SENTENCE.

Sola ran _____

- A. round the town twice before supper
- B. round the town before supper twice
- C. round twice the town before supper
- D. the town found before supper twice
- E. twice round town before the supper

Correct Answer: Option A

2. Choose from the options A to E the one that MOST APPROPRIATELY COMPLETES THE SENTENCE.

The Lagos Trade Fair _____ annually.

- A. are held
- B. is held
- C. is holding
- D. may be holding
- E. was held

Correct Answer: Option B

3. Choose from the options A to E the one that is the MOST APPROPRIATE INTERPRETATION for each of the following statements.

He promised to do the work in no time. This means he would do the work _____

- A. anytime
- B. later

- C. now
- D. sometime
- E. very quickly

Correct Answer: Option E

4. Choose from the options A to E the one that is the MOST APPROPRIATE INTERPRETATION for each of the following statements.

The house is going under the hammer. This means the house is being _____

- A. constructed
- B. demolished
- C. renovated
- D. repaired
- E. sold

Correct Answer: Option E

5. Choose from the options A to E the one that is MOST NEARLY OPPOSITE IN MEANING to the underlined word.

The Senate President was impeached for being too compromising with the executive and will replace him with a more official.

- A. intransigent
- B. knowledgeable
- C. popular
- D. resourceful
- E. rigid

Correct Answer: Option E

6. Choose from the options A to E the one that is MOST NEARLY OPPOSITE IN MEANING to the underlined word.

Evelyn believed in a pragmatic approach, whereas Tina's approach is

- A. methodical
- B. original
- C. philosophical
- D. theoretical
- E. unorthodox

Correct Answer: Option D

7. Choose from the options A to E the one that MOST APPROPRIATELY COMPLETES THE SENTENCE.

John's father has just bought a _____ car.

- A. brand new blue Japanese sports
- B. brand new Japanese blue sea
- C. brand new sports Japanese blue
- D. new brand blue sports Japanese
- E. new brand Japanese blue sports

Correct Answer: Option A

8. Choose from the options A to E the one that MOST APPROPRIATELY COMPLETES THE SENTENCE.

Faruk down while running the marathon

- A. pushed
- B. was pushed

- C. was pushing
- D. was to be pushed
- E. will have been pushed

Correct Answer: Option B

9. Choose from the options A to E the one that MOST APPROPRIATELY COMPLETES THE SENTENCE.

Its high time we _____ discriminating against one another

- A. are stopping
- B. are to stop
- C. had stopped
- D. stopped
- E. stops

Correct Answer: Option D

10. Choose from the options A to E the one that is MOST NEARLY OPPOSITE IN MEANING to the underlined word.

The recent policy of the Central Bank about introducing higher denominations of the Naira has NOT allayed our fears about inflation; it has them as we had expected.

- A. Aggravated
- B. assuaged
- C. mitigated
- D. nullified
- E. provoked

Correct Answer: Option A

11. Choose from the options A to E one that complete this statement.

The driver inadvertently killed a man in an auto crash and was consequently convicted of

- A. assassination
- B. executive
- C. manslaughter
- D. murder
- E. suicide

Correct Answer: Option C

12. Choose from the options A to E the one that MOST APPROPRIATELY COMPLETES THE SENTENCE.

The Hausa language _____ in many parts of Africa

- A. had been spoken
- B. has been spoken
- C. is speaking
- D. is spoken
- E. was being spoken

Correct Answer: Option D

13. Choose from the options A to E one that complete this statement..

I have never seen such a _____ dog always in the mood to attack

- A. Carnivorous

- B. irritant
- C. vexatious
- D. vicious
- E. voracious

Correct Answer: Option D

14. Choose from the options A to E the one that MOST APPROPRIATELY COMPLETES THE SENTENCE.

Despite the Herculean task before the President, he still takes time off _____ to the Press.

- A. for talking
- B. talking
- C. to be talking
- D. to have talked
- E. to talk

Correct Answer: Option E

15. Choose from the options A to E one that complete this statement..

The _____ whale suddenly attacked the vessel on the Atlantic Ocean.

- A. Gigantic
- B. meek
- C. omnivorous
- D. pathetic
- E. tremendous

Correct Answer: Option A

16. Choose from the options A to E the one that is the MOST APPROPRIATE INTERPRETATION for each of the following statements.

This means she tried to _____

- A. attract the attention of everybody
- B. copy other people's ship
- C. prevent others from enjoying the show
- D. prevent others from running the show
- E. run the show in secret

Correct Answer: Option A

17. Choose from the options A to E the one that is MOST NEARLY OPPOSITE IN MEANING to the underlined word.

He was instructed to catch the thief dead or

- A. alive
- B. deceased
- C. killed
- D. living
- E. unconscious

Correct Answer: Option A

18. Choose from the options A to E the one that is NEAREST IN MEANING TO THE UNDERLINED WORD.

The tax rebate was a concession given to the civil servants.

- A. Discount

- B. pension
- C. prize
- D. relief
- E. reward

Correct Answer: Option D

19. Choose from the options A to E the one that MOST APPROPRIATELY COMPLETES THE SENTENCE.

Tolu _____ here before my arrival.

- A. could have leave
- B. had left
- C. must had left
- D. must have to leave
- E. must leave

Correct Answer: Option B

20. Choose from the options A to E the one that is NEAREST IN MEANING TO THE UNDERLINED WORD.

The boy is patently a rogue.

- A. Generally
- B. habitually
- C. obviously
- D. possibly
- E. probably

Correct Answer: Option C

20. Choose from the options A to E the one that MOST APPROPRIATELY COMPLETES THE SENTENCE.

I am not going to do _____

- A. any more work today
- B. any work more today
- C. today any more work
- D. today any work more
- E. work any more today

Correct Answer: Option A

21. Choose from the options A to E the one that MOST APPROPRIATELY COMPLETES THE SENTENCE.

The man said that he _____

- A. would sleep here a month ago
- B. will sleep there a month ago
- C. slept there next week
- D. had slept there a month before
- E. sleep here a month ago

Correct Answer: Option D

23. Choose from the options A to E one that complete this statement.

It may be unwise to consider any _____ man your enemy.

- A. Moral

- B. morbid
- C. mortal
- D. serious
- E. total

Correct Answer: Option C

24. Choose from the options A to E the one that MOST APPROPRIATELY COMPLETES THE SENTENCE.

The jilted woman eventually found herself at _____

- A. a crossroad
- B. a crossroads
- C. some crossroads
- D. the crossroad
- E. the crossroads

Correct Answer: Option A

25. Choose from the options A to E the one that MOST APPROPRIATELY COMPLETES THE SENTENCE.

The new refinery will turn _____ five million barrels of oil daily

- A. around
- B. in
- C. out
- D. over
- E. up

Correct Answer: Option B

26. Choose from the options A to E the one that MOST APPROPRIATELY COMPLETES THE SENTENCE.

45%. He denied that he _____ the man

- A. didn't see
- B. doesn't see
- C. had seen
- D. hadn't seen
- E. hasn't seen

Correct Answer: Option C

27. Choose from the options A to E one that complete this statement..

Wole Soyinka gave his _____ country a great award.

- A. Ethnic
- B. foreign
- C. home
- D. indigenous
- E. local

Correct Answer: Option E

28. Choose from the options A to E the one that is the MOST APPROPRIATE INTERPRETATION for each of the following statements.

The impertinent woman has just left here with her bag and baggage. This means she left with all her _____.

- A. bags and boxes
- B. clothes and shoes
- C. jewellery
- D. luggage
- E. possessions

Correct Answer: Option C

29. Choose from the options A to E the one that MOST APPROPRIATELY COMPLETES THE SENTENCE.

In computing, data is processed to give _____

- A. an information
- B. complete informations
- C. information
- D. informations
- E. many informations

Correct Answer: Option C

30. Choose from the options A to E the one that is NEAREST IN MEANING TO THE UNDERLINED WORD.

No sensible government will welcome subversive criticisms from the public.

- A. destructive
- B. retrogressive
- C. substantive
- D. uncontrolled

E. unfair

Correct Answer: Option A

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