English Grammar

1. There .......... two alligators at the edge of the swamp this morning.
   (a) was
   (b) were
   (c) is
   (d) have been
   True Answer : were

2. Mrs. Abafum teaches in the Akropong School for the ...........
   (a) dead
   (b) deaf
3. After graduating, he had to choose ______ a career in business and working for his father.
(a) among
(b) between
(c) for
(d) from
True Answer: between

4. He was posted to the police ............. to deal with administrative issues.
(a) headquarters
(b) headquarter
(c) headquarters'
(d) headquarter's
True Answer: headquarters

5. A teacher referred to a dead person as
(c) death
(d) deafs
True Answer: deaf
the departed. This is an example of a/an

___________
(a) euphemism
(b) hyperbole
(c) idiom
(d) simile
True Answer: euphemism

6. This car is not mine but .................. .
(a) your's
(b) your own
(c) yours
(d) yours'
True Answer: yours

7. Our professor is always saying, "Let's go into that ________________ _ "
(a) farther
(b) father
(c) feather
(d) (d) further
True Answer: further
8. The Agric students report that if it does not rain today all the crops ............. perish.
(a) would
(b) would have to
(c) will
(d) may have to
True Answer : will

9. Ask them .............. car was run over by the armour car.
(a) whose
(b) whom
(c) who
(d) whoever
True Answer : whose

10. The new teacher ................. was expected to arrive yesterday has still not yet come.
(a) whom
(b) who
(c) which
11. Even though most Christians would prefer the gospel tunes, a lot of them would dance to the .......... music as well.
(a) foreign
(b) secular
(c) circular
(d) local
True Answer : secular

12. This is a special program for ............
(a) marriage couples
(b) married couple
(c) married couples
(d) marry couples
True Answer : married couples

13. I went home ............... my mother was not there.
(a) also
14. Be careful, Peter, I can't ............ with your rude manners any more.
(a) put off
(b) put on
(c) put by
(d) put up
True Answer : put up

15. ...................... the policeman left the cell, the inmates started smoking again.
(a) As soon as
(b) No sooner had
(c) Soon
(d) Pretty soon
True Answer : As soon as
16. I agreed to his marriage proposal ............ he was not very attractive.
(a) but
(b) hence
(c) although
(d) when
True Answer : although

17. The chief of my village had ............. for more than fifty years before independence.
(a) reigned
(b) reined
(c) ruined
(d) rained
True Answer : reigned

18. Joseph had constantly ............. the truth in Adelaide's explanation.
(a) afforded
(b) arranged
(c) affirmed
The felling of trees and the indiscriminate burning of the forest contributes to environmental degradation.

There has been some speculations in the media that the price of petroleum products is likely to go up.
21. The ............... of the waiter was that we eat fried rice and chicken but since that was very expensive, we were...............with the fried plantain and beans stew.
(a) recommendation.....content
(b) suggestions.....hungry
(c) interdiction.....happy
(d) relish.....okay
True Answer : recommendation.....content

22. ............... you like it or not, Akwasi will drive the car today.
(a) wither
(b) weather
(c) whether
(d) wether
True Answer : whether

23. Kwofie and his children ............. here to swim yesterday.
(a) are
24. The police had assured all the teaming fans that they had put in place measures to check at the Accra Sports Stadium.
(a) spectators...disturbances
(b) possible...alarming
(c) stringent...hooliganism
(d) hooliganism...rioting
True Answer: stringent...hooliganism

25. A baby alligator is usually only seven to nine inches long at birth. An adult, , can grow to lengths from six to sixteen feet.
(a) therefore
(b) however
(c) so
26. snow was too deep for cars and buses to travel on the roads, the schools were closed for one week.
   (a) Because
   (b) For
   (c) Although
   (d) So
   True Answer : Because

27. The examiners promised that the examinations were going to be very easy
       ?
   (a) Isn't it
   (b) Wasn't they
   (c) Hadn't she
   (d) Didn't they
   True Answer : Didn't they
28. ............ burdens were laid on the altar.
(a) Their
(b) There
(c) Dear
(d) They're
True Answer : Their

29. ............ he was wealthy man by the time he was 40 years old, he still enjoyed the simple things of life.
(a) Although
(b) Since
(c) Therefore
(d) Whilst
True Answer : Although

30. The students came on ............ knees to apologize to the teachers.
(a) bended
(b) crooked
(c) broken
31. It was .................... boring film that I fell asleep.
(a) as
(b) so
(c) such
(d) such a
True Answer: such a

32. ....................... the better team, we lost the match.
(a) despite being
(b) despite of being
(c) although
(d) despite the fact
True Answer: despite being

33. You ................ to use your mobile so there's no point in leaving it on.
(a) are allowed
(b) have
(c) aren't allowed
(d) can't
True Answer : aren't allowed

34. They have put speed bumps on the road to .................. accidents.
(a) prohibit
(b) prevent
(c) avoid
(d) forbid
True Answer : prevent

35. If they .................. next to each other on the plane, they wouldn't have got married.
(a) hadn't sat
(b) had sat
(c) sat
(d) didn't sit
True Answer : hadn't sat
36. Drive ........................ otherwise you'll have an accident.
(a) more careful
(b) less carefully
(c) more carefully
(d) much more careful
True Answer: more carefully  

37. She has been .................. of murdering her husband.
(a) charged
(b) arrested
(c) blamed
(d) accused
True Answer: accused  

38. When I got home, someone ................. the window.
(a) broke
(b) brokes
(c) had broken
39. I am fed up .................. this exercise.
(a) to do
(b) to doing
(c) with doing
(d) for doing
True Answer : with doing

40. By this time next year, I ...................... all my exams.
(a) will take
(b) will have taken
(c) have taken
(d) take
True Answer : will have taken

41. Do you know the athlete .............. can lead the team to victory?
(a) who
(b) which
(c) by whom
(d) whether
True Answer: who

42. If I were to go to the moon, I .............
see many things.
(a) shall
(b) will
(c) would
(d) would have
True Answer: would

3. The whole class agreed ............... the suggestion of the teacher.
(a) for
(b) to
(c) about
(d) on
True Answer: to

44. If you had sent the telegram, he ............... here by now.
45. If you trust me, you ............... take my advice.
(a) will  
(b) would  
(c) will have  
(d) would have  
True Answer: will

46. If kwesi had run very fast, he ............... first.
(a) would have been  
(b) will be  
(c) would be  
(d) was  
True Answer: would have been
47. The boys ................. football when the teacher arrived.
(a) would be playing
(b) would have played
(c) played
(d) were playing
True Answer : were playing

48. Mama, ................. I eat this food?
(a) ought
(b) will
(c) may
(d) might
True Answer : may

49. ................... I do not know you, I cannot speak.
(a) Although
(b) Since
(c) However
(d) Even
50. I do not know ............... the teacher did not turn up for work today.
(a) what  
(b) how  
(c) why  
(d) although  
True Answer : why

51. At seven o'clock in the night, the boys agreed that it was ............... dark for them to go out.
(a) too  
(b) so  
(c) very  
(d) quite  
True Answer : too

52. Whenever a decision is taken it ............... to be carried out.
(a) had  
(b) must
53. It is not known whether Esi is the ............ girl in the school. (a) tall
(b) tallest
(c) taller
(d) very tall
True Answer : tallest

54. Abena was given a prize for being the best student in class ............. she least deserved it.
(a) even
(b) despite
(c) because
(d) although
True Answer : although

55. The fishermen spent one week ............ sea until help finally came to them.
56. ................. hockey is one of his best games.
(a) Playing
(b) To be playing
(c) To have played
(d) By playing
True Answer : Playing

57. Kofi is ............... older than his sister Akosua.
(a) most
(b) much
(c) more
(d) much more
True Answer : much
58. I know that his wife is ............. a good driver.
   (a) very
   (b) so
   (c) too
   (d) quite
   True Answer: quite

59. The workers were so tired .................. they decided to rest a little.
   (a) because
   (b) that
   (c) when
   (d) then
   True Answer: that

60. Philip has been promoted to the next grade in his employment ................ he is a diligent worker.
   (a) though
   (b) but
   (c) because
(d) so
True Answer : because

61. The food became so bad .......... the students refused to eat it.
(a) that
(b) which
(c) but(d) yet
True Answer : that

62. The two cars .............. which collided are on fire (a) who
(b) whose
(c) which
(d) whom
True Answer : which

63. I have observed that there isn't ............... in the school on Saturdays.
(a) no one
(b) someone
(c) anyone
(d) somebody
True Answer: anyone

64. One of the students staying outside the school ................. always late for classes.
(a) is (b) are (c) was (d) were
True Answer: is

65. You believe that you have a stronger team, ................. ?
(a) isn't it (b) don't you (c) aren't you (d) do you
True Answer: don't you

66. Do you remember that ................. some pencils?
(a) I promised you
(b) I will promise you
(c) I promise to you
(d) I promised them to you
True Answer : I promised you

67. John is a friend of ............... and visits them very often.
(a) him
(b) theirs
(c) them
(d) me
True Answer : theirs

68. It is certain that, that book is ...................
(a) Josephine's
(b) the Josephine's
(c) Josephines
(d) of Josephine's
True Answer : Josephine's
69. Since his ability was below average, he couldn't fit ............... the next class.
(a) into
(b) at
(c) with
(d) over
True Answer: into

70. Kojo was not promoted because he was not as intelligent ........... his brother.
(a) than
(b) as
(c) such as
(d) like
True Answer: as

71. Football is a .................. entertaining game.
(a) too
(b) very
(c) such
(d) quite
72. The twin brothers have joined the Army; .................. of them are quite tall.
(a) neither
(b) both
(c) either
(d) none
True Answer : both

73. These two men are ................ the richest people in Ghana.
(a) in
(b) out of (c)
among (d)
between
True Answer : among

74. I live in a house ............ has no supply of water.
(a) which
(b) whose
75. This is the lady ............... car got burned.
(a) of whom
(b) of whose
(c) which
(d) whose
True Answer : whose

76. The day is ............... hot to play basketball. (a) so
(b) very
(c) quite
(d) too
True Answer : too

77. The book ................. I bought from the shop is very interesting.
(a) which
(b) who
(c) whom
(d) what
True Answer: which

78. Abedi Pele is ............... footballer than his brother.
(a) the best
(b) the better of
(c) a better
(d) the better
True Answer: a better

79. The soup is not tasty; "Can you add ............... salt, please?"
(a) little
(b) few
(c) a little
(d) a few
True Answer: a little
80. Jim is easily the ............... boy in the whole school.
(a) taller
(b) tall
(c) tallest
(d) most tall
True Answer: tallest

81. Aba worked ................ hard that she was able to complete her assignment.
(a) too
(b) so
(c) too much
(d) such
True Answer: so

82. "Do you have any handkerchiefs, please?" "Yes, I have ................. "
(a) few
(b) little
(c) a little
(d) a few
True Answer: a few

83. It is .............. hot to go out for a picnic.
(a) too
(b) quite
(c) very
(d) so
True Answer: too

84. In Geography we learn that Mount Everest is the .............. mountain in the world.
(a) higher
(b) high
(c) highest
(d) most highest
True Answer: highest

85. When I got the message, I communicated at once to both the Headmaster .............. the Assistant headmaster about the problem.
86. Since he has been dismissed from school, he will not ............ to visit his friends.
   (a) dared
   (b) dares
   (c) dare
   (d) daring
   True Answer : dare

87. This wrist-watch which I bought is ............ than yours.
   (a) the better
   (b) better
   (c) the better of
   (d) the best
   True Answer : better
88. He fought .............. well that he easily defeated his opponent.
(a) much
(b) very
(c) so
(d) quite
True Answer: so

89. .................... Kojo failed in the test, he was given a driving license.
(a) Even
(b) Before
(c) Because
(d) Although
True Answer: Although

90. Can you add .............. sugar to the tea, please?
(a) a few
(b) a little
(c) few
91. This car is not mine but ..................... .
(a) your's  
(b) your own  
(c) yours  
(d) yours'  
True Answer : yours

92. Nobody thought that the thief would be ................... as to wish to jump over that high wall.
(a) more foolish  
(b) so foolish  
(c) enough foolish  
(d) much foolish  
True Answer : so foolish

93. You want to buy a new ball for this game, ...................  ?
(a) don't you  
(b) isn't it
94. The report, copies ............... have been made for all students, has been pasted on the Notice Board.

(a) whose
(b) which
(c) that
(d) of which

True Answer : of which

95. The Chief advised the villagers that each should make a farm which he could call

.................

(a) their own
(b) of his
(c) his own
(d) of his own

True Answer : his own
96. The Agric students report that if it does not rain today all the crops .............. perish.
(a) would
(b) would have to
(c) will
(d) may have to
True Answer : will

97. We must ensure that we do every homework ..............
(a) by ourselves
(b) ourselves
(c) ourself
(d) ourselve's
True Answer : ourselves

98. Agnes was anxious ............... the work but she found that she was not strong enough.
(a) to have done
(b) doing
(c) to do
(d) to be doing
True Answer: to do

99. Last year, for my hobby, I .............. lawn tennis, but I now play basketball
(a) use to play
(b) used to play
(c) have been used to play
(d) am used to playing
True Answer: used to play

100. The new teacher ................ was expected to arrive yesterday has still not yet come.
(a) whom
(b) who
(c) which
(d) whose
True Answer: who

Subject / Verb Agreement
101. Inside the room (stands, stand) severely undernourished kittens.
(a) stand
(b) stands
(c)  
(d)  
True Answer : stand

102. The length of these boats (are, is) twenty feet.
(a) is
(b) are
(c)  
(d)  
True Answer : is

103. Everyone in the class ( was, were) to give a report
(a) was
(b) were
(c)  
104. (Does, Do) Allen or the girls in the class know why radium glows in the dark?
(a) Does
(b) Do
(c)
(d)
True Answer : Does

105. Either Felicia or Ellen (is, are) planning a hobo party.
(a) is
(b) are
(c)
(d)
True Answer : is

106. One of the players (is, are) hurt.
(a) is
107. In the last few months, everyone in the courses (has, have) had to fill out an additional form.

(a) has
(b) have
(c)
(d)
True Answer: has

108. The number of immigrants in the United States (is, are) astounding.

(a) is
(b) are
(c)
(d)
True Answer: is
109. (Does, Do) either of them know how to swim?
(a) Does
(b) Do
(c)
(d)
True Answer : Does

110. Around the corner (sits, sit) among a group of strangers three frightened children.
(a) sit
(b) sits
(c)
(d)
True Answer : sit

111. The infantry, which fights with portable weapons, (constitutes, constitute) the largest division.
(a) constitutes
(b) constitute
112. Either Jerry or his brothers (ask, asks) more questions than is necessary.
(a) ask
(b) asks
(c)
(d)
True Answer: ask

113. Every one of these planes (carries, carry) fifty passengers. (a) carries
(b) carry
(c)
(d)
True Answer: carries

114. Each of the organizations (has, have) a faculty sponsor.
115. Each of those jackets (costs, cost) too much.
(a) costs
(b) cost
(c)
(d)
True Answer: costs

116. Either the orchestra or the choir (gives, give) two free concerts a year.
(a) gives
(b) give
(c)
(d)
True Answer: gives
117. Judy, along with the rest of the girls, (has, have) already gone to the banquet.
(a) has  
(b) have  
(c)  
(d)  
**True Answer**: has

118. (Do, Does) either of the girls own a bicycle?
(a) Does  
(b) Do  
(c)  
(d)  
**True Answer**: Does

119. The students in the algebra class (have, has) finished taking the exam.
(a) has  
(b) have  
(c)  
(d) 
120. If you sit quietly, there (is, are) a greater possibility of seeing the rare bird.
(a) is
(b) are
(c)
(d)
True Answer : is

121. Even though the boys do not place bets on the horses, each one of them (have, has) fun watching the races to see which horse will win.
(a) has
(b) have
(c)
(d)
True Answer : has

122. Several of the horses in the race (is, are) there for the first time.
123. My neighbor and closest friend (is, are) Susan Willis.

True Answer : is

124. Kim, Chris, and my brother Edward (think, thinks) that the Steelers will win.

True Answer : think
125. Under the old boards (was, were) a frightened mouse.
(a) was
(b) were
(c)
(d)
True Answer: was

126. Nobody in our class (wants, want) to be the moderator of the meeting.
(a) wants
(b) want
(c)
(d)
True Answer: wants

127. Every one of my friends (has, have) read this fascinating book about planets.
(a) has
128. Standing at the edge of the fence that separates the track from the spectators, neither of the boys (takes, take) his eyes off the long line of horses as they walk past.

(a) takes
(b) take
(c)
(d)

True Answer: takes

129. Neither the mechanic nor his workers (was, were) able to get the car running again.

(a) were
(b) was
(c)
(d)

True Answer: were
130. Along the road (sits, sit) hidden among the bushes two newborn puppies.

(a) sit
(b) sits
(c)
(d)

True Answer : sit

131. Either the cat or her kittens (has, have) turned over the milk.

(a) have
(b) has
(c)
(d)

True Answer : have

132. None of the witnesses could tell whether the man driving the blue car or the ladies in the red suburban (was, were) guilty of running the light.
133. Nothing in the report indicates that either the ladies from the office or the men from the health club (is, are) in line for a promotion.
(a) are
(b) is
(c)
(d)
True Answer: are

134. The principal or her assistant (attends, attend) every game.
(a) attends
(b) attend
(c)
135. We tried to tell the teacher that either Bob or his three friends taking the same class (was, were) responsible for the broken desk. (a) was  
(b) were  
(c)  
(d)  
True Answer : were

136. Neither Jerry nor his parents (is, are) willing to accept responsibility for the broken window.  
(a) are  
(b) is  
(c)  
(d)  
True Answer : are
137. The woman knew that either the brakes or the steering column of her car (was, were) broken.
(a) was
(b) were
(c)
(d)
True Answer : was

138. Neither the manager nor the employee handling all the outstanding accounts (has, have) been successful in reconciling the financials.
(a) has
(b) have
(c)
(d)
True Answer : has

139. Every time the teacher enters that classroom, either Bob or one of the other students (erase, erases) the board.
140. Either Samson or his opposing candidate in the elections (speak, speaks) tonight.

(a) speaks
(b) speak
(c)
(d)
True Answer : speaks

141. Neither the boys nor the girl (ask, asks) many questions before the test.

(a) asks
(b) ask
(c)
(d)
True Answer : asks
142. Either Jerry or his brothers (ask, asks) more questions than is necessary.
(a) ask
(b) asks
(c)
(d)
True Answer: ask

143. Neither Trisha nor her friends (is, are) going to visit the ruins of ancient Rome.
(a) are
(b) is
(c)
(d)
True Answer: are

144. Either Jeremy or the boys from the hiking club (was, were) responsible for losing the backpack.
(a) were
145. Neither the manager nor the customers (were, was) aware of the storm
(a) were
(b) was
(c)
(d)
True Answer: were

146. We were surprised to learn that neither Jeremy nor the twins (has, have) been tardy all year.
(a) have
(b) has
(c)
(d)
True Answer: have
147. We offered them advice, but neither the girls nor the boy (was, were) interested in our opinions.
(a) was
(b) were
(c)
(d)
True Answer: was

148. We were told that either Jim or his friends (has, have) decided to buy the car.
(a) have
(b) has
(c)
(d)
True Answer: have

149. Neither Dorothy nor Gladys (has, have) suggested that we read this book.
(a) has
(b) have
150. Either the boys or their father (was, were) talking excitedly about the event.
(a) was
(b) were
(c)
(d)
True Answer : was

151. That story .................... be true - who knows! (Possibility)
(a) could
(b) ought to
(c) has to
(d) should
152. They ___________ take the examination after seeing the Assistant Headmaster, (Permission)
(a) would
(b) can
(c) must
(d) ought to
True Answer : can

153. The accents in the listening test ............ be British or American. (Possibility)
(a) might
(b) ought to
(c) should
(d) Have to
True Answer : might

154. The sky is overcast; It ___________ rain this evening. (Probability)
(a) will
(b) would
(c) may
(d) shall
True Answer: may

155. Julie ............... swim (Ability)
(a) can (b)
must (c)
should (d)
has to
True Answer: can

156. .................. I borrow your dictionary? (Permission)
(a) May
(b) Should
(c) Have
(d) Will
True Answer: May
157. The President ............... come to visit our offices tomorrow if the meeting finishes before 5pm. (Possibility)
(a) may
(b) might
(c) should
(d) must
True Answer: may

158. Candidates _____________ write their names and index numbers on their answer booklets. (Obligation)
(a) may
(b) must
(c) could
(d) can
True Answer: must

159. You ........... take an umbrella. It's starting to rain. (Advice)
(a) should
(b) could
(c) can
(d) may
True Answer: should

160. You ............ improve your grammar to get higher score in the literacy exam.

(Requirement)
(a) must
(b) can
(c) may
(d) could
True Answer: must

**Idioms / Phrases Meaning**

161. To fish in troubled waters
(a) to make the most in a bad situation
(b) to disturb others
(c) to do something silly
(d) to try to find out an impossible object True Answer: to make the most in a bad situation

162. We kept our fingers crossed till the final results are declared
(a) waited expectantly
(b) kept praying
(c) felt scared
(d) kept hopeful
True Answer: kept hopeful

163. Victor is so naughty; he is fond of pulling people's legs. This means Victor
(a) is a tease
(b) is friendly
(c) is dangerous
(d) likes fighting
True Answer: is a tease
174. It is very dangerous to turn a deaf ear to the truth. This means it is dangerous
(a) to be deaf
(b) not to listen to the truth
(c) to keep quite
(d) to live among the deaf
True Answer : not to listen to the truth

165. He threw cold water over the project that the secretary had prepared
(a) rejected
(b) encouraged
(c) cleared
(d) discouraged
True Answer : discouraged

166. His dealings are all above board
(a) simple
(b) decent
(c) open
(d) friendly
167. My father did not know that his brother would tread on his heels
(a) follow closely after
(b) stab him in the back
(c) oppose him immediately
(d) support him blindly
True Answer: follow closely after

168. The prices are going up by leaps and bounds
(a) irregularly
(b) gradually
(c) rapidly
(d) systematically
True Answer: rapidly

169. Albert could not put up with his younger brother's uncouth behavior. This means Albert
(a) could not house his brother
(b) travelled and left his brother
(c) could not tolerate his brother
(d) loves his brother
True Answer: could not tolerate his brother

170. Last weekend's win was a feather in the cap of Accra Hearts of Oak. This means
Accra Hearts of Oak
(a) has feather in their cap
(b) won a big honour
(c) failed to score
(d) has a poultry farm
True Answer: won a big honour

171. My mother and I don't see eye to eye on the way I dress.
(a) look each other in the eye
(b) look from one eye to the other
(c) agree with each other
(d) have different eye color
True Answer: agree with each other
172. I thought I was going to fail the test, but it turned out to be a piece of cake.
(a) it is very easy
(b) it is very hard
(c) it is very sweet
(d) it is very few
True Answer: it is very easy

173. The demonstration was getting out of hand
(a) getting the hands out.
(b) separating the hands.
(c) getting out of control.
(d) releasing the hands.
True Answer: getting out of control.

174. Bob and Jane decided to tie the knot.
This means they decided to....
(a) get married
(b) break up
(c) travel together
(d) tie their cloth
175. It was raining cats and dogs when I walked to school this morning.
(a) raining heavily
(b) cats and dogs falling from the sky
(c) a lot of animals on the road
(d) cats and dogs were running
True Answer: raining heavily

176. Leila said the new restaurant was nothing to write home about. She thought it was .......
(a) excellent
(b) just average
(c) really terrible
(d) very beautiful
True Answer: really terrible

177. Kofi let the cat out of the bag.
(a) reveal a secret
(b) pretend to be someone
178. That bag over there costs an arm and a leg.
(a) it is extremely cheap
(b) it is not worth the money
(c) it is very expensive
(d) it is free
True Answer: it is very expensive

179. My computer shut down unexpectedly while I was writing that essay, and I had to start again from scratch.
(a) from where the computer was scratched
(b) from the beginning
(c) from where the cat scratched me
(d) from where the computer was shut down
True Answer: from the beginning

180. My mom threw a wet blanket on my plans for the party.
(a) put cold blanket on the party
(b) threw a wet blanket on me
(c) discouraged me
(d) encouraged me
True Answer: discouraged me

181. If you want to make the grade and qualify for the university, it is necessary to look out. This means
(a) you should be patient
(b) you should always look at your books
(c) you should be careful
(d) you should try to understand
True Answer: you should be careful

182. Kofi's bicycle is his most prized possession. This means that
(a) he very much values the bike
(b) the bike costs a lot
(c) it was difficult to get the bike
183. After trying many measures in a futile effort to solve the problem, the management came to its wits' end. This means the management

(a) was telling a lie
(b) was very hesitant
(c) was very sure of the facts
(d) was utterly confused
True Answer : was utterly confused

184. The secretary of the party told the electorate an incredible story which they swallowed hook, line and sinker.

(a) the people did not understand it
(b) the people tried hard to accept it
(c) the people accepted the story completely
(d) the people did not believe a word of it

True Answer : the people accepted the story completely
185. He should not become the chairman of the committee as he has too many axes of his own to grind. This means he has
(a) a private reason to serve
(b) to fail to arouse interest
(c) nothing to show
(d) motive to work for both sides
True Answer: a private reason to serve

186. Mr. Kusi was advised to take the bull by the horns instead of dilly-dallying with the problem. This means that Mr. Kusi
(a) should hold the horns of the bull firmly
(b) should kill the bull
(c) should hold on the horns of the bull
(d) should face the problem squarely
True Answer: should face the problem squarely

187. The Managing Director hit the nail on the head when he said that punctuality is the soul of business. This means that the
Managing Director
(a) spoke what everybody knew
(b) spoke the exact truth
(c) exaggerated the situation
(d) put nails in the head of the workers **True Answer**: spoke the exact truth

188. After many days of hard work and toil the workers see light at the end of the tunnel.
(a) have reached the end of the tunnel
(b) are going to have electricity
(c) have almost reached the end of the journey
(d) can see a solution to their problem **True Answer**: can see a solution to their problem

189. After sweating copiously, the pregnant woman gave birth in the nick of time to a beautiful baby with plump cheeks. This means the woman gave birth
(a) too early
(b) very late
190. According to what he was saying it was possible that the accused had gone off the rails. This means that
(a) the accused had stopped working on the railway
(b) the accused was behaving strangely
(c) the accused has left for unknown destination
(d) the accused has stopped travelling by rail  **True Answer**: the accused was behaving strangely

191. In order to resist arrest, the armed robber kept the people at bay with a dangerous weapon.
(a) prevent them from coming close
(b) kept them running here and there
(c) the people displayed great courage
(d) they did not know what to do  **True Answer**: prevent them from coming close
192. It would be wrong jump to conclusion about the durability of this fragile piece.
(a) to rush into decision
(b) to rush into argument
(c) to lose one's temper
(d) to falsely conclude
True Answer: to rush into decision

193. After the accident Kojo became very ill, but now he is holding his own.
(a) not getting worse
(b) in excellent spirits
(c) refusing to obey orders
(d) talking ceaselessly
True Answer: not getting worse

194. The date for the commencement of the project is not clear because the contractor has not laid his cards on the table.
(a) made his position clear
(b) completed the negotiations
(c) begun the foundation
(d) advised about what to do
True Answer: made his position clear

195. The industrial action embarked upon by the workers has blown over.
(a) ceased
(b) been renewed
(c) become unbearable
(d) deteriorated
True Answer: ceased

196. The terms of the agreement between the government and the rebels are all cut and dried.
(a) already decided upon and not likely to be changed
(b) ready for criticism
(c) tested and found to be true
(d) open to discussion
True Answer: already decided upon and not likely to be changed

197. He is like a bear with a sore head. This means that
(a) he has become irritable
(b) he behaves like a bear
(c) he is having a headache
(d) he has become aggressive
True Answer: he has become irritable

198. After he had been cheated, he ran away saying, "once bitten twice shy". This means that
(a) he won't be cheated again
(b) he won't be bitten by the dog
(c) people become shy when bitten
(d) he will be very shy if cheated
True Answer: he won't be cheated again

199. I think it is on the cards that the school will close down for holidays next week.
200. I thought that the example the teacher gave was a bit far-fetched. This implies that
(a) the suitability of the example was doubted
(b) the example was not quite understood
(c) the example happened long ago
(d) the example happened in a distant place

True Answer: the suitability of the example was doubted

201. At the Speech Day, the Guest speaker held forth for several hours.
(a) waited
(b) spoke at length
(c) stretched out his arms
(d) remained silent

True Answer: spoke at length
202. Mr. Atobra, being close-fisted, said he could not meet all the demands of his child. This means that
(a) he showed great manual skill
(b) his hands were always held close together
(c) he kept his hands closely shut
(d) he was mean and gave reluctantly to others **True**

Answer: he was mean and gave reluctantly to others

203. He said with tongue in cheek that he was the greatest mathematician in the world
(a) pretending to be serious
(b) with great anger
(c) suffering from toothache
(d) his speech not being clear

**True Answer**: pretending to be serious

204. The school authorities decided to buy a new bus but the board of Governors gave them the cold shoulder.
205. Kofi was completely at sea when he heard of the mother's death. (a) Kofi spent much time on the sea (b) Kofi came across the sea (c) Kofi was too tired to do anything (d) Kofi was confused True Answer: Kofi was confused

206. The Headmaster bowed before public opinion and reinstated the dismissed students. This means that the Headmaster (a) was humble in public (b) knelt down before the public (c) was influenced by public opinion
(d) was aware of public opinionTrue Answer : was influenced by public opinion

207. Seeking victory when the team has not trained to the peak of the condition is a wild-goose chase.
(a) an interesting escapade  
(b) a very exciting experience  
(c) an activity depending on chance  
(d) an unprofitable venture  
True Answer : an unprofitable venture

208. We deplore violence and the remorseless killing of innocent people
(a) accept  
(b) find very bad and extremely condemn  
(c) find it difficult to understand  
(d) regret it but approve it  
True Answer : find very bad and extremely condemn

209. His knowledge of the subject was so scanty that he had to begin from scratch.
(a) from slightly higher grade
(b) from the very beginning
(c) from the known to the unknown
(d) from where he would be at ease
True Answer: from the very beginning

210. They are happy to sponge on those friends who are rich
(a) help those who are friends
(b) work as domestic servants
(c) seek gifts from
(d) steal food from
True Answer: seek gifts from

211. Maame Ama can give us the best advice because she has an old head on young shoulders.
(a) her head is older than her body
(b) her head is bigger than her shoulders
(c) she is wiser than her age
(d) she is very young
True Answer: she is wiser than her age
212. Kofi found himself completely at sea during the examination because he did not prepare sufficiently for it.
(a) confused although he prepared
(b) he thought he was on the sea
(c) confused because he did not prepared
(d) he was on the sea all the time
True Answer: confused because he did not prepared

213. The workers were advised that they can never make any progress they always have to bottle things up.
(a) suppress one's feelings
(b) keep things secret
(c) take things too seriously
(d) put things in bottles
True Answer: suppress one's feelings
214. To avoid any controversy the terms of the agreement were recorded in black and white.
(a) written down
(b) printed in two colors
(c) legally binding
(d) written in two languages
True Answer : written down

215. The peace meeting nipped the crisis in the bud. This means that
(a) the crisis was averted
(b) the peace meeting was deadlocked
(c) members disagreed with the matter
(d) the crisis escalated
True Answer : the crisis was averted

216. He was the bread winner for the family.
This means he
(a) sustained the family
(b) liked bread
(c) controlled the house
(d) was a baker
True Answer: sustained the family

217. Nkrumah was dismissed from school having been accused of being lightfingered. This means that Nkrumah
(a) fingers were light
(b) used to play with his fingers
(c) was good at using the fingers
(d) was clever at stealing
True Answer: was clever at stealing

218. When the suspect discovered that he had no leg to stand on, he pleaded guilty. This means the suspect
(a) was unable to stand up
(b) did not have anything to say
(c) leg was severely arching him
(d) did not have any argument in his favour
True Answer: did not have any argument in his favour
219. We thought that the Headmaster would change his mind, but he stuck to his gun.
(a) kept his guns
(b) remained calm
(c) stood his ground
(d) considered the matter
True Answer: stood his ground

220. Kwadwo is in such a bad mood that we need to humor him a little.
(a) get him to think of something
(b) to make fun of him
(c) let him have his way
(d) play a trick on him
True Answer: let him have his way

221. Akwasi passed his examination with flying colors. This means that Akwasi
(a) did very well
(b) wore cloth of different colors
(c) was helped to pass
(d) cheated to pass
True Answer: did very well

222. Elizabeth had a field day at the dancing competition. This means that Elizabeth
(a) performed woefully
(b) fell down during dancing
(c) triumphed in the competition
(d) withdrew from the competition
True Answer: triumphed in the competition

223. Telling lies has become second nature to Appiah. This means that Appiah
(a) rarely tells lies
(b) always tells lie
(c) tells lies on second thoughts
(d) learnt to tell lies from childhood
True Answer: always tells lie
224. Mr. Larbi was not around when his case was called and none of his colleagues was willing to hold brief for him. This means that
(a) his colleagues were afraid
(b) he was not trusted
(c) his colleagues did not want to represent him
(d) he had quarreled with his colleagues [True]
Answer: his colleagues did not want to represent him

225. It appears Amina's success at that last examination has gone to her head. This means that Amina is
(a) conceited [True]
(b) too happy
(c) crazy
(d) impudent
True Answer: conceited

226. Little Mary is always as lively as a kitten. This means Mary is always
(a) wearing bright dresses
(b) very realistic
(c) moving quickly
(d) gay and cheerful
**True Answer**: gay and cheerful

227. I want you to keep an eye on that child.

(a) discipline the child
(b) keep the child busy all the time
(c) punish the child
(d) watch the child all the time
**True Answer**: watch the child all the time

228. Akua's plans amount to building castles in the air. This means that Akua's plans are

(a) beautiful
(b) interesting
(c) practicable
(d) unrealistic
**True Answer**: unrealistic
229. The wedding was attended by the cream of the society. This means that the wedding was attended by
(a) everybody in the society
(b) only those who were invited
(c) very important people
(d) only the educated people
True Answer : very important people

230. Nimo does not let the grass grow under his feet. This means that Nimo
(a) does not waste time in doing things
(b) is a very wicked man
(c) cuts grass on his field regularly
(d) cares only about himself
True Answer : does not waste time in doing things

231. Amina used to be hand in glove with her boyfriend.
(a) be in close relations
(b) cheat her boyfriend
(c) admire her boyfriend
(d) wear her boyfriend's glove
True Answer: be in close relations

232. She tried to throw dust in my eyes.
(a) mislead me
(b) make me blind
(c) blow dust into my eyes
(d) fight me
True Answer: mislead me

233. The candidates were told that passing the examination wasn't a passport to getting admission.
(a) a guarantee for
(b) a suggestion in
(c) an equivalent to
(d) a necessity for
True Answer: a guarantee for
234. Despite the different economic measures taken by the government, the country is not yet out of the wood.
(a) free from difficulties
(b) above comfort
(c) from forest resources
(d) undeveloped
True Answer : free from difficulties

235. This masquerade appears once in a blue moon. This means that the masquerade appears
(a) on very rare occasions
(b) when the moon is blue
(c) whenever a special request is made
(d) once a month
True Answer : on very rare occasions

236. Efua Sutherland has made her mark in the library world.
(a) distinguished herself
(b) become rich
237. The runner-up trophy which our school won was cold comfort for all the efforts we made.
   (a) a poor consolation
   (b) befitting reward
   (c) wet comfort
   (d) well deserved
   True Answer: a poor consolation

238. Alhassan is quite hardworking but his problem is that he has too many irons in the fire. This means that Alhassan
   (a) is a blacksmith
   (b) takes on more than he can cope with
   (c) is very good at solving problems
   (d) is a very successful businessman
   True Answer: takes on more than he can cope with
239. My mother always advised me to take time by the forelock.
(a) use an opportunity promptly
(b) take things easy
(c) be clever
(d) always hurry up
True Answer : use an opportunity promptly

240. Our House swept the board in the inter-house sports competition.
(a) was completely successful
(b) came last
(c) prepared the field
(d) won a consolation prize
True Answer : was completely successful

241. Okala brought down the house by just appearing on stage.
(a) won a great applause
(b) disappointed the audience
(c) frightened the audience
242. Yes, I believe in myself. I've got what it takes to run a business. This means I am
(a) confident and competent
(b) rich and proud
(c) christian and blessed
(d) unsure but capable
True Answer: confident and competent

243. I must learn to put something by for rainy day.
(a) save for difficult times
(b) be miser
(c) dress well on rainy days
(d) spend enough money
True Answer: save for difficult times

244. Awuah is always pulling his brother's legs.
(a) teasing him
(b) pulling him down
(c) fighting him
(d) gossiping about him

True Answer : teasing him

245. I have been sitting on pins and needles since my father fell into coma.
(a) I have been tensed up
(b) my cloths are full of pins
(c) life has been difficult for me
(d) difficult sit down

True Answer : I have been tensed up

246. It pays to teach a child to foot his own bills. This means the child should
(a) learn to pay for things himself
(b) learn to walk on his own
(c) allow others to settle his bills
(d) not pay for his expenses

True Answer : learn to pay for things himself
247. Sometimes taking a hard line on students is the best way to stop a riot.
   (a) be very firm
   (b) ignore them
   (c) draw the line of acceptance
   (d) keep an unsmiling face
   **True Answer**: be very firm

248. The rioters showed a clean pair of heels at the sight of the soldiers.
   (a) ran away
   (b) stood still
   (c) washed their heels
   (d) laid down their tools
   **True Answer**: ran away

249. Rowan escaped the accident by a hair's breadth.
   (a) narrowly
   (b) jumping
   (c) seriously injured
250. When the officer gave Ali two sharp slaps, he let the cat out of the bag.
(a) told the secret
(b) refused to talk
(c) handed over the bag
(d) brought the cat out
True Answer : told the secret

Synonyms

251. The tension between those two is too palpable to go unnoticed.
(a) nice
(b) attractive
(c) hidden
(d) obvious
252. When he **expresses** his opinions, he is usually very blunt.
(a) plain-spoken
(b) dull
(c) outspoken
(d) stupid
True Answer : plain-spoken

253. People are **renovating** their homes to house Panafest participants.
(a) refurbishing
(b) relocating
(c) designing
(d) decorating
True Answer : refurbishing

254. Her eyes **sparkled** with delight at the news.
(a) bone brightly
(b) popped up
(c) dulled
(d) glittered
True Answer: bone brightly

255. The child is utterly **incorrigible**.
(a) unchangeable
(b) unafraid
(c) uncaring
(d) serious
True Answer: unchangeable

256. The journey through the mountains proved more **hazardous** than we anticipated.
(a) firm
(b) safe
(c) risky
(d) waste
True Answer: risky

257. Janet is the most **repellent** tenant I have ever come across.
That professor is an accomplished economist.

My son's aspiration is to be a cartoonist.
260. To me he is the most enchanting person I have ever met.
(a) charming
(b) unappealing
(c) funny
(d) entertaining
True Answer: charming

261. All winged creeping things that have four feet were equally abominable.
(a) lovable
(b) hateful
(c) stubborn
(d) Talkative
True Answer: hateful

262. You look so gloomy today.
(a) delighted
(b) rested
(c) unhappy
(d) tired
263. His duties were thus rendered exceedingly **onerous**, and his labor became excessive.

(a) restrict
(b) burdensome
(c) injure
(d) assemble

True Answer: burdensome

264. You could've popped that maniac before he dragged you over the cliff.

(a) lunatic
(b) deft
(c) sober
(d) dunce

True Answer: lunatic

265. It is only a whisper of the wonders we will build and the **prosperity** we will create.

(a) significant
(b) opulence
(c) fame
(d) cleverness
**True Answer**: fame

266. The **supercilious** student couldn't help but to brag about the high score he received on his test.

(a) Indifferent
(b) Annoyed
(c) Haughty
(d) Angry
**True Answer**: Haughty

267. Despite harsh environmental conditions, Turkeys **thrive** well, grow to a fine size and have flesh of tender quality.

(a) Hurt
(b) Persuade
(c) Push
(d) Flourish
268. As it was, the kids might pick up on her fear and **emulate**.
(a) trying something new
(b) enable
(c) likely to be late
(d) imitate
True Answer: imitate

269. Her body strained under muscle **fatigue** as the form became increasingly complex and slower.
(a) weariness
(b) sweating
(c) tension
(d) drowsiness
True Answer: weariness
270. Bismark certainly was far superior to him in oratory, but Peter was quick, eager, impetuous, and a man of wide knowledge.
(a) violent
(b) resourceful
(c) pleasing
(d) rash
True Answer: rash

271. It was a matter of a great delight to him that the supreme court had upheld the decision of the Lower Court
(a) set aside
(b) agreed with
(c) rejected
(d) nullified
True Answer: agreed with

272. Since Akua has no child, she is easily incensed by the remarks of her friends.
(a) dissatisfied
(b) disturbed
(c) antagonized
(d) enraged
True Answer: enraged

273. Although he was the best footballer in Africa, his performance was **eclipsed** by that of his younger brother.

(a) overcome
(b) crowned
(c) discouraged
(d) destroyed
True Answer: overcome

274. It is lamentable that all the armed robbers could not be **rounded** up.

(a) acquitted
(b) arrested
(c) sentenced
(d) convicted
True Answer: arrested
275. He was such a bad boy that everybody in the school doubted the veracity of his statement.
(a) utility
(b) necessity
(c) accuracy
(d) authenticity
True Answer: authenticity

276. He did not pass the interview because his reply to the question asked was ambiguous.
(a) disrespectful
(b) unclear
(c) cunning
(d) frank
True Answer: unclear

277. He has a nagging wife who makes him very unhappy.
(a) attentive
(b) deceptive
(c) suspicious
(d) troublesome
True Answer: troublesome

278. The new waiter appears pleasant in manner but seems completely servile
(a) helpful
(b) timid and foolish
(c) impolite
(d) too humble and slavish
True Answer: too humble and slavish

289. The rent is too expensive for a house that has been sparsely furnished.
(a) tastefully
(b) artistically
(c) meagerly
(d) judiciously
True Answer: meagerly
280. When the students saw a chameleon in the garden, the teacher asked them to approach it warily.
(a) smartly
(b) aggressively
(c) cautiously
(d) courageously
True Answer: cautiously

281. Her mood has been very truculent these days because she says she has a bone to pick with the husband.
(a) in a fierce and ill-tempered manner
(b) eager and angrily
(c) impatiently
(d) hesitantly
True Answer: in a fierce and ill-tempered manner

282. The devastation caused by the earthquake was shocking.
(a) destruction
(b) trepidation
(c) desecration
(d) dilapidation
True Answer: destruction

283. The Debating Society took many decisions which were **crucial** to the welfare of the society.
(a) suitable
(b) important
(c) disastrous
(d) painful
True Answer: important

284. The prosecution failed to prove her guilt and was therefore **exonerated**.
(a) arrested
(b) relieved
(c) convicted
(d) acquitted
True Answer: acquitted
285. Having failed in the examination, she sat down restless and completely dejected.
(a) miserable  
(b) neglected  
(c) dull  
(d) cheerful  
True Answer: miserable

286. Tawiah will have to face the consequences of his rash action.
(a) results  
(b) accusations  
(c) antecedents  
(d) prognosis  
True Answer: results

287. They were expected to solve their problem peacefully, but this proved to be rather illusory
(a) hopeful  
(b) deceptive  
(c) transient
(d) benevolent
True Answer: deceptive

288. Having callously hit the school boy, the driver showed no sign of compunction.
(a) pity
(b) incompetence
(c) kindness
(d) regret
True Answer: regret

289. The preacher warned the congregation against worrying unduly about mundane things.
(a) worldly
(b) celestial
(c) sinful
(d) evil
True Answer: worldly

290. You will incur your father's wrath if you do that.
291. The famous politician was noted for his **pragmatic** approach to issues of national interest.

(a) practical 
(b) inconsistent 
(c) idealistic 
(d) compromising 

True Answer: practical

292. My financial situation is so precarious that very soon I may be **insolvent**.

(a) bankrupt 
(b) dependent 
(c) soluble 
(d) stealing
293. But for the principal actor the play would have been **dull**.

(a) main
(b) famous
(c) master
(d) important

**True Answer:** main

294. The points he made are **germane** to the argument.

(a) relevant
(b) unnecessary
(c) convincing
(d) irregular

**True Answer:** relevant

295. Araba is very **pessimistic** about our chance of success.

(a) unconvinced
296. He was **reluctant** to grant my request.
(a) unwilling
(b) agreeable
(c) delighted
(d) reticent
True Answer: unwilling

297. It takes a great deal of **stamina** to run the marathon race.
(a) energy
(b) courage
(c) intelligence
(d) cleverness
True Answer: energy
298. The Military Governor called for a **concerted** effort in solving the problems of the state.

(a) joint  
(b) a dramatic  
(c) an agitated  
(d) directed  
**True Answer : joint**

299. I have **implicit** confidence in Kofi's ability to win the race.

(a) absolute  
(b) partial  
(c) correct  
(d) impervious  
**True Answer : absolute**

300. The detective was **perplexed** when the clues in the murder case pointed to at least a dozen different suspects.

(a) confused
(b) disappointed
(c) excited
(d) discouraged
True Answer: confused

301. The nun lived an **ascetic** life in order to discipline herself.
(a) an austere
(b) a prayerful
(c) an enjoyable
(d) a holy
True Answer: an austere

302. She tried to settle the quarrel but the man remained **obstinate** and refused to listen to her.
(a) stubborn
(b) offensive
(c) angry
(d) unstable
True Answer: stubborn
303. Sammy attempted to entice Ato with the promise of a handsome sum of money.
(a) persuade
(b) trick
(c) enchant
(d) force
True Answer : persuade

304. I am very proud to speak before this august assembly.
(a) honourable
(b) popular
(c) monthly
(d) undignified
True Answer : honourable

305. The decision taken by the panel is irrevocable.
(a) irreversible
(b) unexpected
(c) acceptable
306. The principal's orders are **imperative**.
(a) authoritative  
(b) lenient  
(c) genuine  
(d) necessary  
True Answer : authoritative

307. It is **absurd** to suggest that Tony should marry that saucy lady.
(a) ridiculous  
(b) untrue  
(c) pitiable  
(d) hopeless  
True Answer : ridiculous

308. The superintendent was **appalled** by the attitude of some of the employees towards their work.
(a) shocked
(b) annoyed
(c) disappointed
(d) provoked
True Answer: shocked

309. The lawyer's argument of the case was **exhaustive**.

(a) complete
(b) interesting
(c) exaggerated
(d) fascinating
True Answer: complete

310. Death is inevitable for man.

(a) unavoidable
(b) unexpected
(c) acceptable
(d) immortal
True Answer: unavoidable
311. Frustrated women **pick on** helpless step-children.
(a) attack  
(b) clutch  
(c) strike  
(d) accept
**True Answer**: attack

312. The battered woman has been looking for real love but it always seems **elusive**.
(a) deceptive  
(b) blind  
(c) warm  
(d) disguised
**True Answer**: deceptive

313. The village was **besieged** by rebel soldiers.
(a) surrounded  
(b) avoided  
(c) marched into  
(d) shelled
314. The hunters tracked down and killed a gigantic python.
(a) enormous
(b) strong
(c) outsize
(d) small
True Answer: enormous

315. She is suffering from fatigue.
(a) weariness
(b) fear
(c) excitement
(d) strain
True Answer: weariness

316. Catholics venerate the saints but do not worship them.
(a) deeply respect
(b) resent
(c) appease
(d) fear
True Answer: deeply respect

317. When a child is **fretful** the mother has to calm him down with love and care.
(a) worried
(b) sick
(c) anxious
(d) happy
True Answer: worried

318. The meat was **tender** and juicy.
(a) soft
(b) wet
(c) overcooked
(d) soggy
True Answer: soft

319. Abeku is a **sly** old man. He always gets his way.
(a) crafty
(b) intelligent
(c) obstinate
(d) shy

True Answer: crafty

320. After the reprimand, Mr. Osei left the room unceremoniously.

(a) disrespectfully
(b) roughly
(c) gracefully
(d) politely

True Answer: disrespectfully

321. My dress is made of the sheerest silk.

(a) thinnest
(b) thickest
(c) coarsest
(d) complete

True Answer: thinnest
322. He **sheepishly** admitted he had lost the money.

(a) embarrassingly
(b) boldly
(c) eagerly
(d) shyly

True Answer: embarrassingly

323. Kwame received an **anonymous** letter threatening his life.

(a) unsigned
(b) known
(c) famous
(d) stamped

True Answer: unsigned

324. **Chastity** is one of the vows the religious take.

(a) celibacy
(b) cleanliness
(c) purity
325. Some seeds are dispersed by.
(a) scattered
(b) grouped
(c) dispelled
(d) collected
True Answer: scattered

326. Adwoa is a beautiful lady, endowed with nicety of judgement.
(a) accuracy
(b) decency
(c) roughness
(d) pleasantness
True Answer: accuracy

327. The police seized the contraband goods.
(a) prohibited
(b) legal
(c) illegal
(d) abolished
True Answer: prohibited

328. His last statement **contradicted** the previous one.
(a) disaffirmed
(b) denied
(c) supported
(d) affirmed
True Answer: disaffirmed

329. We need a **prudent** elder to run the association.
(a) judicious
(b) foolish
(c) courageous
(d) prim
True Answer: judicious
330. Many of the listeners found the story rather 

**ludicrous.**

(a) absurd
(b) obscene
(c) serious
(d) boring

True Answer: absurd

331. The constitution **insists** on free compulsory education for all at the basic level.

(a) demands
(b) promulgates
(c) preaches
(d) frowns on

True Answer: demands

332. Some girls can be utterly **churlish** when unsure of themselves.

(a) rude
(b) wicked
(c) hard
(d) rigid
True Answer: rude

333. Bush fires are a menace to the environment.
(a) threat
(b) scene
(c) problem
(d) pollution
True Answer: threat

334. He initiated the deciding goal.
(a) began
(b) took
(c) lobbied
(d) kicked
True Answer: began

335. The milk-man arrived late this morning, but he gave a plausible excuse.
(a) reasonable
(b) useful
(c) ignorant
(d) pleasing
True Answer : reasonable

336. The **diffusion** of knowledge is done mainly through books, magazines and newspapers.
(a) dissemination
(b) decentralization
(c) broadcasting
(d) scattering
True Answer : dissemination

337. My baby brother was **horrified** by the pictures of the murdered boys.
(a) frightened
(b) apprehended
(c) soothed
(d) humbled
True Answer : frightened
338. It is generally believed that fishermen are vulgar in their speech.
(a) uncouth
(b) polite
(c) loud
(d) impressive
True Answer : uncouth

339. HIV Aids is fast becoming widespread in the country.
(a) rife
(b) devastating
(c) contagious
(d) elusive
True Answer : rife

340. Kasapreko ltd is an industrious company.
(a) diligent
(b) honest
(c) delirious
(d) victorious
341. People are **renovating** their homes to house Panafest participants.
(a) refurbishing
(b) relocating
(c) designing
(d) decorating
True Answer: refurbishing

342. Her eyes **sparkled** with delight at the news.
(a) bone brightly
(b) popped up
(c) dulled
(d) glittered
True Answer: bone brightly

343. Hard work is **rewarded** by success.
(a) crowned
(b) praised
(c) filled
(d) dependent
344. The room is exceptionally beautiful.
(a) singularly
(b) clearly
(c) wonderfully
(d) grossly

True Answer: singularly

345. The child is utterly incorrigible.
(a) unchangeable
(b) unafraid
(c) uncaring
(d) serious

True Answer: unchangeable

346. To me he is the most enchanting person I have ever met.
(a) charming
(b) unappealing
(c) funny
347. Janet is the most repellent tenant I have ever come across.

(a) disgusting
(b) loyal
(c) reasonable
(d) unreasonable

True Answer: disgusting

348. My son's aspiration is to be a cartoonist.

(a) desire
(b) operation
(c) fears
(d) tension

True Answer: desire

349. My daughter will marry at the ripe age of 20.

(a) mature
350. The workers were **skeptical** about the future of the company.

(a) pessimistic  
(b) unconscious  
(c) embarrassed  
(d) proud

**True Answer : pessimistic**

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**Antonyms**

351. I wanted a **compliment** from him and not a ......................

(a) rebuff  
(b) insult  
(c) greeting  
(d) bruise
352. The importation of rice is permitted while that of yellow corn is ...................
(a) licensed
(b) inhibited
(c) prohibited
(d) suspended
True Answer : prohibited

353. After gulping down a mouthful of fresh air, we all felt giddy on our feet.
(a) frustrated
(b) busted
(c) steady
(d) shady
True Answer : steady

354. Kotoko played a defensive game though the coach preferred an ............... one.
(a) offensive
(b) accommodating
(c) annoying
(d) resentful
True Answer: offensive

355. The president felt **refreshed** by the time the convoy got to the apex of the mountain.
(a) excited
(b) recharged
(c) happy
(d) exhausted
True Answer: exhausted

356. While **conflict** breeds destruction, ............... promotes development.
(a) peace
(b) struggle
(c) stability
(d) love
True Answer: peace
357. Kofi's evidence **obscured** the facts of the case.

(a) brightened  
(b) reflected  
(c) illustrated  
(d) clarified  

**True Answer**: clarified

358. The landlady **condemned** Emelia's behavior but ........... that of her brother John.

(a) defended  
(b) exposed  
(c) respected  
(d) approved  

**True Answer**: defended

359. The former house-master has to **vacate** the room before the new one can ............ it.

(a) occupy  
(b) fill
(c) open
(d) close
True Answer: occupy

360. The **brash** voices of the drunkards made it impossible to sleep.
(a) loud
(b) muted
(c) hasty
(d) quite
True Answer: quite

361. The **scarcity** of that commodity is wellknown to everybody.
(a) importance
(b) abundance
(c) absence
(d) scantiness
True Answer: abundance

362. It is **imperative** for the judge to engage the secretary.
363. Yaa was **distracted** with grief at the loss of her dear husband.
(a)  anxious  
(b)  easy  
(c)  upset  
(d)  calm  
**True Answer : calm**

364. Dora gave him a **demure** smile which made him happy all day.
(a)  lovely  
(b)  decent  
(c)  indecent  
(d)  controlled  
**True Answer : indecent**
365. A delegate was sent to **mediate** between the two countries at war.

(a) to enrage them  
(b) to destroy them  
(c) to satisfy them  
(d) to settle their differences  
**True Answer : to enrage them**

366. These men have already spent months in search of **gainful** employment.

(a) financial (b) profitable (c) undesirable (d) haphazard  
**True Answer : undesirable**

367. We are not on speaking terms because I told him boldly in the face that his behavior was **despicable**.

(a) pleasant (b) appalling
(c) repugnant
(d) contemptuous
True Answer: pleasant

368. She is so angry, it is impossible to mollify her
(a) pacify
(b) appease
(c) harden
(d) soothe
True Answer: harden

369. I am completely dissatisfied with the service rendered by the Corporation.
(a) disturbed
(b) displeased
(c) satisfied
(d) satisfactory
True Answer: satisfied
370. This exercise is so wearisome that I cannot continue it.
(a) enjoyable
(b) boring
(c) tiring
(d) laborious
True Answer: enjoyable

371. The situation has been aggravated by the presence of the numerous refugees in the country. Steps should be taken to alleviate it.
(a) worsen
(b) hinder
(c) divert
(d) alleviate
True Answer: alleviate

372. She used to be vindictive but after the sermon she became...
(a) forgiving
(b) indulgent
(c) tolerant
(d) sentimental
True Answer: forgiving

373. Her attitude used to be **dull** but now she is ........................ student.
(a) charming
(b) elegant
(c) eccentric
(d) lively
True Answer: lively

374. The soil has been **impoverished** and needs some fertilizer to make it
........................
(a) porous
(b) soft
(c) useful
(d) (d) fertile
True Answer: fertile
375. I shall do my best to **emulate** her shining example.

(a) copy
(b) follow (c) ridicule (d) implicate

**True Answer**: ridicule

376. To achieve maximum productivity, all civil servants should be **altruistic** rather than

................

(a) selfish
(b) kind
(c) selfless
(d) sociable

**True Answer**: selfish

377. One of the workers has a strong **aversion** to getting up early while the other has the

.............. for this.

(a) hatred
(b) aptitude
(c) seriousness
(d) affinity
True Answer : affinity

378. **Diligent** efforts bring success, but ............. brings failure.

(a) insolence
(b) indolence
(c) hard work
(d) indigence
True Answer : indolence

379. While she is **fastidious** about how she dresses, her surrounding are ..........

(a) careless
(b) filthy
(c) hygienic
(d) pleasnt
True Answer : filthy
380. While Joe's approach to work was **serious**, that of his brother was ............
(a) harmless
(b) negligible
(c) frivolous
(d) funny
True Answer : frivolous

381. Mr. Goat who was **impulsive** jump into the well; he should have been more ............
(a) eligible
(b) elligible
(c) reflective
(d) conservative
True Answer : reflective

382. The priest is **fluent** when he takes in alcohol, otherwise he is ............
(a) clear
(b) articulate
383. Any new student who resists the regulations will be made to .............. them.
(a) divert
(b) disobey
(c) conform
(d) assault
True Answer : conform

384. Kwasi was suspended for having the audacity to criticize the headmaster while his friend Adam was laughed to scorn for his .............
(a) modesty
(b) timidity
(c) indifference
(d) tranquility
True Answer : timidity
385. Although the men appeared **harmless**, their motives were ............
(a) judicious
(b) sinister
(c) amicable
(d) facetious
**True Answer**: sinister

386. The man's behavior is **eccentric** but after spending one year in the asylum his arguments appeared ............
(a) indifferent
(b) passive
(c) rational
(d) reticent
**True Answer**: rational

387. We want the ice to **freeze** in order to preserve the meat, but you have allowed it to ............
(a) frost
(b) break
(c) thaw
(d) melt
True Answer: thaw

388. This **fertile** land has become ............ for want of use.
(a) scanty
(b) marshy
(c) barren
(d) rich
True Answer: barren

389. I am living a **frugal** lifestyle, but my wife is .............
(a) extravagant
(b) careless
(c) rich
(d) ineffective
True Answer: extravagant
390. While he is a **diligent** worker, his friend is rather .............
(a) poor
(b) dull
(c) elevated
(d) lazy
**True Answer**: lazy

391. He still maintain very strong views on abortion; he hasn't **mellowed** yet.
(a) hardened up
(b) softened
(c) relaxed
(d) smooth
**True Answer**: hardened up

392. That today is a holiday is **undeniable**.
(a) certain
(b) uncertain
(c) precarious
(d) momentous
393. His appointment as a teacher is just **temporary**, not ..............
(a) proximate
(b) sponsored
(c) temporal
(d) permanent
True Answer : permanent

394. this horse is dangerous and should be **muzzled**.
(a) hindered
(b) eliminated
(c) set free
(d) suppressed
True Answer : set free

395. Afua fell into a deep sleep after a **soporific** meal.
(a) dull
396. I found him in great **distress** when I visited him.

(a) trouble  
(b) dilemma  
(c) agony  
(d) comfort  

**True Answer**: comfort

397. For more than a decade the country was engaged in a **desperate** struggle for freedom.

(a) necessary  
(b) legitimate  
(c) unimportant  
(d) legal  

**True Answer**: unimportant
398. The task head is very formidable.
(a) tremendous
(b) daunting
(c) difficult
(d) manageable
True Answer: manageable

399. Press laws may sometimes have the effect of gagging the press.
(a) suppressing
(b) inducing
(c) distorting
(d) encouraging
True Answer: encouraging

400. What you are saying about the man is false.
(a) viod
(b) blunt
(c) slurred
(d) true
True Answer: true
401. Being a protestant, he said that he doubted the **infallibility** of the Pope.

(a) viciousness  
(b) sanctity  
(c) holiness  
(d) indispensability  
**True Answer:** viciousness

402. The facts of the case have been completely **distorted**.

(a) authenticated  
(b) twisted  
(c) made untrue  
(d) renovated  
**True Answer:** authenticated

403. They had to get married because Kofi was **desperately** in love with her.

(a) unconsciously  
(b) terribly  
(c) seriously
(d) deliberately
True Answer: unconsciously

404. The two warring countries are using **sophisticated** weapons to destroy each other.
(a) simple
(b) malleable
(c) destructive
(d) complicated
True Answer: simple

405. It is necessary to **disseminate** information about the causes of the 'Aids' disease.
(a) gather
(b) spread
(c) disregard
(d) communicate
True Answer: gather

406. They have been **maligned** in many newspapers because of their marriage.
(a) lauded
(b) discredited
(c) chastised
(d) reprimanded
True Answer : lauded

407. Before the enemy arrived, the people had fortified the village with tree-trunks and trenches.
(a) abandoned
(b) defended (c)
dismantled (d)
strengthened
True Answer : abandoned

408. His decision that from now on no student should go to town is inexplicable.
(a) acceptable
(b) irrelevant
(c) dangerous
(d) indescribable
True Answer : acceptable
409. There is nobody who can claim that he is **infallible**.
(a) incorrigible
(b) sanctimonious
(c) incorruptible
(d) incurable
True Answer: incorrigible

410. She became very **furious** when she was duped by the contractor.
(a) calm
(b) fierce
(c) angry
(d) wild
True Answer: calm

411. Though many of the toys were **inexpensive** the most beautiful among them were .................
(a) dear
(b) lovely
(c) envious
412. The measures that were introduced in the school to **accelerate** the process of development have been made in actual fact to ............... it.

(a) retard
(b) promote
(c) neutralize
(d) accentuate

True Answer: retard

413. Mabel read a **prepared** speech at the party but Joana gave an ................... one.

(a) extempore
(b) emotional
(c) important
(d) absurd

True Answer: extempore
414. In his youth, Kwesi was so cowardly that everyone is surprised he has suddenly become

(a) brave
(b) fearful
(c) severe
(d) firm

True Answer: brave

415. The prisoners were liberated after many years in

(a) captivity
(b) boredom
(c) crime
(d) judgement

True Answer: captivity

416. The ............... of a few people in our society contrasts with the poverty of the masses

(a) affluence
(b) influence
(c) authority
(d) arrogance
True Answer: affluence

417. The company has moved from temporary accommodation to .......... premises.
(a) permanent
(b) illegal
(c) haphazard
(d) larger
True Answer: permanent

418. I thought that the comments made by the secretary were quite innocuous but the chairman considered them .......... 
(a) harmful
(b) antagonistic
(c) inappropriate
(d) polite
True Answer: harmful
419. Kudjoe was **vocal** in protesting against the high handedness of the police unlike Afua who was ..............

(a) mute  
(b) shouting  
(c) arguing  
(d) sober  
**True Answer**: mute

420. Lola's **flamboyant** lifestyle contrasts sharply with Nina's .............. attitude.

(a) austere  
(b) ostentatious  
(c) serious  
(d) lavish **True Answer**: austere

421. Those who had invitation cards were **admitted** to the party while those who had none were ..............

(a) barred  
(b) repelled
422. The young lecturer is good at **terminating** other people's project but has not been capable of .............. any of his own.
(a) initiating
(b) organizing
(c) finishing
(d) integrating

True Answer : initiating

423. Parking on this side of the road is **permitted** whereas it is .............. on the other side.
(a) suspended
(b) encouraged
(c) forfeited
(d) prohibited

True Answer : prohibited
424. There is **scarcity** of mangoes in the market this year but there seems to be an/a .......... of oranges.

(a) affluence  
(b) increase  
(c) accumulation  
(d) abundance  
**True Answer : abundance**

425. Nobody expects him to show ............... for his children but he certainly bestows too much **affection** on them.

(a) hatred  
(b) love  
(c) concern  
(d) intimacy  
**True Answer : hatred**

426. **Victory** or ............. in war depends on how well the soldier fight.

(a) defeat
(b) success
(c) disappointment
(d) submission

True Answer: defeat

427. The director who expected to be given respect was treated with ............

(a) scorn
(b) dignity
(c) shame
(d) disloyalty

True Answer: scorn

428. The priest admonished the people not to offend the gods of the land as it is not easy to ............ them afterwards.

(a) patronise
(b) appease
(c) personify
(d) satisfy

True Answer: appease
429. Too many **theories** will not help us. We need to be ...........
(a) practical  
(b) strewed  
(c) bookish  
(d) antithetical  
True Answer : practical

430. In his later years, the famous soldier showed signs of **senility** the ............ of the early years had gone.
(a) weakness  
(b) bliss  
(c) vigour  
(d) courage  
True Answer : vigour

431. The **tranquil** atmosphere in the village contrasts with the .......... one in the city.
(a) amiable  
(b) friendly
(c) aggressive
(d) lukewarm
True Answer: aggressive

432. His plea for calm further .......... the crowd.
(a) incensed
(b) worried
(c) mellowed
(d) convinced
True Answer: incensed

433. The management has been spending more money on preventive rather than on .......... medicine.
(a) curative
(b) modern
(c) traditional
(d) protective
True Answer: curative
434. The students were **lauded** for their excellent performance.
(a) disgraced
(b) suppressed
(c) criticized
(d) dismissed
True Answer: disgraced

435. Adwoa is very **conservative** in her political ideas whereas Afi expresses ............... views always.
(a) radical
(b) heretical
(c) conventional
(d) fanatical
True Answer: radical

436. Many African societies are essentially **diverse**.
(a) homogeneous
(b) plain
437. What should have been a source of motivation for him proved to be a terrible source of .................
(a) discouragement
(b) uncertainty
(c) disturbances
(d) harm
True Answer : discouragement

438. My father is more liberal in his view than his brother.
(a) conservative
(b) contemptible
(c) intimidating
(d) unpatriotic
True Answer : conservative
439. As a result of his **pomp**, Mr. Okai shops at Melcom only.
(a) poverty
(b) quality
(c) affluence
(d) difficulties
True Answer : poverty

440. The challenger was **crude** and inexperienced in contrast to the champion who was ..............
(a) refined
(b) strong
(c) celebrated
(d) great
True Answer : refined

441. I wanted a **compliment** from him and not a .................
(a) rebuff
(b) insult
442. Whilst Lucy is a *famous* writer, her husband is an ............... artist.
(a) unknown  
(b) unaccepted  
(c) accustomed  
(d) adept  
True Answer : unknown  

443. He told us the salary is *negotiable* but it is .................
(a) fixed  
(b) stuck  
(c) unchanged  
(d) debatable  
True Answer : fixed
444. The former house-master has to **vacate** the room before the new one can .............. it.

(a) occupy  
(b) fill  
(c) open  
(d) close  

True Answer : occupy

445. Some **feeble** babies can grow into .............. young men.

(a) vigorous  
(b) haughty  
(c) big  
(d) frank  

True Answer : vigorous

446. The judge Ofori the maximum sentence because he found nothing to say to **justify** his crime.

(a) condemn  
(b) defend
447. The child's initial attempt at hitting the nail on the head were **futile** but subsequent ones proved ............
(a) successful  
(b) defective  
(c) worthy  
(d) unworthy  
**True Answer : successful**

448. While **conflict** breeds destruction,  
............... promotes development.
(a) peace  
(b) struggle  
(c) stability  
(d) love  
**True Answer : peace**
449. Kotoko played a **defensive** game though the coach preferred an ............... one.
(a) offensive  
(b) accommodating  
(c) annoying  
(d) resentful  
**True Answer : offensive**

450. Though the **obvious** meaning of her statement is harmless, the ............... meaning is damaging.
(a) implied  
(b) misapplied  
(c) quoted  
(d) interpreted  
**True Answer : implied**