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**Read the passages below and answer the questions that follow:**

**PASSAGE A**

Every discernible observer could foresee the crisis which engulfed the Edo House last week. Only a few days before, reports were rife about the AC reaching out to some PDP legislators to cross-carpet. The intention being to gain a majority and then assume the Speakership with the least constraint. Zakawanu Garuba, the then Speaker, retorted with a fiat, threatening to declare vacant the seat of any defector. This in spite of the constitutional support for such action, as evidenced, for example, by the crisis that has torn the PDP apart in Edo State. The party has two factional chairmen in the state, even though one is more vociferous.

The desperate attempt by Garuba to cling to the Speaker's chair is condemnable. He was not being recalled from the legislature; and so, he still has his seat as a floor member. As speaker, he was only first among equals. The Speakership is not his birthright. With the defection of one PDP lawmaker to the AC, the legislature reconvened hours after the bloodbath and elected a protem Speaker, while impeaching and suspending Garuba and a few others. They are to be probed

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1. Why did AC woo PDP members? B
  - A. they are few in number
  - B. they want speakership without stress
  - C. PDP members are faithful
  - D. The House is tough
  
2. The legislators impeached A
  - A. Garuba
  - B. PDP lawmakers
  - C. Garuba and some PDP lawmakers
  - D. Garuba and some lawmwkers
  
3. According to the passage, the constitution supports D
  - A. The speaker
  - B. Defecting
  - C. Edo State
  - D. Factional chairmen
  
4. The lawmakers reconvened B
  - A. After the defection of a PDP member
  - B. After the bloodbath
  - C. After suspending the Speaker
  - D. After electing a protem Speaker

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5. At the end, what happened to Garuba B
- A. He was vindicated
  - B. He was indicted
  - C. He was honoured
  - D. He was humiliated
6. To cross-carpet, as used in the passage, means to C
- A. change party
  - B. renew membership of a party
  - C. change one's carpet
  - D. buy new carpet
7. The crisis in the Edo State House of Assembly could be predicted by A
- A. The lawmakers
  - B. Edo State indigenes
  - C. The protem Speaker
  - D. All conscious observers

**PASSAGE B**

Nigeria has a troubled power sector which is however undergoing reforms that, hopefully, should usher in era of private sector dominance in terms of ownership and management of generation and distribution. In this transitory phase, it is crucial to lay a foundation for local sourcing of vital inputs and make it the norm for the industry. That is the only way to prevent a replication of the trend in the oil and gas sub-sector, where capital flight is as much as \$ 16 billion per annum, as revealed by the Petroleum Technology Development Fund.

The PHCN could legitimately insist on quality and standards in its procurement of equipment and materials, but what is playing out is an institutional orientation, evinced in several pursuits of the PHCN that are contemptuous of Nigeria's aspiration for local content development. In 1998, the defunct National Electric Power Authority defied a directive by the then Minister of Power and steel, Alhaji Bashir Dalhatu, to source its costable components from Nigerian foundries, some of which are of high standards. Actuated by a realization of idle capacity in the foundries and the need to conserve foreign exchange, the Minister applied appropriate pressure on the management of NEPA but found his efforts frustrated.

The acute shortage or inefficiency in the metering programme originated from the fact that the only local manufacturer then, the Federal Government-owned electricity Meter Company in Zaria, Kaduna State, established in 1976, but sold to Dantata Investments Limited in December 2002, is not performing.

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8. Why is there shortage of meter? C
- A. Non-performance of PHCN
  - B. Non-performance of NEPA
  - C. Non-performance of the Federal Government-owned electricity

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- Meter Company  
D. Non-performance of Dantata Investment Ltd.
9. According to the passage, the solution to the problem in the power sector lies in A  
A. Sourcing for materials locally  
B. Getting costable components  
C. Obeying the minister  
D. Getting \$ 16 billion per annum
10. From the passage it is clear that B  
A. There is money in the country  
B. There is shortage of electricity meter  
C. NEPA is better than PHCN  
D. NEPA was formed in 1998
11. Which of these is not true of the power sector C  
A. There is only one local manufacturer of electricity meter  
B. The power sector is undergoing reforms  
C. The problem of the power sector cannot be solved  
D. there was procurement of equipment and materials
12. Which of these is undergoing reforms? D  
A. NEPA  
B. PHCN  
C. Nigeria  
D. The power sector
13. A suitable title for this passage is D  
A. Nigeria and her problems  
B. NEPA versus PHCN  
C. Electricity meter  
D. Problems in the power sector
- Choose the option that best completes the gap:**
14. University students .....behave well. (A) can (B) should (C) may (D) must B
15. Gloria ..... have finished the project two days ago. (A) must (B) may (C) can (D) supposed to A
16. You are Goodluck, .....? (A) are you? (B) aren't you? (C) are'nt you? (D) don't you? B
17. He ..... not come now (A) needs (B) needed (C) need (D) will need C
18. Janet .....to know that we are all here. (A) suppose (B) supposes (C) is supposed (D) should suppose C
19. Let it be ..... that there was no king in Ayegun. (A)know (B) knew (C) known (D) knows C
20. We shall see you soon, .....? (A) shall we? (B) shan't we? (C) shouldn't we (D) should we B

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21. Neither of the presidential candidates ..... suitable. (A) are (B) is (C) is been (D) are been suitable. B
22. Ten miles \_\_\_\_ a great distance. (A) is (B) are (C) is been A
23. If I were the president, I ..... ask for the money (A) will (B) should (C) would (D) can C
24. I will see you after I ..... spoken with your supervisor. (A) might have (B) have (C) will have (D) would have B
25. "You .....- now see the director", the secretary told the visitors (A) can (B) may (C) should (D) would B
26. She isn't Gloria ..... ? (A) is she? (B) isn't she? (C) aren't she? (D) doesn't she? A
27. We have a bus, .....? (A) didn't we? (B) haven't we? (C) doesn't we? (D) hasn't we? B
28. I knew David .... let us down. (A) may (B) will (C) might (D) can C
29. You ..... me last week. (A) ought to see (B) ought to had seen (C) ought to have seen (D) had to have seen C
30. Twenty dollars \_\_\_ enough for my lunch. (A) are (B) is (c ) are just B
31. The pests \_\_\_\_ our farm every year. (A) invade (B) invades (c ) has invades A
32. If I were the Governor, I ..... ask for the project (A) will (B) should (C) would (D) can C
33. When ..... the Cleric ..... today? (A) does/arrives (B) does/arrived (C) does/arrive (D) do arrive C
34. We shall see you soon, .....? (A) shall we? (B) shan't we? (C) shouldn't we (D) should we B
35. You missed the match, .....? (A) don't you? (B) didn't you? (C) hadn't you? (D) doesn't you? B
36. Walk the dog right now, .....? (A) walkn't you? (B) will you? (C) shall you? (D) would you? B
37. I am a student, .....? (A) I'm I? (B) aren't I? (C) isn't I? (D) wouldn't I? B
- Pick out the odd/wrong expression in each of the following :**
38. (A) I heard his supposed apology (B) I heard his unconvincing apology (C) I heard his suppose apology (D) I heard he was supposed apology D
39. (A) I suppose you know the way (B) I am supposed you know the way (C) I suppose he knows the way (D) They suppose he knows the way B
40. (A) I travel next week (B) I will travel next week (C) I suppose to travel next week (D) I should travel next week C
41. (A) Having discovered the error, he apologized (B) Having discovered the error, the apology was tendered (C) Having known the error, he apologised (D) Having found out the error, he tendered an apology B
42. (A) The job has been done (B) The job has been being done (C) They have done the job (D) They can have done the job D
43. (A) She must finish the project in two days (B) She must finish the project two days ago (C) She must have finished the project two days ago (D) She ought to have finished the project two days ago B
44. (A) If I went in there, I would beat the security officer (B) If I go in there, I would beat the security officer (C) If I go in there, I will beat the security officer (D) If I go in there, I can beat the security officer B

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**Choose the option that most appropriately expresses the idea in the underlined expression.**

45. My friend's parent's are magnanimous (A) rich and popular (B) sociable and lovable (C) kind and generous (D) wicked and stingy C
46. My friend has an overbearing attitude toward me (A) patient (B) impatient (C) opinionated and domineering (D) considerate and respectful C
47. There are a number of makeshift buildings in town (A) modern buildings (B) old fashion buildings (C) temporary buildings (D) permanent buildings C
48. Post UME is a hurdle to cross. (A) a necessary and simple exam to pass (B) an unnecessary and difficult exam to pass (C) an unnecessary but simple exam to pass (D) a necessary and challenging exam to pass D
49. His contribution to the project is invaluable (A) extremely useful (B) of no value (C) of little value (D) can not be valued A
50. That was a dawn-to-earth approach (A) poor (B) ordinary (C) practical (D) immodest B
51. Concerning my admission, I have to cross my fingers (A) wait and hope for the best (B) wait in frustration (C) wait confidently (D) take some risk A
52. My father is indifferent to my choice of University (A) supports (B) opposes (C) not decided (D) not concerned D
53. We need an ad hoc arrangement towards the project (A) intelligent (B) advanced (C) permanent (D) temporary D
54. The student's reply to the lecturer betrayed his rudeness (A) covered (B) showed (C) reduced (D) increased C
55. His conduct in the last elections was above board. (A) arrogant (B) honest (C) above average (D) excellent C
56. That was a dispassionate decision (A) bias (B) personal (C) unaffected (D) ineffective C
57. On the matter of worship, some sit on the fence (A) go to the extreme (B) are decisive (C) are fanatics (D) are undecided D
- Choose the option that is nearest in meaning to the word underlined:**
58. In this matter, we must be prepared to tolerate human frailty. (A) inquisitiveness (B) weakness (C) profligacy (D) innovation. B
59. I detest his lackadaisical attitude. (A) carefree (B) lazy (C) supercilious (D) disloyal. A
60. Nobody will endure such profligate spending habits. (A) generous (B) arrogant (C) wasteful (D) mindless. C
61. Is he oblivious of the political situation in his community? (A) unconscious (B) conscious (C) afraid (D) intolerant. A
62. Many people look into the future with trepidation. (A) certainty (B) uncertainty (C) fear (D) faith. C
63. Can you marry such a lanky man? (A) tall and thin (B) sturdy (C) fat and short (D) tall and short. A
64. The election system we adopted was his brainchild. (A) undoing factor (B) invention (C) power (D) fabrication B
- Choose the option opposite in meaning to the word underlined.**
65. Peter always approaches issues optimistically. (A) realistically (B) B

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- pessimistically (C) carelessly (D) unrealistically.
66. Why should Dixon be evasive in answering the question? (A) indirect (B) direct (C) guessing (D) sure. B
67. John and Ahmed's ideas were speculative (A) stipulative (B) superlative (C) factual (D) attractive. C
68. Henry was admitted to the hospital with profuse bleeding. (A) much (B) little (C) internal (D) continuous B
69. Many people regard him as prolific. (A) diplomatic (B) productive (C) unproductive (D) unacademic. C
70. Our success is paramount in his mind. (A) unimportant (B) important (C) certain (D) uncertain. A
71. In all, I consider the behaviour unpalatable. (A) unacceptable (B) offensive (C) acceptable (D) inoffensive. C
72. Her action will certainly exacerbate the situation. (A) ameliorate (B) worsen (C) aggravate (D) clarify. A
73. Is he really behaving oddly? (A) abnormally (B) normally (C) evenly (D) properly. D
74. He always approaches issues optimistically. (A) realistically (B) pessimistically (C) carelessly (D) unrealistically. B
75. Her health deteriorated rapidly. (A) worsened (B) improved (C) stagnated (D) declined. B
- Which of the following sentences is correct?**
76. (A) One should mind his business. (B) One should mind one's business (C) One should mind her business. B
77. (A) This case is between you and I. (B) This case is between you and me. (C) This case is between the two both of us. B
78. (A) With them around, we have a great problem on our hands. (B) With them around, we have a great problem on our hand. (C) With them around, we have a great problem on hand. A
79. (A) The dog wagged it's tail. (B) The dog wagged its tail. (C) The dog wagged its' tail. B
80. (A) A ten year old boy is missing. (B) A ten-year-old boy is missing. (C) A ten year-old boy is missing. B
81. Choose the option that sounds the same with: two (A) tool (B) too (C) tow (D) to B
82. Choose the option that sounds the same with bear: (A) bare (B) beer (C) bared (D) beard B
83. Choose the option that sounds the same with the given word. Key (A) kiss (B) quay (C) keyed (D) kissed B
- Choose the word that is correctly spelled.**
84. (A) acomodation (B) accommodation (C) accomodation (D) acommodation B
85. (A) embarrassment (B) embarassment (C) embarrasment (D) embarasment A
86. (A) horrific (B) horific (C) horiffic (D) horriffic A
87. As soon as Joy arrived, she started looking for food. The underlined expression is an ----- (A) adverbial phrase of reason (B) adverbial clause of reason (C) adverbial phrase of time (D) adverbial clause of time D

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88. My friend, a brilliant lecturer, won many prizes. The underlined expression is a(n) ... (A) adjectival clause (B) relative clause (C) appositive phrase (D) subject of 'won' C
89. I passed very well because I studied hard. The underlined expression is a (A) relative clause introducer (B) linking verb (C) adverb of reason (D) subordinating conjunction D
90. Bello and I love each other. (A) preposition (B) reciprocal pronoun (C) noun phrase (D) adjectival phrase B
91. I prefer writing to acting. The underlined expressions is a(n) ----- (A) verb (B) participle (C) gerund (D) object C
92. Having finished my assignment, I started watching television. The underlined expression is a(n) ----- (A) infinitive clause (B) gerund (C) participial phrase (D) noun clause C
93. If you leave early, you'll meet Sola at home. The underlined expression is a --- ----- (A) nominal clause (B) verbal clause (C) conditional clause (D) adjectival clause C
94. Wounded by a lion, the hunter trudged home. The underlined expression is a ----- (A) nominal clause (B) verbal clause (C) participial clause (D) adjectival clause C
95. I'm proud of you. The underlined expression functions as (A) prepositional complement (B) adjectival complement (C) subject complement (D) verbal complement B
96. A noun phrase lacks one of the following: (A) noun (B) verb (C) adjective (D) adverb B
97. Eve gave Adam an apple. *An apple* in the sentence functions as ----- (A) subject of the verb 'gave' (B) direct object of the verb (C) indirect object of the verb (D) object complement B
98. I wonder if you know where he lives. This sentence is a(n) ..... (A) thoughtful statement (B) polite command (C) indirect question (D) subtle exclamation. A
99. An example of gradable adjectives is ... (A) each (B) beautiful (C) dead (D) live B
100. A clause differs from a phrase because a clause contains ..... (A) a larger number of words (B) a fewer number of words (C) a finite verb (D) a non-finite verb C