

English, 2016 EC, natural science, entrance exam, round 1, Tigray

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1. The price of fertilizer has kept soaring for the last five or six years. Unless they are provided with some form of _____, our farmers cannot afford it and will undoubtedly be in a problem. (1)
 A. subsidy B. finance
 C. manure D. solution
2. This new building is so _____ in its design that it combines a typical oval front with spectacular circular shapes on its two sides. I am not sure if the architect is local. (1)
 A. appalling B. fascinating
 C. touching D. confusing
3. After all, her intelligence should not be _____. She took us through all those dangers and made us see this day which actually was beyond imagination. (1)
 A. applauded B. denigrated
 C. ignored D. dumped
4. Never lose hope and don't stop your struggle. You will, one day, come out _____ and put to shame all those who told you would see no success. (1)
 A. reviving B. improving
 C. effective D. triumphant
5. COVID-19 affected the life of many people regardless of their color or economic background. Its _____ rate was so high that anybody anywhere could have ended up a victim. (1)
 A. infectious B. possibility
 C. prevalence D. attacking
6. Some of the trainees here _____ themselves to us so we would employ them when they complete the programme. (1)
 A. endeared B. brought
 C. introduced D. surrendered
7. Tell the students to _____ their assignment by next week. If they don't, they are going to be incomplete and cannot sit for the final exam. (1)
 A. put it B. hand in
 C. take out D. writes out
8. Whatever delicious food they make turns out to be _____ to her. It seems she has some deep-seated feeling towards the community. (1)
 A. spicy B. salty
 C. appetizing D. disgusting

9. If you are already prejudiced that they do not like you, there is no reason for you to meet them. But it is not wise to have that kind of formed view about others and make decisions based on that. (1)

A. judged B. decided
C. opinionated D. categorized

10. Everything they are doing is so rubbish that you would consider firing them. Their former boss told me he had no satisfaction with any one of them. (1)

A. contentment B. disambiguation
C. favor D. perfection

11. I'm in a big hurry now to go to Merkato. Perhaps, I'll show up on my way back. I hope I didn't disappoint you. (1)

A. turn in B. drop in
C. take up D. pass by

12. Being, submissive is usually interpreted very negatively by many people. Others, however, claim that this can sometimes make people kind to you. (1)

A. docile B. stupid
C. coward D. alluring

13. They have already announced that their flight is going to be late by an hour. We better go and have some coffee at the cafe out there. (1)

A. slow B. sluggish
C. delayed D. rearranged

14. I don't mind the current from the sea but my problem is with the freezing temperature. They even say it is going to get worse. (1)

A. flow B. wave
C. breeze D. roaring

15. Since its discovery back in 1981 G.C, HIV/AIDS is believed to have remained largely a serious problem among those having many sexual partners. (1)

A. prostitute B. uncultured
C. impolite D. promiscuous

16. We had pizza for lunch but very quickly he grabbed the largest slice . May be he didn't have his breakfast. (1)

A. cut B. portion
C. bite D. nibble

17. I don't regret bringing you on board, but, surely, I say good bye to you now. (1)

A. I am not happy that I employed someone like you.
B. It was alright I employed you but now you are fired.
C. I am sorry for bringing and keeping you here till today.
D. I am going away and I just want to say good bye to you.

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18. Hadn't we submitted a petition, he would have been subjected to life sentence. (1)
- A. We submitted a petition so he should be given a life sentence.
 - B. He was a criminal and the court gave him a life imprisonment.
 - C. We hadn't submitted a petition so he was given a life sentence.
 - D. We saved him from jail, because we submitted a petition in his support.
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19. What does the phrase, "... often stripped from their traditions ..." (Para.2) mean? (1)
- A. They are not allowed to take break.
 - B. They cannot go to the hairdresser's.
 - C. They cannot lead their own lifestyle.
 - D. They cannot buy the clothes they want.
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20. Which one of the following words is the closest in meaning to the word unhumanified in Para.1? (1)
- A. offending
 - B. annoying
 - C. debilitating
 - D. humiliating
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21. "... this may be true for many other Arab receiving countries." (Para.3) What does the word this refer to? (1)
- A. Kafala's being a sponsorship system
 - B. that Kafala is abusive to the migrants
 - C. falling under the abusive "Kafala" system
 - D. Kafala's being the main cause of violence
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22. When did Ruth's fame start spreading around? (1)
- A. when she first went to school
 - B. when she first secured a degree
 - C. when she became a president in a college
 - D. when she became a president in a university
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23. In your opinion, in which field of studies did Ruth get her first degree? (1)
- A. Theater
 - B. Languages
 - C. Education
 - D. Administration
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24. At what age did Ruth become the president of Brown University? (1)
- A. 50 years
 - B. 56 years
 - C. 60 years
 - D. 61 years
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25. Why did Ruth's story go on TVs and newspapers all over the country? (1)
- A. her future was so much promising.
 - B. she was an African-American woman.
 - C. she did the job of college administration.
 - D. she was the first black woman to lead a college.
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26. How old, do you think is Ruth now? (1)
- A. 28 years
 - B. 55 years
 - C. 78 years
 - D. 87 years

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27. What is the apparent paradox or contradiction that one can see in the first paragraph? (1)
- A. That her being poor eventually made her a university president.
 - B. That life could be hard for some people requiring a lot of effort.
 - C. That Ruth Simmons was born poor and grew up as a poor child.
 - D. That she came from a poor family but ended up very successful.
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28. During Ruth's days, what made life very difficult for the black community in Houston? (1)
- A. They were not educated at all.
 - B. Things were very expensive for them.
 - C. They lived with fears as they were segregated.
 - D. They were not given employment opportunities.
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29. Why was it that Ruth never had any toys? Because (1)
- A. she was poor.
 - B. she had many siblings.
 - C. she was given other presents.
 - D. her parents could not afford one
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30. What does the word they (Para. 4) refer to? (1)
- A. her teachers
 - B. her siblings
 - C. her parents
 - D. her friends
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31. You still seem to be having unceasing headache. _____ see my doctor. Otherwise, it could go more serious. (1)
- A. To be honest
 - B. I'd advise you
 - C. If I were you, I'd
 - D. If I were you, I'll
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32. We don't want to eat fatty food anymore _____ it is said to be among the diet causing heart problems. (1)
- A. since
 - B. because of
 - C. so that
 - D. due to
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33. Situations there are not stable and I tell you that _____ go. I am sure you don't want to die. (1)
- A. you may not
 - B. you shall not
 - C. you mustn't
 - D. you don't have to
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34. Thank you so much. _____ for your assistance, I would have been thrown into jail. (1)
- A. If it were
 - B. Had it not been
 - C. If it not be
 - D. If things were not
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35. He says they withdrew all their money. I think they will need it _____ the new car they are intending to buy. (1)
- A. for
 - B. about
 - C. with
 - D. because
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36. I can't meet you these days I _____ my semester assignment which is due in two weeks' time. (1)
- A. will be doing
 - B. could be doing
 - C. will have done
 - D. would have done

37. If they gave you millions of dollars, I know you _____ it and become penniless in a few months. You are so extravagant! (1)
- A. will squander
B. would squander
C. will be squandering
D. would have squandered
38. You can take as much as you like. We have _____ it and you can even tell your friends to come and harvest. (1)
- A. few of
B. little of
C. so much
D. plenty of
39. As in the news, he is one of the victims that drowned in the Mediterranean Sea while trying to cross to Europe. _____ this idea of going to exile. (1)
- A. I wish he doesn't have
B. I wish was not having
C. I wish he hadn't had
D. I wish he hasn't had
40. Have you seen the gentleman _____ the police arrested last week? They say he is Getachew's brother. (1)
- A. with that
B. by whom
C. whom
D. which
41. She will have to see the manager _____ she arrives. I heard he is going to send her to the new branch in Gambella. (1)
- A. sooner after
B. on time as
C. very soon
D. as soon as
42. He seems to be _____ cooking but I am quite the opposite. I rather enjoy eating. (1)
- A. fond of
B. bored with
C. mad with
D. inclined to
43. Our flight has been arranged for next month but we can't _____ in a hotel until then. Can't they find us a cheaper guest house? (1)
- A. afford to stay
B. like to be living
C. think to be
D. be able to stay
44. He knows things are deteriorating from time to time, _____? That is why he keeps talking about leaving at the earliest possible. (1)
- A. isn't it
B. doesn't he
C. does he
D. aren't they
45. A lot of people in this country are crazy about eating raw meat. But it puts me off and I don't like it at all. _____ (1)
- A. No, I like.
B. Also I like.
C. Oh, I do.
D. Oh, I don't.
46. I am going shopping this afternoon. I want to buy _____ vegetables and beef as well. (1)
- A. any
B. some
C. little
D. a little

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47. He has been away for two weeks only but it is like she hasn't seen him _____ ages. She really missed him. (1)
- A. by
B. about
C. in
D. for
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48. Do you know _____ she had when she started the investment? In fact, she is so much business-minded and now she has become a millionaire. (1)
- A. the bir
B. her money
C. how many
D. how much
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49. Their graduation will be in June. Then, they will do some shopping and tour around probably for three weeks and by the end of July, they definitely _____ back. (1)
- A. will have come
B. would have come
C. will come
D. would come
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50. We cannot interfere at the moment. He _____ and all we can do is wait until they finish it and see their decision. (1)
- A. will have interrogated
B. was being interrogated
C. is interrogating
D. is being interrogated
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51. You think _____ a child. How do you tell me that nothing will happen if you jump down from this height? (1)
- A. like
B. alike
C. same with
D. similar to
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52. We still have _____ more time than you do. So, leave it to us and we will take care of it. (1)
- A. little
B. a little
C. few
D. a few
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53. It is true, this is time consuming _____, it brings in a lot of money. You know how much they pay him? A million birth? (1)
- A. however
B. but in fact
C. even though then
D. but on the other hand
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54. Look! The sky is cloudy and _____ to get your T-shirts in. (1)
- A. I hope
B. I think
C. I feel
D. I know
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55. The train to Dire Dawa, as per its schedule _____ at 3:00 p.m. You have to pack in time and wait at your door. I'll pick you up at 2:30 p.m. (1)
- A. may leave
B. could leave
C. leaves
D. left
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56. If you don't tell the truth, they _____ keep you jailed forever. Better say that you killed him in defense of yourself and you may be paroled. (1)
- A. must
B. would
C. may
D. will

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57. I have lived here _____ ten years, but I still seem to know no one around. The neighborhood is getting westernized. (1)
- A. for
B. since
C. about
D. before
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58. She thinks her new car is _____ than mine but that may not be true. (1)
- A. much economical
B. pretty economical
C. much more economical
D. better economical
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59. Something funny is that, he told me he _____ his name when asked by a teacher at his first class of the university. (1)
- A. had forgotten
B. has forgotten
C. forgot
D. forgotten
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60. Why don't you understand me? You _____ your plane if you had arrived early morning. (1)
- A. wouldn't be missing
B. wouldn't have missed
C. wouldn't miss
D. were not missing
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61. You are asking me a very stupid question. But _____, I'll go for the blue one. (1)
- A. let me take
B. let me think
C. that's true
D. what if
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62. Practice has shown us that conflicts _____ occur here and there in the country and unfortunately we lost thousands of lives. (1)
- A. will
B. would
C. might
D. ought to
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63. Mine is from Germany, _____ hers is from China. Can't you see the difference then? (1)
- A. even then
B. nonetheless
C. similarly
D. whereas
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64. You know! _____ his diligence, you here nobody talking positively of him. I can't understand if the secret behind is luck or lack. (1)
- A. In spite of
B. Despite of
C. Because of
D. Even though
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65. No one denies that she did it very _____ and she deserves an award for that. You have to give the devil its credit. (1)
- A. progressively
B. simplistically
C. beautifully
D. passionately
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66. Right after work, he likes _____ home and spending time with his family. He never visits pubs. (1)
- A. go
B. be going
C. going
D. to be going

67. He wants to buy a _____ watch as it is suitable and easy to use particularly for visually impaired people like him. (1)

A. talk
B. talking
C. speak
D. speaking

68. They didn't want to pay us the money back. However, after many rounds of discussion, we _____ convince them and now they have deposited it into our account. (1)

A. can be able to
B. would be able to
C. are able to
D. were able to

69. Which one of the following words is correctly spelled? (1)

A. recieve
B. pierce
C. guage
D. reportor

70. Which one of the following words is correctly spelled? (1)

A. presition
B. meajer
C. invasion
D. explotion

71. In which one of the following sentences is the comma correctly used? (1)

A. For our new school we need janitors, teachers, managers, and gardeners.
B. For our new school, we need janitors, teachers, managers and gardeners.
C. For our new school we need, janitors, teachers, managers, and gardeners.
D. For our new school, we need janitors, teachers, managers, and, gardeners.

72. Which one of the following sentences has a correct use of inverted comma? (1)

A. "We hope, said one of the children, that someday we will be leaders of this country."
B. "We hope," said one of the children, "that someday we will be leaders of this country."
C. "We hope," said one of the children, that someday, we will be leaders of this country."
D. "We hope, said one of the children" "that someday we will be leaders of this country."

73. In which one of the following sentences do we have a correct capitalization? (1)

A. Next year, you may join the science faculty of Addis Ababa University.
B. Next year, you may join the Science faculty of Addis Ababa University.
C. Next year, you may join the Science Faculty of Addis Ababa University.
D. Next year, you may join the Science faculty of Addis Ababa University.

74. Which one of the following sentences has a correct use of question mark? (1)

A. We cannot take away any of these computers, can we, if we want?
B. We cannot take away any of these computers, can we if we want?
C. We cannot take away any of these computers? can we, if we want?
D. We cannot take away any of these computers, can we? if we want.

75. Parents after of you which your take do? (1)

A. Which of your parents did you take after?
B. After which did you take of your parents?
C. Did you take after which of your parents?
D. Which of your parents take after you did?

76. She some found glasses in Chinese her coloured. (1)

- A. She found Chinese coloured some glass in her yard.
B. She found Chinese coloured some glass in her yard.
C. She found some coloured Chinese glass in her yard.
D. Some Chinese coloured glass she found in her yard.

77. a. Illiterate workers were trained to identify symptoms of minor illnesses. b. A pilot project using cellphones is underway in Kaduna State of Nigeria. c. As soon as they suspect a symptom, they were told to call doctors in big hospitals. d. The doctors were actually instructed not to answer the phones to see what the callers would do. (1)

- A.** c b a d **B.** a c d b
C. b c a d **D.** b a c d

78. a. If any problem comes, the director relies on me. b. I work for a company that publishes educational books. c. (1)
Most of the work that is done here has to land on my desk. d. I usually tell people that I'm the one who keeps the
company going.

- A.** acbd **B.** bdca
C. badc **D.** abdc

79. a. The editor may put forward a theme for discussion. b. They make decisions about the content in the edition. c. (1)
The process begins with a meeting of the editorial team. d. Alternatively, other editors may present a theme for
their section.

- A.** c b a d **B.** a d b c
C. c a b d **D.** b d a c

80. a. It is diagnosed by means of a test. b. The disease is contagious, caused by bacteria. c. The disease is not necessarily a death sentence if treated. d. It affects the lungs and can also spread to other parts of the body. (1)

- A.** bdca **B.** cadb
C. badc **D.** cdba

81. Which one of the following is a possible closing to a formal letter? (1)

- A. Bye
B. Cheers
C. See you
D. Sincerely

82. Which one of the following could be an opening to your informal letter? (1)

- A.** How are you darling?
C. I am writing this to complain...
- B.** this is in response to your...
D. I have received your letter of 28 May.

83. If you didn't write back to a friend for long, which one of the following lines would you use to apologize? (1)

- A.** Hi there! It took me ages to write back.
- B.** Sorry but it has taken me so long to reply.
- C.** I know you have been waiting for my letter.
- D.** I don't even remember when I last wrote but.

84. What form of writing do the following lines exemplify? That morning we started off at 6.30 a.m. and joined a crowd streaming to the airport with enthusiasm to see the returning King. Then we got to the airfield about a quarter of an hour ahead of the scheduled arrival.

- A. Narrative** **B. Expository**
C. Descriptive **D. Argumentative**

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- 85.** What form of writing are the following lines typical of? It actually is difficult to tell what kind of creature it is, whether a human or an animal. To start with, it has four legs like any other animal but from chest upwards, it is a beautiful lady with big shiny eyes. (1)
- A. Narrative
B. Expository
C. Descriptive
D. Argumentative
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- 86.** Husband: Shall we visit this shoe shop? Wife: _____ (1)
- A. No, after all, we're not going to buy shoes.
B. We want to buy a washing machine, instead.
C. Sure, there is a holiday coming. We need money.
D. Perhaps, the shoes you bought last time were not cheap.
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- 87.** Child: What is this? What do you do with it? Mom: It is a microwave. _____ (1)
- A. I got it only yesterday.
B. You can buy it anywhere.
C. It is a new electrical gadget.
D. You can use it to heat food.
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- 88.** Brother: I am leaving for Australia to see Orkaido. You: _____ (1)
- A. Is Australia very beautiful?
B. Orkaido called last Thursday.
C. How long will you be there?
D. Dad is planning to see you next month.
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- 89.** Olonso: Is everything ready? They're coming this Sunday. Melana: _____ (1)
- A. Sunday is a day of worship, of course.
B. I doubt they've changed their schedule.
C. Do you think you'll be here on Sunday?
D. Let's hope they'll bring us some clothes.
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- 90.** Shumie: If you come from a poor family, you almost always end up poor. Nunu: No! _____ His (1)
parents were poor but he's a millionaire.
- A. Take, for example, Shola.
B. I know somebody like that.
C. Biru is not in the business industry.
D. If Mamo works hard, he'll be OK.
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- 91.** Kosif: I have a job interview after tomorrow. Naftai: _____ (1)
- A. Job interviews are frustrating.
B. How long have you been jobless?
C. I know many people looking for a job.
D. If you dress smartly, you'll impress them.
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- 92.** Bacha: Are we going to walk? They're expecting us for lunch. Abdu: _____ (1)
- A. Do you think lunch would be ready by noon?
B. I think walking is healthy. So many people do walk.
C. We must take a taxi in order to get there before lunch.
D. I had late breakfast this morning. I can't think of lunch.
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- 93.** Student: Sorry teacher. Can I come in, please? Teacher: Wait! _____ (1)
- A. Can you tell me why you're always late?
B. Are you walking or taking a bus to get here?
C. May I know if you have done your homework?
D. Can you tell me your name and where you live?

94. Employer: What is your group doing at the moment? Employee: _____ (1)
- A. We are renovating the old building behind Block A.
B. We are only ten now, most of them are out on holiday.
C. The group is working day and night, actually, very busy!
D. Some of the members are not very well. COVID may be.
95. You: _____ the President's Office is? Security: Walk straight for about three minutes and it is the tall building on your right. (1)
- A. How about where
B. May I ask you where
C. Can you show me the way
D. Do you know the place
96. Robenus: _____ Solome: It is called watphone. It is a watch you can use as a mobile phone. (1)
- A. What inventions are there these days?
B. When did you buy this beautiful stuff?
C. You always like fashionable stuff, don't you?
D. What is this little thing you're wearing on your wrist?
97. Yohannes: _____ around Hayat. You know how much it costs? Kibrom: I got it from the new shopping center. (1)
- A. Where is this camera from?
B. How did you get this camera?
C. Where did you get this camera from?
D. How much did you get this camera for?
98. Omod: When does the new academic year begin? Lenjiso: _____ (1)
- A. May be it will begin next month.
B. Some of us don't even know that.
C. The school director begins it soon.
D. I think you've bought your stationery.
99. Stranger: How do I get to the Ministry of Education? You: _____ until you get to a roundabout. It's on your right. (1)
- A. There is a bus
B. Get off a taxi
C. Go straight
D. You can ask
100. Berhane: How is your sister? I heard she is not feeling well. Bacha: _____. She seems to need further investigation. (1)
- A. She's OK
B. Not very well
C. She's not here
D. Her doctor knows
101. Kenubish: It is heavily cloudy. Do you think we can go? Kenan: _____ Let's make it some other day. (1)
- A. So what? That's OK.
B. It looks as if it is going to rain.
C. You know we've been in the whole day.
D. Rain means green. You should really be happy.
102. Friend: The reality is that the world is now full of merciless "corrugers." You: _____ (1)
- A. That sounds a new word.
B. What is wrong with "corrugers?"
C. "Corrugers" are everywhere, I guess.
D. Sorry, what do you mean by "corrugers?"

103. Mamo: Why do they blame this lady? She was trying to help them. Tigist: _____ the fact that they are biased against her. (1)
- A. This is due to
B. This is because
C. It is since
D. It depends on
104. Bubu: Nobody likes me because I'm poor. I'll leave this school and find another one. Kena: What do you mean? I carry around _____ you do. Just keep calm. (1)
- A. less money than
B. very little money than
C. so more little money than
D. considerably little money than
105. Frehivot: They tell me the manager is in a hospital. Did you know that? Yonas: Really? _____ pay him a visit. (1)
- A. I hope I
B. I like to
C. I think I'll
D. I am able to
106. Friend: Have you made any decision about selling your car? You: Not really, but _____ it because I have to save a bit more to get a new one. (1)
- A. I want to sell
B. I intend to keep
C. I am selling
D. I would decide
107. Aman: Are you going home for the holiday? Boshera: _____ (1)
- A. No, I'd rather visit Lalibela.
B. I hope the holiday will be great.
C. How about you? I know you won't go.
D. No, I will not go home. Why should I?
108. You: I took some antibiotics for my cough. Brother: That is good. _____ (1)
- A. What do they actually do for you?
B. Which doctor gave you antibiotics?
C. How did you respond to the treatment?
D. Are coughs caused by bacteria or virus?
109. Elsa: Shall we send the money to the children themselves? Berhan: No, _____ (1)
- A. the manager has called about the children just now.
B. the children are too many living together in a camp.
C. above all, I don't think they can even handle the money.
D. for example, how much money do we have in the account?
110. Chairman: This argument is illogical. Isn't that disrespectful? Participant: _____ and say a word? (1)
- A. No, can I really debate
B. No, may I come in here
C. Sure! We can understand it
D. No, Mr. Chairman! Let me talk
111. Boss: What shall we do to this gentleman who stole the laptop? Deputy: _____ (1)
- A. Is he going to sell it or why did he do it?
B. We really should dismiss him. No mercy!
C. Shame! He shouldn't have done that at all.
D. Stealing laptops has now become a fashion.

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