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QUESTION: WRITE A REPORT,OF NOT MORE THAN TWO PAGES,ON THE CORONA VIRUS PANDEMIC AND THE EFFECTS OF THE LOCKDOWN AND RESTRICTION OF MOVEMENT ON NIGERIANS.

**DEFINITION OF CORONA VIRUS (COVID-19)**

It is an illness caused by a novel virus, resulting in severe acute respiratory problems which after long term circumstances can lead to death.

**WHERE IT WAS FIRST TRACED**

The virus was first noticed in Wuhan city, Hubei Province, China on December 31st, 2019 but on January 30th, 2020 WHO declared the COVID-19 outbreak a global health emergency.

**SYMPTOMS**

Latest information is that the incubation period may be up to 28 days before the symptoms of COVID-19 are evident. Some of the symptoms are;

* Sudden fever
* Continuous coughing
* Discomfort or stuffiness in breathing.

**EFFECTS OF COVID-19 0N NIGERIANS**

* Mortality Rate: Due to the fact that no vaccine has been made, there is no cure to this pandemic, people are made to take preventive measures, only those infected are isolated with no hope, very few recover while a very large number of them eventually die.
* Strain on the Nation’s Economy: This pandemic has put the world on total lockdown to prevent it from further spread and as such, workers and labourers have been stopped from their work and all form of economic activities, have been brought to halt. Both large scale and small scale economies are being affected.
* Increased Hunger Rate: Due to the lockdown and strain on the economy, money is not in circulation and as such, not everyone can afford to feed and peform some basic tasks, if the pandemic doesn’t end soon, the next great killer after the virus will be hunger.

**PREVENTIVE MEASURES**

The virus can be prevented or controlled in simple ways, such as;

* Washing of the hands every 15 minutes (when at home).
* By practicing social distancing.
* Using of face masks in public or crowded places.
* Using of hand sanitizer frequently, especially after touching a surface.
* Regular and constant intake of vitamins and vegetables to boost the immune system.
* Drinking of hot water or tea daily, to flush away germs in the throat.