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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.

ANSWER

CORONA VIRUS

This corona virus pandemic is like none that we have ever seen because of the effects it has had on the entire world. It became known to the world late December 2019, in China and it spread across the whole world. After the thought and speculation about the virus it ended up finding its way into Africa and Nigeria to be specific. Some believed that due to the hot weather and conditions in Nigeria, that the people would be immune from the disease which was not true. A lot of individuals in the country have finally contacted the virus. At the current moment there have been 665 cases, with 22 deaths and 188 people recovering from the virus.

My opinion about the pandemic outbreak is that it is Gods work trying to show people who are in high places that their money cannot do all for them. I’d call it the “JUDGEMENT DAY REHEARSAL”

The rich politicians who could just pick up a private jet and fly out of the country when they get a mere malaria infection for treatment, but now they can’t leave because no other country will permit them into their countries. These politicians were warned to spend money on hospitals and healthcare facilities to take care of the people and hence and lockdown was enforced on everybody in the country. My take is that the country is absolutely not ready to fight a pandemic like corona virus.

There are some certain effects that the corona virus pandemic will pose on all people in the country during this period negatively and positively for some as well.

Firstly, it will take a huge toll on those that have to go out everyday to fend for themselves and provide for their loved ones and also the touts, bike riders and bus drivers who look for customers daily but due to the lockdown no one comes out and therefore they will not make any profit at all for the day which gives them the avenue or idea that the next option is to steal and cause mayhem by rioting and kidnapping. This will lead a high increase in crime rates and there would not be any form of peace in the country and especially for those who live in the rural areas where these touts and bike riders live as well. Several letters are being sent to homes stating a request for a huge sum of or money or else a robbery will be imminent.

Secondly, it also hugely affects businesses, for some it might be in a negative way and others, in a positive way like those companies that sell both hand sanitizers and face masks will make a lot of profit during times like this while for others that have to go directly to their building of work would not make a lot of profit at a period like this. By the time this pandemic is over some companies will crumble and be destroyed while some will rise up due to the profit made during this period.

The pandemic has changed what we used to know, observe, appreciate, adore or even worship. The usual camaraderie that defines our society is no longer an acceptable norm. Now everybody is a suspect: your wife, children, parents, relations, friends, colleagues at work or in the profession or religious groups, etc.

It is no longer okay to shake hands, hug or embrace, in anyway, display physical affection for your loved ones. We are to maintain social distance and there is a Government enforced STAY AT HOME order and it is not uncommon to receive messages like: ‘if you love me, do not visit’. The old people, 60 years and above, are particularly vulnerable and we are advised to stay far away from them.

As usual Nigerians will remain stubborn and turn deaf ears to the situation in the country and will still disobey the stay at home rule and the social distancing which means gatherings and parties will still take place. The country is really doomed if they cant find a way to provide for the needy without spreading the corona virus even more.