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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 restrictions of movement on Nigerians.

***Answer***

Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) is an infectious disease caused by a newly discovered coronavirus. Most people infected with the COVID-19 virus, will experience mild to moderate respiratory illness . Older people and those with underlying medical problems like cardiovascular disease, diabetes, chronic respiratory disease and cancer are more likely to develop serious illness.

The COVID-19 virus spreads primarily through droplets of saliva or discharge from the nose when an infected person coughs or sneezes.

It can be prevented by:

* Washing the hands frequently
* Using alcohol based hand sanitizer frequently
* Avoid touching your face
* Sneeze or cough into a flexed elbow or a handkerchief
* Stay indoors and avoid crowded or public areas

***Effects of the lockdown and restriction of movement on Nigerians***

* It adds to the hardship of millions of Nigerians living hand to mouth, often on less than one dollar a day.
* Due to staying indoors all day, there will be increased usage of generators which will lead to serious air and noise pollutions.
* Local vendors and traders have expressed fears over their inability to feed their families during the lockdown with their daily earnings being their only source of sustenance.
* It leads to increase in foodstuff prices.

As of now, there is no vaccine or treatments for the COVID-19 virus. However, there are many clinical trials evaluating potential treatments.