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**Assignment 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.

**The Corona Virus Pandemic and It’s Effects on Nigerians.**

The Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) is an infectious disease caused by a newly discovered coronavirus.. Research has shown that the virus first outbreak was in a place called Wuhan in China in mid-December in the year two thousand and nineteen (2019) but it took its toll on Nigeria the following year which we are in now. People infected with the disease are known to experience mild to moderate respiratory illness and recover without requiring special treatment. Older people, and those with underlying medical problems like cardiovascular disease, diabetes, chronic respiratory disease, and cancer are more likely to develop serious illness. Many health organizations has been working effortlessly to ensure that they come up with cure, vaccine or supplements for this deadly virus. The COVID-19 virus spreads primarily through droplets of saliva or discharge from the nose when an infected person coughs or sneezes, therefore precautionary measures to take to prevent continuous spread of the virus include; regular washing of hands, using of hand sanitizer, drinking a lot of water, eating fruits that contain vitamin C and avoiding public gathering which is why the Nigerian government and that of other countries worldwide imposed a lock down on the country for weeks now and its effects is as follows:

Firstly, Schools have been forced to close down for the time being, putting exams and general school work on hold. Although many schools have taken to the use of the internet for online lessons, not all Nigerians have access to internet services. This has caused a major setback in the educational sector and has hit both teachers who depend on salary from their jobs and students who need the knowledge offered at school. Being forced to sit at home and watch TV right in the middle of the term or semester although slightly comforting has produced not only bored students but also lazy students as well as worried teachers.

Also, inhabitants of states such as Lagos, Ogun and the Federal Capital Territory (FCT), Abuja have been put on an extra week on the lock down. This action, albeit it is for their own benefit has made inhabitants of this locations are bitter as they lament their lack o f means of work and survival. The Nigerian government claim to be feeding two point eight million households and will add an extra one million to their list but this incentive does not cover everyone, many households have been left stranded since this pandemic hit the country and going outside to hustle for meals may lead to harassment from members of the armed forces. Desperate individuals have turned to crime to feed themselves and people find their houses being raided daily by hoodlums. Women and young girls have found themselves become victims of rape and loss and destruction of property is becoming a common thing. Therefore, this pandemic has caused an increase in crime rate in the country.

Lastly, this pandemic has increased the problem of recession in the country. Just before the breakout of the Covid 19 pandemic in the country, oil prices fell causing a great strain on the Nigerian economy as dealing in crude oil is the primary source of the country’s income. The added strain caused by the pandemic is plunging the country deeper and deeper into recession. Nigeria, being a primarily capitalist economy has been forced to turn to international lenders including the IMF, World Bank, the African Development Bank, and the Islamic Development Bank to help treat infected patients, provide incentives for the people and, in general, deal with the economic slump.

In conclusion, if the Covid-19 breaks out in Nigeria on the scale presently being witnessed in Europe and the US, it would be hell for Nigerians. Not only would social distancing become harder and harder to practice eventually, epidemics such as cholera would begin spreading rampantly again, the recession would increase poverty, the increase in crime rate would lead to high insecurity in the country and, if a solution is not found soon, the whole world would be thrown into a war-like situation leaving a somewhat post apocalyptic world for future generations.