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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 Nigeria

The Corona Virus COVID-19 pandemic is the defining global health crisis of our time and has been a great challenge to tackle. This virus emerged from Wuhan, China in December 2019. It is a pathogenic viral infection caused by severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2). This large scale epidemic has spread to over 70 countries because it is highly transmittable. The World Health Organization (WHO) recognized it as a pandemic on 11th March 2020. As of 20th of April 2020, more than about 2 million cases of COVID-19 have been reported in 180 countries, resulting to a large amount of deaths. Although few have recovered but they may have a risk of possible reinfection.

Cases are rising daily in America, Europe and in Africa. The virus is primarily spread between people during close contact often through droplets/fluids produced while coughing, sneezing or talking. People may also be infected by touching a contaminated surface and then touching their eyes, nose or mouth. Common symptoms include fever, cough and shortness of breath. Further more may include pneumonia. There is known vaccine or anti-viral treatments and care. Countries are moving to slow down the spread of the virus by testing and treating patients, limiting travel, quarantining the citizens and as well as cancelling large gatherings.

But COVID-19 is much more than a health crisis, because it has created global socio-economic disruption, postponement or cancellation of sport, religious, political and cultural events. It has led to lockdown and restrictions on Nigerians. Due to the lockdown, the rate at which the virus spreads has been reduced, factories closed down and less cars on the roads has reduced carbon emission and decreased air pollu-

tion. Though, as well as there are positive effects on this lockdown, there are also couple of negative effects which include: People losing their jobs and income as result of shops, theatres, restaurant and bars closing down. Given the unreliable electricity supply, having citizens staying home in this lockdown to prevent the spread means millions of generators will be working to power homes, increasing pollution in the residential areas. There have been widespread shortages caused by panic buying or stocking up in their homes. They have also be increased amount of crime rate and food prices. Also having effects on the economy of country. The government find ways to curb the spread of the virus and also help and aid the economy of the Country.