

## Unit 1: Vocabulary

### III. Indicate the correct answer to complete each of the following questions.

- At his first school, Mark Zuckerberg \_\_\_\_\_ in all subjects and worked hard throughout his classes.  
A. interested                      B. excelled                      C. engrossed                      D. involved
- His incredible performance during high school \_\_\_\_\_ him admission to Harvard University.  
A. earned                      B. attained                      C. resorted                      D. applied
- Mother Teresa suffered various health problems, but nothing could \_\_\_\_\_ her from fulfilling her mission of serving the poor and needy.  
A. persuade                      B. warn                      C. appoint                      D. dissuade
- In 1979, Mother Teresa was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for work undertaken in the \_\_\_\_\_ to overcome poverty and distress.  
A. battle                      B. struggle                      C. movement                      D. proposal
- At the age of 18, Mother Teresa was \_\_\_\_\_ permission to join a group of nuns in Ireland.  
A. required                      B. sought                      C. obtained                      D. given
- Nelson Mandela was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1993 for his work in helping to end racial \_\_\_\_\_ in South Africa.  
A. integration                      B. segregation                      C. achievement                      D. exploitation
- Princess Diana fought for her children on any level so they could reach their full \_\_\_\_\_ as human beings and in their public duties.  
A. requirement                      B. condition                      C. capacity                      D. potential
- Meeting my favorite celebrity at the airport was certainly a \_\_\_\_\_ of luck that wouldn't have happened if I'd arrived five minutes later.  
A. number                      B. piece                      C. stroke                      D. name
- Steve Jobs might hardly imagine that only a year later the company \_\_\_\_\_ impressive victory with Apple II, one of the first highly successful \_\_\_\_\_ personal computer.  
A. attain / massly-produced                      B. see / mass-produced  
C. taste / massive-produced                      D. achieve / mass-producing
- Ms. May, 59 years old, is the country's longest-serving home secretary in half a century, with a \_\_\_\_\_ for seriousness, hard work and above all, determination. j  
A. fame                      B. reputation                      C. achievement                      D. maintenance
- Theresa May is one of a growing number of women in traditionally \_\_\_\_\_ British politics rising to the upper position of leadership.  
A. male-dominated                      B. man-domination                      C. male-dominating                      D. man-dominatedly
- Marilyn Monroe is widely \_\_\_\_\_ as one of most influential figures in American j culture.  
A. classified                      B. depicted                      C. admired                      D. regarded

13. May's sports hero was Geoffrey Boycott, a solid, stubborn cricketer who \_\_\_\_\_ in playing the long game.  
 A. qualified                      B. specialized                      C. engrossed                      D. indulged
14. Like many other Britain's prime ministers, May \_\_\_\_\_ a place at Oxford.  
 A. admitted                      B. permitted                      C. won                      D. constituted
15. She has been quite critical \_\_\_\_\_ the media focusing on her fashion instead of her achievement as a politician.  
 A. with                      B. for                      C. of                      D. in
16. Marilyn Monroe was \_\_\_\_\_ for Golden Globe Best Actress Award for *Bus Stop* (1956).  
 A. offered                      B. nominated                      C. awarded                      D. rewarded
17. Marilyn Monroe \_\_\_\_\_ to a heavy drug use, which had a damaging impact \_\_\_\_\_ both her mental and physical health.  
 A. resorted - on                      B. abused – in                      C. overexploited - to                      D. related - for
18. Their family were wealthy but they encouraged their children to work hard and take nothing \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. for sure                      B. for good                      C. for granted                      D. for charge
19. When Bill Gates saw an opportunity to found his own company, he dropped Harvard \_\_\_\_\_ without finishing his course.  
 A. into                      B. by                      C. around                      D. out of
20. Despite the pervasive press intrusions into her private life, Princess Diana remained very popular because people could identify \_\_\_\_\_ her.  
 A. in                      B. for                      C. with                      D. as
21. Elvis was \_\_\_\_\_ shy and as a youngster was not keen on performing in public.  
 A. relatively                      B. respectively                      C. virtually                      D. almost
22. As a teenager, he was uninterested in school - but became \_\_\_\_\_ in music, listening to a huge \_\_\_\_\_ of contemporary American music.  
 A. bored - amount                      B. reluctant – diversity                      C. reckless - type                      D. absorbed - range
23. Elvis Presley was \_\_\_\_\_ for the idea that rock 'n' roll music was having a negative effect on American teenagers.  
 A. accused                      B. convicted                      C. criticized                      D. charged
24. If Presley was considered a controversial and a rebellious \_\_\_\_\_, it just made him more popular with young listeners.  
 A. creator                      B. figure                      C. character                      D. celebration
25. Darwin was \_\_\_\_\_ a place on the HMS Beagle to act as a natural scientist on a voyage to the coast of South America.

- A. won                      B. gained                      C. offered                      D. admitted
26. Influenced by the work of Malthus, Darwin came \_\_\_\_\_ a theory of natural selection and gradual evolution overtime.
- A. off                      B. into                      C. out                      D. up with
27. In the struggle for survival, the fittest win out at the \_\_\_\_\_ of their rivals because they succeed in adapting themselves best \_\_\_\_\_ their environment.
- A. expense - to                      B. cost - for                      C. expenditure- of                      D. stake - to
28. Van Gogh played a \_\_\_\_\_ role in the development of modern art.
- A. worthless                      B. valueless                      C. key                      D. minor
29. Van Gogh was \_\_\_\_\_ to a lunatic asylum where he would spend time on and I off until his death in 1890.
- A. related                      B. referred                      C. adapted                      D. committed
30. Oprah Winfrey has played a key role in modern American life, shaping cultural \_\_\_\_\_ and promoting various liberal causes.
- A. values                      B. trends                      C. potentials                      D. prosperity

**IV. Indicate the word(s) CLOSEST in meaning to the underlined word(s) in each of the following questions.**

1. His early death only cemented his legendary status, and Elvis Presley has become deeply ingrained in popular culture.
- A. engrossed                      B. indulged                      C. deep-rooted                      D. supreme
2. A distinctive feature of Trump's business and real estate ventures has been the prominent use of his own name.
- A. characteristic                      B. general                      C. common                      D. superficial
3. Mother Teresa was a Roman Catholic nun who devoted her life to serving the poor and destitute around the world.
- A. committed                      B. dedicated                      C. committed                      D. attended
4. Marilyn Monroe has become an iconic representative of fame and female beauty.
- A. figure                      B. image                      C. typical                      D. idol
5. Marilyn Monroe was an epitome of sensuality, beauty and effervescence and was naturally photogenic.
- A. frame                      B. indicator                      C. instructor                      D. figure
6. Despite the media often being dismissive of Monroe's potential, her efforts to improve acting paid off.
- A. failed                      B. broke down                      C. managed                      D. met with success
7. Margaret Thatcher was known for her tough uncompromising, conservative political views, and became dubbed as "The Iron Lady".
- A. reserved                      B. inflexible                      C. narrow - minded                      D. compatible

8. He is commonly referred to as the "The King of Rock 'n' Roll" and **epitomizes** the post-war pop generation.

- A. be representative of    B. leads    C. elaborates    D. expands on

9. Leonardo da Vinci created rare **masterpieces** of art such as 'The Mona Lisa' and 'The Last Supper.'

- A. worthless works of art    B. invaluable property  
C. excellent qualifications    D. excellent works of art

10. Da Vinci studied all aspects of life and his **far-reaching** investigations and discoveries sought to show an underlying unity of the universe.

- A. insignificant    B. finite    C. extensive    D. excessive

**V. Indicate the word(s) OPPOSITE in meaning to the underlined word(s) in each of the following questions.**

1. Da Vinci from an early age began to display his **remarkable** academic and artistic talents.

- A. striking    B. extraordinary    C. run-of-the-mill    D. exceptional

2. Joachim Lafosse confirms his **exceptional** talent with "Free Student", a film that is more conventional in its form.

- A. out of the ordinary    B. abnormal    C. usual    D. odd

3. Van Gogh became one of the most **celebrated** artists of the twentieth century.

- A. admired    B. honored    C. acclaimed    D. obscure

4. Michael **stood out** for his exceptional enthusiasm and soft, infectious musical voice.

- A. attract attention    B. be inconspicuous    C. be conspicuous    D. stick out a mile

5. In recent years, Madonna has continued to tour, release albums and **engage in** humanitarian work.

- A. throw oneself into    B. become uninvolved in  
C. have a hand in    D. take part in

6. Henry VIII was equally **notorious** for his six marriages and several scandalous love affairs.

- A. anonymous    B. infamous    C. celebrated    D. ill-famed

7. The works Da Vinci did finish were often **spectacular** masterpieces, such as his paintings 'The Last Supper' and 'The Mona Lisa.'

- A. magnificent    B. out of this world    C. unimpressive    D. remarkable

8. The death of Diana princess had a **profound** impact on the British public and those in other countries.

- A. far-reaching    B. superficial    C. deep-seated    D. heartfelt