Unit 1: Vocabulary

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

1. At his first school, Mark Zuckerberg _____ in all subjects and worked hard throughout his classes.

A. interested B. excelled C. engrossed D. involved

2. His incredible performance during high school _____ him admission to Harvard University.

A. earned B. attained C. resorted D. applied

3. 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

4. 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

5. 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

6. 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

7. 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

8. 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

9. 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

10. 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

11. 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

12. Marilyn Monroe is widely_____as one of most influential figures in American j culture.

A. classified B. depicted C. admired D. regarded

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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' rollmusic 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.

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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

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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

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