Phrasal verbs

I. Rewrite the following sentences replacing the underlined expressions with the correct phrasal verbs in the right forms. In each sentence you are given part of the phrasal verb in boldface.

write phrasal verb ONLY
Ex: run out of (not need to supply the correct verb form)

1. She is always criticising her neighbours behind their backs. **RUN**

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2. He promised that he would come to help me, but he disappointed me and didn't turn up. **DOWN**

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3. He pretended that he was not a Scotsman, but his accent betrayed him. **AWAY**

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4. I wanted to get the job, but they rejected my application because I didn't know German well enough. **TURN**

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5. They tried to deceive me, but I discovered their true intentions and realised that they wanted to rob me of my money. **THROUGH**

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6. Tom quarrelled with his boss and a couple of days later he was given the sack. **FELL**

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7. I can't bear the noise of my neighbour's lawn mower. It always wakes me up in the morning. **PUT**

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8. At first we didn't like our new teacher but when we got to know him better, we started to like him. **TAKE**

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9. Patti resembles her mother in so many respects. For example, she is as stubborn and as garrulous as her mother. **AFTER**

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10. Before you go to your boss to ask for a pay rise, write down quickly the points that you want to make to support your case. **DOWN**

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11. You should persuade your brother-in-law to buy this car because it is such a bargain. **TALK**

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12. Being full of admiration for her as a singer, I rushed to buy a ticket for her concert, the moment I heard she was coming to Poland. However, her performance was far from what I had expected. Now, I can say I much prefer listening to her CDs to going to her concerts. **COME**

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13. The American Civil War between the North and the South started in 1861 and was won by the Union in 1865, when General Robert E. Lee and his army were forced to surrender at Appomattox in Virginia. **BREAK**

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14. I'm terribly sorry, I didn't have time to give you a hand with all the preparations for the party. Please, let me help you with the cleaning when the party finishes, so that I can compensate for it. **UP**

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15. The deal didn't come to completion because the company didn't agree to the terms of payment that we proposed. **THROUGH**

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16. When I organise a party it's always the same. Everything seems to go according to plan, but at the last minute some problems appear unexpectedly and spoil everything. **CROP**

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17. The Turners arranged to get a mortgage from a building society to buy this house and now their biggest concern is how to pay it off. **OUT**

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18. Terry is a weird bloke. His behaviour is so baffling and his ideas seem to be so contradictory that I've given up hope of understanding him. **MAKE**

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19. The very sight of the restaurant with its shabby interior repelled me. I wasn't starving to eat in a place like that. **OFF**

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20. When I was shopping in the new mall I met Andrew accidentally. I thought he was still on a scholarship in Frankfurt. **INTO**

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21. At the last session the municipal authorities resolved to demolish the abandoned tenement buildings at Crocket Street. **DOWN**

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22. When the flood subsided, we could see clearly that half of the town was destroyed completely. **WIPE**

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23. He is just a budding playwright, but he has already his own theatre company and they are performing a play in our city next week. **ON**

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24. Unfortunately, there are still a lot of instances of xenophobia in the world and people of different origins are often despised in both their professional and their private lives. **LOOK**

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25. Being the sole heir, Daniel inherited his grandmother's vast estate after her death. **INTO**

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26. Thousands of people employed in the steel industry in Poland have been dismissed because some orders have dried up. **LAY**

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27. If I hadn't been delayed by the traffic in the city centre, I would've arrived on time for the meeting. **UP**

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28. The price was exorbitant! I'm afraid the advertising agency really overcharged you for the commercial. **RIP**

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29. It goes without saying that James has brilliant acting abilities. Have you seen him imitating the Prime Minister? That was side-splitting, I tell you! **OFF**

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30. The legal advisors of the two companies met to prepare the initial version of the partnership contract. **UP**

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II. Complete the sentences with the word which best fits each space.

WRITE A,B,C or D

1. The testimony given by the defendant in court didn't ..... up. The person contradicted himself on several points.

   A make **B** add **C** prove **D** join

2. The doctor's diagnosis is that the patient's neurosis has been brought ..... by frequent overwork.

   A on **B** off **C** in **D** out

3. There are still some occurrences of strange behaviour among monkeys that biologists find difficult to ..... for.

   A run **B** account **C** stand **D** reason

4. Calculating the time of your journey to Prague, you will have to ..... for the possible stops on the way, for example to refuel your car or have some meals.

   A watch **B** settle **C** allow **D** break

5. Whenever there is a climate change I suffer from a thumping headache. However, as soon as I take a painkiller, the headache starts to ..... off.

   A leave **B** take **C** wear **D** let

6. You can go and buy the tickets for us and I'll see ..... the luggage until you get back.

   A over B about **C** around **D** to

7. Mr Thomson, can I take tomorrow afternoon off because my fiancée is leaving Poland for a couple of months and I'd like to ..... her off?

   A walk **B** drive **C** see **D** send

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8. The Great Depression set ..... following the huge and sudden fall of share prices on the US Stock Exchange in October 1929.

A forth **B** off **C** down **D** in

10. Everyone was ..... over by his decision to quit a well-paid job and move over to the countryside.

A taken **B** thrown **C** struck **D** bowled

10. Ladies and gentlemen, now I'd like us to discuss the proposal that Ms Ridley put ..... during the last meeting.

A across **B** in **C** forward **D** out

11. When the journalist asked her a question in front of many cameras she didn't utter a word. We all ..... her reaction down to stress.

A put **B** laid **C** took **D** turned

12. When the leader of the expedition to the Arctic Circle offered to take him there, he ..... at the chance.

A called **B** jumped **C** got **D** came

13. When the professor advanced his theory at a medical conference a couple of years ago, everyone was sceptical about its validity. However, the latest research has ..... it out.

A borne **B** carried **C** stood **D** cleared

14. After the car accident she was in a coma for the whole week but her mother didn't lose hope that one day her daughter would ..... round.

A be **B** bring **C** come **D** go

15. My teenage son kept begging me to buy him the latest version of this computer game and I finally gave ..... .

A out **B** away **C** over **D** in

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16. I hope the con artist will not get ..... with the insurance swindle and will receive a proper punishment.

A away **B** off **C** over **D** out

17. In this book the film director shares the fun he's had in making films and lets the reader in ..... some of the secrets of his success.

A to **B** on **C** through **D** for

18. Students with a high enough grade point average are eligible to ..... in for the Fulbright Scholarship.

A go **B** let **C** stand **D** put

19. Being the world champions they weren't going to ..... for a draw with a team from the Third Division.

A settle **B** fall **C** let **D** call

20. As for now, foreigners ..... up only a small proportion of the student community in our college.

A hold **B** fill **C** take D make

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Prepositions and prepositional phrases

Put the right preposition in each gap.

Write the word such as: in, on, beyond...

1. There has been a huge increase ..... humidity in this region over the last few months.
2. While Brian was working for the TRG company, he gained a huge experience ..... marketing, which turned out to be extremely useful in his next job.
3. She has a real aptitude ..... photographing. Her photographs are so impressive.
4. Jenny is still very angry ..... her brother ..... his attitude ..... her decision.
5. This pub always reminds me ..... my student years. I often went there with my mates after classes.
6. Please remind me ..... the next credit instalment for our car. This month it almost slipped my mind.
7. Don't take any notice ..... the technicians. They will install the hardware and be gone shortly.
8. Please welcome Prof. Wells, an expert ..... phonetics. Professor, you may take the floor.
9. Compulsive eaters often can't resist their cravings ..... food, regardless ..... the time of day.
10. As our country has entered the EU, our farmers are now eligible ..... subsidies from a special EU fund.
11. Corporal Peters was given a medal ..... recognition ..... his devotion to duty.

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12. His decision to downshift and swap his managerial position for a less demanding one took everyone ..... surprise.
13. Due to changes in her department she's been ..... a lot of stress recently.
14. ..... fear that the boy may be ..... age, the barman asked him to produce an ID card before selling some beer.
15. Drug addicts are incapable ..... controlling their actions when suffering ..... lack of drugs.
16. The scientists researching ..... the nature of black holes believe to be ..... the verge ..... a major breakthrough.
17. Adolescents rarely trust professional counsellors and choose to confide ..... their peers.
18. If you don't comply ..... the rules of the game, the referee may award a penalty against you.
19. The thugs were charged ..... assault and battery.
20. Early models of this CPU were prone ..... constant crashes when working for a long time.
21. I'm absolutely convinced that our students shall greatly benefit ..... the exchange programme with Harvard University.
22. My bank charges 1 zloty ..... each transfer.
23. Although she had already been reprimanded by her superior ..... her casual outfits at work, she persisted ..... wearing jeans.
24. Our production department prides itself ..... its environmentally-friendly technologies.
25. The essential skill ..... the job of a nursery school teacher is to be good ..... children.
26. The sportsman is going to make an attempt ..... beating the pole vault record.
27. Pregnant women should eat food which is rich ..... proteins.

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