

Exercise 1. Choose the best answer to complete each of the following questions.

1. I wish I hadn't said it. If only I could _____.
A. turn the clock round. B. turn the clock down
C. turn the clock back D. turn the clock forward
2. I just took it _____ that he'd always be available.
A. into account B. for granted C. into consideration D. easy
3. My car is getting unreliable; I think I'll trade it _____ for a new one.
A. in B. off C. up D. away
4. Anne persisted _____ her search for the truth about what had happened.
A. on B. about C. at D. in
5. The old houses were _____ down to make way for a block of flats.
A. banged B. put C. hit D. knocked
6. I accidentally _____ Mike when I was crossing a street downtown yesterday.
A. caught sight of B. kept an eye on C. paid attention to D. lost touch with
7. My mother told me to _____ for an electrician when her fan was out of order.
A. send B. write C. rent D. turn
8. It is very important for a firm or a company to keep ____ the changes in the market.
A. pace of B. track about C. touch with D. up with
9. The forecast has revealed that the world's reserves of fossil fuel will have _____ by 2015.
A. taken over B. caught up C. used off D. run out
10. Even if you are rich, you should save some money for a _____ day.
A. windy B. rainy C. foggy D. snowy
11. We _____ with a swim in the lake.
A. gave in B. cooled off C. got out D. took up
12. They're staying with us _____ the time being until they can afford a house.
A. during B. for C. at D. in
13. Since he failed his exam, he had to _____ for it again.
A. take B. sit C. make D. pass
14. "Why don't you sit down and _____?"
A. make yourself at peace B. make it your own home
C. make yourself at home D. make yourself at rest

15. He never lets anything _____ him and his weekend fishing trip.

A. come among B. come between C. come up D. come on

16. The Second _____ World War in 1939.

A. turned up B. took out C. brought about D. broke out

17. "We'd better _____ if we want to get there in time."

A. take up B. put down C. speed up D. turn down

18. I could not _____ the lecture at all. It was too difficult for me.

A. make off B. take in C. get along D. hold on

19. My mother had to work 12 hours a day in a factory just to _____.

A. tighten the belt B. make ends meet C. call it a day D. break the ice

20. He is coming _____ a cold after a night out in the rain.

A. across with B. down with C. away from D. up with

21. It was so kind of her to put me _____ while I was on a business trip in her town.

A. down B. up C. off D. in

22. It is interesting to take _____ a new hobby such as collecting stamps or going fishing.

A. up B. over C. in D. on

23. The team were eager to make _____ the loss of the previous match.

A. up for B. away with C. up with D. off with

24. He died _____ lung cancer last month, leaving his wife in great shock.

A. by B. for C. in D. of

25. He came _____ a lot of criticism for the remarks he made in a television interview.

A. out of B. off C. over D. in for

26. She started the course two months ago but dropped _____ after only a month.

A. in B. out C. off D. back

27. I can't find my dictionary at the moment. I hope it will _____ up soon.

A. turn B. clear C. come D. look

28. The children made _____ a funny story and wrote it on the card.

A. off B. for C. out D. up

29. Regular exercise and good diet will bring _____ fitness and health.

A. from B. to C. about D. up

30. I am sorry I have no time at present to _____ detail of our plan.

A. bring in B. take into C. come in D. go into

31. We must push the piano to the corner of the hall to _____ our party tonight.

A. make place for B. take up room to C. make room for D. give place to

32. His honesty is _____; nobody can doubt it.
A. in question B. beside the question C. without question D. out the question

33. He's sometimes bad-tempered but he's a good fellow _____.
A. at heart B. by heart C. with heart D. in heart

34. A large number of workmen _____ because of the economic recession.
A. have laid down B. has laid aside C. have been laid off D. has been laid out

35. The government was finally _____ by a minor scandal.
A. put back B. brought down C. pulled down D. taken down

36. We've already bought the house but won't _____ it until May, when the present occupants have moved out.
A. take possession of B. catch sight of C. keep track of D. gain recognition of

37. The young lady sat still in the afternoon breeze, with her hair _____ her back.
A. running over B. streaming down C. flowed down D. fallen against

38. While I was looking through my old albums the other day, I _____ this photograph of my parents' wedding.
A. took after B. made up C. turned down D. came across

39. I could hear voices but I couldn't _____ what they were saying.
A. turn up B. bring about C. make out D. try out

40. We received a call from the teacher _____ charge of our course.
A. to B. in C. at D. on

41. When asked about their preference for movies, many young people say that they are in favour _____ science fiction.
A. for B. in C. with D. of

42. Nguyen Thi Anh Vien performed so well in the 28th Sea Games women's 200m butterfly that none of her rivals could _____ her.
A. catch up with B. come up to C. look up to D. put up with

43. Global warming will result _____ crop failures and famine.
A. of B. to C. from D. in

44. A large number of inventions and discoveries have been made _____ accident.
A. by B. at C. on D. in

45. He _____ till the early hours of the next morning listening to pop music.
A. took me up B. kept me up C. caught me up D. held me up

46. The government has brought _____ a new law in an effort to prevent further environmental deterioration.

Exercise 2. Complete each sentence with a word from the box.

call draw fall get take come face fill go turn

61. I think we should **go** over our plan again before we tell the managing director.
62. Have you **come** up with any ideas for advertising the new products?
63. Our deal with the Chinese company may **fall** through, but we can sell the machinery to the German firm if necessary.
64. You have to **fill** in this form, and return it to the manager.
65. She didn't **get** on with her boss, so she left the company.
66. If they don't give us a better price, we'll **turn** down their offer.
67. I'm afraid we have to **face** up to the fact that we are losing money.
68. Our lawyers are going to **draw** up a new contract tomorrow.
69. A multinational company is trying to **take** over our firm, but we want to stay independent.
70. We had to **call** off the office party because of the economic situation.