

PHRASAL VERBS AND IDIOMS

I. Choose the best answer among A, B, C or D which has the same meaning as the given sentences

1. At last he understood. He understood _____.
A. in the end B. at least C. lastly D. at the finish
2. The boys put out the camp fire. The fire wasn't _____.
A. switched on B. on fire C. on D. alight
3. They had run away, so they had _____.
A. dismissed B. disturbed C. displaced D. disappeared
4. The police wanted Tom to call at the station. They wanted him to call them _____.
A. at B. in C. on D. up
5. No one could account for it. They couldn't _____ it.
A. explain B. estimate C. interpret D. describe
6. Where did they _____?
A. it put up B. their tent put up C. put up it D. put their tent up
7. The writer got on the bus but he didn't know where to _____.
A. get down B. get off C. get out of D. get over
8. I paid him a visit. I _____.
A. visited him B. made him a visit C. did him a visit D. paid for a visit
9. Firemen have put out the fire. They have _____.
A. controlled it B. checked it C. extinguished it D. turned it off
10. They discovered the cause of the fire accidentally. They discovered it _____.
A. by chance B. chancily C. fortunately D. luckily
11. Two men took the parcel off the plane. They _____.
A. took off it B. it took off C. took off D. took it off
12. Peter must pay the money back. He must _____.
A. pay it again B. pay it C. repay it D. pay it once more
13. He will take part in a race. He will _____ in it.
A. be B. take place C. act D. do
14. At present they are visiting all parts of the country. They are doing this _____.
A. now B. for a short time C. in future D. all the time
15. On the way, a young man waved to me; this happened _____.
A. before the writer's journey B. during the writer's journey
C. after the writer's journey D. a long time ago
16. I looked for my bag. I _____ it.
A. tried to look after B. tried to look at C. tried to find D. tried to see
17. He gave it back to me. He _____ to me.
A. turned it B. returned it C. turned it back D. turned it round
18. "What a pity!" Susan exclaimed. Susan was _____.
A. pleased B. glad C. sorry D. amused

19. Can I return these tickets? I want to _____.
 A. give them back B. give them in C. give them up D. give them up
20. You must give up fishing. You must _____ fishing.
 A. stop B. begin C. surrender D. end

II. Choose the best answer among A, B, C or D.

1. They had made a mistake. They had been _____.
 A. mistake B. correct C. right D. wrong
2. He is the manager of the factory. He's _____ it.
 A. charged it B. in charge C. charge D. in charge of
3. The operation lasted for over four hours. That's how long it _____.
 A. went B. went on C. went over D. went off
4. He had a bad temper. He was in a bad _____.
 A. spirit B. mood C. feeling D. disposition
5. They made no effort to hide their amusement. They _____.
 A. didn't try to B. didn't afford to C. couldn't afford to D. didn't have a trial
6. I produced a packet of sweets from my pocket. I took one _____.
 A. off B. out C. out of D. from
7. She would take charge of me. She was _____.
 A. dutiful B. commanding C. charging D. responsible
8. She told us to keep calm. She told us not to be _____.
 A. nervous B. angry C. irritated D. annoyed
9. He knocked him down with a sharp blow. He _____.
 A. beat him B. blew him over C. knocked him D. struck him
10. The policeman lost his temper. He _____.
 A. got nervous B. was in a bad mood C. lost his nerve D. was in bad humour
11. I decided to visit a fortune-teller. That's what I _____ to do.
 A. made up B. made up my mind C. minded D. cared
12. This is an experiment. The astronauts will be trying something _____.
 A. on B. out C. in D. with
13. A plan was put forward by David. He _____ it.
 A. suggested B. intended C. aimed at D. planned
14. The British feared invasion. They were _____ it.
 A. in favour of B. afraid of C. happy about D. ready for
15. He set off down the main street. He _____.
 A. ran B. walked C. rode D. started his journey
16. Jumbo was holding up the traffic. He had _____ cars.
 A. picked up some B. sat on some C. stopped the D. held on to the
17. The police let him off. They _____ him.
 A. allowed B. permitted C. didn't arrest D. didn't finish
18. He may eventually get across the Channel. He may do this _____.

- A. next B. after C. finally D. even
19. The clock was erected after 1834. That's when it was put _____.
A. in B. up C. off D. down
20. He set up a new world record. He _____ a new record.
A. did B. played C. created D. found

III. Choose the best answer among A, B, C or D.

1. I call you _____ as soon as I can.
A. back B. off C. away D. out
2. The promoters called the concert _____ because the singer had a sore throat.
A. away B. up C. off D. with
3. He called _____ his girlfriend to talk to her.
A. up B. at C. in D. off
4. She checked each item _____ as she did her inventory.
A. up B. off C. away D. with
5. Let's check our hotel room _____ before we pay for it.
A. out B. away C. up D. off
6. He lost the tennis match, so we will try to cheer him _____.
A. off B. away C. on D. up
7. Clean all the countertops _____ before you leave the kitchen.
A. out B. off C. away D. about
8. Did you clear _____ your desk drawers before you moved to your new office?
A. up B. off C. out D. at
9. She cleaned _____ all the food she spilled onto the floor.
A. up B. out C. of D. away
10. He will cross _____ each item as it is depleted.
A. away B. off C. up D. with
11. He asked her _____, but she didn't have time to visit him just then.
A. out B. about C. in D. on
12. The mechanic broke the engine _____ its many components.
A. up into B. into C. down into D. off into
13. He backed the truck _____ the edge of the cliff.
A. away from B. out from C. from away D. from off
14. He asked her _____, but she said she already had a boyfriend.
A. on B. out C. off D. in
15. The police backed the angry crowd _____ with their horses and bullhorns.
A. off B. away C. out D. up
16. The couple broke _____ their engagement after they had a huge argument.
A. up B. over C. off D. away
17. The owner broke _____ the team by trading its best players to other teams.
A. off B. up C. in D. out

18. The new major will bring _____ a change in local government policies.

A. with B. out C. up . about

19. Many people wish that they could bring the good old days _____.

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

20. Parents bring _____ their kids the best way they know how.

A. off B. up C. about D. with