



Collocations 3



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Choose the best answer

1. He decided to _____ two courses himself, one in political science and another in music theory.
A. make B. do C. get D. have
2. They are expected to _____ an opportunity for these student-athletes, whose final seasons were abruptly canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
A. acquire B. implement C. provide D. support
3. You shouldn't work all the time - it _____ you good to go out and enjoy yourself sometimes.
A. keeps B. takes C. does D. exchanges
4. It is natural for adopted children to have a(n) _____ to know more about their birth family.
A. desire B. ambition C. commitment D. impulse
5. I hope my teacher will _____ the fact that I was ill just before the exams when she marks my paper.
A. give account of B. lay account with
C. take into account D. take account into
6. Toni was totally opposed at first, but he soon changed his _____ when he realized how much money he'd get.
A. hook B. sense C. tune D. side
7. I'm going to go round the _____ if they don't turn that music down soon.
A. bell B. bend C. wood D. trees
8. You really have to _____ your wits about you when driving through Birmingham.
A. have B. take C. get D. set
9. He's going to have to _____ his socks up if he wants to stay in the basketball team.
A. push B. pulse C. work D. pull
10. You have to take some risks to be successful in business and in life, but don't stick your _____ out for no good reason.
A. head B. face C. hair D. neck

11. Applicants must come from farm families and plan _____ a career in the field of agriculture.
A. to be pursued B. having pursued C. to pursue D. pursuing
12. He hoped the appointment would enable him to gain greater _____ in publishing.
A. experience B. experiment C. adventure D. testing
13. My old high school friends and I tried _____ once we graduated, but we all started drifting apart once college got underway.
A. keeping away from B. keeping up with C. keeping in touch D. keeping time
14. Following public outcry, the company has taken _____ to rectify the discriminatory hiring practices.
A. effects B. steps C. moves D. deeds
15. The region is slowly making a _____ to a more knowledge-based economy.
A. transition B. transportation C. translation D. transient
16. Since you are buying a brand new home, the builder should take _____ for this repair.
A. probability B. responsibility C. possibility D. ability
17. We've all made _____, but it's important to own up to them and learn from what happened.
A. appointments B. objections C. mistakes D. enquiries
18. He took to golf like _____. He'd never played before but hit a hole in one!
A. a duck to water B. a sitting duck C. ugly duckling D. a dead duck
19. Before Tom decides to take a year out, he must make sure that the university will _____ his place for him till the following year.
A. hold B. take C. obtain D. leave
20. In my attempt to _____ at university, I am under a lot of pressure.
A. put into place B. secure a place C. book a seat D. take a seat
21. A number of people handed in their _____ in protest to the board's recent decision.
A. announcements B. notices C. forecasts D. warnings
22. We thanked the real estate agent for trying to find us a house, but the ones she showed us just didn't _____.
A. meet the bill B. pad the bill C. foot the bill D. fit the bill
23. Kate's not coming tonight because she's _____ under with research for her thesis.
A. snowed B. sprung C. summered D. fallen
24. I've _____ a new job with the local newspaper.
A. applied for B. applied from C. applied on D. applied

25. You must _____ an application to the Minister for Immigration for any and all permits to remain within the state beyond the standard allowance of 90 days.
- A. show B. keep C. make D. turn
26. The company said it had _____ a profit of about £1.4bn on the deal.
- A. made B. did C. gave D. carried
27. He is _____ a charge _____ theft.
- A. for - of B. in - of C. on - with D. with - in
28. I practiced for a few hours before I really _____ a feel for the best way to do it.
- A. turned B. said C. got D. cared
29. They brought tears _____ her eyes, but tears of pain soon welled _____ from an overwhelming sense of despair.
- A. at - for B. on - down C. around - off D. to - up
30. The rapid development of the city poses a _____ to the environment of the countryside.
- A. threatened B. threaten C. threatening D. threat
31. Analysts are busy _____ predictions about what we can expect in the next budget.
- A. thinking B. making C. helping D. using
32. She _____ an interesting observation about the poet's intentions.
- A. made B. exercised C. caught D. done
33. He made an attempt _____ pass the exam.
- A. in B. of C. to D. about
34. It seems impossible to _____ terrorism in the world.
- A. put stop to B. put an end of C. put an end to D. stop at
35. He's been _____ noises about taking us all to Rio, but we haven't heard anything definite.
- A. keeping B. seeing C. thinking D. making
36. They _____ their way towards the centre of the town.
- A. made B. told C. tried D. saved
37. The accumulative effect only works if you _____ the balance and earned interest in the account.
- A. maintain B. collect C. allow D. concur
38. I wish you'd _____ the effort to get on with her.
- A. let B. build C. receive D. make

39. This biodiversity is being lost destroying natural mechanisms that could _____ the damage caused by man.
A. spend B. add C. repair D. arrive
40. The doctors have tried everything humanly possible to _____ the life of the wounded soldier.
A. save B. call C. wait D. think
41. Last Sunday the Youth Union _____ a campaign to help students with disabilities.
A. has launched B. was launching C. was launched D. launched
42. Some snakes _____ eggs, but others give birth to live offspring.
A. lay B. allow C. go D. set
43. Different activities should be carried out to _____ the awareness of our people about ecotourism.
A. raise B. rise C. produce D. pull
44. Imagine that a housing team is doing a research _____ students.
A. on B. into C. over D. of
45. They feel _____ with the salesperson's services.
A. satisfying B. satisfactory C. satisfaction D. satisfied
46. They _____ the final stage called cultural identity achievement.
A. keep B. look C. help D. reach
47. Although my best friend now lives in Da Nang, we still try to keep in touch _____ each other.
A. for B. with C. on D. up to
48. Some people _____ a strong urge to keep their cultural identity, so they continue speaking their language.
A. taste B. feel C. touch D. think
49. You _____ a tendency to exasperate me with your stubbornness.
A. do B. make C. have D. get
50. They _____ their lives for their country.
A. sacrificed B. gave C. lost D. let
51. We _____ in touch for a while after college.
A. kept B. held C. continued D. watched
52. The school sees its job as preparing students to _____ a contribution to society.
A. bring B. show C. make D. say
53. As a move towards _____ green I've recently stopped providing plastic bags for my customers.

- A. going B. thinking C. breaking D. setting
54. Drunken drivers _____ a serious threat to other road users.
A. pose B. sit C. play D. create
55. He had not parked in front of the house because he had no desire to _____ attention to himself.
A. draw B. come to C. show D. pay
56. When troubled, kids are more prone to misbehave and less able to concentrate, and it can be a struggle keeping learners _____ in such cases.
A. posted B. informed C. engaged D. occupied
57. Mr. Obama is scheduled to arrive in the Danish capital early Friday, in time to make a _____ to the voting members of the International Olympic Committee.
A. presentation B. presentative C. presentable D. presentational
58. The area is a fantastic place to _____, Pastron says, because of its immigrant history and rapid settlement in the 19th century.
A. do research B. take amiss C. make allowance D. get tough
59. When the worse gets to the worst, a number of people end up indulging in various societal vices to _____.
A. claim a life B. larger than life C. earn a living D. come alive
60. Clara worked as an assistant in the firm for several years before she finally left to seek her _____ as an independent contractor.
A. fortune B. fortunate C. fortuitous D. fortuitousness
61. Today the city government has taken _____ to prevent a repetition of last year's confrontation.
A. measures B. pleasures C. assures D. leisures
62. However, mutators may play an important role _____ the adaptation _____ organisms to changing environments.
A. in - of B. of - from C. by - in D. with - at
63. Windsor is one of the UK's top comperes and has a natural _____ to create a relaxed, friendly atmosphere in any room.
A. probability B. ability C. possibility D. responsibility
64. Studios are rushing out monster movies to _____ our new-found enthusiasm for dinosaurs.
A. take advantage
C. take advantage of B. take advantages of
D. take advantage in
65. I trusted Brennan sufficiently to reveal Julie's _____ and the burglary.
A. identity B. identify C. identical D. identification

66. Larry kept his identity hidden until 2006, when he was diagnosed with esophageal cancer, which later _____
A. claimed his life B. took his life C. gave his life D. lived his own life
67. In 2000 Mello was _____ of Howard Hughes Medical Investigator because of his significant contributions to science.
A. kept the title B. held the title C. awarded the title D. defended the title
68. Jackson doesn't want to damage his _____ as a political personality.
A. repute B. reputation C. reputational D. reputable
69. We tend to make _____ about people at work based on our first impressions.
A. judgments B. guesswork C. justices D. decisions
70. At the end of the book, the author makes some _____ of the consumerist society.
A. criticism B. criticize C. criticality D. critically
71. She's so determined that I just know nothing will get _____ of her plans to finish her thesis.
A. on the way B. in the way C. by the way D. by way of
72. I don't know what you do for a _____ but you obviously don't know much about the real world.
A. lifelong B. alive C. lifetime D. living
73. Pogosian said that his company was sorry to miss a _____ to show off its fighters.
A. chance B. deliberate C. calculated D. intentional
74. They need to _____ more time improving family relationship.
A. take B. get C. give D. spend
75. An accident at the power station could _____ in large amounts of radiation being released.
A. lead B. be led C. result D. be resulted
76. We have no _____ in accepting your most generous offer.
A. hesitate B. hesitation C. tolerate D. toleration
77. In water polo, there is no limit to the number of ordinary fouls a player can _____.
A. commit B. cause C. do D. make
78. She has had to _____ some very difficult decisions.
A. do B. give C. pay D. make
79. "Players may not touch the bottom or hang on the wall." If players _____ this rule, they may not return to the game.
A. destroy B. crack C. damage D. break

80. Higher demand for goods and services _____ to higher imports from abroad.
A. lead B. leads C. have led D. have been leading
81. The school now _____ from a number of facilities, new buildings, and technology.
A. benefits B. profits C. advantages D. disadvantages
82. We're trying to _____ about the environment in general and air pollution in particular.
A. rise aware B. raise aware C. rise awareness D. raise awareness
83. Come off it! England doesn't have a(n) _____ of winning the match.
A. chance B. occasion C. opportunity D. accidental
84. Although insects are harmful to plants, their existence contributes a great part to biodiversity which helps to make a _____ environment.
A. equal B. equality C. balance D. balanced
85. After gathering information about your home, you can _____ changes for cost-effective energy improvements and better comfort and safety.
A. make a list of B. make a list C. make a go of D. make light of
86. Food allergies can result _____ an enormous variety of different symptoms.
A. on B. in C. from D. of
87. Television programs have a huge influence _____ people, particularly on children.
A. on B. in C. at D. to
88. The developments of technology can greatly _____ to environmental protection.
A. contribute B. contribution C. attribute D. attribution
89. Can you tell me how _____ the feeling of pressure before an interview?
A. to reduce B. reduce C. reducing D. to be reduced
90. Susie _____ a very good impression on her co-workers when they first met.
A. make B. makes C. made D. making
91. I get the _____ that it will take some time for the family to overcome their grief.
A. view B. image C. impression D. opinion
92. She does a really good impression _____ the president.
A. as B. on C. from D. of
93. Tom doesn't show _____ in his schooling when he's always playing computer games.
A. interest B. interested C. interesting D. uninteresting
94. We continuously _____ efforts to keep your information safe and secure.

- A. make B. put C. get D. take
95. If you don't want the job, there's no end of people willing _____ your place.
- A. take B. takes C. taking D. to take
96. Everyone will have a _____ to make their views known at the meeting.
- A. chance B. opportunity C. occasion D. accidental
97. I have the _____ to study in the United States for a year. Do you think I should go?
- A. advantage B. opportunity C. occasion D. accidental
98. Jeff deceived me once already - I won't _____ him a second chance.
- A. give B. take C. get D. keep
99. Simon finds it hard to _____ friends with other children.
- A. keep B. get C. make D. put
100. He was able to provide the police _____ some valuable information.
- A. for B. with C. at D. about
101. He has a very good _____ with his uncle.
- A. relatives B. relative C. relation D. relationship
102. I'd like to make an _____ with Dr. Evans, please.
- A. appointment B. arrangement C. meeting D. conference
103. I'd like to _____ a writing course when I retire.
- A. take B. join C. sign D. ente
104. _____ attention to what she's saying because she won't explain it a second time.
- A. Give B. Pay C. Make D. Do
105. I must _____ you on your handling of a very difficult situation.
- A. compliment B. complemented
C. complimentary D. complementarily
106. She complained that her husband never _____ her any compliments anymore.
- A. gave B. put C. paid D. made
107. She _____ a terrible mistake of going against her doctor's advice.
- A. gave B. paid C. made D. did
108. In some countries, many old-aged parents like to live in a nursing home. They want to _____ independent lives.
- A. make B. have C. give D. lead

109. He _____ in love with a young German student.
A. fell B. fall C. feel D. felt
110. We are _____ a survey to find out what our customers think of their local bus service.
A. taking B. making C. doing D. conducting
111. The experiments were _____ by scientists in New York.
A. carried out B. taken out C. stood for D. made for
112. As sisters, they have always confided _____ each other.
A. in B. out C. up D. away
113. Sorry, I'm just under so much _____ at work that it's made me rather irritable.
A. control B. constraint C. pressure D. breath
114. It is parent's duty and responsibility to _____ hands to take care of their children and give them a happy home.
A. shake B. join C. hold D. take
115. Could you _____ me a hand with these suitcases?
A. get B. give C. bring D. pass
116. Every individual should take _____ for participating to create a cozy family atmosphere.
A. responsibility B. responsible C. responsibly D. irresponsible
117. Nowadays, both the husband and the wife strive together in order to _____ the household.
A. hide B. follow C. run D. control
118. Please _____ that dinner is ready when we get home.
A. make sure B. insure C. ensure D. guarantee
119. They closed the windows in a(n) _____ to reduce the noise from the traffic outside.
A. advance B. trial C. attempt D. ability
120. Thanks to his parent's approval, he tried his best to win a _____ at a university.
A. place B. scholarship C. chosen D. acceptance
121. Everybody in her family are doctors and he was under _____ to go to medical school.
A. pressure B. pleasure C. tension D. stress
122. There is greater efficiency and happiness in a home where family members _____ household responsibilities with women equally.
A. share B. divide C. part D. distribute