

PHRASAL VERBS

Exercise 1

1. It was the third time in six months that the bank had been held _____.
A. over B. down c. up D. out
2. I always run _____ of money before the end of the month.
'A. out B. back c. up D. down
3. I've just spent two weeks looking _____ an aunt of mine who's been ill.
A. at B. for c. out for D. after
4. I've always got _____ well with old people.
A. off B. on c. in D. through
5. It's very cold in here. Do you mind if I turn _____ the heating?
A. down B. away c. off D. on
6. They've _____ a new tower where that old building used to be.
A. put up B. put down c. pushed up D. pushed down
7. Stephen always wanted to be an actor when he _____ up.
A. came B. grew C. brought D. settled
8. The bus only stops here to _____ passengers.
A. put down B. get on C. get off D. pick up
9. If anything urgent comes _____, you can contact me at this number.
A. across B. by C. up D. round
10. Your daughter's just started work, hasn't she? How's she getting _____?
A. by B. on C. out D. in
11. We had to turn _____ their invitation to lunch as we had a previous appointment.
A. over B. out C. up D. down
12. He died _____ heart disease.
A. from B. because C. of D. in
13. The elevator is not running today. It is _____ order.
A. to B. out C. out of D. in
14. I explained _____ him what it meant.
A. to B. about C. over D. from

15. Who will _____ the children while you go out to work?
A. look for B. look up C. look after D. look at
16. If you want to join this club, you must _____ this application form.
A. make up B. write down C. do up D. fill in
17. The water company will have to _____ off water supplies while repairs to the pipes are carried _____.
A. take/ in B. cut/ out C. set/ up D. break/ to
18. They were 30 minutes later because their car _____ down.
A. got B. put C. cut D. broke
19. That problem is _____ them. We can't make _____ our mind yet.
A. out off/ on B. up to/ up C. away from/ for D. on for/ off
20. Do you want to stop in this town, or shall we _____?
A. turn on B. turn off C. go on D. look after

Exercise 2

1. Please _____ the light, it's getting dark here.
A. turn on B. turn off C. turn over D. turn into
2. The nurse has to _____ the patients at the midnight.
A. look after B. look up C. look at D. look for
3. There is an inflation. The prices _____.
A. are going on B. are going down C. are going over D. are going up
4. Remember to _____ your shoes when you are in a Japanese house.
A. take care B. take on C. take over D. take off
5. You can _____ the new words in the dictionary.
A. look for B. look after C. look up D. look at
6. It's cold outside _____ your coat.
A. Put on B. Put down C. Put off D. Put into
7. If you want to be healthy, you should _____ your bad habits in your lifestyles.
A. give up B. call off C. break down D. get over
8. Never put off until tomorrow what you can do today.
A. do B. let C. delay D. leave
9. My father still hasn't really recovered from the death of my mother.
A. looked after B. taken after C. gone off D. got over

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10. The bomb exploded with a loud bang which could be heard all over the town.
A. went on B. went out C. went off D. went away
11. John, could you look after my handbag while I go out for a minute.
A. take part in B. take over C. take place D. take care of
12. Why do they _____ talking about money all the time?
A. keep on B. give up C. take after D. stop by
13. My father gave up smoking two years ago.
A. liked B. continued C. stopped D. enjoyed
14. The government hopes to _____ its plans for introducing cable TV.
A. turn out B. carry out C. carry on D. keep on
15. When the tenants failed to pay their bill, the authorities decided to _____ the gas supply to the flat.
A. cut down B. cut out C. cut off D. cut up
16. You go on ahead and then I'll catch _____ you.
A. along with B. forward to C. up with D. on to
17. Both Ann and her sister look like her mother.
A. take after B. take place C. take away D. take on
18. I'll be back in a minute, Jane. I just want to try out my new tape recorder.
A. resemble B. test C. arrive D. buy
19. The national curriculum is made _____ of the following subjects: English, Maths, Chemistry and so on....
A. from B. on C. up D. in
20. Shy people often find it difficult to _____ group discussions.
A. take place in B. take part in C. get on with D. get in touch with

Exercise 3

1. "To give someone a ring" is to _____.
A. call him up B. marry him C. admire him D. pick him up
2. Because of heavy rain, the game was _____ for a few days.
A. taken out B. put off C. set up D. gotten away
3. What may happen if John will not arrive in time?
A. go along B. count on C. keep away D. turn up
4. Johnny sometimes visits his grandparents in the countryside.

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- A. calls on B. keeps off C. takes in D. goes up
5. I do not use those things any more. You can _____ them away.
A. get B. fall C. throw D. make
6. At the station, we often see the sign " _____ for pickpockets".
A. Watch on B. Watch out C. Watch up D. Watch at
7. The passengers had to wait because the plane _____ off one hour late.
A. took B. turned C. cut D. made
8. He _____ on many subjects at the meeting.
A. held down B. held forth C. held good D. held over
9. If I had not held him _____, he would have beaten you soundly.
A. back B. over C. by D. out
10. Please let me _____ I promise not to do it again.
A. off B. on C. up D. in
11. He knows where the boy was hiding but he didn't let _____.
A. up B. off C. on D. in
12. He promised to deliver the stuff today and has let us _____ again.
A. up B. on C. off D. down
13. It seems that the rain is letting _____.
A. up B. on C. off D. in
14. The traffic was held _____ by fog.
A. up B. over C. back D. out
15. Because of the heavy rain, today the meeting will be held _____ until next week.
A. up B. back C. out D. over
16. I would have been here sooner but the rain kept me _____.
A. back B. from C. on D. up with
17. Keep children _____ from the fire.
A. in with B. from C. away D. back
18. It is the most important to keep _____ your neighbors.
A. touch with B. up with C. in with D. away from
19. He promised to keep _____ us while he was abroad.
A. in touch with B. up with C. in with D. away from
20. I took _____ him at once, and we have been friends ever since.
A. after B. to C. over D. up

Exercise 4

1. Our teacher told us that if we don't _____ the environment, our grandchildren may not even be able to carry on living.
A. look into B. look out for C. look after D. look for
2. He may have deceived you, but he didn't take me _____.
A. in B. off C. over D. up
3. I can't make _____ what he means.
A. up B. for C. out D. after
4. They are all making _____ the exit.
A. after B. out C. for D. against
5. The pain will soon pass _____.
A. away B. off C. over D. into
6. We must make _____ some stories to explain our absence.
A. out B. away C. off D. up
7. I ran _____ George in the library.
A. out of B. over C. through D. into
8. You need a rest; you look run _____.
A. through B. over C. down D. up
9. He puts _____ some money every week.
A. away B. up C. off D. out
10. Our dog has been run _____ by a car.
A. over B. down C. into D. through
11. You may not like the noise, but you will have to put _____.
A. up with B. aside C. by D. down
12. I promise to look _____ the matter.
A. for B. after C. into D. up
13. Look _____ ! It is falling.
A. over B. at C. for D. out
14. The two countries have broken _____ relations.
A. out B. up C. off D. into
15. Shall have to bring this matter _____ at the next meeting.
A. round B. up C. off D. about

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16. The new government has brought _____ many changes.
A. about B. round C. up D. off
17. She used to be thin, but she is filled _____ a lot.
A. in B. into C. up D. out
18. Let us do _____ these regulations.
A. away with B. over C. up D. for
19. As I have just had a tooth _____, I am not allowed to eat or drink anything for three hours.
A. taken out B. crossed out C. broken off D. tried on
20. The woman _____ when the police told her that her son had died.
A. got over B. fell apart C. looked up D. broke down

Exercise 5

1. When Tet holiday comes, Vietnamese people often feel inclined to _____ their houses.
A. do up B. do through C. do over D. do in
2. Bob has a bad lung cancer and his doctor advised him to _____ smoking.
A. turn up B. give up C. take up D. put up
3. When he realized the police had spotted him, the man _____ the exit as quickly as possible.
A. made off B. made for C. made out D. made up
4. The government is thinking of bringing _____ a law to make it compulsory for cyclists to wear crash helmets.
A. on B. up C. in D. round
5. Susan was alone in the house when the fire _____
A. broke out B. broke down C. broke up D. broke away.
6. I think you need to _____ your ideas more clearly so that the reader doesn't get confused.
A. dawn on B. set out C. get on with D. give in
7. Susie and Fran _____ us last night, so I had to quickly defrost a pizza.
A. turned up B. dropped in on C. came across D. went through
8. Rebecca _____ on our conversation to tell us that James had just been rushed into hospital.

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- A. broke up B. got ahead C. faced up D. cut in
9. Is it a compulsion that the scheme _____ next Friday?
- A. carry out B. will carry out C. carried out D. be carried out
10. No one knows where Sam is living now. The last time that I _____ was about four years ago.
- A. ran into him B. ran him out C. ran him down D. ran after him
11. All his plans for starting his own business fell _____
- A. in B. through C. down D. away
12. Whenever a problem _____, we try to discuss frankly and find solutions as soon as possible.
- A. comes in B. comes up C. comes off D. comes by
13. The computer isn't working - it broke _____ this morning.
- A. out B. into C. down D. over
14. The final year at the secondary school is the time for teenagers to get _____ thinking about choosing jobs.
- A. off with B. by in C. behind with D. down to
15. On Friday night, some of our friends came to the party and _____ for the weekend.
- A. fell behind B. waited up C. stayed on D. kept up
16. I have been looking _____ this book for months, and at last I have found it.
- A. over B. up C. for D. at
17. You can always _____ Ann to give you sound advice.
- A. bank of B. bank for C. bank at D. bank on
18. The new manager _____ very strict rules as soon as he had taken over the position.
- A. settled down B. put down C. laid down D. wrote down
19. Everyone knows about pollution problems, but not many people have _____ any solution.
- A. come up with B. looked into C. thought over D. got round to
20. The speaker fails to get his message _____ to his audience.
- A. around B. in C. across D. out

Exercise 6

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1. She is a friendly person. She gets _____ all her neighbors.
A. up well with B. down well with C. on well with D. off with
2. Jack and Linda _____ last week. They just weren't happy together.
A. ended up B. finished off C. broke into D. broke up
3. Brian asked Judy _____ to dinner and a movie.
A. out B. on C. for D. of
4. Her contract _____ in two months, so she's looking for another job.
A. runs down B. runs out C. goes out D. goes away
5. I'm not sure my brother will ever get married because he hates the feeling of being _____
A. tied in B. tied down C. tied up D. tied in with
6. It's a small lamp, so it doesn't _____ off much light.
A. cast B. give C. shed D. spend
7. When I joined the army, I found it difficult to _____ out orders from my superiors, but I soon got used to it.
A. call B. carry C. miss D. take
8. If too many species _____ out, it will upset the ecosystem.
A. disappear B. die C. go D. extinct
9. 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
10. I'm saving all my pocket money _____ to buy a new PlayStation.
A. out B. down C. up D. away
11. The effect of the painkiller is _____ and I begin to feel the soreness again.
A. turning out B. doing without C. fading away D. wearing off
12. Children should be taught that they have to _____ everything after they use it.
A. put away B. pick off C. collect up D. catch on
13. I can't walk in these high-heeled boots. I keep _____
A. falling off B. falling back C. falling over D. falling out
14. People are advised to _____ smoking because of its harm to their health.
A. cut down B. cut off C. cut in D. cut down on
15. It took Ted a long time to get _____ the breakup of his marriage.
A. over B. across C. along with D. through

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16. The smell of the sea _____ his childhood.
A. took him in B. took after C. took him back to D. took it for granted
17. Despite all the interruptions, he _____ with his work.
A. pressed on B. held on C. stuck at D. hung out
18. The new office block _____ well with its surroundings.
A. blends in B. stands out C. shapes up D. sets off
19. It's a serious operation for a woman as old as my grandmother. She's very frail. I hope she _____.
A. gets over B. comes round C. pulls through D. stands up
20. It was very difficult to _____ what he was saying about the noise of the traffic.
A. pick up B. make up C. turn out D. make out

THE END