FURTHER PRACTICE 18

I. Choose the words that best complete the sentences in the text.

Since the time of Nostradamus, meteorologists have been trying to ..... (1) the mystery of climatic changes. Their ..... (2) has been to be able to precisely ..... (3) the weather for the days to come. In the past, meteorologists looked skywards to find hints in the clouds. At present, their eyes are ..... (4) at the spots where the most intriguing climatic transformations ..... (5) about, namely, the ..... (6) depths of the oceans where swirls, whirlpools and waves ..... (7) the patterns for the future weather.

The most efficient way of ..... (8) hold of the everchanging map of the swirling currents circulating their heat around the planet is from space. Weather satellites ..... (9) with complicated instruments examine the surface and the bottom of the oceans and determine the exact height of water. The impressive advantage offered by satellite scanning is that measurements can be ..... (10) even in the most inaccessible parts of the oceans and can provide daily pictures of the water surface together with the ..... (11) wave height and wind speed.

..... (12) being a priceless device for predicting climatic conditions for tourists, farmers or aviators, weather satellites also ..... (13) advance warnings against storms or typhoons which ..... (14) the coastal populations to ..... (15) themselves against these destructive forces of nature.

1. a) obviate	b) account	c) decipher	d) elaborate
2. a) subject	b) objectivity	c) subjection	d) objective
3. a) unravel	b) perceive	c) forecast	d) explore
4. a) looked	b) directed	c) focused	d) applied
5. a) come	b) turn	c) bring	d) get
6. a) utmost	b) indefinite	c) terminal	d) ultimate
7. a) accomplish	b) procure	c) generate	d) formulate
8. a) getting	b) coming	c) finding	d) making
9. a) equipped	b) delivered	c) supplemented	d) donated
10. a) done	b) formed	c) fulfilled	d) taken

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11. a) calculated	b) amounted	c) scored	d) enumerated
12. a) Besides	b) Apart	c) Otherwise	d) Whereby
13. a) denote	b) proceed	c) emerge	d) issue
14. a) entitle	b) entail	c) enable	d) enforce
15. a) protect	b) ward	c) sustain	d) preserve

II. Put the words in the correct form.

1. The captain's every ..... (MOVE) was carefully observed by the secret service.
2. If the oil refinery continues dismissing their ..... (EMPLOY), they will probably have to reduce their production.
3. After this unpleasant event, we expect that at least some of you will be able to draw the right ..... (CONCLUDE).
4. Professor McCarthy is famous for a number of ..... (SCIENCE) discoveries he has made in the fields of chemistry and biology.
5. Rudolph is a very ..... (CREATE) composer. We have hired him to write for our orchestra because we all admire his unusual musical talent.
6. It is common ..... (KNOW) that dolphins can communicate with each other by means of ultrasounds.
7. The coach says that if our rivals manage to score another goal, we are to withdraw in to a ..... (DEFEND) position.
8. The minority groups have always fought for their ..... (FREE) of religion, yet, the conflict hasn't ever been so serious as during the recent three months.
9. Who would have thought that the project would turn out to be a complete ..... (FAIL)?
10. This permanent ..... (SHORT) of water in the district makes most of us go crazy, especially in the morning.
11. The fireworks show was most ..... (SPECTACLE). No wonder it attracted such big crowds of people.
12. I can't stop thinking why so little is being done to support the nations suffering from severe ..... (POOR) .
13. Don't bother to water the flowers in the garden. There is no ..... (NECESSARY) to do it right after the rain.

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14. It was a great ..... (LOSE) to our section when Mr Douglas, the most experienced programmer, had to stay in hospital for two months.
15. One of the passengers was arrested after some ..... (EXPLODE) materials had been found in his luggage.

III. Replace each italicized phrase or adjective with a synonymous one.

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awkward calamitous comprehensible discontented
enormous futile gorgeous laborious major
mistaken nourishing smooth solitary superficial void

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1. 'What does this note read?' 'I've no idea at all. I suppose it's only ***understandable*** to those who wrote it.' .....
2. Milk and other dairy products are very ***rich in substances necessary for building good health***. .....
3. Are you sure you want to join in? The task that we are going to carry out will be very ***exhausting and difficult***. .....
4. The ***most serious*** changes they have introduced have affected education at the elementary level. .....
5. I don't envy Mr Carter in the least. Living such a ***lonely*** life as he does must certainly be very painful. .....
6. Alex is ***not too happy*** with his new class. The youths still consider him a stranger. .....
7. What a ***first-class*** idea! Imagine sailing together across the ocean in a yacht like this. .....
8. No wonder they can afford to buy a new house every two years if their father earns such a ***huge*** amount of money. .....
9. Unfortunately, the sea isn't always so ***quiet and peaceful*** on this part of the western coast. .....
10. I'll give up calling the agency if my next attempt is ***unsuccessful***. .....
11. What's the point of storing all these ***empty*** containers? Do you think they may prove useful? .....
12. The silence that followed after the president's statement was a bit ***uncomfortable***, but nobody dared to comment on it. .....

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13. You're ***wrong***. Samuel doesn't come from Argentina. He is a Jew and he lives in Israel. .....

14. As usual, the Ariola cyclone has been ***very tragic*** in its consequences.

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15. Stop panicking, George. Your wounds are ***not so deep and serious***. I'm certain your arm isn't broken, either. .....

IV. Rewrite the sentences using the given forms so that they retain their original meaning.

1. Bob feels uneasy whenever he has to dine with his superiors.

Having to .....

2. I support the notion to lift the trade embargo. **(for)**

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3. This is Ann's favourite soap opera.

..... **the most.**

4. The guide recommended we should leave very early. **(our)**

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5. He is making us study hard for the exam next term.

We are .....

6. I'm afraid it's going to rain.

It looks .....

7. If he were to propose, what would you tell him?

Supposing .....

8. This matter is so complicated that we don't know how to deal with it.

So .....

9. Our son wants to see the military parade very much. **(anxious)**

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10. Arnold speaks French much better than his sister does.

Arnold's sister .....

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V. Choose the correct answer.

1. It was hard to ..... the temptation to watch the late night show even though I was so tired.
   a) defy b) refuse c) resisit d) oppose
2. The realisation of our holiday plans has had to be ..... because of my mother's sudden illness.
   a) prevented b) shelved c) expired d) lingered
3. The alarm sound was received by several units which hurried to the ..... immediately.
   a) rescue b) saving c) protection d) security
4. Don't be angry with Sue. All that she did was in good ..... .
   a) hope b) belief c) idea d) faith
5. I think we can rely on Mr Bronson's advice. I've known him for ages and I have already found out he has got excellent ..... in modern art.
   a) fashion b) intelligence c) taste d) feeling
6. All the inhabitants in the area have been asked to ..... at home if the storm returns.
   a) settle b) dwell c) remain d) occupy
7. We were lucky the taxi arrived without any ..... . Otherwise we wouldn't have arrived in time for our train.
   a) pause b) delay c) wait d) interruption
8. Could you ..... us that any possible obstacles will be eliminated?
   a) confirm b) pledge c) assure d) declare
9. Not only were the little children ..... with this nasty cold. We had a few adult patients, too.
   a) afflicted b) imposed c) injured d) aggravated
10. What's your ..... towards their advice? Do you think it's convincing or not?
    a) appeal b) matter c) regard d) attitude
11. Does anyone recognize the girl with a ..... of flowers in her hand?
    a) range b) pack c) bunch d) heap
12. It's ..... of this kind of work to take a lot of time.
    a) usual b) average c) characteristic d) regular

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13. The way Nigel ..... this task wasn't satisfactory for the director, and so a specialist had to be hired.

a) employed b) dealt c) coped d) approached

14. The three boys object to being separated as they have ..... this room for the last five months.

a) shared b) joined c) united d) associated

15. A small ..... of this medicine should be enough to lessen the pain.

a) part b) size c) dose d) ration

16. His public announcement of the secret plans was dealt a sheer ..... of confidence and was heavily criticized by the other members of the council.

a) damage b) breach c) crash d) fracture

17. According to the minister, changes in the budget will ..... all of us soon.

a) refer b) impact c) experience d) affect

18. This fund has been set up to help protect those ..... of animals that are endangered with complete extinction.

a) kinds b) species c) races d) breeds

19. Several hundred people have signed the petition to put a ..... to the nuclear tests in the region.

a) stop b) finish c) break d) cease

20. Nobody, even the best doctors, expected Frank's ..... to be so quick and successful after so severe an accident.

a) renewal b) resumption c) recuperation d) remuneration

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