Further Practice Sections

Section A – Vocabulary & Grammar practice

Words often Confused

1 Read the sentences below and decide which answer A, B, C or D best fits each blank.

1 I found a wonderful Persian rug in the ..... market the other day.
A archaic C antique
B old D antiquated

2 Mr Jackson needs a ..... of the report first thing Monday morning.
A copy C image
B print D reproduction

3 Helen and George are expecting ..... at the end of winter.
A couples B sets C twins D pairs

4 My son wants to ..... a doctor when he's older.
A change B become C develop D turn

5 The computer course ..... of ten two-hour lessons over six months.
A composes C makes up
B consists D contains

6 The lecture was so boring that I had a very difficult time paying ..... and almost fell asleep.
A attention C warning
B notice D interest

7 Authorities are investigating the ..... of the fire.
A reason B cause C manner D way

8 This shop has everything ..... from exotic spices to designer clothes.
A stocking B ranging C extending D varying

9 He was ..... to the amount of money he could spend on holiday.
A limited B fixed C bounded D set

10 Please, ... once in your life, try not to be late tomorrow.
A for B by C at D upon

11 Of course I ..... you! We went to school together, didn't we?
A consider C recognise
B see D hold

12 His ..... of confidence resulted in him not getting the job.
A losing B failure C missing D lack

13 I heard a loud bang and the ..... thing I knew, police were everywhere.
A future B following C after D next

14 Please ..... me to cancel my dentist's appointment on Tuesday.
A remind C remember
B retain D recall

15 We would never have guessed who had ..... the crime.
A committed C had
B done D caused

16 I called the plumber to get a(n) ..... on how much a new shower would cost.
A guess B number C estimate D count

17 The Smiths have their piano tuned on a ..... basis.
A right B regular C normal D proper

18 She cut the cake into eight ..... after she had blown out the candles.
A portions B parts C sizes D figures

19 Ben has just bought a house, so he can't ..... to go on holiday this year.
A afford B price C cost D budget

20 The company will ..... a new line of cosmetics onto the market this autumn.
A put C introduce
B bring D commence

21 During the festival, the streets were ..... with people from all over the world.
A crowded C congested
B full D occupied

22 The total ..... of money needed for this project is over one million pounds.
A mass B number C amount D bulk

23 He has a ..... of looking at life that is very refreshing.
A method B mean C way D plan

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24 James has had an argument ..... Tina and is not speaking to her.
A in **B** by **C** of **D** with

25 My morning ..... never changes – I wake up, take a shower, have a cup of coffee and go to work.
A routine **B** practice **C** custom **D** time

26 I'll never be ..... to understand what she saw in him!
A capable **B** possible **C** probable **D** able

27 The hotel ..... free accommodation for children under the age of ten.
A provides **B** makes **C** assists **D** does

28 Air pollution has ..... to an increase in breathing disorders.
A directed **B** brought **C** guided **D** led

29 Sally is so sensitive that she cries ..... she watches a sad film.
A whenever **C** whichever
B however **D** how

30 Don't worry! The instructions are very ..... to follow.
A natural **B** easy **C** ordinary **D** casual

31 Even though my grandfather is 87 years old, he's as ..... as a fiddle.
A healthy **B** happy **C** fit **D** slim

32 Don't ..... the chance to visit the Museum of Fine Arts when you're in town.
A miss **C** forget
B omit **D** look over

33 How long was it before you ..... that your purse was missing?
A viewed **C** faced
B noticed **D** witnessed

34 If you have an alibi, it will ..... that you were nowhere near the scene of the crime.
A prove **B** clear **C** say **D** find

35 Alison ..... most of her pocket money on CDs.
A throws **B** exploits **C** spends **D** buys

36 Mary ..... her own business when she was only 20 years old.
A did up **C** set up
B made out **D** brought on

37 The only reason why he ..... the crash was because he was wearing his seatbelt.
A saved **C** lasted
B endured **D** survived

38 One of the most ..... rules of tennis is to always keep your eye on the ball.
A basic **C** significant
B weighty **D** extreme

39 I'm sorry, but without the ..... the shop will not be able to give you a refund.
A recipe **C** receipt
B formula **D** prescription

40 The only ..... of living in a flat is that it is cheaper than living in a house.
A advantage **C** gain
B asset **D** plus

41 Mrs James had difficulty in controlling the class, ... though she was an experienced teacher.
A indeed **B** just **C** even **D** exactly

42 There are many ways ..... which you can make food tasty and attractive to children.
A over **B** in **C** of **D** among

43 Jim Perkins was ..... to be the only suitable candidate for the job.
A imagined **C** designed
B hoped **D** considered

44 He walked slowly although he was ..... late for his appointment.
A extremely **C** highly
B ultra **D** intensely

45 Frieda is always ..... a very warm welcome whenever she visits her cousins.
A saved **C** performed
B reserved **D** guaranteed

46 The increase of traffic in cities has resulted ..... more people suffering from breathing problems.
A of **B** towards **C** in **D** to

47 The man was eventually ..... by the police to come out of his hiding place.
A persuaded **C** suggested
B arranged **D** let

48 Your work falls well ..... the required standard.
A under **B** short **C** below **D** lower

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49 Jane's ..... told her that something had happened to her twin sister.
A affinity **B** intuition **C** aptitude **D** flair

50 "You can always be ..... of our support," my parents told me when I left home.
A count **B** sure **C** depend **D** rely

51 For a long time, he has been ..... by bad luck.
A dogged **C** doomed
B bugged **D** haunted

52 As the policeman handed me a speeding ticket he said that nobody was ..... the law.
A beyond **B** over **C** above **D** under

53 Everyone's attention was drawn ..... the noise in the street.
A to **B** on **C** into **D** for

54 Many species of fish are in danger of being ..... by increasing levels of sea pollution.
A finished off **C** dried up
B wiped out **D** wore off

55 Many people never ..... to be amazed by the records athletes set each year.
A stop **B** cease **C** end **D** finish

56 The manager told the workers that he had every ..... in their ability.
A confidence **C** belief
B trust **D** feeling

57 The school sets a very high ..... for all its pupils.
A way **B** standard **C** spirit **D** term

58 This neighbourhood looks a little ..... these days.
A well-heeled **C** well-off
B run-down **D** down-and-out

59 Don't you think it would be a good idea to try and ..... our problem?
A work out **C** do up
B polish off **D** wear off

60 The young boy ..... to taking the bicycle.
A agreed **C** accepted
B denied **D** confessed

61 The accountant was asked to go ..... the document very carefully.
A of **B** over **C** at **D** for

62 Their goal had always been to reach the ..... of Mount Everest.
A crown **B** point **C** summit **D** head

63 These workshops are designed to ..... listening and speaking skills.
A grow **B** create **C** develop **D** plant

64 Many patients complained that they didn't receive the proper medical ..... they needed.
A behaviour **C** action
B attitude **D** treatment

65 Mary decided to consider the proposal that was put ..... to her a few days ago.
A forward **B** front **C** first **D** ahead

66 The police are still ..... the cause of the explosion which damaged five cars.
A investigating **C** considering
B researching **D** exploring

67 Not ..... is John a good writer, he is also a good singer.
A simply **B** just **C** even **D** only

68 He decided to invest the ..... of his money in property.
A remains **B** rest **C** others **D** all

69 The book discusses how we could be more ..... in managing our time.
A effective **C** energetic
B adequate **D** able

70 His job ..... spending a lot of time travelling.
A involves **C** covers
B implies **D** consists

71 Some companies offer courses as a ..... of training their staff.
A pattern **B** means **C** type **D** design

72 She did not want him to jump ..... the conclusion that it was all her fault.
A to **B** of **C** for **D** at

73 This amazing collection of poems first saw the ..... of day in 1980.
A morning **B** broad **C** light **D** break

74 I started typing my paper and the ..... thing I knew, my computer broke down.
A next **C** additional
B following **D** previous

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75 Maria Callas became one of the best ..... opera singers of her day.
A understood **B** known **C** liked **D** popular

76 She was looking ..... the mail when the phone rang.
A towards **B** through **C** up **D** on

77 Everybody, myself ....., had been looking forward to the concert.
A also **B** involved **C** included **D** too

78 He works here temporarily but has plans to ..... open his own business.
A finally **B** eventually **C** soon **D** really

79 The cost of airline tickets has gone ..... by as much as 25% since January.
A by **B** in **C** up **D** under

80 All track events will be ..... in the new Olympic stadium.
A stored **B** made **C** kept **D** held

81 He gained ..... experience working as a volunteer in Africa.
A deserving **B** admirable **C** worthy **D** invaluable

82 It never ..... to amaze me how babies learn to communicate.
A stops **B** finishes **C** ceases **D** ends

83 Those old buildings are dangerous and should be ..... down.
A knocked **B** pushed **C** brought **D** wrecked

84 It is a fact that this kind of snake bite rarely ..... fatal.
A grows **B** turns **C** emerges **D** proves

85 Eating a large breakfast allowed her to go ..... lunch.
A up **B** away **C** without **D** off

86 There is very little ..... that he will pass the exam.
A opportunity **B** chance **C** opening **D** probability

87 What she likes ..... about travelling is meeting new people.
A great **B** most **C** much **D** lot

88 "What ..... of shampoo do you use?" Martha asked Jan.
A brand **B** label **C** mark **D** tag

89 Julia shares all the ..... with her husband, including the cooking and the ironing.
A household **B** homeland **C** housework **D** homework

90 It was such a small car that it could only ..... two people.
A include **B** embrace **C** contain **D** hold

91 When my sister and I were young children, our father used to ..... us on his shoulders.
A carry **B** take **C** bring **D** uphold

92 Do not ..... the opportunity to see Hamlet at the National Theatre.
A fail **B** miss **C** lose **D** forget

93 My ..... to London was delayed so I had to hang around the airport for three hours.
A ride **B** tour **C** flight **D** voyage

94 He asked his friends to ..... a good dentist.
A recommend **B** advise **C** prescribe **D** counsel

95 Becky mentioned something about setting ..... her own catering company.
A up **B** in **C** off **D** around

96 The police have been trying for months to ..... the whereabouts of the kidnapper.
A stalk **B** detect **C** trace **D** follow

97 The ..... of the television set goes back more than 50 years.
A legend **B** story **C** history **D** age

98 This year's winter fashion ..... to women of all ages.
A attracts **B** appeals **C** takes **D** calls

99 I know for a ..... that Pam hates Chinese food.
A fact **B** certain **C** sure **D** truth

100 We will ..... your order before sending the goods.
A operate **B** process **C** measure **D** deal

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