GRAMMAR AND VOCABULARY 6

Question 1: VOCABULARY.

1. The new school complex cost _____ the city council had budgeted for.
   A. just twice as much as B. twice more by far than
   C. twice much more than D. almost twice as much as
2. Larry _____ forgot where he'd left his keys.
   A. momentarily B. directly C. singularly D. shortly
3. The Earth will be a planet where human beings, animals and plants live in peaceful _____.
   A. cooperation B. coordination C. corporation D. coexistence
4. James could no longer bear the _____ surroundings of the decrepit old house.
   A. oppressive B. domineering C. pressing D. overbearing
5. I find the idea of experimenting on animals _____.
   A. disagreeing B. objectionable C. distasteful D. objective
6. He's a bit timid and hasn't yet _____ the courage to apply for the job.
   A. put on B. get off C. plucked up D. carried through
7. Following the crime in Bradford High Street last Saturday afternoon, the police are checking _____ anyone who was there at the time.
   A. in for B. up on C. out of D. over to
8. According to a Government spokesman, further _____ in the public sector are to be expected.
   A. cutbacks B. breakdowns C. out-takes D. layouts
9. Under the weather or not, Ashcroft _____ 2 mins 13.8 secs, almost a second faster than her winning time last year.
   A. set B. clocked C. gained D. took
10. That judge is feared because she takes a hard _____ in the fight against drugs.
    A. line B. lane C. path D. rule
11. He will be sued for _____ of contract if he does not do what he promised.
    A. fracture B. crack C. rupture D. breach
12. You shouldn't _____ into other's people private lives.
    A. prowl B. prod C. proceed D. pry
13. Some romantic novelists _____ out books with the same old formula every year.
    A. churn B. spill C. ladle D. pour
14. Even the best medicines are not _____.
    A. infallible B. unfailing C. fail-proof D. falsified
15. The dog was a little subdued yesterday, but she's full of _____ this morning.
    A. sprouts B. beans C. chips D. berries
16. There are a lot of crooked people in big cities. If you don't want to be cheated, you'll need to keep your _____ about you.
    A. mind B. wits C. head D. brain
17. Just because we've had a good year, this does not mean that we cannot do better: we must not _____.
    A. have our head in the clouds B. bury our heads in the sand
    C. count our blessings D. rest on our laurels
18. There's nothing as cozy on a cold evening as the warm _____ of a fire.
    A. glare B. sparkle C. glow D. flame
19. She seems to be angry with the whole world. She's got a chip _____.
    A. on her shoulder B. in her bonnet C. under her hat D. between the ears
20. How do you calculate the distance to the horizon? As a _____, it's 7 miles + 1 mile per 100 ft above sea level.
    A. trick of the trade B. golden rule C. free hand D. rule of thumb

Question 2: STRUCTURE

1. I supposed, as _____ we all, that the meeting would be cancelled.
   A. just B. would C. equally D. did
2. A study has been made of the microbiology of rock surfaces and _____ stones.

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A. weathered B. rugged C. jagged D. rough

3. Well, it _____ but will it taste the same?
A. is smelling good B. is smelling well C. smells good D. smells well

4. You _____ in this report to the managing director personally. Do you understand?
A. are to hand B. would like to hand C. may have handed D. would sooner hand

5. _____up early, he would have caught the early train.
A. Were he to get B. If he got C. Had he not got D. Were he to have got

6. You should be very glad that Bob didn't recognize you that night. Can you imagine his fury if he_____?
A. had B. did C. did not D. would have

7. The research suggests that infants _____ highly susceptible to allergy at the first 3 months.
A. should be B. are C. will be D. being

8. When reaching the top of the hill, _____.
A. we suddenly caught sight of the sea B. it was the sea that extended below us
C. we extended the sea below us D. the sea came into view

9. Consumers should boycott all products _____ has involved the use of child labour.
A. who manufacture B. whose manufacturers C. which manufacture D. whose manufacture

10. Such _____ that the firefighters could not get near it.
A. hot was the fire B. the fire was hot C. the heat was of the fire D. was the heat of the fire

Question 3: IDIOMS & COLLOCATIONS

Choose the right phrase in the box to complete each of the following sentences. Use each phrase only ONCE and write your answer in the numbered box.

1. I'm sick and _____ of studying grammar.
A. cross B. ill C. tired D. bored

2. No, I don't want to watch a war film. I don't like to see too much blood and _____.
A. guts B. tears C. pain D. bone

3. Mice _____!
A. give me creeps B. give me the creep C. give me the creeps D. give me creep

4. When his parents are away, his eldest brother ___.
A. knocks it off B. calls the shots C. draws the line D. is in the same boat

5. I will do everything in my _____ to rescue the victims.
A. ability B. power C. mind D. effort

6. Be careful or he'll take you for a _____.
A. trick B. cheat C. fraud D. ride

7. Just because Laura makes a lot of money, everyone expects her to _____ all the bills.
A. foot B. stand C. run D. carry

8. His English was roughly _____ with my Greek, so communication was rather difficult!
A. level B. on a par C. equal D. in tune

9. I didn't want to make a decision _____ so I said I'd like to think about it.
A. on and off B. in one go C. there and then D. at a stroke

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