

GRAMMAR AND VOCABULARY 9

Exercise 1. Choose the answer A, B, C, or D that best completes each of the following sentences. Write your answers in the corresponding numbered boxes. (20 points)

26. The announcement was met by an _____ of support from the country music community.
A. outbursting B. outplaying C. outpouring D. outpointing
27. Rose is still on holiday, so you _____ her working at her office.
A. wouldn't have seen B. needn't have seen C. can't have seen D. shouldn't have seen
28. I was finally able to _____ a passing motorist to help with our stalled car.
A. flag down B. bear down C. carry down D. run down
29. I'm very tired, _____ travelling all day yesterday and having a disturbed night.
A. what if B. whatnot C. whatevs D. what with
30. Profits this year are \$2.5 million _____ \$4 million last year.
A. as follows B. as regards C. as against D. as seen
31. Why not _____ the meeting for Monday morning?
A. schedule B. to schedule C. scheduling D. scheduled
32. They sold 1 million cards in the first year of business – _____ feat, given the problems many businesses are facing.
A. no dice B. no mean C. no end D. no biggie
33. _____ the rest of the family, she now saw where he got his temper from.
A. To have been met B. Having met C. To have met D. Having been met
34. It is a transitory work which lays the _____ for themes and styles found in the theater sixty years later.
A. initiative B. ideology C. groundwork D. breakthrough
35. Many of the company's workers went on strike yesterday, leaving thousands of customers _____.
A. in the rough B. in the bag C. in the dock D. in the lurch
36. There _____ to have been thousands of new companies founded last year.
A. are reported B. have reported C. is reported D. has reported
37. There are already plans to make the £26,000 _____ into a hit single and show the ad in cinemas.
A. jingle B. twister C. jargon D. cliché
38. He wrote volumes of poetry which he illustrated himself under a(n) _____ name.
A. presumed B. subsumed C. assumed D. consumed
39. These days, radical change often comes _____ of the judiciary.
A. through the motions B. through the agency C. through the courts D. through the floor
40. Three auditors were accused of _____ the men charged with fraud.
A. coming and going B. cutting and running C. huffing and buffing D. aiding and abetting
41. In _____, the top 30 listed companies tend to get more money back from the government than they pay in tax.
A. faceplate B. associate C. aggregate D. copperplate
42. Even in normal traffic, 20 minutes to get to the airport is _____.
A. cutting it fine B. cutting to the chase C. cutting your losses D. cutting no ice
43. Sometimes she would give him money _____ and he would help her with chores.
A. on the bias B. on the sly C. on the cusp D. on the cheap
44. The famous movie star has to have several people _____ the whole time.
A. dancing attendance on her B. leading her a merry old dance
C. darkening her door D. landing on her feet
45. I really need a job and I was hoping you might _____ for me with your boss.
A. put on the long finger B. put in a good word C. put out feelers D. put out to pasture

Exercise 2. Choose the best option A, B, C, or D to complete the following sentences and write your answers in the corresponding numbered boxes. (20 points)

1. The opposition party won the election on a _____ of economic reform.
A. lectern B. podium C. platform D. dogma
2. I'm a _____ at this game-I only learned to play it a few weeks ago.

- A. novelty B. novice C. learner D. newcomer
3. The accountant _____ the company out of millions of dollars before he was caught.
- A. swindled B. spun C. dwindled D. saddled
4. The judge's sentence is _____ and can not be changed.
- A. incongruous B. invariable C. irrevocable D. irreconcilable
5. It usually takes me 40 minutes to get into town, but today _____ because there was a lot of traffic.
- A. Took twice that B. I took twice more
- C. it took twice that D. it had taken twice than that
6. _____ we will lose clients due to the current financial climate, the company is still expected to reach its target for the quarter.
- A. Even though it appears likely that
- B. Though it likely appears that
- C. In spite of the likelihood
- D. Nevertheless likely it appears that
7. Customers are tempted to break _____ with so many alluring products available online.
- A. the ice B. the mold C. the cycle D. the bank
8. the smell of freshly baked bread _____ fond memories of her childhood days.
- A. evicted B. evoked C. evolved D. evaded
9. One of the defendants _____ and was on the run until his arrest.
- A. jumped bail B. made bail C. stood bail D. posted bail
10. The business started off small, but now has become a large media and entertainment _____.
- A. Metropolis B. conglomerate C. coalition D. alliance
11. I spent the whole night in curlers _____ get my new hairdo wet in the rain the next day.
- A. only to B. to only C. only as to D. for only to
12. the college is planning to launch an online learning program, but the date of implementation is uncertain.
- A. since then B. by then C. beyond that D. after a while
13. "What did the thief look like?" "He was _____ his chin."
- A. young with a scar in
- B. quite youngly with a scar on
- C. quite young with a scar at
- D. quite young with a scar on
14. The political candidate always tries to _____ any difficult questions when talking to the press.
- A. butter up B. fend off C. fawn over D. drive back
15. Violation of the school's code of conduct could result in a weeklong _____ for students.
- A. expulsion B. discharge C. eviction D. suspension
16. Sandra had _____ to snakes and spiders.
- A. a conversion B. a distortion C. an aversion D. an aggression
17. A great diplomat and a firm political leader is able to speak _____ about government legislation.
- A. over the hump B. out of breath C. out of fire D. off the cuff
18. Although some banking institutions allow their customers to _____ payment, it is not advised.
- A. defer B. deter C. deflect D. diverge
19. After an official investigation the defendant was _____ and set free.
- A. validated B. authenticated C. exonerated D. rehabilitated
20. That country's diplomatic _____ was the largest group at the conference.
- A. contingent B. battalion C. franchise D. chapter

Exercise 3. For questions 1 – 20, choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D) to each of the following questions.

1. Remember not to sneeze or cough at the wedding. _____, excuse yourself.
- A. For necessary B. In due course C. If need be D. In retrospect
2. He has done things he ought not to have done and _____ undone things he ought to have done
- A. leaving B. will leave C. left D. leave
3. In your place, I _____ to others for help. There's no way of finishing the project yourself.

- A. would have turned B. must have turned C. will turn D. would turn
4. _____ circling the globe faster than Jules Verne's fictional Phileas Fogg.
 A. Also known as a pioneer journalist, the exploits of Nellie Bly included
 B. The exploits of Nellie Bly, a pioneer journalist, included
 C. A pioneer journalist, Nellie Bly's exploits also included
 D. Included in Nellie Bly's exploits, who was a pioneer journalist,
5. Jimmy doesn't like my cooking, but it doesn't bother me. _____, I'd say.
 A. Everyone to his own B. Each to his own C. Each one his own D. Everyone's his own
6. My sister _____ and then finally admitted she'd worn my shoes.
 A. waxed and waned B. ranted and raved C. hemmed and hawed D. racked and ruined
7. The two groups were _____ into signing the agreement, despite their objections.
 A. shanghaied B. bejinged C. wuhaned D. hongkoned
8. Congressman Saunders fired the opening _____ during a heated debate on capital punishment.
 A. cannonade B. barrage C. salvo D. burst
9. Drug abuse _____ a major threat to the _____ of our society.
 A. poses/fabric B. strikes/fabric C. hits/cotton D. strikes/thread
10. Large quantities of condensed milk, put up in _____ sealed tins, are sold for use in mining camps.
 A. hermetically B. eccentrically C. enigmatically D. esoterically
11. Under the administration of the crooked sheriff, corruption was _____ on the police force.
 A. profuse B. steadfast C. staunch D. rampant
12. He started a small delicatessen, and within weeks he was making money _____.
 A. hand over fist B. hand over mouth C. neck over shoulder D. arm over leg
13. They were really excited to the project, but now they seem to have gone off the _____.
 A. mill B. rails C. steam D. boil
14. She gave him a long, _____ kiss before saying goodbye.
 A. transient B. persistent C. lingering D. protracted
15. The train service has been a _____ since they introduced the new schedules.
 A. shambles B. rumpus C. chaos D. fracas
16. The designer refuses to gild the _____, preferring simple lines of his creations.
 A. lily B. rose C. daisy D. daffodil
17. The organization had to _____ its emergency fund in response to the unexpected catastrophe.
 A. set aside B. fall upon C. dip into D. take up
18. Before a judge takes a decision, he has to take all the evidence into _____.
 A. consideration B. speculation C. deliberation D. exemplification
19. The country is an economic _____ with chronic unemployment and pervasive crime.
 A. lost cause B. basket case C. false dawn D. dark horse
20. The job creation scheme is still in its _____.
 A. childhood B. babyhood C. initiation D. infancy

Exercise 4. Choose the answer A, B, C, or D that best completes each of the following sentences.

1. Fear of media runs through it like a broad _____ streak.
 A. yellow B. green C. blue D. pale
2. The difficulty we face is _____ our intentions into concrete action.
 A. changing B. converting C. translating D. interpreting
3. This great song has always _____ memories of Daisy's schooldays.
 A. tracked down B. conjured up C. brought in D. coupled with
4. The official record for the fastest _____ of a Rubik's cube belongs to a Japanese student who completed it in just under 15 seconds.
 A. undoing B. unraveling C. unscrambling D. unwinding
5. _____, all the students couldn't do it well.
 A. At short notice did the teacher give the test
 B. The teacher gave the test at short notice
 C. Giving the test at short notice
 D. The teacher giving the test at short notice

6. Compared to conventional heating, underfloor heating systems _____ far less fuel and are therefore also more eco-friendly.
A. consume B. devour C. gulp D. gobble
7. There are enough facts and figures in this book to keep even the most obsessive _____ fascinated for hours.
A. nut B. anorak C. dog D. armchair
8. In the past, schoolteachers regularly _____ physical punishment to their pupils.
A. batted on B. shoved around C. meted out D. bailed out
9. She denied the accusation _____ true. She felt innocent.
A. to be B. being C. to being D. of being
10. He had to retire from the match suffering from a _____ ligament.
A. torn B. broken C. slipped D. sprained
11. Being a fertile ground for film production, Los Angeles is _____ with would-be actors.
A. bulging at the seams B. flying by the seat of its pants
C. wearing the trousers D. burning a hole in its pocket
12. _____ are considered humorous is mainly due to his characters' use of slang.
A. That Damon Ruyan's stories B. Damon Ruyan's stories, which
C. Damon Ruyan's stories D. Because Damon Ruyan's stories
13. A(n) _____ love of country lays the foundation for sustainable development and complete harmony.
A. ingrained B. indelible C. abiding D. established
14. It is necessary that they _____ a bit and examine the history of the problem.
A. backfire B. backtrack C. backlash D. backwash
15. Demand for the product is expected to peak five years from now and then to _____.
A. taper off B. fall down C. set back D. drift away
16. Her comments cast a _____ on the integrity of his employees.
A. blot B. slur C. stain D. drag
17. To apply for this position, each candidate has to submit a _____ photo besides other required documents.
A. full-bodied B. full-scale C. full-length D. full-fledged
18. During the early period of ocean navigation, _____ any need for sophisticated instruments and techniques.
A. so that hardly B. when there hardly was
C. hardly was D. there was hardly
19. Although the task is basically a no-brainer, she's making such a _____ weather of it.
A. heavy B. weighty C. stormy D. rough
20. Although colouring books for adults may raise a few eyebrows, more and more people are seeking them _____ as a way to relax and de-stress.
A. up B. on C. by D. out

Exercise 5. Choose the answer A, B, C, or D that best completes each of the following sentences. Write your answers in the corresponding numbered boxes. (20 pts)

1. Judges already have substantial latitude to limit _____ arguments that might mislead jurors; they could use it more often.
A. extraneous B. precarious C. fortuitous D. convivial
2. The athlete expects to return to the track after a two-month _____ of injuries.
A. sabbatical B. space C. hiatus D. interval
3. There may be an announcement about this tomorrow - or not, _____.
A. to all intents and purposes B. as the case maybe
C. by its nature D. by its own account
4. Many people no longer trust their own _____ memories and commit every detail of their lives to some digital device or other and are completely lost without it.
A. controllable B. susceptible C. vulnerable D. fallible
5. _____ by the press for his buffoonish behavior, the candidate continued his run for the presidency, undeterred.

- A. Libeled B. Slandered C. Lampooned D. Hounded
6. Owing and living in a freestanding house is still a goal of young adults, _____ earlier generations.
A. as did B. as it was of C. like that of D. so have
7. The nuclear bomb producing radioactive wastes was activated as someone had _____ with the buttons.
A. tampered B. soothed C. disembarked D. aggravated
8. We do not have a secretary _____, but we do have a student who comes in to do a bit of filing.
A. as such B. the least bit C. whatsoever D. little more
9. It is _____ difficult to reverse the damage done to the ozone layer.
A. stupendously B. loquaciously C. coaxingly D. fiendishly
10. Paradoxically, Harry's journey to tour around Vietnam did not _____ due to floods in the central regions.
A. pull off B. pan out C. zip through D. knuckle down
11. In _____ of cultural legacy, more museums have been erected and several campaigns have been launched into raising citizen's awareness.
A. facilitation B. furtherance C. promotion D. keeping
12. These graduates are considered to be the _____ of the crop and can get jobs wherever they want to.
A. wheat B. milk C. cream D. caviar
13. A new generation of performers, _____ those who by now had become household name, honed their skills before following the same path onto television.
A. no less talented than B. together with talented with
C. along with talented with D. having been more talented with
14. A new government report delivers _____ warnings about climate change and its impacts on the planet.
A. ominous B. dire C. fateful D. acute
15. Despite the harsh flow of the stream, she _____ her way through the water.
A. powered B. struck C. directed D. scrambled
16. A large proportion of the households in this area is _____ to the internet thanks to a generous foreign donor.
A. linked with B. wired up C. hooked up D. crossed with
17. Facebook's shares are _____ after the company launched a new Instagram feature that will compete with TikTok in the US.
A. holding her thumb B. on high skies C. Coming up roses D. on a tear
18. He _____ safety goggles, but he wasn't and, as a result, the hot steel badly damaged his eyes.
A. could have been wearing B. must have been wearing
C. should be wearing D. ought to have been wearing
19. Unlike his friends who also rose to stardom when they were still teenagers, Andy didn't have any _____ but became even more modest.
A. airs and graces B. beer and skittles C. cock and bull D. nudge and wink
20. The spokesperson said the information campaign was a _____ to hide the most regressive tax in history.
A. red tape B. fig leaf C. book cover D. witch cloak

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