

Question 1. She made it clear that her comments were strictly _____ the record.

- A. off B. up C. in D. to

Question 2. Never say _____ no matter whatever I come across!

- A. truth B. die C. cheese D. goodbye

Question 3. Team USA is not expected to win, but they believe _____ speak louder than words.

- A. evidence B. truth C. actions D. activities

Question 4. Did you hear what happened to Anna yesterday - oh, _____ of the devil, here she is?

- A. tell B. say C. whisper D. speak

Question 5. I followed the instructions _____ the letter and it still went wrong.

- A. on B. at C. to D. with

Question 6. I can't cancel my plans at such _____ notice.

- A. high B. short C. long D. tall

Question 7. I'd ask you _____ for a coffee but I have to get up early for work in the morning.

- A. with B. to C. in D. at

Question 8. I just took it as _____ that anyone who applied for the course would have the necessary qualifications.

- A. say B. talk C. speak D. read

Question 9. Just take each day as it _____ and do what you feel is right.

- A. leaves B. undergoes C. comes D. goes

Question 10. There are a lot of organizations that have scholarship money _____ the asking.

- A. on B. with C. to D. for

Question 11. The proposals are now _____ consideration by the Board of Governors.

- A. at B. on C. under D. above

Question 12. She's never lied to me, and in my _____ that counts for a lot.

- A. textbook B. book C. notice D. notebook

Question 13. The great thing about working _____ yourself is that you don't have to answer to anyone.

- A. to B. for C. in D. with

Question 14. She's married, but she doesn't act as if she is, if you _____ my drift.

- A. get B. take C. gain D. make

Question 15. Students discovered the center by _____ of mouth.

- A. saying B. word C. speech D. talk

Question 16. The bridge-building project had problems with funding right from the word _____.

- A. moves B. move C. go D. goes

Question 17. I heard _____ the grapevine that he was leaving - is it true?

- A. at B. in C. from D. through

Question 18. So Emma actually manages to juggle two small children and a full-time job, does she? Well, I take my _____ off to her.

- A. pants B. shirt C. shoes D. hat

Question 19. I'm going to _____ my cards on the table here, and say that I don't know what to do.

- A. take B. let C. lay D. have

Question 20. She said very little but her face _____ volumes.

- A. told B. spoke C. talked D. said

Question 21. I hesitated, not wanting to _____ tales about my colleague.

- A. tell B. talk C. say D. speak

Question 22. We've arranged a meeting for next Thursday so if you see anyone do _____ the word.

- A. spread B. have C. come D. tell

Question 23. We bought the sofa on the _____ that we could return it if it didn't fit in the room.

- A. awareness B. understanding C. knowing D. admiring

Question 24. There is no _____ what the future will hold for them.

- A. talking B. saying C. telling D. speaking

Question 25. She's decided to write her memoirs to set the _____ straight once and for all.

- A. foot B. tone C. fire D. record

Question 26. She came perilously close to getting herself killed in her attempt to _____ the world record.

A. break B. get C. have D. take

Question 27. There's an _____ assumption in the department that Sue will take over the post when Dan leaves.

A. unspoken B. outspoken C. speechless D. unspeakable

Question 28. I _____ a conversation between two boys on the bus.

A. hearing B. overheard C. hearsay D. overhearing

Question 29. The publishers produced a first _____ of 2,500.

A. printable B. printer C. printing D. printout

Question 30. I know she's put on weight, Michael, but some things are better left _____!

A. said B. unsaid C. say D. saying