

Piniaris – Practice Test 5 – Numbers 111-140

Exercise A. Choose the correct answer.

1. As parents they have tried to __ a strong sense of responsibility in their children.

- a. distill
- b. instill
- c. install
- d. dispel

2. Winning the lottery on the day he was laid off was a __ of incredibly good luck.

- a. stroke
- b. jolt
- c. streak
- d. bolt

3. If she continues to play as well as she's been playing, __ she will the tournament.

- a. chances are
- b. there's a chance of
- c. there are chances
- d. she has a chance that

4. The older generation has been slow to __ computer technology.

- a. emancipate
- b. embellish
- c. embrace
- d. emulate

5. Authorities said it would be several days before the flood waters __.

- a. alleviated
- b. receded
- c. succumbed
- d. submerged

6. It's sad to say, but __ falls in love for the wrong reasons.

- a. many young women
- b. young woman
- c. many a young woman
- d. such young woman

7. Not until the kitchen walls started flaking __ to paint it.

- a. they had to decide
- b. they decided
- c. did they decide
- d. were they to decide

8. He taught his children the importance of __ the benefits of a good education.

- a. selecting
- b. gathering
- c. reaping
- d. intercepting

9. The boundary between the two properties has been in __ for many years.

- a. dispute
- b. disrepute
- c. conflict
- d. contrast

10. Is there anything in __ that you would like me to make for dinner?

- a. brief
- b. principle
- c. succession
- d. particular

11. Some people have no __ about cheating on their income tax declarations.

- a. qualms
- b. inquiries
- c. queries
- d. expectations

12. __ in Washington, please don't hesitate to pay us a visit.

- a. Are you ever found to be
- b. If you find yourself ever
- c. Should you ever find yourself
- d. If ever you will find yourself

13. ___ I hear about it, the less I'm convinced we should go ahead with it.

- a. As much as
- b. As more
- c. The more
- d. The most

14. She ___ reminded him that he was not the only candidate who was well-qualified for the post.

- a. resentfully
- b. tactfully
- c. gratefully
- d. respectfully

15. The overweight girl was constantly ___ by her unkind classmates.

- a. lauded
- b. taunted
- c. amused
- d. nurtured

16. The decorator chose ___ colors to create a more relaxing atmosphere.

- a. subjective
- b. subordinate
- c. substantial
- d. subdued

17. Today's job market is characterized by ___ competition for well-paid positions.

- a. ruthless
- b. complacent
- c. vagrant
- d. shrill

18. The teacher explained ___ many times, but still we couldn't understand!

- a. us the problem
- b. the problem to us
- c. to us the problem
- d. the problem us

19. In the first years of elementary school, children learn the ___ of reading and math.

- a. supplements
- b. manifestations
- c. rudiments
- d. ambiguities

20. You've got to trust me when I say I ___ misleading you.

- a. did not intend to
- b. was not intent in
- c. had no intention of
- d. didn't have the intention to

21. Frequent exposure to loud noise may result in hearing ___.

- a. impediment
- b. impeachment
- c. imposition
- d. impairment

22. Government troops were called in to ___ the rebellion.

- a. cut down on
- b. put down
- c. press down on
- d. look down on

23. He said ___ unemployed than go back to his old job.

- a. he should have been
- b. he'd sooner be
- c. he'd better be
- d. he's rather

Exercise B. Fill in the gaps with the appropriate word.

1. A _____ food supplies. (plentiful)
2. Greek people are pr _____ Orthodox. (mainly)
3. I _____ memory. (permanent)
4. The hospital has e _____ one million euros to buy new equipment. (saved, set aside)
5. E _____ slaves. (free, liberate)
6. "Before I start my speech I would like to give an o _____ of the topic." (summary)
7. M _____ of a disease. (a visible sign of something abstract)
8. D _____ a contract. (draft)
9. Ancestors ≠ d _____
10. The custody of the child is in d _____. (subject of strong disagreement)
11. Despite my q _____ he proved to be perfect for the job. (slight fear or worry)
12. R _____ king. (cruel)
13. The teacher l _____ his well-written composition. (praise)
14. A _____ countries. (rich, wealthy)
15. We t _____ avoided mentioning his divorce. (with diplomacy)

Exercise C. Fill in the gaps with the appropriate word.

at the expense of	on behalf of	on account of	in tandem with
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1. The scientist wrote the article _____ one of his research associates.
2. What good is success if it comes _____ your family or your health?
3. They were late for the concert _____ a hold-up on the expressway.
4. _____ all the staff, I'd like to thank you for your dedicated service.

resentfully	predominantly	apparently	gratefully
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1. The voters in this area have always been _____ Republican.
2. "How dare you accuse me of lying," she said _____.
3. I haven't seen them together for months. _____ they've separated.
4. "How can I ever repay your kindness?" she said _____.

in good standing	in (one's) element	in bloom	in (one's) prime
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1. To be a club member _____ you must pay your annual dues.
2. Always an organizer, she was right _____ running the campaign.
3. _____ she could play five straight sets of tennis, but not anymore!
4. She's always wanted to visit Holland when the tulips are _____.

mediocre	abundant	sluggish	vagrant
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1. Fossil fuels no longer exist in _____ quantity.
2. The ancient marketplace was frequented by _____ beggars.
3. If someone says your work is _____, it isn't a compliment.

4. After two years of _____ performance, the firm is facing bankruptcy.

expenditure	expansion	suspension	supposition
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1. The energetic new company has plans for rapid _____.
2. The policeman appealed his _____, saying he had done nothing wrong.
3. The car rides much better now that they've had the _____ system fixed.
4. The plan requires a huge _____ of time and money.
5. What you've said is pure _____. Come back when you have proof.

nurtured	lauded	simmer	succumbed
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1. She's on a strict diet and has so far not _____ to temptation.
2. Friendships do not form by themselves; they must be _____.
3. The recipe said to _____ the sauce for at least an hour.
4. The students were _____ for their excellent exam results.

apparently	disparagingly	predominantly	subsequently
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1. She must really dislike him. I've never heard her speak so _____ before.
2. A loan kept the company afloat for a while, but _____ it went bankrupt.
3. I haven't seen them together for months. _____ they've separated.
4. The voters in this area have always been _____ Republican.

expenditure	contract	treaty	ambiguities	treaty	predecessor	truce
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1. The politician's speech was full of exaggerations and _____.
2. Her job was made easier as her _____ had been very well-organized.
3. The plan requires a huge _____ of time and money.
4. A _____ is, in effect, a formal written agreement (or _____) between two or more countries. In the case of a peace _____, the warring nations first declare a _____ and then spend months negotiating the terms of peace.