PHRASAL VERBS AND IDIOMS

I. Choose the best answer among A, B, C or D which has the same meaning as the given sentences

1. At last he understood. He understood _____.

A. in the end B. at least C. lastly D. at the finish

2. The boys put out the camp fire. The fire wasn't _____.

A. switched on B. on fire C. on D. alight

3. They had run away, so they had _____.

A. dismissed B. disturbed C. displaced D. disappeared

4. The police wanted Tom to call at the station. They wanted him to call them ____.

A. at B. in C. on D. up

5. No one could account for it. They couldn't _____ it.

A. explain B. estimate C. interpret D. describe

6. Where did they _____?

A. it put up B. their tent put up C. put up it D. put their tent up

7. The writer got on the bus but he didn't know where to _____.

A. get down B. get off C. get out of D. get over

8. I paid him a visit. I _____.

A. visited him B. made him a visit C. did him a visit D. paid for a visit

9. Firemen have put out the fire. They have _____.

A. controlled it B. checked it C. extinguished it D. turned it off

10.They discovered the cause of the fire accidently. They discovered it _____.

A. by chance B. chancily C. fortunately D. luckily

11. Two men took the parcel off the plane. They _____.

A. took off it B. it took off C. took off D. took it off

12. Peter must pay the money back. He must _____.

A. pay it again B. pay it C. repay it D. pay it once more

13. He will take part in a race. He will _____ in it.

A. be B. take place C. act D. do

14. At present they are visiting all parts of the country. They are doing this _____.

A. now B. for a short time C. in future D. all the time

15. On the way, a young man waved to me; this happened _____.

A. before the writer's journey B. during the writer's journey

C. after the writer's journey D. a long time ago

16. I looked for my bag. I _____ it.

A. tried to look after B. tried to look at C. tried to find D. tried to see

17. He gave it back to me. He _____ to me.

A. turned it B. returned it C. turned it back D. turned it round

18. "What a pity!" Susan exclaimed. Susan was _____.

A. pleased B. glad C. sorry D. amused

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19. Can I return these tickets? I want to _____.

A. give them back B. give them in C. give them up D. give them up

20. You must give up fishing. You must _____ fishing.

A. stop B. begin C. surrender D. end

II. Choose the best answer among A, B, C or D.

1. They had made a mistake. They had been _____.

A. mistake B. correct C. right D. wrong

2. He is the manager of the factory. He's _____ it.

A. charged it B. in charge C. charge D. in charge of

3. The operation lasted for over four hours. That's how long it _____.

A. went B. went on C. went over D. went off

4. He had a bad temper. He was in a bad _____.

A. spirit B. mood C. feeling D. disposition

5. They made no effort to hide their amusement. They _____.

A. didn't try to B. didn't afford to C. couldn't afford to D. didn't have a trial

6. I produced a packet of sweets from my pocket. I took one _____.

A. off B. out C. out of D. from

7. She would take charge of me. She was _____.

A. dutiful B. commanding C. charging D. responsible

8. She told us to keep calm. She told us not to be _____.

A. nervous B. angry C. irritated D. annoyed

9. He knocked him down with a sharp blow. He _____.

A. beat him B. blew him over C. knocked him D. struck him

10. The policeman lost his temper. He _____.

A. got nervous B. was in a bad mood C. lost his nerve D. was in bad humour

11. I decided to visit a fortune-teller. That's what I _____ to do.

A. made up B. made up my mind C. minded D. cared

12. This is an experiment. The astronauts will be trying something _____.

A. on B. out C. in D. with

13. A plan was put forward by David. He _____ it.

A. suggested B. intended C. aimed at D. planned

14. The British feared invasion. They were _____ it.

A. in favour of B. afraid of C. happy about D. ready for

15. He set off down the main street. He _____.

A. ran B. walked C. rode D. started his journey

16. Jumbo was holding up the traffic. He had _____ cars.

A. picked up some B. sat on some C. stopped the D. held on to the

17. The police let him off. They _____ him.

A. allowed B. permitted C. didn't arrest D. didn't finish

18. He may eventually get across the Channel. He may do this _____.

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A. next B. after C. finally D. even

19. The clock was erected after 1834. That's when it was put _____.

A. in B. up C. off D. down

20. He set up a new world record. He _____ a new record.

A. did B. played C. created D. found

III. Choose the best answer among A, B, C or D.

1. I call you _____ as soon as I can.

A. back B. off C. away D. out

2. The promoters called the concert _____ because the singer had a sore throat.

A. away B. up C. off D. with

3. He called _____ his girlfriend to talk to her.

A. up B. at C. in D. off

4. She checked each item _____ as she did her inventory.

A. up B. off C. away D. with

5. Let's check our hotel room _____ before we pay for it.

A. out B. away C. up D. off

6. He lost the tennis match, so we will try to cheer him _____.

A. off B. away C. on D. up

7. Clean all the countertops _____ before you leave the kitchen.

A. out B. off C. away D. about

8. Did you clear _____ your desk drawers before you moved to your new office?

A. up B. off C. out D. at

9. She cleaned _____ all the food she spilled onto the floor.

A. up B. out C. of D. away

10. He will cross _____ each item as it is depleted.

A. away B. off C. up D. with

11. He asked her _____, but she didn't have time to visit him just then.

A. out B. about C. in D. on

12. The mechanic broke the engine _____ its many components.

A. up into B. into C. down into D. off into

13. He backed the truck _____ the edge of the cliff.

A. away from B. out from C. from away D. from off

14. He asked her _____, but she said she already had a boyfriend.

A. on B. out C. off D. in

15. The police backed the angry crowd _____ with their horses and bullhorns.

A. off B. away C. out D. up

16. The couple broke _____ their engagement after they had a huge argument.

A. up B. over C. off D. away

17. The owner broke _____ the team by trading its best players to other teams.

A. off B. up C. in D. out

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18. The new major will bring _____ a change in local government policies.

A. with B. out C. up . about

19. Many people wish that they could bring the good old days _____.

A. on B. back C. in D. up

20. Parents bring _____ their kids the best way they know how.

A. off B. up C. about D. with

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