

## Prepositions And Phrasal Verbs Test

1. Scientists are studying the birth and growth of thunderstorms to discover what causes the difference between showers that enable crops to \_\_\_\_\_ and violent storms that cause floods and erosions.  
**A)** flourish  
**B)** wither  
**C)** grow  
**D)** parch  
**E)** multiply
2. Low levels of hormones can cause a laundry list of health problems \_\_\_\_\_ fatigue, weight gain, and joint pain.  
**A)** excluding  
**B)** clarifying  
**C)** confirming  
**D)** sustaining  
**E)** including
3. In training, it is suggested that an instructor not lay a burden on an individual beyond his \_\_\_\_\_.  
**A)** bearable  
**B)** limit  
**C)** value  
**D)** deficiency  
**E)** moral
4. Since the Song group is going to make a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ recording in the stadium tomorrow, almost everyone is thought to be there.  
**A)** alive  
**B)** life  
**C)** conscious  
**D)** live  
**E)** awake
5. Alice Tyson has Xeroderma Pigmentosum which means exposure \_\_\_\_\_ sunlight increases her risk \_\_\_\_\_ getting cancer or going blind.  
**A)** for / at  
**B)** by / for  
**C)** in / through  
**D)** on / in  
**E)** to / of
6. It is claimed that there is a (n) \_\_\_\_\_ for every problem in a democracy.  
**A)** solute  
**B)** remedy  
**C)** correct  
**D)** obstacle  
**E)** situation
7. The police put the \_\_\_\_\_ for the accident \_\_\_\_\_ the driver of the car.  
**A)** responsibility / for  
**B)** blame / on  
**C)** accuse / of  
**D)** charge / with  
**E)** ticket / for
8. Many things around us have begun to change so quickly that we can't \_\_\_\_\_ them easily.  
**A)** go through with  
**B)** put off  
**C)** take up with  
**D)** look forward to  
**E)** keep up with
9. Marry is always seeing her doctor, for she doesn't care \_\_\_\_\_ her health at all.  
**A)** in  
**B)** about  
**C)** of  
**D)** for  
**E)** with



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10. With the 1969 film *The Learning Tree*, Gordon Parks proved what a truly \_\_\_\_\_ artist he was: he not only directed the film and composed its musical score, but also adapted its screenplay from his own novel.
- A) complacent
  - B) protean
  - C) lauded
  - D) clairvoyant
  - E) harried
11. The actor's \_\_\_\_\_ decline in popularity was as striking and unexpected as his meteoric rise to prominence had been.
- A) sudden
  - B) gradual
  - C) precipitous
  - D) dazzling
  - E) inevitable
12. In denying the convicted felon's request for a retrial, the judge explained that the evidence demonstrating the man's guilt was \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) irrelevant
  - B) exculpatory
  - C) incontrovertible
  - D) debatable
  - E) auspicious
13. Although Rolf is usually quite \_\_\_\_\_, he was so angered by the salesman's rude remarks that he insisted on complaining to the manager.
- A) tractable
  - B) timorous
  - C) plucky
  - D) valiant
  - E) diffident
14. Scientists have discovered that our sense of smell is surprisingly \_\_\_\_\_, capable of distinguishing thousands of chemical odours.
- A) rigid
  - B) inanimate
  - C) faulty
  - D) keen
  - E) reckless
15. The ballet stage is a bright, seemingly weightless world where gravity is continually being \_\_\_\_\_ by the dancers.
- A) prolonged
  - B) reapportioned
  - C) unbalanced
  - D) reflected
  - E) defied
16. To Judith, travelling was \_\_\_\_\_ her sister, however, looked upon each trip as an interminable experience.
- A) confusing
  - B) joyous
  - C) exhilarating
  - D) stupefying
  - E) tiring
17. Many of the misconceptions about Queen Victoria were created by those who \_\_\_\_\_ her most; in their efforts to depict her as a model of all virtues, they lost sight of the real woman.
- A) esteemed
  - B) impressed
  - C) challenged
  - D) admired
  - E) censured

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18. Stem cells may turn out to be a/an \_\_\_\_\_ alternative to animal testing.
- A) pensive
  - B) luminous
  - C) summary
  - D) promising
  - E) usual
19. The archaeologist enjoyed the \_\_\_\_\_ life she led while gathering artefacts; she never stayed at any one site long enough to get bored.
- A) stealthy
  - B) nomadic
  - C) clamorous
  - D) indiscreet
  - E) rustic
20. Professor Chen believes that the universal character of art refutes the prevailing notion that art is a \_\_\_\_\_ of civilization, a cultural frill, a social veneer.
- A) guarantee
  - B) hallmark
  - C) record
  - D) luxury
  - E) depiction
21. The fact that MTV, the cable channel devoted primarily to music, provided extensive coverage of the 1992 presidential race demonstrates how \_\_\_\_\_ politics and popular music culture have become.
- A) obscured
  - B) contradictory
  - C) interrelated
  - D) enclosed
  - E) permeated
22. Joe Louis was a/an \_\_\_\_\_ fighter: he inspired fear in many of his opponents.
- A) serene
  - B) impetuous
  - C) insipid
  - D) malleable
  - E) redoubtable
23. According to the company spokesperson, the majority of the wrongful termination lawsuits filed against the company were frivolous, representing bogus claims made by \_\_\_\_\_ former employees hoping to strike it rich.
- A) disgruntled
  - B) greedy
  - C) surprised
  - D) contented
  - E) wise

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24. The rumour was of the \_\_\_\_ variety, spreading slowly and almost imperceptibly until, finally, everyone seemed to have heard the story.
- A)** manifest
  - B)** dilatory
  - C)** insidious
  - D)** aggressive
  - E)** expeditious
25. Wynton Marsalis \_\_\_\_ as one of the great trumpeters of the late twentieth century, winning Grammy awards for both his jazz and classical works.
- A)** emerged
  - B)** occurred
  - C)** fluctuated
  - D)** settled
  - E)** suggested