

Question 1 [151979]: The police were baffled by the attack as there seemed to be no apparent _____.

- A. design B. principle C. motive D. plot

Question 2 [152207]: If you want to be sure of receiving a copy of the magazine, I suggest you _____ an annual subscription.

- A. put down B. take out C. write off D. send up

Question 3 [152208]: After feeling off _____ for days, Tom finally went to see his doctor.

- A. food B. color C. fitness D. balance

Question 4 [152209]: You should _____ at least three days for the journey.

- A. allow B. accept C. admit D. agree

Question 5 [152210]: There was _____ evidence to bring charges against the man.

- A. insubstantial B. inferior C. ineffective D. insufficient

Question 6 [152211]: The runner got a huge blister on his heel where his new shoes _____.

- A. scratched B. rubbed C. scraped D. gripped

Question 7 [152212]: The size of the pop-star's personal fortune was the subject of much _____ in the press.

- A. doubt B. guessing C. speculation D. wonderment

Question 8 [152213]: Jeremy's friends were fond of him _____ because of his generosity.

- A. at least B. still less C. even less D. not least

Question 9 [152249]: The thick fog _____ out any possibility of our plane taking off before morning.

- A. ruled B. struck C. stamped D. crossed

Question 10 [152250]: Looking down at the coral reef, we saw _____ of tiny, multi-colored fish.

- A. swarms B. flocks C. teams D. shoals

Question 11 [152251]: Of all the paintings in the gallery, it was this one that really _____ my eye.

- A. grasped B. snatched C. caught D. seized

Question 12 [152252]: She had made a firm decision and wasn't _____ by anything I said against it.

- A. detracted B. prevailed C. induced D. swayed

Question 13 [152253]: All the applicants for the post are thoroughly _____ for their suitability.

- A. searched B. investigated C. vetted D. scrutinized

Question 14 [152254]: I was reluctant to _____ the subject because I thought he wouldn't want to discuss it.

- A. raise B. originate C. advance D. provoke

Question 15 [152255]: My attempts to solve the problem only _____ to make it worse.

- A. contributed B. functioned C. served D. attained

Question 16 [152256]: Can you tell me the _____ of these shoes?

- A. charge B. price C. amount D. expense

Question 17 [152257]: It is too early in the _____ to expect many visitors to the town.

- A. term B. season C. time D. calendar

Question 18 [152258]: She took up so many hobbies when she retired that she had hardly any time _____.

- A. on her hands B. in hand C. at her hand D. at hand

Question 19 [152259]: Please leave this space _____ on the enrolment form.

- A. absent B. blank C. missing D. undone

Question 20 [152260]: After the flash flood, all the drains were overflowing _____ storm water.

- A. from B. with C. by D. for

Question 21 [152261]: I would like to _____ Mr Fukuyama to present the trophy to the victorious team.

- A. call over B. call out C. call upon D. call up

Question 22 [152262]: My neighbor is _____; he is always showing that he never cares about his bad behavior.

- A. grim-faced B. faceless C. face-saving D. barefaced

Question 23 [152263]: The teacher doled _____ the chocolates to his students for having done well in the examinations.

- A. off B. on C. out D. away

Question 24 [152264]: He kept his marriage a secret for years, but eventually the truth _____.

- A. came out B. came through C. went out D. turned out

Question 25 [152265]: "I call _____ you at 6 o'clock," said James.

- A. by B. up C. for D. in

Question 26 [152266]: Ellen decided that election to the local council would provide a _____ to a career in national politics.

- A. springboard B. turning-point C. milestone D. highway

Question 27 [152267]: If you want a good flat in London, you have to pay through the _____ for it.

- A. month B. car C. nose D. teeth

Question 28 [152268]: Employees who have a _____ are encouraged to discuss it with the management.

- A. hindrance B. disturbance C. disadvantage D. grievance

Question 29 [152269]: William was as _____ as a cucumber when the harsh punishment was meted out to him by the judge.

- A. cool B. cold C. placid D. impassive

Question 30 [152270]: _____ of the financial crisis, all they could do was hold on and hope that things would improve.

- A. At the bottom B. At the height C. On the top D. In the end