

PRACTICE EXERCISES

I. Circle the best option A, B, C or D to complete the sentences.

1. I don't think he's ever been there, _____?
A. do I B. has he C. have I D. hasn't
2. John would rather _____ to class yesterday.
A. go B. went C. have gone D. had gone
3. _____ that I couldn't hear her.
A. She spoke so quiet C. So quietly did she speak
B. So quiet did she speak D. So quietly spoke she
4. 'Look at the picture again – isn't that your Uncle Toby?' '_____!'
A. So is it B. So it is C. So it does D. Is it so
5. _____ no train at 10 p.m., Janny and Landy had to walk home.
A. There was B. There being C. Because there being D. There were
6. Some of the laws were contradictory. _____, measures were taken to clarify them.
A. On top of that B. In contrast C. Accordingly D. By and large
7. You can appeal if you like, but it won't make a _____ of difference.
A. fragment B. scrap C. gram D. grain
8. The soldiers stood _____ while the general inspected them.
A. attentive B. at ease C. squared D. to attention
9. Now it is pleading _____ the banks to reschedule £250m of borrowings to keep the company afloat.
A. to B. X C. with D. at
10. I'm sure it was just an _____ that your name wasn't on the list.
A. neglect B. disregard C. inattention D. oversight
11. They were careful to be seen to be dealing with these foreign incidents openly and _____ board.
A. above B. over C. across D. on
12. Everyone _____ a beeline for the safari park as soon as they arrive on the estate.
A. takes B. prepares C. builds D. makes
13. I took most of the big things to the new house, but there are a few _____ left to pick up.
A. a piece of cake B. odds and ends C. pros and cons D. ups and downs
14. This is a difficult situation. I am between the devil and the _____.
A. deep waters B. river C. deep blue sea D. abyss
15. I am not supposed they are arguing – they are at the _____ of their tether.
A. termination B. limit C. finish D. end