Exercise 2. Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word or phrase that is CLOSEST in meaning to the underlined part in each of the following questions.

1. I'm becoming increasingly **absent-minded.** Last week, I locked myself out of my house twice.
A. being considerate of things B. remembering to do right things
C. forgetful of one's past D. often forgetting things

2. For calculating a calendar, it is **convenient** to use the tropical solar year.
A. practical B. critical C. necessary D. appropriate

3. The medical community continues to **make progress** in the fight against cancer.
A. speed B. expect more C. do better D. treat better

4. As all of us cannot be **available** today, let's put off the discussion till later.
A. present for the event B. scheduled for the event
C. arranged for the event D. appointed for the event

5. As the enemy forces were so **overwhelming**, our troops had to retreat to a safer position.
A. powerful B. dreadful C. overflowing D. outgrowing

6. We oppose this war, as we would do any other war which created an environmental **catastrophe**.
A. pollution B. disaster C. convention D. epidemic

7. Relaxation therapy teaches one not to **fret over** small problems.
A. get involved in B. worry about C. look for D. get angry about

8. The 1923 earthquake in Japan killed about 200,000 people and left countless **wounded** and homeless.
A. poor B. imprisoned C. suffered D. injured

9. The bomb **exploded** in the garage; fortunately no one hurt.
A. put on B. went off C. got out D. kept up

11. They had to **delay** their trip because of the bad weather.
A. get through B. put off C. keep up with D. go over

12. The organization was **established** in 1950 in the USA.
A. come around B. set up C. made out D. put on

13. It took me a very long time to **recover from** the shock of her death.
A. turn off B. take on C. get over D. keep up with

14. Many young children are spending large amounts of time watching the TV without being aware of its **detriment** to their school work.
A. harm B. advantage C. support D. benefit

15. To prepare for your job interview, you should **jot** down your qualifications and experience as well as some important information about yourself.
A. draw B. place C. put D. write

16. The girls were deeply **affected** by that sentimental movie.
A. influenced B. sad C. touched D. annoyed

17. Helen Keller, blind and deaf from an early age, developed her sense of smell so finely that she could **identify** friends by their personal odors.
A. classify B. communicate with C. describe D. recognize

18. The life boat **rescued** the crew of the sinking ship.
A. picked up B. provided food for C. saved the life of D. looked for

19. The most important thing is to keep yourself **occupied**.
A. busy B. comfortable C. free D. relaxed

20. You can withdraw money from the account at any time without **penalty**.
A. loss B. charge C. punishment D. offense

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