For questions below, read the sentences below and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap. Write A, B, C or D in the spaces provided. Please use CAPITAL LETTERS.

14 I don't believe for a moment that if you play that record backwards, you'll hear a _____ message in the background.

A telepathic **B** subliminal **C** subsiding **D** sublingual

15 Aunt Doris has always been a bit of a hoarder but when we realised just how much _____ she had accumulated of late, even we were shocked.

A chaos **B** confusion **C** muddle **D** clutter

16 He's always been a _____ , so we weren't at all surprised when he decided to buck the system and do his own thing.

A nonconformist **B** unconformist **C** misconformist **D** reconformist

17 _____ they couldn't have told us all that we were likely to lose our jobs because the business was failing is beyond me.

A When **B** Why **C** How **D**Whether

18 Whether or not I _____ work and travel for a while depends very much on my father's health.

A have decided to quit **B** 'm quitting **C** will be quitting **D** decide to quit

19 Yawning in a meeting isn't considered polite so I knew I had to _____ the one I could feel coming.

A smother **B** squash **C** hush **D** stifle

20 He maintains that he has managed to keep his youthful appearance by always taking a short _____ in the afternoon.

A nap **B** slumber **C** nod **D** roost

21 We were _____ disappointed when the award for best project went to our main competitors.

A virtually **B** bitterly **C** absolutely **D** completely

22 The party can regain public confidence _____ it tackles the issue of expense claims in a just and open manner.

A otherwise **B** not unless **C** unless **D** providing that

23 If we had known it was going to be so difficult to reach the summit before nightfall, we wouldn't even _____ to attempt it.

A begin **B** had begun **C** have begun **D** have been beginning

24 He's such a charming young man. It's clear that his parents have _____ good manners in him.

A inserted **B** instilled **C** inspired **D** incited

25 He didn't mention his recent promotion for fear that it would _____ trouble amongst his colleagues.

A set off **B** spark off **C** set out **D** lead off

26 What do you think would be the best venue for the party then, _____ place or ours?

A theirs **B** there **C** they're **D** their

27 If you fancy _____ while you're in the area, give us a bell.

A to meet up **B** to meeting up **C** meet up **D** meeting up

28 The boat struggled _____ course in the gale force storms.

A to stay on **B** staying on **C** to stay for **D** staying for

29 The _____ green paisley tie he wore really set him apart from the other interview candidates.

A vibrant **B** lively **C** vital **D** dynamic

30 When she's that excited, it's nigh on impossible to get a word in _____ . Believe me, I've tried!

A sideways **B** sidelong **C** edgewise **D** edgeways

33 _____ help me make this decision. I'm just so unsure of which direction to take for my future.

A I'd sooner you will **B** I wish you will **C** If only you could **D** I rather you

34 After a momentary _____ in concentration, Simon managed to regain his focus and complete the test.

A lapse **B** fault **C** failure **D** error