Multiple Choice

1 Choose the correct word.

1 It is important not to be too protective of children as most of them ..... on new challenges.
A excel C prosper
B thrive D succeed

2 Patients often find it difficult to ..... the necessary changes to their lifestyle into practice.
A put C adjust
B take D employ

3 Iron is a vital ..... in any healthy diet for both meat-eaters and vegetarians.
A element C part
B ingredient D aspect

4 What I love most about the countryside is the ..... greenery.
A numerous C generous
B prolific D abundant

5 Alexander the Great created a huge empire while in ..... of the Macedonian army.
A command C progress
B authority D power

6 Although he also works in the kitchen, Julian's ..... responsibility is to supervise the restaurant staff.
A critical C exclusive
B unique D primary

7 The Peak District in England has appealing geographical ..... such as limestone cliffs and extensive moorland.
A traits C attributes
B features D characteristics

8 Jill's initial ..... to being asked to the party was that she was too busy, but then she decided to go anyway.
A return C response
B retort D comeback

9 The coach was called on to resign after his team's defeat, but he quickly made a ..... declaring his intention to stay on.
A review C statement
B conclusion D verdict

10 The management at the museum has ..... another idea to attract visitors!
A looked up C dreamt up
B carried on D made off

11 Dan stopped running for a moment to ..... his breath.
A recover C get
B catch D make

12 Jack's completion of a triathlon for charity was an amazing ..... of endurance.
A feat C action
B deed D stroke

13 The mayor is no ..... to controversy, his remarks having got him into hot water many times before.
A outsider C foreigner
B stranger D alien

14 J.G. Ballard's novel *Empire of the Sun* ..... heavily on his own experience as a child in Japan during World War Two.
A places C draws
B holds D employs

15 An artist's success is not ..... by what the critics may say, but by whether people still want to look at the work a hundred years on.
A reckoned C assessed
B measured D estimated

16 The president said the continued violence was the main ..... to successful negotiation.
A hindrance C drawback
B obstacle D restriction

17 Despite hunting ..... for my glasses, I still cannot find them.
A head to toe C slow but sure
B high and low D by and large

18 The expansion of cities has had a huge ..... on bird and plant life, reducing the numbers of many species.
A impression C imitation
B impact D importance

19 The continued ..... of Agatha Christie's writing is based on her gripping plots and engaging characters.
A appeal C fascination
B demand D call

20 It takes a lot of ..... planning to take a large family on holiday.
A prompt C punctual
B forward D further

21 A Hollywood film is usually ..... by its plot, whereas French films often focus more on character development.
A driven C propelled
B ridden D steered

Open Cloze

2 Complete the gaps with the correct word.

1 Milly didn't sit down until each and ..... one of the children had been served their meal.
2 When the lawyer proved his client's innocence, the judge realised it ..... be a case of mistaken identity.
3 What mischief have the children been getting ..... to while I've been out?
4 Maureen finds she has to strike a fine balance ..... looking after her children and working part-time.
5 The doctor's surgery is fully booked this week but it ..... just be possible to fit you in for an appointment tomorrow.
6 Gary has a healthy attitude ..... hard work and will be a valuable asset to his employers.
7 ..... I fully agree with what you say, you may have a hard time convincing the others.
8 The actress who won the Oscar does not tolerate rivals, ... does she accept criticism well.
9 The salmon, which had been in the freezer for over six months, had lost ..... freshness.
10 Although Brian claimed to have spent all evening working in his study, he had, in actual ....., been watching football on TV.
11 You could see she was nervous but, ... things considered, I think she gave a remarkably good performance.
12 You can borrow the car for the weekend ..... that you get it washed before I get it back.
13 I am not ..... to being spoken to like that.
14 The nice thing about the Internet and mobile phones is that you can stay in touch with people ..... you happen to be.
15 There were at least five thousand people at the concert, ... not more.
16 Joe came ..... an impressive fortune when his uncle died.
17 Far from being an easy project, it is one which is fraught ..... difficulties.
18 What I like best about Sundays is not ..... to get up early.
19 Although it was a long journey, we managed to reach our destination without ..... particular problems.
20 Do you mind showing me ..... to use the scanner?
21 Although Elaine knows for sure that Kelly's wrong, she'd ..... dare say anything to her.
22 I would strongly advise you to be ..... time to the lecture.
23 ..... account of the bad weather, the meeting was cancelled.
24 I wonder ..... or not Jason will show up at the concert today.
25 Sugar causes all manner of health problems, ... to mention tooth decay.
26 I will do ..... utmost to have the design completed by Friday morning.
27 William loved New York when he lived there but he was very young ..... the time.
28 If we're going into the centre, I'd prefer to take the tube rather ..... the bus.
29 It won't cost that much to repair the damage - at ..... a few hundred pounds.
30 Tim didn't do what Erica advised; to be honest, he did exactly ..... opposite.
31 We were all taken ..... surprise when the unexpected guests arrived.
32 Everyone in the family had a different point ..... view about where to go on holiday.
33 When it comes ..... exams, Amy is always a nervous wreck.
34 She urged ..... to cancel his travel plans when the bad weather started.
35 Ms Jamison finished her PowerPoint presentation with plenty of time ..... spare.
36 At the moment I can only run a half marathon, but ..... time I'll be fit enough to run a full marathon.
37 So that's the reason ..... the surprise party was cancelled!
38 The company was finally profitable ..... having to go through five long years of losing money.
39 Why don't you make something French for the dinner party ..... beef bourguignon?
40 You should look ..... this as an opportunity to learn a foreign language.
41 Once you've finished the last chapter, I'd like you all to move ..... to the questions that follow.
42 She kept all the money for ..... and didn't share any of it with her family or friends.

Word Formation

3 Complete the gaps with the correct word derived from the word in capitals.

1	Dr Farnon always makes an accurate ..... of his patients' illnesses.	DIAGNOSE
2	The accused pleaded ..... of the law, but the judge still sentenced him to two months community service.	IGNORE
3	The guest room had been ..... decorated with vases of flowers and bowls of fruit.	TASTE
4	We found Chris's excellent advice ..... in helping us complete the project.	VALUE
5	If you've got any ..... questions, now's the time to ask them!	ASK
6	It is generally acknowledged that our ..... are mirrored in our dreams.	ANXIOUS
7	I always feel better after a ..... workout in the gym!	VIGOUR
8	Many ..... dream of making a fortune from their writing.	BLOG
9	The audience watched the mystery of the crime slowly ..... scene by scene.	FOLD
10	While ..... is a great responsibility, it is also very rewarding.	PARENT
11	Can we, ... speaking, hope to get this presentation ready for tomorrow's meeting?	REAL
12	There is little ..... in women's fashion nowadays – anything goes!	UNIFORM
13	When writing your essay, you can draw on personal experiences to ..... your main points.	EXAMPLE
14	We were struck by the ..... scenery on our mountain drive.	PICTURE
15	It was absolutely ..... of them to go on the desert expedition without taking water with them.	SENSE
16	As the accused had no previous ..... , the judge let him off with a short sentence.	CONVICT
17	On his ..... , Mr Smith was given a gold watch as a token of the firm's appreciation.	RETIRE
18	After the accident, Harry refused to let his ..... affect his quality of life.	BLIND
19	He denied the ..... made by a number of journalists investigating his investments.	ALLEGE
20	He was arrested for ..... conduct and was fined by a magistrate.	ORDER
21	Of course you'll feel tired if you are suffering from a vitamin	DEFICIENT
22	Reading good books is the best way to ..... your vocabulary.	RICH
23	I've read conflicting arguments about the benefits of ..... modified foods.	GENE
24	The ..... was withdrawn from the magazine on the grounds that it may have caused offence.	ILLUSTRATE
25	The ..... jazz musician played to a packed house at the Apollo Theatre on Saturday.	LEGEND
26	Many elderly people suffer the effects of ..... due to isolation within the community.	LONELY
27	The cost of ..... is quite low compared with other clubs in the area.	MEMBER
28	Oliver is far too biased to look at the issue	OBJECT
29	It was really very ..... of Tom to give you money when he's so broke himself.	SELF
30	I give my children a weekly ..... but they have to complete their chores first.	ALLOW
31	Did you have to make a lot of ..... to the engine to make it faster?	MODIFY

Key Word Transformation

1 Complete the sentences using the word in capitals. Use three to six words including the word given. Do not change the word in capitals.

1 The town council is planning on converting the old park into a leisure complex.
DRAWN Plans are .... the old park into a leisure complex.

2 I've heard a rumour that John will be resigning at the end of the month.
HAND I've heard a rumour that John intends ..... at the end of the month.

3 I thought my new job would be a lot more exciting.
NOWHERE My new job .... as I had thought it would be.

4 A player of his quality shouldn't have missed that penalty.
GOOD He's .... shouldn't have missed that penalty.

5 She intends to buy those designer shoes no matter what I say.
HEART She .... those designer shoes no matter what I say.

6 Do you mind if I open the window?
OBJECTIONS Do you have .... the window?

7 There have been fewer visitors to the museum in recent years.
DECLINE There has been .... visitors to the museum in recent years.

8 The school board plans to reduce the English department by a half.
GETTING The school board is planning .... half the English department.

9 Holly felt it wasn't worth trying out for the hockey team.
POINT Holly felt .... trying out for the hockey team.

10 I don't think it's a good idea to lower the voting age in national elections.
FAVOUR I'm .... the voting age in national elections.

11 Paula is responsible for arranging the office party this year.
SORTING Paula is in .... the office party this year.

12 Somebody stole Brian's wallet during the concert.
HAD Brian .... he was at the concert.

13 He pretended to have a cold so that he wouldn't have to go to work.
AVOID In .... to work, he pretended to have a cold.

14 Can you please help me with my luggage?
IT I would really .... help me with my luggage.

15 Ryan usually goes for a walk on a Sunday morning.
HABIT Ryan is .... for a walk on a Sunday morning.

16 The executive board couldn't decide who to hire as new CEO.
MADE No .... regarding the hiring of the new CEO.

17 Sean phoned the secretary before he left home to check the meeting hadn't been cancelled.
MIGHT Sean phoned the secretary before he left home because he thought the meeting ..... off.

18 John would only leave his house when he had checked that all the windows had been locked.
INSIST John used to .... all the windows had been locked before he left his house.

19 Polly's fancy dress outfit was so funny that it made me laugh.
HELP I .... Polly's fancy dress outfit.

20 Tom can't stop thinking about his holiday since he booked it three weeks ago.
OBSESSED Tom has .... three weeks now.

21 The bread dough should be twice as big after an hour.
DOUBLED The bread dough should .... after an hour.