Quiz 9
Prepositions 1

Exercise: Fill in the blanks in the sentences below with the correct prepositions. The first one is done as an example.

1. The Medical Center is close ___to___ campus.
2. I was disappointed _____ the grade I received on my last essay.
3. Now that she has graduated, Anne is no longer dependent _____ her parents for financial support.
4. Catherine became accustomed _____ spicy foods when she was traveling.
5. Table salt is composed _____ two elements, sodium and chlorine.
6. Is your bicycle equipped _____ a light?
7. This computer isn't capable _____ running that software.
8. Bluegrass music is somewhat different _____ other types of country music.
9. Washington State is famous _____ its apples.
10. Was your choice of research topic acceptable _____ your instructor?
11. People who are afraid _____ heights are called acrophobes.
12. Water is essential _____ all life.
13. Were you aware _____ the regulation against smoking in this area?
14. Tepees are characteristic _____ the Indian tribes of the Great Plains.
15. Will this office be adequate _____ your needs?
16. I'm not familiar _____ that song.
17. One meter is approximately equal _____ a yard.
18. This movie is based _____ a true story.
19. This summer, he'll be eligible _____ a three-week vacation.
20. What he said is contrary _____ common sense.

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1. The art museum is located next _____ the museum of natural history on State Street.
2. Many vegetables, including tomatoes, potatoes, and corn, are native _____ the New World.
3. This style of architecture is typical _____ the colonial period.
4. Oxygen, fuel, and heat are all necessary _____ combustion.
5. Two people would find this apartment too crowded, but it's perfect _____ one.
6. These tools are inferior _____ the ones I usually use.
7. Were you surprised _____ the grade you received?
8. The opposite _____ *old fashioned* is *modern*.
9. House cats are distantly related _____ lions and tigers.
10. Is this type of soil suitable _____ growing tomatoes?
11. The point that Murray brought up wasn't really relevant _____ the discussion.
12. Organically raised crops are free _____ chemical pesticides and herbicides.
13. A grade of A- is preferable _____ one of B+.
14. If you're not satisfied _____ your essay, then I suggest that you rewrite it.
15. Abolitionists were people who were opposed _____ the practice of slavery.
16. The United States became independent _____ England in 1776.
17. Is it possible _____ me to get an appointment sometime next week?
18. President James Madison was married _____ one of the most famous of all first ladies, Dolley Madison.

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1. A decrease _____ the supply _____ a good usually results in an increase _____ the price _____ that good.
2. Once scientists fully understand the cause _____ a disease, it becomes easier for them to find a cure _____ it.
3. Professor Lyle noticed a distinct improvement _____ the quality _____ her students' work.
4. It is believed that sunspots have an influence _____ the Earth's weather patterns.
5. Have you had much experience _____ computers?
6. I'm sorry; I wasn't paying close attention _____ what you said.
7. The professor gave us several examples _____ that phenomenon.
8. Do you know the reason _____ the delay?
9. Interest _____ physical fitness increased during the 1980's.
10. The Dorothy Chandler Pavilion is part _____ the Los Angeles Music Center.
11. Linguists have many theories about the origin _____ language.
12. This is an exception _____ the general rule.
13. What approach should I take _____ this problem?
14. The Ivy League is a group _____ eight prestigious universities in the Northeast.
15. People's reliance _____ automobiles as their chief form _____ transportation has increased over the years.
16. I've tried and tried, but I simply can't find a solution _____ this dilemma.
17. The demand _____ personal computers continues to grow.
18. Only a native _____ the United States can serve as President.
19. Economists don't agree on what effects government spending has _____ the economy.
20. Margaret Knight designed some of the components _____ the rotary engine.

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1. Do you belong _____ any campus clubs or organizations?
2. Cytology is the branch of biology that deals _____ the structure, form, and life of cells.
3. Maybe you should begin your speech _____ some jokes.
4. Let's concentrate _____ solving this problem before we discuss the other ones.
5. People want friends they can rely _____.
6. Most essays consist _____ an introduction, a body, and a conclusion.
7. We didn't plan _____ such a long delay.
8. If you are engaged _____ any extracurricular activities, you should mention that fact on your résumé.
9. Iron combines _____ oxygen to form rust.
10. After several hours of discussion, the council finally agreed _____ a plan.
11. The accident resulted _____ several minor injuries.
12. Storms on the Sun can interfere _____ radio broadcasts on the Earth.
13. By the late 1940's, television had begun to seriously compete _____ radio for audience and advertisers.
14. That theatrical company can always be depended _____ to deliver a good performance.
15. James didn't have any trouble adjusting _____ the climate in Atlanta because he'd grown up in the South.
16. William insists _____ getting up early, even on weekends.
17. What does this symbol refer _____?
18. Occupational physicians search _____ the causes of injury and sickness at the workplace.
19. Many companies participated _____ the trade fair.
20. How do you account _____ this discrepancy?
21. Do you believe _____ any superstitions?
22. Workaholics devote too much of their time _____ their jobs.

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1. Work on the new highway will be finished ahead _____ schedule.
2. _____ spite _____ the warnings, Phil dove off the cliff.
3. The chairman, along _____ his staff, attended the conference.
4. According _____ my dictionary, you're mispronouncing that word.
5. Prior _____ her wedding, Nicole's last name was Brooks.
6. Are you _____ favor _____ that amendment or against it?
7. _____ account _____ a lack of funds, the university library will now close at nine instead _____ at eleven.
8. Sunsets may appear more colorful because _____ air pollution.
9. Due _____ a computer error, $100,000 was transferred into Judy's checking account.
10. Regardless _____ the final score, I'm sure this will be an exciting game.
11. Glider pilots can actually increase their altitude _____ means _____ hot air currents called thermals.
12. Thanks _____ the financial aid he received, he was able to attend the university.

Exercise: Fill in the blanks in the sentences below with the preposition *in*, *on*, or *at*.

1. John F. Kennedy was the first President of the United States to be born _____ the twentieth century.
2. Fruit trees generally bloom _____ April or May.
3. Gettysburg, the greatest battle ever fought _____ North America, took place _____ July 1863.
4. I like to shower _____ the morning, but my roommate likes to shower _____ night.
5. The President lives _____ the White House, which is located _____ 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue _____ Washington, D.C.
6. Many advertising agencies are located _____ Madison Avenue _____ New York City.
7. Jazz was so popular _____ the 1920's that the decade is sometimes called the Jazz Age.
8. Leaves turn red and gold _____ the autumn.
9. Most college football games are played _____ Saturdays.
10. Both Washington and Lincoln were born _____ February. Washington was born _____ February 22, Lincoln _____ February 12.
11. About 90% of all the people _____ New Jersey live _____ cities.
12. The New Year is celebrated _____ midnight _____ January 1.
13. Dean Hughes' office is _____ the Administration Building _____ the third floor.
14. Quebec is the largest province _____ Canada.

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1. Did you hear that news _____ television or read it _____ the newspaper?
2. The members of a jury are chosen _____ random from a list of voters.
3. Videophones are not practical _____ present, but they may be _____ the near future.
4. Mr. Grigsby is _____ charge of the marketing department.
5. Please come here _____ once.
6. I'm sure he didn't break the window _____ purpose.
7. Air travel is _____ its peak _____ the summer.
8. _____ the whole, I enjoyed the movie, but there were a few scenes I didn't like.
9. Mark is a good friend, but we don't have much _____ common.
10. Claudia has gotten so many speeding tickets that she's _____ danger of losing her driver's license.
11. The story _____ the magazine described the incident _____ great detail.
12. There is _____ least one vowel in virtually every English word.
13. Five oak trees were planted _____ a row _____ front of the school.
14. This type of music is no longer _____ style.
15. _____ general, I found zoology to be an easier subject than botany.
16. The American Constitution has been _____ existence for over two hundred years.
17. Like many other baby birds, ducklings are blind _____ birth.
18. This book is based _____ part on fact.
19. The ship was _____ fire.
20. _____ theory, this idea is quite difficult to understand; _____ the other hand, it is quite simple _____ practice.

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