Directions: Choose the correct word to complete the sentence.

1. Because many of the key players are injured, the coach is _____ his options for the next game.
2. Hospitals plan to stop services that are not financially _____.
3. Rising costs are threatening the _____ of many businesses.
4. A battle _____ in Congress over the proposed budget cuts.
5. The United States faces a _____ crisis over its crumbling roads, and fixing them will be a daunting and costly task.
6. Being in debt has been a source of _____ on our marriage.
7. My grandmother, as usual, _____ the decline in moral standards in today's society.
8. He was the loser in the _____ struggle to own the company.

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9. My father was a _____ energetic and ambitious man.

10. On the floor, _____ piles of books, were two small envelopes.

11. He doesn't have many friends due to his _____ personality keeping them away.

12. I could detect the celebrity's strong _____ when she explained how she will always be the best actress.

13. Some people have a belief that all human beings behave _____.

14. You need to be an _____ to succeed in politics.

15. It is well known that boys who grow up without a father have an _____ risk of going to prison.

16. The father _____ his children in church for talking too much.

17. We are going to buy _____ for our newborn.

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