**Word formation**

**Complete the sentences with the correct word formed from the one in capitals.**

1. The teacher used a real-life example to _____ the grammatical rule.
(EXAMPLE)

2. Her guidance during the project was _____, and we could not have completed it without her.
(VALUE)

3. Many people say that _____ changes your priorities and outlook on life.
(PARENT)

4. The lawyer argued that his client should not be punished for his political _____.
(CONVINCE)

5. The vandalism of the historic monument was completely _____.
(SENSE)

6. The village was so _____ that tourists stopped constantly to take photos.
(PICTURE)

7. The tests showed a serious iron _____, which explained her constant fatigue.
(DEFICIENT)

8. To access the club's facilities, you must first apply for _____.
(MEMBER)

9. It was incredibly _____ of me to forget her birthday after everything she'd done for me.
(THOUGHT)

10. After years of economic struggle, the country is finally enjoying a period of _____.
(PROSPER)

11. The doctor said the patient's heart rate was _____, so further tests were required.
(NORMAL)

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12. Bringing an umbrella is _____ if the weather forecast is correct.
(AVOID)

13. His look of _____ made it clear that he did not approve of their behavior.
(APPROVE)

14. The ocean's _____ can be frightening to those not used to open water.
(DEEP)

15. Many families cannot afford expensive houses, so the government aims to provide _____ housing.
(AFFORD)

16. Regulations are in place to _____ the safety of all passengers.
(SURE)

17. With enough determination, you can _____ any obstacle.
(COME)

18. Regular exercise is highly _____ for your physical and mental health.
(BENEFIT)

**Open cloze**

**Read the text below and think of the word which best fits each gap.**

When the company announced that several employees would be **(1) laid ___**, most of us were **(2) taken ___ surprise**. There had been **(3) no ___ of** any financial trouble, so the decision seemed sudden. The director insisted that there was **(4) no option ___ to** reduce staff, since costs had risen sharply.

Many workers expressed a negative **(5) attitude _____** the company's actions, saying loyalty should matter **(6) much more than the** profit. One employee, Martin, said he was **(7) not used ___ being** unemployed, having worked at the firm for almost twenty years.

He told me **(8) ___ the record** that some managers knew about the cuts weeks earlier. Meanwhile, the company also plans to **(9) rip ___** several departments and rebuild the workspace.

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Those who remain **(10) are ___ through** a stressful evaluation programme before their positions are confirmed. The pressure may **(11) prevent some people ____** performing well, especially for younger staff.

Martin, however, may be luckier than he feels. He recently **(12) came ____ a fortune** after a distant relative passed away. But he says that money doesn't remove the fear **(13) ___ being** replaced or forgotten.

"I suppose **(14) ___ time I'll be** ready for change," he said, "**(15) ___ all accounts**, the industry is moving fast, **(16) Not ___ mention** the emotional strain."

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