

Midterm 1: Upper-intermediate

PART ONE: Choose the correct option. Only **ONE** answer for every question.

1. Which of the following best describes a "**conventional**" person?
 - a) Prefers innovative approaches
 - b) Adheres to traditional methods
 - c) Seeks adventure
 - d) Rejects routine
2. Which term describes a person who is **resistant to change**?
 - a) Open-minded
 - b) Rigid
 - c) Creative
 - d) Spontaneous
3. If a person often **feels the emotions of others strongly**, they are:
 - a) Sensible
 - b) Sensitive
 - c) Both adjectives are possible
4. A person who **gets angry easily** is often described as:
 - a) Affable
 - b) Bad-tempered
 - c) Reserved
 - d) Cautious
5. _____ often **notice the smallest mistakes** in documents and expect perfection.
 - a) Detail-obsessed nitpickers
 - b) Detail-focused purists
 - c) Detail-oriented busybodies
6. "**It comes down to**" often signals a focus on:
 - a) Multiple unrelated issues
 - b) The main or essential factor
 - c) A variety of solutions
7. The phrase "**fall back on**" is commonly used in financial contexts to mean:
 - a) To depend on savings
 - b) To invest aggressively
 - c) To save money for a future goal
8. Our holiday plans **fell** _____ because Josh couldn't get a leave.
 - a) off
 - b) through
 - c) out
9. "I **look forward** ____ from you soon."
 - a) hear
 - b) to hearing
 - c) to hear
 - d) hearing
10. I **don't mind** _____ for help.
 - a) ask
 - b) to ask
 - c) to asking
 - d) asking

11. It's a nice town. It's **worth** _____ a few days there.
- a) spend
 - b) to spend
 - c) to spending
 - d) spending
12. Why don't you **try** _____ some petrol in the tank?
- a) put
 - b) to put
 - c) to putting
 - d) putting
13. Did you **remember** _____ your sister a card? It's her birthday today.
- a) send
 - b) to send
 - c) to sending
 - d) sending
14. She **suggested** _____ to a new place instead,
- a) go
 - b) to go
 - c) to going
 - d) going
15. I think I may have _____ **something** because my throat is really sore.
- a) come up with
 - b) come down with
 - c) broken down
 - d) fallen down
16. Working late last night gave me a _____ **headache** that won't go away.
- a) breaking
 - b) splitting
 - c) dividing
17. It's hard to focus on work when you have a _____ **cold** and can't stop sneezing.
- a) hard
 - b) tough
 - c) bad
18. Bob was _____ **from his job** when the factory had to downsize.
- a) cut off
 - b) made redundant
 - c) promoted
 - d) become fired
19. Tim accepted the position because it offers **excellent** _____ for his career growth.
- a) career perspectives
 - b) long-term prospects
 - c) short-term contracts
20. His **career** really _____ after he appeared on TV.
- a) took off
 - b) made a dive
 - c) flew high

21. Salaries in the tech industry are still _____ **the same** as they were five years ago, with minor adjustments for inflation.

- a) broadly
- b) radically
- c) slightly

22. This year's sales figures are _____ **better** than last year's, showing a slight upward trend.

- a) approximately
- b) marginally
- c) subtle

23. I suppose she's *in his thirties*. =

- a) ... upwards of thirty.
- b) ... thirty-something
- c) ... coming up to thirty

24. She _____ as a doctor for five years now.

- a) works
- b) had worked
- c) has worked
- d) worked

25. The train _____ the station at 8 pm.

- a) leaves
- b) is leaving
- c) has left
- d) has been leaving

26. I _____ the movie last night.

- a) saw
- b) was seeing
- c) had seen
- d) have seen

27. While I _____ home, it started to rain.

- a) walked
- b) was walking
- c) have been walking

28. By the time we arrived at the station, the train _____ .

- a) left
- b) was leaving
- c) had left
- d) had been leaving

29. She _____ at the company for three years when she got promoted.

- a) has worked
- b) has been working
- d) had been working

30. When I _____ her to help me, she _____ .

- a) asked; agreed
- b) had asked; agreed
- c) asked; had agreed
- d) had asked; had agreed

PART TWO: Finish the sentences with **ONE** word:

31. "They **accused** him _____ theft."
32. "He is **married** _____ a famous actress."
33. "She's very **fond** _____ her cat and spends a lot of time with it."
34. "He **blamed** me _____ the accident."
35. My stress-related eczema tends to _____ **up** whenever I have a heavy workload.
36. Unfortunately, I'll have to **call** _____ **sick** tomorrow due to this flu that I caught.
37. Luckily, with some rest and medication, I'm _____ **the mend**.
38. Changing my lifestyle habits has given me **a new** _____ **on life** in terms of health.
39. I have to wake up **bright and** _____ tomorrow to catch my flight.
40. My new car is my _____ **and joy**.
41. My grandmother is very _____ **and proper**, always insisting on good manners.
42. I'll just have to **grin and** _____ it until things get better.
43. I found myself **between a** _____ **and a hard place** when both of my colleagues disagreed with my approach.
44. The issues we're experiencing now are only **the tip of the** _____; we need to investigate further.
45. After losing his job, Bob had to rely on government assistance and was _____ **the dole** for several months.
46. After receiving a better job offer, she decided to **hand** _____ **her notice** at her current company.
47. I need to _____ **base** with Mark to finalize the details of our presentation before the deadline.
48. A pocket knife can **come in** _____ when you least expect it. (= become useful)
49. Poverty and lack of education often create a _____ **cycle** impossible to escape.
50. The new investors brought in _____ **of** \$100,000. (= they brought \$105,000)