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Week 1 - COLLOCATIONS & IDIOMS

Choose the best option to complete the following sentences

Question 1. I get quite depressed when I think about the damage we are _____ to the environment.

- A. having B. taking C. making D. causing

Question 2. Unfortunately, we've made _____.

- A. little progress B. a few progresses C. little progresses D. few progress

Question 3. I stayed there with her **for a while** before I left.

- A. in the difficult time B. whenever she needed me
C. for relaxation D. for a short period of time

Question 4. I am glad that we **see eye to eye** on the matter of the conference location.

- A. dislike B. agree C. disagree D. approve

Question 5. Although the new library service has been very successful, its future is _____ certain.

- A. by all means B. by any chance
C. at any rate D. by no means

Question 6. The hall was very crowded with over a hundred people _____ into it.

- A. stuck B. packed C. pushed D. stuffed

Question 7. The move into a different environment brought about a significant _____ in my cousin's state of mind.

- A. influence B. impact C. change D. effect

Question 8. In order to avoid boredom, the most important thing is to keep oneself _____.

- A. occupation B. occupied C. occupant D. occupation

Question 9. The human criterion for perfect vision is 20/20 for reading the standard lines on Snellen eye chart **without a hitch**.

- A. unaided B. without glasses
C. with little hesitation D. easily

Question 10. Cynthia was **on edge** all day about the important presentation she had to give to the local citizen group.

- A. nervous and excited B. doing well C. satisfied D. working hard

Question 11. After running up the stairs, I was _____ breath.

- A. away from B. without C. no D. out of

Question 12. I've never really enjoyed going to the ballet or the opera; they are not really my _____.

- A. piece of cake B. sweets and candy C. biscuit D. cup of tea

Question 13. The players' protests _____ no difference to the referee's decision at all.

- A. did B. made C. caused D. created

Question 14. In a formal interview, it is essential to maintain good eye _____ with the interviewer.

- A. link B. connection C. touch D. contact

Question 15. The poor child is in floods of _____ because of his bicycle had been stolen.

- A. tears B. sorrow C. sadness D. upset

Question 16. _____ her inexperience, the failure to secure the contact was not surprising.

- A. By virtue of B. With regard to C. In view of D. In recognition of

Question 17. During the medieval period, people were made public _____ of being witches.

- A. complaint B. criminal C. trouble D. accusation

Question 18. That disable boy's victory is the race set the _____ example to all students in the school.

- A. finest B. first class C. rarest D. made convenient

Question 19. Thanks to the help of the teacher, she is _____ encouraging progress in math.

- A. doing B. making C. checking D. stopping

Question 20. She's **down-to-earth** woman with no pretensions.

- A. ambitious B. creative C. idealistic D. practical

Question 21. There has been a hot debate among the scientists relating to the pros-and-cons of using robotic probes to study distant objects in space.

- A. problems and solutions B. advantages and disadvantages
C. solutions and limitations D. causes and effect

Question 22. Poaching _____ the greatest threat to many species.

- A. creates B. presents C. poses D. produces

Question 23. The tigers _____ of extinction. It is difficult to find them in the wild.

- A. on the wing B. on the rocks C. on the verge D. on the ground

Question 24. It is not always easy to _____ the difference between fact and opinion.

- A. make B. say C. do D. tell

Question 25. In my _____, freedom of the press must be maintained.

- A. mind B. sight C. view D. thought

Question 26. The issue _____ question is more complex than you think.

- A. in B. from C. on D. at

Question 27. The situation got **out of hand** when the festival organisers couldn't foresee that the mob would get angry because they were stopped from taking the offerings.

- A. hard to complete B. difficult to control
C. impossible to find D. unlikely to happen

Question 28. Once you have been accepted as a pupil or students at the school or college, it's the law _____ for them to discriminate against you because of your religion or belief.

- A. in B. for C. out of D. against

Question 29. Integration and assimilation can help reduce feelings of **loss and grief** as the migrants start to incorporate aspects of the majority culture.

- A. disadvantage B. disapproval C. discrimination D. sadness

Question 30. He said he was only joking, but his comments were so **close to the bone**.

- A. annoying B. offensive C. personal D. respectful

Question 31. Ten million text messages are sent on _____ every minute.

- A. account B. average C. common D. general

Question 32. Unluckily, David's dangerous and incredible journey in search of the Blue Fairy is in _____.

- A. advance B. danger C. end D. vain

Question 33. Most scientists believe that the day when robots become part of our lives will come _____.

- A. from time to time B. more or less
C. sooner or later D. later than never

Question 34 Researchers have _____ to the conclusion that your personality is affected by your genes.

- A. arrived B. come C. got D. reached

Question 35. The telescope will photograph distant galaxies, _____ attempt to understand their past.

- A. in B. for C. on D. with

Question 36. It is likely that artificial intelligence might decide to _____ an end to humanity simply because it surpasses human intelligence.

- A. come B. make C. put D. take

Question 37. I don't think people should be allowed to _____ experiments on animals.

- A. create B. make C. perform D. produce

Question 38. Many materials have been used for _____ teeth, including wood.

- A. artificial B. hand-made C. false D. natural

Question 39. A.I. techniques help medical doctors to discover subtle interactions between medications that put patients in jeopardy because of their serious side effects.

- A. at risk B. in reality C. under control D. under pressure

Question 40. The purpose of running a business is to make a _____.

- A. service B. profit C. money D. contribution

Question 41. She is doing well so she was promoted last year. Now she's **in charge of** a small team of 4 people.

- A. controls B. supervises C. takes over D. rules

Question 42. I've been working here for over ten years now and I'm **on first name term** with everyone, even the CEO.

- A. getting on B. happy
C. have an informal/friendly **relationship** D. satisfied

Question 43. Janes used to be very excellent as a child and now she's the CEO of a big multi-national company. However, her brother is a **blue-collar** worker in a small local factory.

- A. mental B. low-paid C. manual D. regular

Question 44. When applying for a certain job, you'll be at an advantage if you have **hands-on** experience.

- A. relevant B. prior C. practical D. considerable

Question 45. When the factory closed, over a hundred people were **made redundant**.

- A. fired B. sacked C. laid off D. appointed

Question 46. I am writing in _____ to you advertisement on Vietnamwork.com for the post of a personal assistant.

- A. connection B. association C. relation D. response

Question 47. I'd like to speak to the person in _____ please.

- A. duty B. responsibility C. obligation D. charge

Question 48. I would be grateful for an opportunity to visit your company and discuss my application with you _____.

- A. in privacy B. individually C. privately D. in person

Question 49. Like many young people today, I'm thinking about taking a year _____ first, or as people often say, spending a year at "the university of life."

- A. off B. away C. out D. at

Question 50. The atmosphere at work was so bad that Brian eventually decided to **hand in his notice**.

- A. notify the boss B. give up his job
C. apply for another job D. be given a better job

Question 51. My boss has a reputation for **being such a slave driver**.

- A. working overtime B. working excessively hard
C. being slave to work D. making his staff to work hard

Question 52. We want to recruit the brightest and the best. If you think you **fit the bill** fill in an application form today.

- A. are able to pay the bill B. are suitable
C. are on the right size D. are excellent

Question 53. I'd go mad if I had to do a **dead-end** job like working on a supermarket checkout.

- A. demanding B. monotonous
C. fascinating D. boring

Question 54. Steve _____ his chances of passing by spending too much time on the first question.

- A. threw away B. threw in C. threw of D. threw out

Question 55. After congratulating his team, the coach left, allowing the players to let their _____ down for a while.

- A. hearts B. hair C. souls D. heads

Question 56. Making mistake is all _____ of growing up.

- A. bits and bobs B. odds and ends
C. part and parcel D. top and bottom

Question 57. The judge _____ murderer to a lifetime imprisonment.

- A. prosecuted B. sentenced C. convicted D. accused

Question 58. Alice said: "That guy is _____ gorgeous. I wish he would ask me out."

- A. dead-centre B. drop shot C. jumped-up D. drop-dead

Question 59. The situation seems to be changing minute _____ minute.

- A. by B. to C. and D. in

Question 60. Jose had a hard time comparing the iPhone to the Samsung phone because to him they were **apples and oranges**.

- A. containing too many technical details B. very similar
C. completely different D. very complicated

Question 61. The party leader travelled the length and _____ of the country in an attempt to spread his message.

- A. width B. distance C. diameter D. breadth

Question 62. Vietnam U23 made not only Saia but also Europe keep a close eye on them. They _____ internationally.

- A. have made headlines B. had made headlines
C. have done headlines D. did headlines

Question 63. If we didn't _____ any measures to protect whales, they would disappear forever.

- A. use B. make C. take D. do

Question 64. It is the _____ of stupidity to go walking in the mountains in this weather.

- A. height B. depth C. source D. matter

Question 65. The works of such men as the English philosophers John Locke and Thomas Hobbes help **pave the way** for academic freedom in the modern sense.

- A. terminate B. prevent C. enhance D. incorporate

Question 66. Since the death of Laura's father, her mother has become a **breadwinner** to support the family.

- A. a person who bakes bread every morning B. a bakery owner
C. a person who delivers bread to make money
D. a person who goes out to work to earn money

Question 67. Peter is the **black sheep** of the family, so he is never welcomed there.

- A. a beloved member B. a bad and embarrassing member
C. the only child D. the eldest child

Question 68. Both universities speak _____ of the programme of student exchange and hope to cooperate more in the future.

- A. highly B. quickly C. rapidly D. fast

Question 69. On hearing that she failed the entrance exam, Trang couldn't help _____ into tears.

- A. bursting B. burst C. to bursting D. to burst

Question 70. She didn't enjoy her first year at college because she failed to _____ her new friends.

- A. come in for B. look down on
C. go down with D. get on with

Question 71. The world work is developing quickly. If you don't self-learn continuously, we will no _____ social movements.

- A. put up with B. keep up with C. get on with D. deal with

Question 72. He has been waiting for this letter for days, and at _____ it has come.

- A. the end B. last C. the moment D. present

Question 73. There's a list of repairs as long as _____.

- A. your arm B. a pole C. your arms D. a mile

Question 74. I tried to talk to her, but she was as high as a _____.

- A. kite B. house C. sky D. wall

Question 75. The jury _____ her compliments _____ her excellent knowledge of the subject.

- A. returned/to B. paid/to C. returned/on D. paid/on

Question 76. It's difficult to tell him to give in because he is so **big-headed**.

- A. wise B. generous C. modest D. arrogant

Question 77. With this type of insurance, you're buying _____ of mind.

- A. peace B. satisfaction C. calmness D. contentment

Question 78. We're over the _____! Who wouldn't be? We've just won £1 million.

- A. planets B. clouds C. stars D. moon

Question 79. Of course you'll pass. You write well and you have an excellent _____ of the subject.

- A. grip B. seizure C. grasp D. embrace

Question 80. I told you **clearly and definitely** not to write your answers in pencil, Tom.

- A. considerably B. thoroughly C. altogether D. specifically

Question 81. As a newspaper reporter, she always wanted to get information **at first hand**.

- A. indirectly B. directly C. easily D. slowly

Question 82. Could you _____ me a lift into town?

- A. give B. get C. do D. make

Question 83. Britain's Prime Minister Theresa May was the first world leader to pay a _____ Trump at the White House after his inauguration last year.

- A. visited B. visiting C. visit to D. visit

Question 84. Vietnam reached the semi-finals of the AFC U23 Championship 2018 with a penalty shootout win _____ Iraq On Saturday, January 20th.

- A. over B. with C. against D. in

Question 84. It was no accident that he broke my glasses. He did it _____ purpose.

- A. with B. on C. by D. about

Question 86. I read the contract again _____ avoiding making spelling mistakes.

- A. in terms of
- B. by means of
- C. with a view to
- D. in view of

Question 87. It's no use talking to me about metaphysics. It's **a closed book to me.**

- A. a subject that I don't understand
- B. a theme that I like to discuss
- C. a book that is never opened
- D. an object that I really love

Question 88. Her outgoing character contrasts _____ with that of her sister.

- A. thoroughly
- B. fully
- C. sharply
- D. coolly

Question 89. Learning Spanish isn't difficult once you _____.

- A. get away with it
- B. get off it
- C. get down to it
- D. get on it

Question 90. Please don't _____ a word of this to anyone else, it's highly confidential.

- A. speak
- B. pass
- C. mutter
- D. breathe

Question 91. You never really know where you are with her as she just **blows hot and cold.**

- A. keeps going
- B. keeps taking things
- C. keep changing her mood
- D. keep testing

Question 92. - "Edward seems **like a dog with two tails this morning.**"

- "Haven't you heard the news? His wife gave birth a baby boy early this morning."

- A. extremely happy
- B. extremely disappointed
- C. exhausted
- D. very proud

Question 93. She simply **took it for granted** that the check was good and did not ask him any question about it.

- A. permitted it
- B. accepted it without investigation
- C. objected to it
- D. looked it over

Question 94. Through he had known about it well in _____, he pretended to be surprised at having a birthday party.

- A. advance
- B. addition
- C. contrast
- D. general

Question 95. My wife was so keen on the picture that she paid through her _____ for it.

- A. eyes
- B. ears
- C. head
- D. nose
