23. We'll have to find someone to _____ our plants while we're away on holiday.
A. bring up B. get on C. grow up D. look after

24. I don't think you should be so _____ with the children. Watching television for half an hour a day won't do them any harm.
A. stubborn B. strict C. reliable D. thoughtful

25. It was very _____ of you to eat the last slice of cake without asking.
A. loyal B. sensitive C. self-confident D. naughty

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1. Even very active children often stop playing sport when they _____ .
A. tell off B. bring up C. grow up D. look up

2. There is some controversy over who is responsible for the _____ of penicillin.
A. creation B. discovery C. invention D. revolution

3. I inferred _____ his remark that Mrs Vegetarian doesn't eat meat.
A. from B. of C. to D. with

4. He said he would sue us, but I don't think he'll _____ his threat.
A. achieve B. bring about C. perform D. carry out

5. How about a glass of orange juice to _____ your thirst?
A. quash B. quench C. quell D. quieten

6. He was arrested for trying to pass _____ notes at the bank.
A. camouflaged B. fake C. counterfeit D. fraudulent

7. The safe deposit box ____ a high-pitched sound when it was moved.
A. ejected B. excluded C. expelled D. emitted

8. Her chain was made of _____ gold, unmixed with any other metal.
A. pure B. dishonest C. clean D. right

9. I haven't been _____ Pete lately.
A. getting up to B. getting through to
C. getting on with D. getting round to

10. Although it was only _____ jewellery, it looked real enough.
A. fictional B. untrue C. invented D. imitation

11. You are late again – please try to be _____ in future.
A. accurate B. punctual C. efficient D. reliable

12. After he broke the window, the boy was _____ from school.
A. exiled B. excluded C. extracted D. expelled

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13. A child's first five years are the most important as far as learning is _____ .
A. concerned B. affected C. hit D. touched

14. I don't think they'll be taking _____ any more teachers this term because there aren't many students.
A. up B. in C. on D. over

15. Could you speak _____ a bit? We can't hear you at the back of the room.
A. out B. loud C. over D. up

16. I'm going to take a couple of days _____ next month to help my sister move house.
A. over B. off C. out D. up

17. The police _____ off the street where the bomb had gone off.
A. cordoned B. battened C. fastened D. shuttered

18. We all make mistakes; no-one is _____ .
A. fallible B. infallible C. mistaken D. unmistakable

19. Everyone laughed when he took _____ the teacher so well.
A. over B. up C. off D. out

20. He offered me $500 to break my contract. That's _____ .
A. bribery B. blackmail C. compensation D. reward

21. It was such a shock to receive a letter like that _____ .
A. in the red B. out of the blue
C. in the pink D. over the moon

22. The hooligan _____ the money out of my hand and ran away.
A. snatched B. gripped C. clutched D. withdrew

23. As he was caught in _____ of a gun, he was immediately a suspect.
A. control B. possession C. ownership D. handling

24. He is doing a science _____ at the University of Edinburgh.
A. career B. certificate C. title D. degree

25. The teacher told us to learn the irregular verbs _____ heart.
A. to B. at C. by D. in

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1. The conductor _____ the boys off for misbehaving on the bus.
A. told B. said C. shouted D. cried

2. The first thing he did was to _____ his shoelaces and take his shoes off.
A. disconnect B. mislead C. undo D. unpack

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3. After considering the case, the judge put the young offender _____ for two years.
   A. in charge B. in control C. on trial D. on probation

4. An IQ test is supposed to measure the _____ of your intelligence.
   A. level B. extent C. degree D. size

5. She was sent out of the examination room because the examiner caught her _____ .
   A. sneaking B. cheating C. lying D. copying

6. We used to _____ all sorts of things when our parents went out.
   A. get through to B. get over
   C. get up to D. get on with

7. I knew that something _____ was going on as soon as I walked into the room.
   A. huge B. odd C. vast D. massive

8. If I don't write you a note to say you have a doctor's appointment, the teacher will think you are playing _____ .
   A. truant B. the fool C. for time D. hard to get

9. I've got so much spare time now I'm thinking of taking _____ a new hobby like stamp collecting.
   A. in B. off C. up D. over

10. You are not very _____ today, Hugh. What's the matter? I've never known you so quiet.
   A. chattering B. loud C. speaking D. talkative

11. Rita is not _____ of doing this work – she should change her class.
   A. fit B. capable C. possible D. suitable

12. It should be _____ that students are expected to attend classes regularly.
   A. marked B. reminded C. perceived D. noted

13. The traffic policeman let her _____ with a warning though she was driving way over the speed limit.
   A. up B. off C. on D. out

14. This is an exciting book which _____ new ground in educational research.
   A. breaks B. reaches C. scratches D. turns

15. The tutorial system at Oxford and Cambridge is the _____ of many universities.
   A. sorrow B. jealousy C. regret D. envy

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16. When the detectives finally trapped him, he had to _____ to lying.
A. recourse B. resource C. resort D. retort

17. He was very thrilled when he heard he had _____ the exam.
A. passed B. approved C. failed D. won

18. I wish he'd let us make some of the decisions instead of completely taking _____ all our meetings.
A. in B. over C. off D. up

19. _____ my opinion, students shouldn't have to repeat the year if they fail their exams.
A. In B. At C. On D. From

20. Prof. Rush was speaking so quickly I couldn't _____ what he said.
A. accept B. listen C. catch D. take

21. Jane said she could not _____ the information given in the lecture.
A. accumulate B. absorb C. admire D. listen

22. Mr Wellbred went to a school which _____ good manners and self-discipline.
A. blossomed B. planted C. harvested D. cultivated

23. The smell of the burnt cabbage was so _____ that it spread to every room.
A. pervasive B. effusive C. extensive D. diffuse

24. Suddenly I understood perfectly and everything fell _____ place.
A. down B. for C. into D. out

25. Mr Horrid was a terrible teacher and obviously not _____ for teaching.
A. cut in B. cut on C. cut up D. cut out

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1. Most of the _____ were unimpressed by his latest film.
A. reviews B. criticising C. critics D. comments

2. It was so embarrassing when Romeo forgot his _____ in the second act.
A. paper B. lines C. part D. script

3. I hope the film has a happy _____ .
A. finish B. end C. finale D. ending

4. It's surprising the performance went so well after only three _____ .
A. rehearsals B. auditions C. applauses D. directions

5. High risk sports have really taken _____ .
A. up B. off C. in D. on

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