

1 Mark always follows that old ...: early to bed, early to rise makes a man healthy, wealthy and wise.

- a) phrase
- b) adage
- c) analogy

2 If you invest that money, you will find it will grow and ... interest.

- a) adapt
- b) accrue
- c) agree

3 She is very careful in the amount she eats to the point of being

- a) actuated
- b) abrupt
- c) abstemious

4 You must react now and not just be ... as if there is nothing wrong.

- a) complacent
- b) combative
- c) concerning

5 I find these puzzles too ... and prefer the more straightforward type.

- a) abject
- b) abstruse
- c) abortive

6 There was no changing her mind as she was quite ... about her decision.

a) adamant

b) adjoined

c) attentive

7 He couldn't finish his sentences and his speech was not

a) convoluted

b) contented

c) coherent

8 The strings were all intertwined and it took me ages to ... them.

a) disturb

b) distend

c) disentangle

9 There are many political parties in this election as there are so many small groups or

a) factions

b) fictions

c) fusion

10 She liked to play the ... and would invariably dress up in the most outrageous clothes.

a) eclectic

b) eccentric

c) evasive

11 In the end the leader of the opposition agreed to step down and ... to the wishes of the electorate.

a) ascend

b) accept

c) accede

12 In the end the ... noise gets on your nerves.

a) incessant

b) inciting

c) invading

13 I apologized and explained that it had been purely accidental and an ... action on my part.

a) incurred

b) inadvertent

c) inverted

14 The professor managed to make it all totally clear and ... by her delivery.

a) lifting

b) lucid

c) luminous

15 When you take a group of tourists round a city there are always those who ... and keep everybody else waiting.

a) languish

b) loiter

c) litter

16 A man suddenly fell on her ... across and stealing her handbag.

a) limping

b) lunging

c) linking

17 There was absolutely no call for him to criticize her in almost a ... manner.

a) malcontent

b) maladroit

c) malicious

18 He was the ... idiot such as you'd find in one of those old farces.

a) proverbial

b) protective

c) provincial

19 You'll get used to his funny ways as it's one of the ... of his personality.

a) quaffs

b) quirks

c) quills

20 He used to scream and shout and you could hear him ... many meters down the road.

a) reigning

b) rattling

c) raining

21 Everyone lost their money when the treasurer ... with all their savings.

a) absconded

b) absolved

c) evaded

22 The police not only arrested the leader but also the ... who helped him.

a) acolytes

b) attackers

c) accomplices

23 I have no wish to ... these criminal activities. I have some sympathy with the perpetrators.

a) concede

b) condone

c) console

24 The judge has to adopt a ... view of the crime by being impartial.

a) detached

b) detracted

c) defended

25 Despite all the chaos around him the captain remained calm and assumed an air of ...

a) equality

b) equity

c) equanimity

26 The police stopped the car because it had followed an ... course down the road.

a) uneven

b) erratic

c) unerring

27 She decided to ask her ... father who knew the answer to most things.

- a) learning
- b) erudite
- c) earnest

28 The political leaders advised all members to ... any question about finance and avoid the topic of money completely.

- a) eschew
- b) involve
- c) undertake

29 He prefers to use a ... rather than a more common and vulgar word.

- a) delicacy
- b) finery
- c) euphemism

30 I've looked everywhere for my key and even carried out an ... search of my car.

- a) exhaustive
- b) exhaust
- c) exhausted