

TOEFL practice.

Grammar.

Connectors. Select the word or words that best complete the sentence.

1. The agency's mission is to accelerate transition to an efficient and low-carbon economy, _____ mitigating the long-term threat of climate change.

- a. during
- b. while
- c. after
- d. since

2. My uncle was able to see his doctor _____ it was Sunday.

- a. and
- b. in addition
- c. but
- d. even though

3. The company makes good ice cream, _____ the chocolate flavor.

- a. in particular
- b. and
- c. then
- d. of course

4. After advertising for three months, he _____ sold his car.

- a. slowly
- b. afterwards
- c. specially
- d. finally

5. Your application is incomplete; _____, we will make an exception and accept it.

- a. nevertheless
- b. for

- c. because
- d. afterwards

6. The defendant is presumed innocent _____ proven guilty.

- a. after being
- b. until and unless
- c. before
- d. when

7. AMBER Alert is an urgent bulletin system _____ the most serious child-abduction cases.

- a. and
- b. but
- c. for
- d. because

8. My friend voted for the Republican candidate _____ being registered as a Democrat.

- a. and
- b. because
- c. despite
- d. nevertheless

9. In order to access the building, she had to walk in the street with her walker and risk her safety _____ there were no accessible curb ramps.

- a. because
- b. and
- c. however
- d. before

10. _____, regular physical activity may be associated with lower health care costs.

- a. Since
- b. However

- c. Despite
- d. In addition

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Verb & tenses. The following sentences are from speeches given by Marie Curie. Select the word or words that best complete the sentence.

1. The scientific history of radium _____ beautiful.

- a. was
- b. is
- c. had been
- d. is being

2. Radium is no more a baby but the conditions of the discovery were somewhat peculiar, and so it is always of interest _____ them and to explain them.

- a. in remembering
- b. to have remembered them
- c. to remember
- d. remember

3. Professor Curie and I worked at that time in the laboratory of the school of Physics and Chemistry where Professor Curie _____ his lectures.

- a. is holding
- b. was holding
- c. to hold
- d. held

- 4. All the elements _____ such radiation I have termed radioactive.**
- a. emission
 - b. are emitting
 - c. have emitted
 - d. emitting
- 5. I wanted _____ if there were other elements, giving out rays of the same kind.**
- a. to know
 - b. knowing
 - c. know
 - d. am knowing
- 6. If we _____ a practical point of view, then the most important property of the rays is the production of physiological effects on the cells of the human organism.**
- a. are taking
 - b. take
 - c. takes
 - d. to take
- 7. And in that way it has been proved that the radioactive elements are constantly _____ and that they produce at the end ordinary elements, principally helium and lead.**
- a. disintegrating
 - b. to disintegrate
 - c. being disintegrating
 - d. disintegrated
- 8. Then I _____ that there should be in the minerals some unknown element having a much greater radioactivity than uranium or thorium.**
- a. am thinking
 - b. think
 - c. had thought

d. thought

9. Other radioactive elements _____ since: actinium (Debiere), radiothorium and mesothorium (Hahn), ionium (Boltwood), etc.

- a. were discovered
- b. are discovered
- c. have been discovered
- d. had been discovered

10. In chemical terms radium _____ little from barium.

- a. is different
- b. differs
- c. differed
- d. is differing

Vocabulary.

Choose the correct word from the list of three words below, which is BEST suited for the word or expression in capital letters in each sentence:

1. The athlete SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED her lifetime ambition when she won her gold medal.

- a. gained
- b. got
- c. accomplished

2. Paul enrolled at his local swimming club for private swimming INSTRUCTION AND TEACHING with a qualified instructor.

- a. teaching
- b. school
- c. tuition

3. The memory of their last meeting was still RECENTLY EXPERIENCED AND NOT FORGOTTEN in her mind.

- a. clear
- b. fresh

c. foremost

4. The servant had given his employer many years of LOYAL AND STEADFAST service.

- a. reliable
- b. obedient
- c. faithful

5. The house was without lights as there was a cut in POWER THAT PROVIDES LIGHTING.

- a. electricity
- b. water
- c. gas

6. He screamed when he saw he spider as he had a FEAR of them.

- a. horror
- b. nightmare
- c. phobia

7. They said that they would COMMUNICATE WITH EACH OTHER by email.

- a. correspond
- b. write
- c. address

8. There was a huge CHOICE of food at the breakfast buffet.

- a. platter
- b. variety
- c. spread

Instructions. Fill in the gap with the most appropriate word from the two choices provided.

9. He won an _____ for his military service in Afghanistan.

- a. accomplishment

b. accolade

10. There was a lot of fun _____ between the two men who enjoyed teasing each other.

a. banter

b. communication

11. She carried herself with a proud _____ as she left the interview room knowing that it had gone well.

a. demeanour

b. joy

12. Tom was _____ with fear at the prospect of meeting his future father-in-law.

a. worried

b. petrified

13. The chairman's argument was _____ by the rest of the board who disagreed strongly.

a. discussed

b. refuted

14. We have decided to _____ your basic salary from next month as a result of increased production and profits.

a. augment

b. decrease

15. The football player fell to the ground _____ in agony after the opponent kicked him in the face.

a. wriggling

b. writhing

16. He had some extreme and _____ ideas, but they were necessary to make the much needed changes within the organisation.

a. radical

b. opposing