A. action **B.** power **C.** force **D.** play

7. He was ___ with a very difficult decision.
A. faced **B.** fronted **C.** opposed **D.** given
8. It is ___ probable that the CEO will resign this week.
A. highly **B.** strongly **C.** greatly **D.** absolutely
9. Not only ___ the exam, but she also got the highest score.
A. she passed **B.** she did pass **C.** did she pass **D.** passed she
10. They managed to secure the deal, ___ it was very challenging.
A. however **B.** although **C.** despite **D.** whereas
11. I can't ___ with his constant complaining any longer.
A. put up **B.** make out **C.** get by **D.** do away
12. Her explanation was so confusing that I couldn't make ___ of it.
A. sense **B.** meaning **C.** logic **D.** reason
13. It's important to weigh up the ___ and cons before making a decision.
A. goods **B.** pros **C.** benefits **D.** ups
14. He is regarded ___ one of the best writers of his generation.
A. as **B.** to be **C.** like **D.** for being
15. The police are looking ___ the matter.
A. up **B.** over **C.** into **D.** after

Section 4.2: Reading Comprehension

Instructions: Read the text and choose the best answer (A, B, C, or D).

The rise of the 'gig economy'—a labor market characterized by short-term contracts or freelance work as opposed to permanent jobs—is a double-edged sword. On one hand, it offers unprecedented flexibility and autonomy. Workers can often choose their own hours, select projects that interest them, and operate from anywhere with an internet connection. This model is particularly appealing to creative professionals, digital nomads, and those seeking a better work-life balance.

On the other hand, this shift entails a significant erosion of traditional employment benefits and security. Gig workers typically lack access to employer-sponsored health insurance, paid sick leave, and retirement plans. The fluctuating nature of freelance work can lead to financial instability, and the absence of a traditional workplace environment may result in professional isolation. Furthermore, the legal and regulatory frameworks in many countries are struggling to keep pace, leaving many workers in a grey area regarding their rights and protections. While the gig economy champions independence, it also raises critical questions about the future of work and the social safety nets we have long taken for granted.

1. The phrase 'double-edged sword' suggests the gig economy.
A. is only beneficial for employers.
B. has both positive and negative aspects.
C. is a dangerous and outdated model.

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D. will soon be replaced by a better system.

2. Which of the following is mentioned as an advantage of the gig economy?

A. Guaranteed income **B.** Comprehensive health benefits

C. The freedom to set one's own schedule **D.** A strong sense of community

3. What is a significant drawback for gig workers mentioned in the text?

A. A lack of interesting projects

B. The requirement to work in a fixed office

C. The difficulty in communicating with clients

D. A lack of job security and benefits like pensions

4. The author implies that legal systems.

A. have fully adapted to the gig economy.

B. are a major cause of the gig economy's problems.

C. are not yet adequately equipped to handle the gig economy.

D. strongly protect the rights of all gig workers.

5. What is the overall tone of the passage?

A. Entirely optimistic **B.** Purely critical

C. Balanced and analytical **D.** Sarcastic and dismissive

Section 4.3: Sentence Transformation

Instructions: Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given.

1. As soon as he finished his speech, the audience erupted in applause. (HAD)
   => No sooner ___ his speech than the audience erupted in applause.
2. I really think you should learn to drive. (TIME)
   => It's high time you ___ to drive.
3. He regrets not taking the job offer. (WISHES)
   => He ___ the job offer.
4. She was so tired that she couldn't continue working. (TOO)
   => She was ___ to continue working.
5. It is unlikely that he will win the election. (PROSPECT)
   => There is little ___ the election.
6. They will probably approve the new proposal. (LIKELIHOOD)
   => In all ___, the new proposal will be approved.
7. I wasn't in the mood to go to the party. (FEEL)
   => I didn't ___ to the party.
8. The storm was so severe that all flights were cancelled. (SUCH)
   => It was ___ that all flights were cancelled.
9. I'm sure he was at the meeting; I saw him there. (MUST)
   => He ___ at the meeting; I saw him there.
10. It's not worth trying to convince him. (POINT)
    => There's ___ to convince him.

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