**H** **Complete the table.**

| Verb | Noun | Adjective |
|---|---|---|
| – | ambition | (1) _____ |
| aspire | (2) _____ | aspiring |
| determine | determination | (3) _____ |
| fulfil | (4) _____ | fulfilling / fulfilled |
| (5) _____ | perseverance | persevering |
| persist | (6) _____ | persistent |
| – | prestige | (7) _____ |
| (8) _____ | priority | – |
| prosper | prosperity | (9) _____ |
| – | resilience | (10) _____ |
| – | resource / (11) _____ | resourceful |
| – | zeal / zealot | (12) _____ |

**I** **Complete the sentences with words from exercise H.**

1 His _____ for work is matched only by his enthusiasm for his hobbies and freetime leisure pursuits.
2 If you want to achieve a good work-life balance, then you must _____ your tasks in order of importance.
3 As an _____ lawyer, you're expected to put in long hours if you ever want to make a success of your career.
4 The most important quality for an explorer and hiker is _____ – you need to be able to use what you can find to hand in order to survive.
5 Victor isn't very _____ and will be content with an undemanding job in his local town.
6 I understand that you haven't reached the level you want with your music, but I'm sure if you _____, you'll manage it eventually.
7 Mr Rhodes is a _____ businessman who has bought himself three homes and owns several luxury cars.
8 Teachers are holding special workshops to teach their students _____ – the ability to continue despite setbacks and disappointment.
9 This applicant is certainly very _____ – I've told him three times that we can't give him a job, but he keeps calling me!
10 We were all amazed by Jason's _____ to get back on his feet after the accident; just one month after he broke both legs, he was able to walk again.
11 Becoming the youngest partner in a top law firm did much to increase his personal _____.
12 Helen found being a stay-at-home mother very _____; she really couldn't imagine ever going back to work.


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## Cambridge in Action

**Read the text and use the word given in capitals at the end of some of the lines to form a word that fits in the gap in the same line.**

### The bionic eye

According to statistics, around 40 million people around the globe are blind. Not surprisingly, medical researchers in this field have one (1) _____ and that's a definitive cure for blindness. **OBJECT**

They are working (2) _____ towards developing technology that is as effective for visual disabilities as that available for the hearing-impaired. And their (3) _____ may finally have paid off. **ZEAL** **PERSEVERE**

The 'bionic eye' is maybe the greatest (4) _____ that scientists could make in this field. Although curing all forms of blindness may be too (5) _____ a goal, the bionic eye may be the solution to at least certain forms of blindness. It differs from a 'prosthetic eye' in that the latter replaces the physical structure and appearance of the eye whilst the former works inside the eye structure or in the brain. **BREAK** **AMBITION**

One of the first people to benefit from the (6) _____ new technology spoke of her joy at finally being able to tell the time after more than six years. 'The doctors' (7) _____ is just incredible,' she said. **REMARK** **ACCOMPLISH**

With further work and steadfast (8) _____, scientists hope that they will be able to restore many more people's sight. **DETERMINE**



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## Michigan in Action

**Choose the word or phrase that best completes the sentence.**

1 Jasper's work experience will allow him to hit ___ when he starts his new job next week.
**a** a failure
**b** rock bottom
**c** the ground running
**d** from bad to worse

2 Unfortunately, we only have one position and it must go to the ___ candidate.
**a** wildest
**b** highest
**c** strongest
**d** greatest

3 We had to work around the ___ to produce enough goods to fill the big order we had last week.
**a** clock
**b** priority
**c** day
**d** overnight

4 Despite his poor performance in last month's athletics trials, Jack is still ___ for a medal in next week's race.
**a** in the running **b** meeting the deadline
**c** on his plate **d** by a mile

5 Although not everyone is a fan of Justin Bieber, most people agree he is worthy of his ___ success.
**a** influential **b** aspiring
**c** phenomenal **d** resourceful

6 Jenny ___ her audition and was immediately offered the part!
**a** went up against **b** scraped through
**c** took off **d** waltzed through

7 You've got one last chance to take this exam and pass, so you'd better ___ and do some work.
**a** take off **b** scrape through
**c** knuckle down **d** excel at

8 Unfortunately, Jamie's plans to tour around Australia didn't ___ due to a lack of finances.
**a** fall through **b** pan out
**c** pull off **d** knuckle down

9 Phoebe ___ all our expectations with her incredible performance in the dance contest.
**a** attained **b** approved
**c** reached **d** surpassed

10 The money laundering scandal lead to the minister's ___ fall from political power.
**a** prodigious **b** precipitous
**c** dismal **d** persistent

11 A major political party is ___ the campaign for tighter gun controls in the wake of last month's shooting.
**a** procuring
**b** setting
**c** spearheading
**d** fulfilling

12 Unfortunately, Tina's attempts to get a part in a West End show have been a dismal ___.
**a** downfall
**b** contribution
**c** disaster
**d** failure

13 Robbie is no ___ student; he gets straight As in all subjects and is captain of the football team.
**a** well-known
**b** up-and-coming
**c** self-made
**d** run-of-the-mill

14 My father was proud of being ___ man – he started out with nothing and now he's a successful businessman.
**a** an aspiring **b** a self-made
**c** a zealous **d** a burgeoning

15 In its ___, the city of Bath was a magnet for wealthy and fashionable people from all over the country.
**a** dream **b** foothold
**c** prestige **d** heyday

16 Zoe's plans to study at university ___ when she didn't get the required grades in her school leaving exams.
**a** fell through **b** wrote off
**c** got back **d** put in

17 Sally attends the ___ Royal Ballet School in Richmond.
**a** precipitous **b** resilient
**c** prestigious **d** persevering

18 I hope I'll be able to ___ today's performance on the opening night.
**a** aspire **b** emulate
**c** advocate **d** persevere

19 William ___ to becoming a powerful politician and has already started to make his way in the world of politics.
**a** persists **b** determines
**c** aspires **d** perseveres

20 Pablo is just twelve years old, but thanks to his parents' encouragement, he is already a ___ chess player.
**a** prodigious **b** peak
**c** useful **d** resilient


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## Michigan in Action

**Read the article about a successful football club and choose the correct answers.**

### A football fairy-tale come true

The 2015–2016 Premier League football season was full of surprises, not least of which was its unlikely winner. Leicester City, a club which had hit (1) ___ in 2014 finishing in fourteenth place, found itself (2) ___ of the league one year later and went on to win the title. It was an unbelievable (3) ___ which its supporters could never in their (4) ___ dreams have imagined.

At the beginning of the season, bookmakers' odds of 5,000 to 1 on Leicester City go to show how far out of the (5) ___ they were expected to be. Commentators, fans and sports experts had all but written the team (6) ___. But under the leadership of their new manager, Claudio Ranieri, the team went from (7) ___ during the season and finally lifted the cup for the first time in their club's history.

This huge (8) ___ proves that with courage, hard work and a little bit of luck, even the lowliest team can come out on top.

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | a | top marks | b | the ground | c | the roof | d | rock bottom |
| 2 | a | top | b | summit | c | peak | d | head |
| 3 | a | turnover | b | turn-off | c | turn-up | d | turnaround |
| 4 | a | maddest | b | strongest | c | wildest | d | most intense |
| 5 | a | training | b | running | c | driving | d | racing |
| 6 | a | off | b | out | c | over | d | through |
| 7 | a | A to B | b | bad to worse | c | cover to cover | d | strength to strength |
| 8 | a | credit | b | fulfilment | c | accomplishment | d | prestige |

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