

*Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct answer to each of the following questions.*

**Question 1:** He tries to \_\_\_\_\_ himself with everyone by paying them compliments.

- A. gratify                      B. please                      C. ingratiate                      D. commend

**Question 2:** As he made no \_\_\_\_\_ to our quarrel, I assumed he had forgiven me.

- A. statement                      B. mention                      C. reference                      D. comment.

**Question 3:** It was found that he lacked the \_\_\_\_\_ to pursue a difficult task to the very end.

- A. persuasion                      B. commitment                      C. engagement                      D. obligation

**Question 4:** The newspaper did not mention the \_\_\_\_\_ of the damage caused by the fire.

- A. range                      B. extent                      C. amount                      D. quality

**Question 5:** Frankly, I'd rather you \_\_\_\_\_ anything about it for the time being.

- A. don't do                      B. hadn't done                      C. didn't do                      D. haven't done

**Question 6:** Since they aren't answering their telephone, they \_\_\_\_\_

- A. must have left                      B. should have left                      C. need have left                      D. can have left

**Question 7:** He can not \_\_\_\_\_ ignorance as his excuse; he should have known what was happening in his own department.

- A. insist                      B. plead                      C. refer                      D. defend

**Question 8:** I was angry when you saw me because I \_\_\_\_\_ with my sister.

- A. have been arguing                      B. had been arguing  
C. argued                      D. would argue

**Question 9:** Luckily, I \_\_\_\_\_ a new pair of sunglasses as I found mine at the bottom of a bag

- A. needn't have bought                      B. needed not to buy

C. didn't need to buy

D. hadn't to buy

**Question 10:** The book would have been perfect \_\_\_\_\_ the ending.

A. had it not been for

B. it had not been for

C. it hadn't been for

D. hadn't it been for.

**Question 11:** I'm \_\_\_\_\_ my brother is.

A. nowhere like so ambitious

B. nothing near as ambitious as

C. nothing as ambitious than

D. nowhere near as ambitious as

**Question 12:** \_\_\_\_\_ I'd like to help you out, I'm afraid I just haven't got any spare money at the moment.

A. Even

B. Despite

C. Much as

D. Try as

**Question 13:** Hardly \_\_\_\_\_ of the paintings at the gallery were for sale

A. none

B. few

C. some

D. any

**Question 14:** Mr. Nixon refused to answer the questions on the \_\_\_\_\_ that the matter was confidential.

A. reasons

B. excuses

C. grounds

D. foundation

**Question 15:** William is an authority \_\_\_\_\_ medieval tapestries

A. on

B. with

C. about

D. in

**Question 16:** They attempted to \_\_\_\_\_ the painting to its original condition.

A. restore

B. renovate

C. repair

D. refurbish

**Question 17:** Jane's very modest, always \_\_\_\_\_ her success.

A. playing down

B. . turning around

C. keeping down

D. pushing back

**Question 18:** I feel \_\_\_\_\_ to inform the committee that a number of members are very unhappy with the decision.

A. my duty

B. it my duty

C. this my duty

D. that my duty

**Question 19:** I'm sure when you've stopped looking for your keys, they'll \_\_\_\_\_ up somewhere.

- A. take                      B. look                      C. turn                      D. pull

**Question 20:** It's very easy to \_\_\_\_\_ over when the snow is hard.

- A. slide                      B. skid                      C. skate                      D. slip

**Question 21:** All things \_\_\_\_\_, he is the best president we are likely to get.

- A. considered              B. thought                      C. taken                      D. added

**Question 22:** Check the bottles carefully to make sure they have not been \_\_\_\_\_

- A. broken into              B. taken out                      C. touched up                      D. tampered with

**Question 23:** Do you think Ms. Brown will \_\_\_\_\_ for Parliament in the next election?

- A. run                      B. walk                      C. sit                      D. stand

**Question 24:** Nearly all of the reporters \_\_\_\_\_ the press conference had questions \_\_\_\_\_

- A. attend / asked                      B. attended / to ask  
C. attending / to ask                      . would attend / to be asked

**Question 25:** The general public \_\_\_\_\_ a large number of computers now, because prices are beginning to decrease.

- A. must buy                      B. must be buying                      C. must have bought                      D. must bought

**Question 26:** I'm worried about \_\_\_\_\_ on so much work.

- A. she taking                      B. she takes                      C. her to take                      D. her taking

**Question 27:** - Hieroglyphics \_\_\_\_\_ on the walls of caves provide scientists with important details on prehistoric man.

- A. Painted                      B. were painted                      C. have been painted                      D. that they painted

**Question 28:** If you \_\_\_\_\_ Peter, could you tell him to ring me up?

- A. come into                      B. come over                      C. come across                      D. come back