

GRAMMAR AND VOCABULARY 8

Exercise 1. Choose the best option A, B, C, or D to complete the following sentences and write your answers in the corresponding numbered boxes.

1. Several hundred people have signed the petition to put a _____ to the nuclear test in the region.
A. stop B. finish C. break D. cease
2. There is little doubt that homicides still continue to be a _____ question in a number of countries.
A. obstructing B. nagging C. burdening D. contending
3. I was awfully tired. However, I made up my mind to _____ myself to the tedious task once again.
A. involve B. absorb C. engross D. apply
4. Why do you always ask me a favour when I have got my _____ full?
A. palms B. brains C. hands D. arms
5. She summed up Henry's achievements in a few _____ phrases.
A. felicitous B. utilitarian C. loquacious D. ominous
6. _____ account should you leave the building without notifying a member of staff.
A. Of little B. Of no C. Not on any D. Not on your
7. When he found out that he had been rejected, he cut up _____.
A. raw B. rough C. loose D. harsh
8. The demonstrators asked the _____ to join in the demonstration.
A. witnesses B. sightseers C. onlookers D. viewers
9. Frank said his brand new Ferrari could do 250 kph and Tony, not to be _____, claimed his Porsche could drive at 300 kph.
A. overridden B. outdone C. downgraded D. outspoken
10. It isn't easy to obtain admission to this university, to say _____ of the costs you have to incur.
A. but a few B. nothing more C. not so much D. only a little
11. I think it was completely thoughtless of you to have turned your _____ on the friends asking for your help.
A. fist B. neck C. head D. back
12. I know you don't like Ernest very much, but still you have to _____ it to him that he is conscientious worker.
A. return B. hand C. award D. admit
13. After the break-up, her mood _____ between hope and despair.
A. transfixed B. radiated C. emanated D. vacillated
14. The burglar's presence was betrayed by a _____ floorboard.
A. crackling B. crunching C. groaning D. creaking
15. There is a pressing need to make some rarefied subjects of research intelligible to those living beyond the _____ tower.
A. ivory B. silver C. diamond D. golden
16. Desirous of achieving promotion, she set aside all her personal plans and entered a sixmonth _____ course.
A. retraining B. reskill C. refresher D. reconstruction
17. We can't apply the same theory to this situation – it is _____ opposite to the one we encountered last month.
A. diabolically B. diagonally C. diametrically D. diachronically
18. After the earthquake, the entrance hall was turned into a _____ casualty ward.
A. mainstay B. makeshift C. piecework D. wayside
19. She was on her _____ throughout the interview because she didn't want to say anything stupid.
A. defence B. lookout C. caution D. guard
20. – So, are you going to buy that flat or not?
– I'm not sure yet. I'm _____ about it. "
A. between two minds B. between two tools C. in two minds D. in two ideas

Exercise 2. For questions 26-45, choose one of the words marked A, B, C, or D which best completes each of the following sentences. Write your answers in the corresponding numbered boxes.

26. If you are _____ with your goods, contact us within ten days of receipt, and we shall arrange collection and refund your money in full.
 A. not completely satisfied B. not completely satisfying
 C. not completely satisfactory D. not satisfied completely
27. "Can you come away with me for the weekend?"
 "I can't as I'm decorating the kitchen. _____, my mother is ill."
 A. Even so B. All the same C. After all D. On top of that
28. Would you please leave us details of your address _____ forwarding any of your mail to come?
 A. for the purpose of B. as a consequence of
 C. for the sake of D. by means of
29. Nobel Prize winner author J.M. Coetzee has been called "the new Kafka", as he writes about _____ sense of individual dislocation _____ Franz Kafka did.
 A. not only - but also B. more - than C. both - and D. the same - as
30. It is believed that _____ students will pass the exam with flying colors.
 A. each and every B. each one of the C. all of D. every
31. _____ films about writers are so dull is that writers don't dress up to practice their craft.
 A. Everybody says B. It is often claimed
 C. One of the reasons D. Because
32. The chemicals spilled over the road and left drivers _____ for breath.
 A. suffocating B. gasping C. inhaling D. prohibiting
33. 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
34. U.S. aquacultural production comprises _____ food fish, ornamental fish, baitfish, mollusks, crustaceans, aquatic plants, algae, and some reptiles.
 A. the producing B. produce C. is producing D. the production of
35. The early railroads were _____ the existing arteries of transportation: roads, turnpikes, canals, and other waterways.
 A. those short lines connected B. short lines that connected
 C. connected by short lines D. short connecting lines
36. The school drama club is _____ a play for the school's anniversary, which is due to take place next month.
 A. turning up B. making off C. putting on D. bringing down
37. For busy people in today's society, lifestyle management is gaining _____.
 A. points B. ground C. speed D. terrain
38. She tried to _____ Tom's importance to the company in order to gain a promotion for herself.
 A. diminish B. shrink C. dwindle D. reduce
39. He may appear to be _____ but in fact he's a compulsive liar.
 A. authentic B. genuine C. natural D. real
40. The damp has _____ his death; he's got rheumatism.
 A. affected B. influenced C. swayed D. impressed
41. Until your finances are in the _____, it's not a good idea to take out a loan.
 A. credit B. funds C. profit D. black
42. The shopping center was built surrounded by a vast _____ of concrete for parking.
 A. scope B. field C. extent D. range
43. There was a _____ debate about the Middle East, then they moved to a vote.
 A. lively B. flexible C. main D. nimble
44. Aware that his pension will be small, he _____ a part of his salary for his old age.

- A. sets apart B. sets aside C. puts up D. puts apart
 45. People who are overweight _____ a risk of a heart attack or stroke.
 A. bear B. suffer C. make D. run

Exercise 3. Choose the best option A, B, C, or D to complete the following sentences and write your answers in the corresponding numbered boxes.

1. My teacher advises me to juice _____ my presentation with more colorful illustrations.
 A. down B. up C. over D. off
2. Every Christmas of my childhood was the same. My father _____ late for lunch, weighed down with presents for the family.
 A. would arrive B. had arrived
 C. was arriving D. was used to arriving
3. Jack: Did you know Jim's car broke down on the highway late at night?
 Jane: Unfortunately, that's a situation anyone _____.
 A. might have to confront with B. might be confronted with
 C. might be confronted D. might have been confronted
4. I don't like the way that Jack is always trying to _____ trouble between us.
 A. dish out B. rub up C. stir up D. spark out
5. It's time _____ so extravagant and started being a bit thriftier.
 A. you will stop being B. you had stopped being
 C. you stopped being D. you don't be
6. _____ you've filled in the forms correctly, you shouldn't have a problem opening a new account.
 A. Unless B. Provided that C. But for D. Supposing
7. _____ she had no experience, they left her to her own devices.
 A. Despite the fact that B. However C. While D. Nevertheless
8. The different colors of _____ the different temperatures of the stars' surfaces.
 A. the stars indicate B. indicating stars
 C. the indication that the stars D. stars indicating that
9. Only a few sounds produced by insects are heard by humans _____ most of the sounds are pitched either too low or too high.
 A. in spite of B. because C. as a result of D. instead of
10. Mathematics helps meteorologists to predict the weather more accurately, to calculate the speed of storms, and _____.
 A. for the wind to blow determines B. causes the wind blowing to determine
 C. to determine what causes the wind to blow D. determine the wind's blowing
11. Would passengers please _____ from using any electronic equipment until the plane is airborne?
 A. refer B. resist C. restrain D. refrain
12. If you want to solve the problem forever, you must face a difficulty or danger boldly, that is, you must _____.
 A. pull the bull's horns B. take the bull by horns
 C. blow your own horn D. be on the horns of a dilemma
13. The international conference of the Cardiological Association has been _____ in Cairo to discuss the revolutionary discovery of doctor Gonzales from Mexico.
 A. deployed B. collected C. mobilized D. summoned
14. If she wins the prize again this year, it'll be a real _____ in her cap.
 A. nutshell B. gemstone C. feather D. landmark
15. When times are good, people can spend freely, but during bad times we have to _____ our spending.
 A. multiple B. disperse C. curtail D. obstinate
16. The manager hesitated to assign the job to the newcomer as he was _____.
 A. wet behind the ears B. feeling your ears burning
 C. ringing in your ears D. keeping your ears open

17. It is important to set goals to strive for in life; however, make sure they are attainable, otherwise they are nothing more than just _____ dreams.

- A. pipe B. cloud C. drain D. tube

18. With just a little preparation and regular feeding and watering, you can guarantee that you have a _____ of colour throughout the summer.

- A. disturbance B. riot C. demonstration D. rally

19. With a wide range of qualifications and a wealth of experience, Rosa is _____ the most suitable candidate.

- A. haphazardly B. begrudgingly C. indubitably D. jovially

20. Working night shifts at the weekend is _____ of any job in hospitality.

- A. cut and thrust B. ebb and flow C. nuts and bolts D. part and parcel

Exercise 4. Choose the best answer (A, B, C or D) to complete each sentence below.

1. She used her weekly column in the local newspaper as a _____ for her political views.

- A. means B. vehicle C. vessel D. passage

2. _____ to have stolen credit cards, he has been investigated for days.

- A. Suspecting B. Having suspected C. Suspected D. To be suspected

3. _____ as taste is really a composite sense made up of both taste and smell.

- A. That we refer to B. What we refer to
C. To which we refer D. What do we refer to

4. Writing rhymes for birthday cards is really easy. It's money for old _____.

- A. boot B. rubbish C. bread D. rope

5. We all decreed that _____.

- A. there be an end to their quarrel B. their quarrel should put an end to
C. they ended their quarrel then D. their quarrel be coming to an end.

6. The chairman quickly _____ rumours that he was planning to resign.

- A. dispelled B. repelled C. expelled D. compelled

7. **John:** "It's a public holiday, so everything will be closed." - **Alice:** "_____."

- A. So far, so good B. Mmm, that figures C. Forget it D. That's an idea

8. The company is looking for a person having a(n) _____ knowledge of the Asian market.

- A. intimate B. detail C. undivided D. whole

9. If she spent five years in Paris, _____ her French is so bad?

- A. any old how B. any how C. how on earth D. how come

10. On the island _____ the only representation of the islands' handicraft.

- A. remains B. does it remain C. did it remain D. remain it

11. Their children have been working their _____ to the bone so they need to take a vacation this year.

- A. fingers B. arms C. brains D. nails

12. I _____ him that he wasn't telling the truth but he insisted he was.

- A. brought it up B. laid it off C. set it on D. put it to

13. She's such a _____ of strength that everyone relies on her in a crisis.

- A. tower B. pillar C. post D. support

14. It is far too easy to lay the blame _____ on the shoulders of the management.

- A. flatly B. willingly C. squarely D. perfectly

15. Going to the unemployment office and having to wait there for hours is a _____ experience.

- A. soul-destroying B. heart-stopping C. power-sharing D. thought-provoking

16. _____ a language family is a group of languages with a common origin and similar vocabulary, grammar, and sound systems.

- A. Linguists call it B. It is called by linguists
C. What linguists call D. What do linguists call

17. I've yet _____ a person as Theo.

- A. to meet as infuriating B. to have met such infuriating
C. been meeting as infuriating D. been meeting such infuriating

18. It seems too good to be true. Are you sure this guy's on the _____?
 A. flat B. wagon C. level D. town
19. I am fully prepared for my interview and I am confident that I can answer any questions they may care to _____ me.
 A. throw at B. drop on C. slide to D. roll to
20. Who needs more than the _____ necessities of life?
 A. plain B. pure C. bare D. sole

Exercise 5. Choose one of the words marked A, B, C, or D which best completes the sentence.

1. On his desk _____, which he usually sits in front of and looks at.
 A. stood the picture of us B. the picture of us stands
 C. standing the picture of us D. stands the picture of us
2. Last weekend, _____ nothing to watch on TV, we played chess together.
 A. there being B. there having C. having had D. being
3. Here _____ from Rangoon
 A. is an interesting news B. is an interesting item of news
 C. are interesting news D. are some interesting news item
4. However good Schoenberg _____ have been, I still find his modern music very difficult to appreciate.
 A. could B. may C. should D. would
5. the phone rang later that night did Anna remember the appointment
 A. No sooner B. Only C. Not until D. Just before
6. Don't _____ to any conclusions before you know the full facts.
 A. rush B. dive C. leap D. fly
7. Mr Smith was talking to his friends and _____
 A. on a perch beside him sat a blue parrot
 B. on a perch beside him did a blue parrot sit
 C. did a blue parrot sit on a perch beside him
 D. a blue parrot did on a perch beside him sit
8. I was told yesterday that the car had been fixed but it's broken down _____ again!
 A. even B. still C. yet D. right
9. Had the electrician not come in time, we would _____ last night's party by candlelight.
 A. have to have B. have to be having
 C. have had to have had D. have had to have been having
10. It is difficult to decide on the best of action in these circumstances.
 A. measure B. course C. process D. policy
11. There was a terrible storm on the night we first stayed at the campsite but we were alright without tent and were as dry as a.....
 A. bone B. cover C. coat D. sheet
12. Jeremy's friends were fond of him because of his generosity.
 A. at least B. still less C. even less D. not least
13. The thick fog out any possibility of our plane taking off before morning
 A. ruled B. struck C. stamped D. crossed
14. Looking down at the coral reef, we saw of tiny, multi-coloured fish.
 A. swarms B. flocks C. teams D. shoals
15. Of all the paintings in the gallery, it was this one that really my eye.
 A. grasped B. snatched C. caught D. seized
16. The community should take the doctor's advice into consideration since he's in _____ earnest about the epidemic.
 A. mortally B. fatally C. deadly D. gravely
17. We might have to change our plans for the weekend and, we'll let you know as soon as possible.
 A. in case B. if so C. providing D. supposing
18. After feeling off for days, Tom finally went to see his doctor.

A. food B. colour C. fitness D. balance

19. There was..... evidence to bring charges against the man.

A. insubstantial B. inferior C. ineffective D. insufficient

20. The size of the pop-star's personal fortune was the subject of much in the press.

A. doubt B. guessing C. speculation D. wonderment

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