

Part 1. Word formation

Complete each sentence with the correct form of the word in brackets. Some sentences require negative prefixes or more advanced word forms.

1. To everyone's _____, the singer who had received little attention from the media won the competition. (SURPRISE)
2. The judges were _____ impressed by the contestant's ability to perform several musical styles. (SURPRISE)
3. After careful _____, the organisers decided to postpone the final round until the following week. (DECIDE)
4. Although she is extremely talented, her _____ sometimes prevents her from making important career choices. (DECIDE)
5. All participants must obtain their parents' _____ before appearing on the live television programme. (PERMIT)
6. The music industry has become increasingly _____, making it difficult for young artists to gain recognition. (COMPETE)
7. The singer's voice was so distinctive that her fans could recognise it almost _____. (IDENTIFY)
8. The organisers were criticised for the unfair _____ of several talented contestants from the competition. (ELIMINATE)
9. The _____ of online voting has made it easier for international audiences to support their favourite performers. (DEVELOP)
10. The judges disagreed strongly, and their _____ continued even after the programme had ended. (ARGUE)
11. Despite the singer's popularity, the final result was rather _____ because another contestant received significantly more votes. (EXPECT)
12. The judges gave a _____ assessment of each contestant's vocal ability and stage presence. (FAVOUR)
13. The contestant performed so _____ that even the most critical judges were impressed. (CONFIDENCE)
14. The organisers must ensure that the voting process is fair, transparent and free from any form of _____. (FAVOUR)
15. The singer's career has developed _____ since she won the national competition three years ago. (REMARK)

Part 2. Multiple choice

Choose the best answer A, B, C or D.

16. The performance was so monotonous that several audience members struggled to stay awake, and some eventually _____.
- A. fell asleep B. slept out C. went sleeping D. made asleep
17. After weeks of discussion, the band decided _____ its concert rather than cancel it completely.
- A. delaying B. to delay C. delay D. to delaying
18. The organisers do not allow contestants _____ their mobile phones while the judges are announcing the results.
- A. use B. using C. to use D. used
19. Only those who demonstrate exceptional talent will be selected to _____ to the semi-final stage.
- A. go on B. take up C. put off D. turn down
20. The contestant was eliminated _____ the competition despite receiving positive feedback from the judges.
- A. with B. at C. from D. over
21. The judges' comments are particularly valuable because they can help contestants identify areas _____ improvement.
- A. at B. for C. on D. with
22. Not everyone is in favour _____ the audience having complete control over the final result.
- A. to B. with C. for D. of
23. The singer's unexpected victory took both the judges and the audience _____ surprise.
- A. by B. with C. in D. at
24. The two judges had such contrasting opinions that their discussion developed _____ a heated argument.
- A. at B. into C. for D. with
25. The competition is intended not only to discover talented singers _____ to help them build sustainable careers.
- A. but also B. as well C. and also D. rather than
26. Had the contestant received more votes, she _____ through to the final round.
- A. would go B. will have gone C. would have gone D. had gone
27. The organisers had the final performance _____ because several technical problems occurred backstage.
- A. postpone B. postponed C. postponing D. to postpone

28. The singer, _____ performance received the highest score, was invited to appear on another television programme.

- A. who B. whom C. whose D. which

29. The judges recommended that the contestant _____ more time practising before the next round.

- A. spends B. spent C. spend D. spending

30. The more experience performers gain, _____ they become at handling pressure on stage.

- A. the more confident B. more confident C. the most confident D. the more confidently