

## A Choose the correct answer.

### Criticism

It can (1) ..... a long time to become successful in your chosen field, however (2) ..... you are. One thing you have to be (3) ..... of is that you will face criticism along the way. The world is (4) ..... of people who would rather say something negative than positive. If you've made up your (5) ..... to achieve a certain goal, such as writing a novel, don't let the negative criticism of others (6) ..... you from reaching your target, and let constructive criticism have a positive (7) ..... on your work. If someone says you're totally (8) ..... in talent, ignore them. That's negative criticism. If, however, someone (9) ..... you to revise your work and gives you good reasons for doing so, you should (10) ..... their suggestions carefully. There are many film stars who were once out of (11) ..... . There are many famous novelists who made a complete (12) ..... of their first novel – or who didn't, but had to (13) ..... approaching hundreds of publishers before they could get it published. Being successful does (14) ..... on luck, to a certain extent. But things are more likely to (15) ..... well if you persevere and stay positive.

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| <b>1</b>  | A be          | B have      | C take        | D do           |
| <b>2</b>  | A talented    | B invested  | C mixed       | D workable     |
| <b>3</b>  | A alert       | B clever    | C intelligent | D aware        |
| <b>4</b>  | A overflowing | B full      | C filled      | D packed       |
| <b>5</b>  | A mind        | B brain     | C thought     | D idea         |
| <b>6</b>  | A cease       | B remove    | C avoid       | D prevent      |
| <b>7</b>  | A outcome     | B result    | C effect      | D consequence  |
| <b>8</b>  | A lacking     | B short     | C missing     | D absent       |
| <b>9</b>  | A suggests    | B advises   | C proposes    | D explains     |
| <b>10</b> | A think       | B consider  | C look round  | D take         |
| <b>11</b> | A career      | B business  | C job         | D work         |
| <b>12</b> | A mess        | B rubbish   | C trash       | D garbage      |
| <b>13</b> | A put off     | B bank on   | C keep on     | D drop in on   |
| <b>14</b> | A require     | B need      | C depend      | D trust        |
| <b>15</b> | A turn out    | B come into | C deal with   | D sail through |

**B** Choose the correct answer.

- 16** Ed ..... at the clock and realised he was late for the meeting.  
A glimpsed B observed  
C glanced D watched
- 17** What's the entrance ..... for the outdoor music festival?  
A ticket B fare  
C price D fee
- 18** Don't ..... the potatoes in oil; that's so unhealthy!  
A fry B boil  
C bake D grill
- 22** Living on a farm in the middle of nowhere, ours is about the most ..... lifestyle you can have!  
A urban B suburban  
C rural D municipal
- 23** Will was made ..... three months ago and is still looking for a job.  
A sacked B fired  
C retired D redundant
- 19** I want to take these jeans back because they're too small but I can't find the ..... anywhere.  
A recipe B receipt  
C receiver D reception
- 20** I'll pick up a ..... on the way home and then we won't have to cook.  
A takeaway B fast food  
C delivery D microwave
- 21** Certificates provide proof of your .....  
A qualities B diplomas  
C qualifications D ambitions
- 24** The audience showed their ..... by giving the orchestra a standing ovation.  
A entertainment B review  
C appreciation D audition
- 25** I'd like to speak to the person in ..... , please.  
A charge B responsibility  
C duty D obligation

## Lack of faith in politicians

A recent survey has shown an increase (26) ..... distrust for politicians. They've always been regarded (27) ..... untrustworthy, but now politicians are below estate agents and even lawyers in the public's estimations. A majority of the people who (28) ..... questioned associate politicians (29) ..... an inability to tell (30) ..... truth. They believe they're responsible (31) ..... most of the country's problems, have had a negative effect (32) ..... the country's image abroad, refuse to face (33) ..... to the fact that they cause more problems than they solve and never apologise for (34) ..... made mistakes. The survey, (35) ..... was carried out over a period of three months, also shows that politicians often give the impression (36) ..... being arrogant and only (37) ..... note of what the electorate believe at election time. In (38) ..... of these disturbing findings, people do not believe that (39) ..... is no point in voting at elections. (40) ..... least politicians can take some comfort in that!