

Unit 1: Vocabulary

III. Indicate the correct answer to complete each of the following questions.

1. At his first school, Mark Zuckerberg _____ in all subjects and worked hard throughout his classes.
A. interested B. excelled C. engrossed D. involved
2. His incredible performance during high school _____ him admission to Harvard University.
A. earned B. attained C. resorted D. applied
3. Mother Teresa suffered various health problems, but nothing could _____ her from fulfilling her mission of serving the poor and needy.
A. persuade B. warn C. appoint D. dissuade
4. In 1979, Mother Teresa was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for work undertaken in the _____ to overcome poverty and distress.
A. battle B. struggle C. movement D. proposal
5. At the age of 18, Mother Teresa was _____ permission to join a group of nuns in Ireland.
A. required B. sought C. obtained D. given
6. Nelson Mandela was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1993 for his work in helping to end racial _____ in South Africa.
A. integration B. segregation C. achievement D. exploitation
7. Princess Diana fought for her children on any level so they could reach their full _____ as human beings and in their public duties.
A. requirement B. condition C. capacity D. potential
8. Meeting my favorite celebrity at the airport was certainly a _____ of luck that wouldn't have happened if I'd arrived five minutes later.
A. number B. piece C. stroke D. name
9. Steve Jobs might hardly imagine that only a year later the company _____ impressive victory with Apple II, one of the first highly successful _____ personal computer.
A. attain / mass-produced B. see / mass-produced
C. taste / massive-produced D. achieve / mass-producing
10. Ms. May, 59 years old, is the country's longest-serving home secretary in half a century, with a _____ for seriousness, hard work and above all, determination.
A. fame B. reputation C. achievement D. maintenance
11. Theresa May is one of a growing number of women in traditionally _____ British politics rising to the upper position of leadership.
A. male-dominated B. man-domination C. male-dominating D. man-dominatedly
12. Marilyn Monroe is widely _____ as one of most influential figures in American j culture.
A. classified B. depicted C. admired D. regarded

13. May's sports hero was Geoffrey Boycott, a solid, stubborn cricketer who _____ in playing the long game.
A. qualified B. specialized C. engrossed D. indulged
14. Like many other Britain's prime ministers, May _____ a place at Oxford.
A. admitted B. permitted C. won D. constituted
15. She has been quite critical _____ the media focusing on her fashion instead of her achievement as a politician.
A. with B. for C. of D. in
16. Marilyn Monroe was _____ for Golden Globe Best Actress Award for *Bus Stop* (1956).
A. offered B. nominated C. awarded D. rewarded
17. Marilyn Monroe _____ to a heavy drug use, which had a damaging impact _____ both her mental and physical health.
A. resorted - on B. abused – in C. overexploited - to D. related - for
18. Their family were wealthy but they encouraged their children to work hard and take nothing _____.
A. for sure B. for good C. for granted D. for charge
19. When Bill Gates saw an opportunity to found his own company, he dropped Harvard _____ without finishing his course.
A. into B. by C. around D. out of
20. Despite the pervasive press intrusions into her private life, Princess Diana remained very popular because people could identify _____ her.
A. in B. for C. with D. as
21. Elvis was _____ shy and as a youngster was not keen on performing in public.
A. relatively B. respectively C. virtually D. almost
22. As a teenager, he was uninterested in school - but became _____ in music, listening to a huge _____ of contemporary American music.
A. bored - amount B. reluctant – diversity C. reckless - type D. absorbed - range
23. Elvis Presley was _____ for the idea that rock 'n' roll music was having a negative effect on American teenagers.
A. accused B. convicted C. criticized D. charged
24. If Presley was considered a controversial and a rebellious _____, it just made him more popular with young listeners.
A. creator B. figure C. character D. celebration
25. Darwin was _____ a place on the HMS Beagle to act as a natural scientist on a voyage to the coast of South America.

- A. won B. gained C. offered D. admitted
26. Influenced by the work of Malthus, Darwin came _____ a theory of natural selection and gradual evolution overtime.
- A. off B. into C. out D. up with
27. In the struggle for survival, the fittest win out at the _____ of their rivals because they succeed in adapting themselves best _____ their environment.
- A. expense - to B. cost - for C. expenditure- of D. stake - to
28. Van Gogh played a _____ role in the development of modern art.
- A. worthless B. valueless C. key D. minor
29. Van Gogh was _____ to a lunatic asylum where he would spend time on and I off until his death in 1890.
- A. related B. referred C. adapted D. committed
30. Oprah Winfrey has played a key role in modern American life, shaping cultural _____ and promoting various liberal causes.
- A. values B. trends C. potentials D. prosperity

IV. Indicate the word(s) CLOSEST in meaning to the underlined word(s) in each of the following questions.

1. His early death only cemented his legendary status, and Elvis Presley has become deeply ingrained in popular culture.
- A. engrossed B. indulged C. deep-rooted D. supreme
2. A distinctive feature of Trump's business and real estate ventures has been the prominent use of his own name.
- A. characteristic B. general C. common D. superficial
3. Mother Teresa was a Roman Catholic nun who devoted her life to serving the poor and destitute around the world.
- A. committed B. dedicated C. committed D. attended
4. Marilyn Monroe has become an iconic representative of fame and female beauty.
- A. figure B. image C. typical D. idol
5. Marilyn Monroe was an epitome of sensuality, beauty and effervescence and was naturally photogenic.
- A. frame B. indicator C. instructor D. figure
6. Despite the media often being dismissive of Monroe's potential, her efforts to improve acting paid off.
- A. failed B. broke down C. managed D. met with success
7. Margaret Thatcher was known for her tough uncompromising, conservative political views, and became dubbed as "The Iron Lady".
- A. reserved B. inflexible C. narrow - minded D. compatible

8. He is commonly referred to as the "The King of Rock 'n' Roll" and epitomizes the post-war pop generation.

- A. be representative of B. leads C. elaborates D. expands on

9. Leonardo da Vinci created rare masterpieces of art such as 'The Mona Lisa' and 'The Last Supper.'

- A. worthless works of art B. invaluable property
C. excellent qualifications D. excellent works of art

10. Da Vinci studied all aspects of life and his far-reaching investigations and discoveries sought to show an underlying unity of the universe.

- A. insignificant B. finite C. extensive D. excessive

V. Indicate the word(s) OPPOSITE in meaning to the underlined word(s) in each of the following questions.

1. Da Vinci from an early age began to display his remarkable academic and artistic talents.

- A. striking B. extraordinary C. run-of-the-mill D. exceptional

2. Joachim Lafosse confirms his exceptional talent with "Free Student", a film that is more conventional in its form.

- A. out of the ordinary B. abnormal C. usual D. odd

3. Van Gogh became one of the most celebrated artists of the twentieth century.

- A. admired B. honored C. acclaimed D. obscure

4. Michael stood out for his exceptional enthusiasm and soft, infectious musical voice.

- A. attract attention B. be inconspicuous C. be conspicuous D. stick out a mile

5. In recent years, Madonna has continued to tour, release albums and engage in humanitarian work.

- A. throw oneself into B. become uninvolved in
C. have a hand in D. take part in

6. Henry VIII was equally notorious for his six marriages and several scandalous love affairs.

- A. anonymous B. infamous C. celebrated D. ill-famed

7. The works Da Vinci did finish were often spectacular masterpieces, such as his paintings 'The Last Supper' and 'The Mona Lisa'.

- A. magnificent B. out of this world C. unimpressive D. remarkable

8. The death of Diana princess had a profound impact on the British public and those in other countries.

- A. far-reaching B. superficial C. deep-seated D. heartfelt