

UNIT 9. CHOOSING A CAREER

PART 2: VOCABULARY AND GRAMMAR

I. Complete each sentence using a verb from A (in the correct form) + a word from B. You can use a word more than once.

A. fly	get	go	look	sit	spek	
B. away	by	down	on	out	round	up

1. The bus was full. We couldn't
2. I've been standing for the last two hours. I'm going to for a bit.
3. A cat tried to catch the bird, but it just in time.
4. We were trapped in the building. We couldn't
5. I can't hear you very well. Can you a little?
6. "Do you speak German?" - "Not very well, but I can"
7. The cost of living is higher now. Prices have a lot.
8. I thought there was somebody behind me, but when I, there was nobody there.

II. Use your own ideas to complete the sentences. Use a noun (this newspaper,...) or a pronoun (it/ them/...) + the word in brackets (away/ up/...)

1. Don't _____ throw away _____ this newspaper. I want to keep it. (away)
2. "Do you want this postcard?"
"No, you can _____ throw it away _____." (away)
3. I borrowed these books from the library. I have to take tomorrow. (back)
4. We can turn Nobody is watching it. (off)
5. A: How did the vase get broken?
B: I'm afraid I knocked while I was cleaning. (off)
6. Shh! My mother is asleep. I don't want to wake (up)
7. It's quite cold. You should put if you're going out. (on)
8. It was only a small fire. I was able to put it quite easily. (out)
9. A: Is this hotel more expensive than when we stayed here last year?
B: Yes, they've put (up)
10. It's a bit dark in this room. Shall I turn? (on)

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

1. I consider myself to be trustworthy, responsible and enthusiastic.

A. worthwhile B. talented C. honest D. skilled

2. The experience from an adventurous expedition to a rainforest will **broaden your horizons** and teach you new skills.

A. expand your range of interests and knowledge B. open your views
C. widen your eyes D. be an eye-opener

3. Lucy has just finished her A levels and she has got a place at university, but she would really like a break from the academic world. Therefore, he decides to take **a gap year** and travel around the world!

A. a year off B. a year out C. a year away D. a year's trip

4. Finally, Amy decided to quit her job as she couldn't stand doing the same things day in day out. It's so **monotonous!**

A. easy B. low-paid C. tedious D. secure

5. I am **available** for an interview all afternoons, except on Tuesday because I am doing a computer course to improve my typing skills.

A. willing B. free C. impatient D. longing

6. We want to recruit the brightest and the best. If you think you **fit the bill**, fill in an application form today.

A. are able to pay the bill B. are suitable C. are of the right size D. are excellent

7. As he lived in a small town outside the city, he had to **commute** every day.

A. take a bus to work B. drive to work
C. take a lift to work D. travel a long way to and from work

8. The atmosphere at work was so bad that Brian eventually decided to **hand in his notice**.

A. notify the boss B. apply for another job C. give up his job D. be given a better job

9. My boss has a reputation for **being such a slave-driver!**

A. working overtime B. working excessively hard
C. being slave to work D. making his staff work too hard

10. There are excellent **prospects** for promotion, and you'll know you're doing something to benefit society.

A. opportunities B. likelihoods C. futures D. potentials

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

1. You are expected to ask the **prospective** candidates a technical question to judge their ability.

A. potential B. possible C. aspiring D. former

2. Though many scientific breakthroughs have resulted from **mishaps** it has taken brilliant thinkers to recognize their potential.

A. misunderstandings B. accidents C. incidentals D. misfortunes

3. With many companies having to **downsize** in tough economic times, the outsourcing and contracting of freelance workers online has become common business practice.
- A. take on more staff B. lay off their employees
C. close down their branches D. notify to break down
4. The Internet provides **an infinite pool of** buyers from around the world with whom freelancers can contract their services.
- A. quite a few B. many a C. a wide variety of D. a limited number of
5. Well, I want to go straight to university, but I'm also thinking of applying for a **temporary** job in the summer.
- A. part-time B. full-time C. permanent D. seasonal
6. John was promoted last month for being such a **committed** worker.
- A. dishonest B. irresponsible C. unenthusiastic D. unreliable
7. With so many breakthroughs in robotic science and technology, much **manual work** will soon be taken over by robots.
- A. intellectual work B. physical work C. monotonous work D. dull work
8. I'd go mad if I had to do a **dead-end** job like working on a supermarket checkout.
- A. boring B. monotonous C. fascinating D. demanding
9. He's just so **flexible**. He'll adapt to any situation.
- A. adaptable B. rigid C. intelligent D. autonomous
10. Most, not to say all, of the employers want to look for candidates with **punctuality**, so make sure you make a positive impression on them by showing up on time for the interview.
- A. good time management B. ability to meet deadlines C. being late D. being in time

VII. Find the one choice that best completes the sentence.

1. He ____ all his money, then closed the account.
- A. took out B. took away C. paid in D. paid off
2. He was convicted of using the firm's money to pay ____ his gambling.
- A. in B. off C. back D. towards
3. At the meeting, someone brought ____ the subject pre-school education.
- A. in B. on C. up D. out
4. Whatever your decision, bear in mind that most people change ____ paths up to five times during their lifetime.
- A. occupation B. career C. job D. vocation
5. I got on so well with my tutor ____ I did with my elder brother.

- A. so B. like C. as if D. as
6. It's taking me longer to get ____ the operation than I thought.
A. through B. by C. up from D. over
7. For careers that truly interest you, consider asking each person if you can ____ him or her at work.
A. shadow B. monitor C. follow D. search
8. If you're required to fill out an application form, you'll still need to ____ the best way to present your skills and experience.
A. work out B. come up C. exercise D. make out
9. When the princess kissed the frog, it turned ____ a handsome prince.
A. into B. up C. out D. over
10. I really like Joe's dad but I don't get ____ with his mother at all.
A. out B. by C. on D. through
11. You shouldn't stay at home so much. Get ____ and make new friends.
A. by B. out C. over D. away
12. A fruit that is fully-ripe is an example of a fruit that has reached ____.
A. development B. maturity C. mature D. growth
13. His teenage daughter is driving him crazy. He can't ____ her moods, her music, and her constant demand for money.
A. keep up with B. go on with C. put up with D. put up to
14. It'll take me three years to ____ up enough money to travel round the country.
A. pay B. take C. put D. save
15. As soon as she came ____ after the operation, she asked for a drink of water.
A. across B. up C. round D. under
16. Bary has come ____ some good suggestions for raising the money we need.
A. onto B. up with C. round to D. across with
17. You must walk slowly if you want the children to ____ with.
A. keep up B. go on C. keep on D. come up
18. LinkedIn, a social media, is a great way to ____ your skills and experience.
A. highlight B. attend C. focus D. respect
19. I ____ everything in my bag three times but my keys were nowhere to be found.
A. went out B. went over C. looked for D. looked at
20. Can you remember what to do, or do you want me to go ____ it again?

A. by B. into C. past D. over

21. It was the third time in six months that the bank had been held ____.

A. over B. down C. up D. out

22. Having that accident has brought ____ a complete change in his attitude to other people.

A. in B. about C. up D. out

23. The light from the car ____ as it receded into the distance.

A. faded away B. seeped out C. rolled away D. shone out

24. Don't take my advice if you don't want to. You can do ____ you like.

A. although B. but C. like D. as

25. The president has failed to ____ grips with the two most important social issues of our time.

A. take B. take to C. get D. get to

26. It was so foggy that the climbers couldn't ____ out the nearby shelter.

A. run B. take C. break D. make

27. They are thinking of bringing ____ a law to make cyclists wear helmets.

A. on B. up C. in D. round

28. I take ____ everything I said about Paul. I realize now that it wasn't true.

A. on B. over C. in D. back

29. Although I'd never made a sandwich before, my first attempt turned ____ quite well.

A. over B. up C. out D. into

30. I always run ____ of money before the end of the month.

A. out B. back C. up D. down