

## PHRASAL VERBS AND IDIOMS

### I. Choose the best answer among A, B, C or D which has the same meaning as the given sentences

1. At last he understood. He understood \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. in the end      B. at least      C. lastly      D. at the finish
2. The boys put out the camp fire. The fire wasn't \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. switched on      B. on fire      C. on      D. alight
3. They had run away, so they had \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. dismissed      B. disturbed      C. displaced      D. disappeared
4. The police wanted Tom to call at the station. They wanted him to call them \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. at      B. in      C. on      D. up
5. No one could account for it. They couldn't \_\_\_\_\_ it.  
A. explain      B. estimate      C. interpret      D. describe
6. Where did they \_\_\_\_\_?  
A. it put up      B. their tent put up      C. put up it      D. put their tent up
7. The writer got on the bus but he didn't know where to \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. get down      B. get off      C. get out of      D. get over
8. I paid him a visit. I \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. visited him      B. made him a visit      C. did him a visit      D. paid for a visit
9. Firemen have put out the fire. They have \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. controlled it      B. checked it      C. extinguished it      D. turned it off
10. They discovered the cause of the fire accidentally. They discovered it \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. by chance      B. chancily      C. fortunately      D. luckily
11. Two men took the parcel off the plane. They \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. took off it      B. it took off      C. took off      D. took it off
12. Peter must pay the money back. He must \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. pay it again      B. pay it      C. repay it      D. pay it once more
13. He will take part in a race. He will \_\_\_\_\_ in it.  
A. be      B. take place      C. act      D. do
14. At present they are visiting all parts of the country. They are doing this \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. now      B. for a short time      C. in future      D. all the time
15. On the way, a young man waved to me; this happened \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. before the writer's journey      B. during the writer's journey  
C. after the writer's journey      D. a long time ago
16. I looked for my bag. I \_\_\_\_\_ it.  
A. tried to look after      B. tried to look at      C. tried to find      D. tried to see
17. He gave it back to me. He \_\_\_\_\_ to me.  
A. turned it it      B. returned it      C. turned it back      D. turned it round
18. "What a pity!" Susan exclaimed. Susan was \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. pleased      B. glad      C. sorry      D. amused

19. Can I return these tickets? I want to \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. give them back      B. give them in      C. give them up      D. give them up

20. You must give up fishing. You must \_\_\_\_ fishing.  
 A. stop      B. begin      C. surrender      D. end

**II. Choose the best answer among A, B, C or D.**

1. They had made a mistake. They had been \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. mistake      B. correct      C. right      D. wrong

2. He is the manager of the factory. He's \_\_\_\_ it.  
 A. charged it      B. in charge      C. charge      D. in charge of

3. The operation lasted for over four hours. That's how long it \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. went      B. went on      C. went over      D. went off

4. He had a bad temper. He was in a bad \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. spirit      B. mood      C. feeling      D. disposition

5. They made no effort to hide their amusement. They \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. didn't try to      B. didn't afford to      C. couldn't afford to      D. didn't have a trial

6. I produced a packet of sweets from my pocket. I took one \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. off      B. out      C. out of      D. from

7. She would take charge of me. She was \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. dutiful      B. commanding      C. charging      D. responsible

8. She told us to keep calm. She told us not to be \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. nervous      B. angry      C. irritated      D. annoyed

9. He knocked him down with a sharp blow. He \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. beat him      B. blew him over      C. knocked him      D. struck him

10. The policeman lost his temper. He \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. got nervous      B. was in a bad mood      C. lost his nerve      D. was in bad humour

11. I decided to visit a fortune-teller. That's what I \_\_\_\_ to do.  
 A. made up      B. made up my mind      C. minded      D. cared

12. This is an experiment. The astronauts will be trying something \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. on      B. out      C. in      D. with

13. A plan was put forward by David. He \_\_\_\_ it.  
 A. suggested      B. intended      C. aimed at      D. planned

14. The British feared invasion. They were \_\_\_\_ it.  
 A. in favour of      B. afraid of      C. happy about      D. ready for

15. He set off down the main street. He \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. ran      B. walked      C. rode      D. started his journey

16. Jumbo was holding up the traffic. He had \_\_\_\_ cars.  
 A. picked up some      B. sat on some      C. stopped the      D. held on to the

17. The police let him off. They \_\_\_\_ him.  
 A. allowed      B. permitted      C. didn't arrest      D. didn't finish

18. He may eventually get across the Channel. He may do this \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A.      B.      C.      D.

A. next      B. after      C. finally      D. even

19. The clock was erected after 1834. That's when it was put \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. in      B. up      C. off      D. down

20. He set up a new world record. He \_\_\_\_\_ a new record.  
A. did      B. played      C. created      D. found

**III. Choose the best answer among A, B, C or D.**

1. I call you \_\_\_\_\_ as soon as I can.  
A. back      B. off      C. away      D. out

2. The promoters called the concert \_\_\_\_\_ because the singer had a sore throat.  
A. away      B. up      C. off      D. with

3. He called \_\_\_\_\_ his girlfriend to talk to her.  
A. up      B. at      C. in      D. off

4. She checked each item \_\_\_\_\_ as she did her inventory.  
A. up      B. off      C. away      D. with

5. Let's check our hotel room \_\_\_\_\_ before we pay for it.  
A. out      B. away      C. up      D. off

6. He lost the tennis match, so we will try to cheer him \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. off      B. away      C. on      D. up

7. Clean all the countertops \_\_\_\_\_ before you leave the kitchen.  
A. out      B. off      C. away      D. about

8. Did you clear \_\_\_\_\_ your desk drawers before you moved to your new office?  
A. up      B. off      C. out      D. at

9. She cleaned \_\_\_\_\_ all the food she spilled onto the floor.  
A. up      B. out      C. of      D. away

10. He will cross \_\_\_\_\_ each item as it is depleted.  
A. away      B. off      C. up      D. with

11. He asked her \_\_\_\_\_, but she didn't have time to visit him just then.  
A. out      B. about      C. in      D. on

12. The mechanic broke the engine \_\_\_\_\_ its many components.  
A. up into      B. into      C. down into      D. off into

13. He backed the truck \_\_\_\_\_ the edge of the cliff.  
A. away from      B. out from      C. from away      D. from off

14. He asked her \_\_\_\_\_, but she said she already had a boyfriend.  
A. on      B. out      C. off      D. in

15. The police backed the angry crowd \_\_\_\_\_ with their horses and bullhorns.  
A. off      B. away      C. out      D. up

16. The couple broke \_\_\_\_\_ their engagement after they had a huge argument.  
A. up      B. over      C. off      D. away

17. The owner broke \_\_\_\_\_ the team by trading its best players to other teams.  
A. off      B. up      C. in      D. out

18. The new major will bring \_\_\_\_\_ a change in local government policies.  
A. with                    B. out                    C. up                    . about

19. Many people wish that they could bring the good old days \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. on                    B. back                    C. in                    D. up

20. Parents bring \_\_\_\_\_ their kids the best way they know how.  
A. off                    B. up                    C. about                    D. with