

**Question 1** [151979]: The police were baffled by the attack as there seemed to be no apparent \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. design                      B. principle                      C. motive                      D. plot

**Question 2** [152207]: If you want to be sure of receiving a copy of the magazine, I suggest you \_\_\_\_\_ an annual subscription.

- A. put down                      B. take out                      C. write off                      D. send up

**Question 3** [152208]: After feeling off \_\_\_\_\_ for days, Tom finally went to see his doctor.

- A. food                      B. color                      C. fitness                      D. balance

**Question 4** [152209]: You should \_\_\_\_\_ at least three days for the journey.

- A. allow                      B. accept                      C. admit                      D. agree

**Question 5** [152210]: There was \_\_\_\_\_ evidence to bring charges against the man.

- A. insubstantial                      B. inferior                      C. ineffective                      D. insufficient

**Question 6** [152211]: The runner got a huge blister on his heel where his new shoes \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. scratched                      B. rubbed                      C. scraped                      D. gripped

**Question 7** [152212]: The size of the pop-star's personal fortune was the subject of much \_\_\_\_\_ in the press.

- A. doubt                      B. guessing                      C. speculation                      D. wonderment

**Question 8** [152213]: Jeremy's friends were fond of him \_\_\_\_\_ because of his generosity.

- A. at least                      B. still less                      C. even less                      D. not least

**Question 9** [152249]: The thick fog \_\_\_\_\_ out any possibility of our plane taking off before morning.

- A. ruled                      B. struck                      C. stamped                      D. crossed

**Question 10** [152250]: Looking down at the coral reef, we saw \_\_\_\_\_ of tiny, multi-colored fish.

- A. swarms      B. flocks      C. teams      D. shoals

**Question 11** [152251]: Of all the paintings in the gallery, it was this one that really \_\_\_\_\_ my eye.

- A. grasped      B. snatched      C. caught      D. seized

**Question 12** [152252]: She had made a firm decision and wasn't \_\_\_\_\_ by anything I said against it.

- A. detracted      B. prevailed      C. induced      D. swayed

**Question 13** [152253]: All the applicants for the post are thoroughly \_\_\_\_\_ for their suitability.

- A. searched      B. investigated      C. vetted      D. scrutinized

**Question 14** [152254]: I was reluctant to \_\_\_\_\_ the subject because I thought he wouldn't want to discuss it.

- A. raise      B. originate      C. advance      D. provoke

**Question 15** [152255]: My attempts to solve the problem only \_\_\_\_\_ to make it worse.

- A. contributed      B. functioned      C. served      D. attained

**Question 16** [152256]: Can you tell me the \_\_\_\_\_ of these shoes?

- A. charge      B. price      C. amount      D. expense

**Question 17** [152257]: It is too early in the \_\_\_\_\_ to expect many visitors to the town.

- A. term      B. season      C. time      D. calendar

**Question 18** [152258]: She took up so many hobbies when she retired that she had hardly any time \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. on her hands      B. in hand      C. at her hand      D. at hand

**Question 19** [152259]: Please leave this space \_\_\_\_\_ on the enrolment form.

- A. absent      B. blank      C. missing      D. undone

**Question 20** [152260]: After the flash flood, all the drains were overflowing \_\_\_\_\_ storm water.

- A. from      B. with      C. by      D. for



**Question 21** [152261]: I would like to \_\_\_\_\_ Mr Fukuyama to present the trophy to the victorious team.

- A. call over      B. call out      C. call upon      D. call up

**Question 22** [152262]: My neighbor is \_\_\_\_\_; he is always showing that he never cares about his bad behavior.

- A. grim-faced      B. faceless      C. face-saving      D. barefaced

**Question 23** [152263]: The teacher doled \_\_\_\_\_ the chocolates to his students for having done well in the examinations.

- A. off      B. on      C. out      D. away

**Question 24** [152264]: He kept his marriage a secret for years, but eventually the truth \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. came out      B. came through      C. went out      D. turned out

**Question 25** [152265]: "I call \_\_\_\_\_ you at 6 o'clock," said James.

- A. by      B. up      C. for      D. in

**Question 26** [152266]: Ellen decided that election to the local council would provide a \_\_\_\_\_ to a career in national politics.

- A. springboard      B. turning-point      C. milestone      D. highway

**Question 27** [152267]: If you want a good flat in London, you have to pay through the \_\_\_\_\_ for it.

- A. month      B. car      C. nose      D. teeth

**Question 28** [152268]: Employees who have a \_\_\_\_\_ are encouraged to discuss it with the management.

- A. hindrance      B. disturbance      C. disadvantage      D. grievance

**Question 29** [152269]: William was as \_\_\_\_\_ as a cucumber when the harsh punishment was meted out to him by the judge.

- A. cool      B. cold      C. placid      D. impassive

**Question 30** [152270]: \_\_\_\_\_ of the financial crisis, all they could do was hold on and hope that things would improve.

- A. At the bottom      B. At the height      C. On the top      D. In the end