

For questions below, read the sentences below and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap. Write A, B, C or D in the spaces provided. Please use CAPITAL LETTERS.

- 14 I don't believe for a moment that if you play that record backwards, you'll hear a \_\_\_\_\_ message in the background.  
**A** telepathic                      **B** subliminal                      **C** subsiding      **D** sublingual
- 15 Aunt Doris has always been a bit of a hoarder but when we realised just how much \_\_\_\_\_ she had accumulated of late, even we were shocked.  
**A** chaos                      **B** confusion                      **C** muddle                      **D** clutter
- 16 He's always been a \_\_\_\_\_, so we weren't at all surprised when he decided to buck the system and do his own thing.  
**A** nonconformist                      **B** unconformist                      **C** misconformist      **D** reconformist
- 17 \_\_\_\_\_ they couldn't have told us all that we were likely to lose our jobs because the business was failing is beyond me.  
**A** When                      **B** Why                      **C** How                      **D** Whether
- 18 Whether or not I \_\_\_\_\_ work and travel for a while depends very much on my father's health.  
**A** have decided to quit      **B** 'm quitting                      **C** will be quitting      **D** decide to quit
- 19 Yawning in a meeting isn't considered polite so I knew I had to \_\_\_\_\_ the one I could feel coming.  
**A** smother                      **B** squash                      **C** hush                      **D** stifle
- 20 He maintains that he has managed to keep his youthful appearance by always taking a short \_\_\_\_\_ in the afternoon.  
**A** nap                      **B** slumber                      **C** nod                      **D** roost
- 21 We were \_\_\_\_\_ disappointed when the award for best project went to our main competitors.  
**A** virtually                      **B** bitterly                      **C** absolutely      **D** completely

- 22 The party can regain public confidence \_\_\_\_\_ it tackles the issue of expense claims in a just and open manner.  
**A** otherwise                      **B** not unless                      **C** unless                      **D** providing that
- 23 If we had known it was going to be so difficult to reach the summit before nightfall, we wouldn't even \_\_\_\_\_ to attempt it.  
**A** begin                      **B** had begun                      **C** have begun                      **D** have been beginning
- 24 He's such a charming young man. It's clear that his parents have \_\_\_\_\_ good manners in him.  
**A** inserted                      **B** instilled                      **C** inspired                      **D** incited
- 25 He didn't mention his recent promotion for fear that it would \_\_\_\_\_ trouble amongst his colleagues.  
**A** set off                      **B** spark off                      **C** set out                      **D** lead off
- 26 What do you think would be the best venue for the party then, \_\_\_\_\_ place or ours?  
**A** theirs                      **B** there                      **C** they're                      **D** their
- 27 If you fancy \_\_\_\_\_ while you're in the area, give us a bell.  
**A** to meet up                      **B** to meeting up                      **C** meet up                      **D** meeting up
- 28 The boat struggled \_\_\_\_\_ course in the gale force storms.  
**A** to stay on                      **B** staying on                      **C** to stay for                      **D** staying for
- 29 The \_\_\_\_\_ green paisley tie he wore really set him apart from the other interview candidates.  
**A** vibrant                      **B** lively                      **C** vital                      **D** dynamic
- 30 When she's that excited, it's nigh on impossible to get a word in \_\_\_\_\_. Believe me, I've tried!  
**A** sideways                      **B** sidelong                      **C** edgewise                      **D** edgeways
- 33 \_\_\_\_\_ help me make this decision. I'm just so unsure of which direction to take for my future.  
**A** I'd sooner you will                      **B** I wish you will                      **C** If only you could                      **D** I rather you
- 34 After a momentary \_\_\_\_\_ in concentration, Simon managed to regain his focus and complete the test.  
**A** lapse                      **B** fault                      **C** failure                      **D** error