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Vocabulary: Fill in the blanks with the words given.

- **Vital/critical/urgent/important**

1. Alice remains _____ condition after undergoing major surgery to remove a massive brain tumor.
2. The man left a(n) _____ message on my answering machine warning me of imminent danger.
3. The CIA agent stumbled upon some information that _____ to the nation's security.
4. Microbes are so _____ that without them, the human body cannot survive.

- **Intensifying/amplifying/inflating/magnifying**

5. By _____ the onion root under a microscope, the young student was able to classify the different phases of the cell cycle.
6. Her ignorance on the subject only succeeded in _____ my frustration and resentment.
7. A sound reinforcement system is a piece of equipment often used by DJs for _____ music and other sounds.
8. Airline companies are steadily _____ ticket prices due to rising cost of fuel.

- **Fend off/ bounce off/shrug off/ ward off**

9. Having taken so many self – defense classes, Rosalie was able to _____ her attacker successfully.
10. Don't bother giving Josie any friendly advice as she is only likely to _____ it _____.
11. Some superstitious people possess strange objects which they believe will _____ evil spirits and keep them safe.
12. In concert halls sound quality is excellent because sounds _____ the walls.

- **Trivial/minor/insignificant/minute**

13. Greg refuses to get upset and angry over something that is so _____ as his brother borrowing his clothes without asking him first.
14. Jessica's problems are just so _____ compared to mine that I often get upset when I hear her complaining.
15. Some animals, such as certain types of zoo plankton and krill, are so _____ that they cannot be seen with a naked eye.
16. Fortunately, the young boy managed to escape with very _____ injuries from the car accident.

- **Enhanced/engraved/engrossed/encapsulated**

17. The physical beauty of supermodels and celebrities often _____ by the use of cosmetics.
18. Jasper was so _____ in the movie that he didn't hear the phone ring.
19. Vitamins and minerals are often _____ in small pills so that they can be ingested easily.
20. Last Christmas, my friend, Jessica, gave me a beautiful gold bracelet with my name _____ on it.

- **Administered/implemented/consolidated/transmitted**

21. The new school policy, which has been under discussion for months, will be _____ next year.
22. The supermarket chain _____ its position as the country's biggest retailer by opening 50 new stores.
23. There are many diseases which are often _____ through physical contact.
24. Upon arriving at the scene of the accident, the paramedics _____ first aid to injured victim.

- **Limited/restrained/confined/enclosed**

25. There are a(n) _____ number of seats available for this flight, so you may want to book a ticket immediately.
26. I hate living in such a(n) _____ space because it makes me feel like a prisoner.
27. Though Carlisle is usually a passionate man, he is quite _____ during the confrontation.
28. The beautiful brick house walls _____ by a white picket fence.

- **Adverse/reverse/diverse/obverse**

29. I often print my documents in _____ order for the first page to come out on top.
30. My English class is made up of a culturally _____ group of students.
31. They had to their long-awaited camping trip because of _____ weather conditions.
32. Arrogance is in all senses the _____ of modesty.

- **Contemplate/presume/speculate/interpret**

33. The investigator refused to _____ about what may have happened.
34. Her fulfilling career made it difficult for her to _____ living the company.
35. The two girls looked so much alike that I _____ they were sisters.
36. It was easy to _____ the man's gestures.

- **Violated/infringed/breached/defied**

37. The lawyer argued that if the contract was never signed, then, it couldn't have been _____.
38. The reporters _____ the actors privacy by asking him very personal questions.
39. The mayor _____ public opinion and closed down the youth centre due to lack of funding.
40. Protestors argued that the new bill _____ on their right to free speech.

Grammar : Circle the correct item.

41. Our landlord wants us _____ before the end of the month so that he can occupy the premises.
a. **Moving** b. at moving c. to move d. with a move
42. The professor failed _____ the requirements for students' participation in the research project.
a. **Mentioning** b. to mention c. of mentioning d. to be mentioning
43. We weren't sure whether Simon will bring his CDs to the party, but _____ that he will.
a. **It is likely** b. likely is c. is likely d. likely it is
44. I think _____ bring his own safety equipment before he goes diving.
a. He ought to b. does he c. he must d. will he
45. Sarah knew that _____ accepted was very important for Mark's self-esteem.
a. **to be** b. to being c. being d. I
46. The children were immediately vaccinated _____ a flu epidemic was rapidly spreading.
a. **Because** b. so c. for d. out of
47. The weather forecast predicts increasing rainfall _____ approaching clouds from the north.
a. **owing** b. because of the fact c. seeing that d. due to
48. Unfortunately, Walter was not deemed _____ for the project manager's position.
a. too qualified b. very qualified
c. qualified enough d. enough qualified.
49. The damaging effects of deforestation are _____ in the extreme floods that plagued the region every year.
a. actually seen b. who actually
c. actually seeing d. who actually seen
50. I'll _____ never _____ forget _____ abroad.
a. to study b. studying c. to be studying d. study

