Stopping something

Choose the best word or phrase in bold to complete each sentence, using the definitions in *italics* after each sentence to help you.

1. To stop your hard disk becoming too full, you should **delete / dissuade / sever** any unwanted programmes. (*to cut out part of a document, a computer file, etc.*)

2. The new government plans to **back out of / repeal / suppress** the existing legislation. (*to officially end a law so that it is no longer valid*)

3. Increasing fuel prices does not usually **deter / quash / rescind** people from using their cars. (*to discourage people from doing something*)

4. The college tries to **cancel / dissuade / give up** students from taking exams which are not suitable for them. (*to persuade someone not to do something*)

5. The committee decided to **deny / remove / rescind** its earlier resolution on the use of its premises. (*to cancel a contract or agreement*)

6. State monopolies often **back out of / suppress / suspend** all forms of economic competition. (*to stop an activity, usually by making laws or using your authority*)

7. The Cornucopian government made the sudden decision to **dissuade / rescind / sever** diplomatic relations with their neighbouring countries. (*to end something such as a friendship or a connection completely and permanently*)

8. You should never **deny / put an end to / turn down** a good job when it's offered to you. (*to refuse something which is offered*)

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9. We decided to **pull out of / remove / rescind** the competition when three of our team members became ill. (*to decide not to support or be part of a project or activity after you have agreed to*)

10. Oil and petroleum companies **deny / scrap / repeal** that they are harming the environment. (*to state that something someone has said is not true or correct)*

11. Travel companies do not normally give refunds if their customers **cancel / put an end to / sever** their holiday at the last moment. (*to stop something which has been planned*)

12. It's important to **deter / remove / quash** rumours before too many people hear them. (*to stop something from continuing, especially things people say or believe: rumours, doubts, speculation, etc.*)

13. You should **delete / give up / suppress** fast food and other foods that have a high fat content if you want to lose weight. (*to stop doing something that you have done for quite a long time*)

14. They finally agreed to **dissuade / put an end to / quash** their long-standing dispute and try to work together instead. (*to stop something which has been going on for a long time*)

15. I would be grateful if you would **deter / remove / repeal** my name from your mailing list. (*to take something away*)

16. The factory management had to **deny / suspend / turn down** operations because of some serious health and safety issues. (*to officially stop something for a short time*)

17. We were forced to **give up / rescind / scrap** the plans when we realised they would not work. (*to decide not to continue with something such as a plan or event, often because there is a problem with some aspect of it*)

18. I believe that the best way to **delete / curb / repeal** inflation is to increase interest rates on borrowing. (*to control or limit something that is harmful*)

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