

**1** Mark always follows that old ...: early to bed, early to rise makes a man healthy, wealthy and wise.

- a) phrase
- b) adage
- c) analogy

**2** If you invest that money, you will find it will grow and ... interest.

- a) adapt
- b) accrue
- c) agree

**3** She is very careful in the amount she eats to the point of being ... .

- a) actuated
- b) abrupt
- c) abstemious

**4** You must react now and not just be ... as if there is nothing wrong.

- a) complacent
- b) combative
- c) concerning

**5** I find these puzzles too ... and prefer the more straightforward type.

- a) abject
- b) abstruse
- c) abortive

**6** There was no changing her mind as she was quite ... about her decision.

a) adamant

b) adjoined

c) attentive

**7** He couldn't finish his sentences and his speech was not ... .

a) convoluted

b) contented

c) coherent

**8** The strings were all intertwined and it took me ages to ... them.

a) disturb

b) distend

c) disentangle

**9** There are many political parties in this election as there are so many small groups or ... .

a) factions

b) fictions

c) fusion

**10** She liked to play the ... and would invariably dress up in the most outrageous clothes.

a) eclectic

b) eccentric

c) evasive

**11** In the end the leader of the opposition agreed to step down and ... to the wishes of the electorate.

a) ascend

b) accept

c) accede

**12** In the end the ... noise gets on your nerves.

a) incessant

b) inciting

c) invading

**13** I apologized and explained that it had been purely accidental and an ... action on my part.

a) incurred

b) inadvertent

c) inverted

**14** The professor managed to make it all totally clear and ... by her delivery.

a) lifting

b) lucid

c) luminous

**15** When you take a group of tourists round a city there are always those who ... and keep everybody else waiting.

a) languish

b) loiter

c) litter

**16** A man suddenly fell on her ... across and stealing her handbag.

a) limping

b) lunging

c) linking

**17** There was absolutely no call for him to criticize her in almost a ... manner.

a) malcontent

b) maladroit

c) malicious

**18** He was the ... idiot such as you'd find in one of those old farces.

a) proverbial

b) protective

c) provincial

**19** You'll get used to his funny ways as it's one of the ... of his personality.

a) quaffs

b) quirks

c) quills

**20** He used to scream and shout and you could hear him ... many meters down the road.

a) reigning

b) rattling

c) raining

**21** Everyone lost their money when the treasurer ... with all their savings.

a) absconded

b) absolved

c) evaded

**22** The police not only arrested the leader but also the ... who helped him.

a) acolytes

b) attackers

c) accomplices

**23** I have no wish to ... these criminal activities. I have some sympathy with the perpetrators.

a) concede

b) condone

c) console

**24** The judge has to adopt a ... view of the crime by being impartial.

a) detached

b) detracted

c) defended

**25** Despite all the chaos around him the captain remained calm and assumed an air of ...

a) equality

b) equity

c) equanimity

**26** The police stopped the car because it had followed an ... course down the road.

a) uneven

b) erratic

c) unerring

**27** She decided to ask her ... father who knew the answer to most things.

- a) learning
- b) erudite
- c) earnest

**28** The political leaders advised all members to ... any question about finance and avoid the topic of money completely.

- a) eschew
- b) involve
- c) undertake

**29** He prefers to use a ... rather than a more common and vulgar word.

- a) delicacy
- b) finery
- c) euphemism

**30** I've looked everywhere for my key and even carried out an ... search of my car.

- a) exhaustive
- b) exhaust
- c) exhausted