a) chatter   b) debate   c) gossip   d) rumour

Ans:-b

2878) The local residents in this seaside village are very worried about the constant erosion of the cliff face, which is in .... of falling into the sea.
a) risk   b) chance   c) danger   d) likelihood

Ans:-c

2879) I think you have been overcharged for that work because it's more .... twice what I had to pay.
a) as   b) at   c) like   d) than

Ans:-d

2880) They first of all refused to stop their strike but in the end after much negotiation they were .... to go back to work.
a) pursued   b) persuaded   c) prevented   d) perceived

Ans:-b

2881) As a troubleshooter he was often .... to sort out problems in different area offices.
a) transmitted   b) delivered   c) attached   d) sent

Ans:-d

2882) I don't believe it myself but .... to the newspapers he is supposed to have exaggerated the firm's profits.
a) following   b) regarding   c) according   d) concerning

Ans:-c

2883) He finds himself in a very difficult situation since you could say he's .... a rock and a hard place.
a) against   b) between   c) across   d) over

Ans:-b

2884) Eventually they made their minds up and .... to appoint the outsider to the job.
a) considered   b) decided   c) maintained   d) took

Ans:-b

2885) In .... to prevent any industrial espionage all employees had to sign a document preventing them from talking about their work.
a) order   b) command   c) requirement   d) purpose

Ans:-a

2886) With a view to providing a better environment for their children the couple decided to move .... from the city to the countryside.
a) along   b) afar   c) near   d) away

Ans:-d

2887) The boss wants you to explain why there is a discrepancy in the figures and .... for the sudden drop in profits.
a) talk   b) speak   c) account   d) decide

Ans:-c

2888) The charity is finding it very difficult to continue operating and that's why it's .... for the government to help.
a) crying   b) calling   c) shouting   d) hailing

Ans:-b

2889) The government are erecting concrete blocks around the Houses of Parliament to .... the buildings against possible terrorist attacks.
a) defend   b) distract   c) defer   d) detract

Ans:-a