SEMESTER TEST



Task 1. **Choose the best option. There is only ONE correct answer for every question.**

1. I didn't have time to prepare a speech, so I just decided to _____ it.

a) wing
b) run
c) loosen

2. Before making a decision, he wanted to _____ the proposal _____ his team.

a) run / by
b) set / up
c) pick / brain of

3. We arrived at the airport with time to _____, so we got a coffee.

a) cut
b) ease
c) spare

4. "She kept butting in during the meeting." =

a) She kept jumping in.
b) She kept winging it.
c) She kept rooting for me.

5. "You think I'm angry? _____. I'm just concentrating."

a) Nothing could be further from the truth!
b) Sit up and take notice!
c) Loosen up a bit!

6. You absolutely _____ that presentation — the client loved it.

a) nailed
b) hit
c) kicked

7. The market has changed, so let's _____ and try a new approach.

a) pivot
b) switch off
c) replace

8. The company _____ a huge client last quarter.

a) landed
b) caught
c) won

9. The manager _____ clear rules for the whole team.

a) set out
b) put up
c) laid down

10. With reminders, it's easier to _____.

a) stay above things
b) stay on top of things
c) stay over things

11. I missed yesterday's meeting. Could you _____ me _____ what was decided?

a) fill / out
b) bring / over
c) fill / in

12. Stop _____ _____ the _____ and tell me exactly what happened.

a) going / through / motions
b) beating / around / bush
c) talking / over / problem

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13. The company wanted to reduce errors, so they _____ a new time-tracking system last month.

a) implemented
b) interrupted
c) installed

14. After yesterday's meeting, I think we're all _____ _____ _____ now.

a) on the same page
b) in the right direction
c) at the correct track

15. Let's coordinate with their department to avoid any project _____.

a) overload
b) overlap
c) overslide

16. A: "Can you send that file today?"
B: "Sure, _____!"

a) I'm in it!
b) I'm behind it!
c) I'm on it!

17. The report is _____ — I just need to add two charts.

a) as ready as finished
b) as good as done
c) almost better than done

18. By the time I got to the box office, there were already 45 people, _____, waiting to buy tickets.

a) give or take
b) more or extra
c) roughly exact

19. The holiday season is _____ for the toy industry.

a) crash period
b) crunch time
c) pressure week

20. My work meetings always _____ — they never finish on time.

a) move over
b) run over
c) carry over

21. The project is behind the schedule _____ six months.

a) for
b) by
c) on

22. He _____ and accidentally deleted an important file from the system.

a) stepped over
b) slipped up
c) fell behind

23. He made a real _____ during the presentation by misquoting key statistics.

a) failure
b) blunder
c) slip

24. We encountered a technical _____ when the audio system malfunctioned.

a) hitch
b) hold
c) hurdle

25. The team _____ numerous problems during development, causing delays.

a) encountered
b) faced with
c) allocated

26. The temporary software patch was just a _____ solution and didn't fix the real security issues.

a) quick-thinking
b) Band-Aid
c) fast-repair

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27. With limited resources, they had to _____ the project _____ using whatever tools they had.

a) patch / together
b) glue / roughly
c) pare / down

28. During the storm, we had a _____ and couldn't cook dinner.

a) power cut
b) power stop
c) electric break

29. Don't use the kitchen tap — the sink is completely _____.

a) full
b) clogged
c) stuck

30. I can't join the meeting — the internet _____ again.

a) fell
b) is down
c) stopped up

Task 2. **Fill in the gaps. There is only ONE missing word in each gap.**

1. We're working without any _____ room, so even a small delay could cause problems.

2. Repairs will cost _____ most a few hundred euros if nothing serious is damaged.

3. I can't stay long — I'm really pressed _____ time today.

4. Please don't ask for major changes on _____ notice.

5. I know something's wrong with the report, but I can't quite put my _____ on it yet.

6. We spent weeks barking up the wrong _____ before realizing the real problem.

7. I'd love to pick your _____ about how you approached this problem.

8. They kept bouncing ideas _____ each other until a clear strategy emerged.

9. Before submitting the application, let's tie up the _____ ends.

10. The concept is interesting, but you'll need to _____ it out with examples.

11. Getting approval from all stakeholders turned out to be a real tough nut to _____.

12. The investigation hit a wall because detectives were _____ their wheels.

13. When her files were deleted, she had to start her work from _____.

14. I borrowed the book ages ago but haven't gotten _____ to reading it.

15. Ignoring innovation would be a _____ backward for the industry.

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Task 3. **Find the odd one out.**

- *treading water*
- *spinning one's wheels*
- *going (around) in circles*
- *beating around the bush*

- *get around to doing smth*
- *start from scratch*
- *go back to square one*
- *go back to the drawing board*

- *get the green light*
- *get the go-ahead*
- *get kicked off*
- *get the okay*

- *table a discussion*
- *shelve a discussion*
- *bring forward a discussion*
- *put off a discussion*

- *on short notice*
- *on late notice*
- *cutting it close*
- *cutting corners*

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