19 The three friends all ..... for the same job.
A requested B chose C applied D referred
20 I took someone else's coat from the cloakroom by .....
A mistake B fortune C error D forgetfulness
21 He ..... me to take a lawyer to court with me.
A advised B suggested C threatened D insisted
22 He ..... me by asking me stupid questions while I'm working.
A annoys B quarrels C damages D interests
23 In order to finance the project the Council will have to get a large ..... from the bank.
A profit B interest C gain D loan
24 He refused to give up work, ... he'd won a million pounds.
A despite B however C even though D as though
25 Firemen rescued several people from the ..... floor of the blazing building.
A high B top C basement D low

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1 I'm sure they were ..... lies!
A telling B speaking C talking D saying
2 She always ..... the crossword in the paper before breakfast.
A makes B writes C does D works
3 The newspaper report contained ..... important information.
A many B another C an D a lot of
4 He couldn't ..... his father that he was telling the truth.
A admit B confide C trust D convince
5 The main road through Salisbury was blocked for two hours today after an accident ..... several vehicles.
A containing B connecting C involving D including
6 That old vase will ..... an attractive lamp-holder.
A compose B form C make D assemble
7 The police are ..... the town for the missing vehicle.
A seeking B looking C investigating D combing
8 Armed terrorists are reported to have ..... the Embassy.
A taken up B taken to C taken over D taken into
9 When he woke up, he realised that the things he had dreamt about could not ..... have happened.
A possibly B likely C certainly D potentially
10 He cannot ..... ignorance as his excuse; he should have known what was happening in his own department.
A insist B plead C refer D defend
11 The Government's present policy is seen as a ..... to local democracy.
A threat B harm C suppression D sneer
12 It was not easy to understand her ..... to the situation.
A feelings B conduct C outlook D reaction
13 He always did well at school ..... having his early education disrupted by illness.
A on account of B in spite of C in addition to D even though
14 He told his father a long and ..... story to explain his lateness.
A inconceivable B unconvincing C unimaginable D incredulous

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15 After listening to all the arguments I am now of the ..... that there should be no new road.
A attitude B opinion C thought D idea

16 One condition of this job is that you must be ..... to work at weekends.
A available B capable C acceptable D accessible

17 It was too late to ..... of the contract.
A back out B back down C back up D back away

18 All his companies had been successful and he was known to be ..... rich.
A absolutely B completely C extremely D thoroughly

19 Religion and politics interest him almost ..... .
A equally B the same C similarly D alike

20 Employees who have a ..... are encouraged to discuss it with the management..
A hindrance B disturbance C disadvantage D grievance

21 Sparkling pools of water lay trapped among the rocks as the tide ..... .
A removed B refilled C retired D receded

22 The police have been ordered not to ..... if the students attack them.
A combat B retaliate C challenge D rebuff

23 The woman was ..... from hospital yesterday only a week after her operation.
A ejected B expelled C evicted D discharged

24 According to the ..... of the contract, tenants must give six months notice if they intend to leave.
A laws B rules C terms D details

25 In spite of his poor education, he was a most ..... speaker.
A articulate B ambiguous C attentive D authoritarian

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1 Please accept our ..... congratulations!
A finest B warmest C dearest D deepest

2 It is difficult for museums to find funds to protect the nation's ..... .
A inheritance B heritage C possessions D legacy

3 A part-time job gives me the freedom to ..... my own interests.
A pursue B chase C seek D catch

4 She's ..... interrupting me while I'm talking.
A sometimes B never C always D just

5 In his first game for Newcastle, Keegan ..... a goal after 58 minutes.
A scored B won C earned D gained

6 Shy people often find it difficult to ..... group discussions.
A take place in B take part in
C get on with D get in touch with

7 It ..... a lot of patience to be a nurse.
A uses B takes C spends D costs

8 I couldn't decide between the two records, so I bought ..... of them.
A each B both C either D all

9 People still haven't ..... how dangerous pollution can be.
A remarked B noted C realised D minded

10 After I ..... finished working, I switched off the machine.
A have B had C having D to have

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11 I think access to cinemas and theatres is the main ____ of city life.
A amenity B attraction C leisure D recreation

12 I don't want to go, but there is no way of getting ____ it
A from B off C out of D away

13 That child is really ____ by its grandparents.
A stained B polluted C spoilt D naughty

14 When they got back from holiday, they found their house had been ____ by burglars.
A broken into B broken up C broken down D broken off

15 His bad behaviour was put ____ his upbringing.
A up B with C off D down to

16 What he told me was a ____ of lies.
A pack B load C mob D flock

17 Dentists recommend brushing teeth with a fluoride toothpaste to ____ them from decay.
A defend B protect C arm D guard

18 In some parts of the world the indigenous population has been completely ____.
A wiped up B wiped out C wiped away D wiped off

19 ____ through the attic and see if you can find anything for the jumble sale.
A Rummage B Ravage C Forage D Salvage

20 The rain seems to have set ____ for the evening.
A upon B about C in D down

21 The thought of taking such an examination had never for one moment ____ my head.
A entered B occurred C crossed D slipped

22 According to a recent survey, most people are on good ____ with their neighbours.
A relations B acquaintance C relationships D terms

23 This young author has already received the sort of ____ that many older and wiser heads have had to strive a lifetime for.
A attentiveness B note C recognition D notoriety

24 I hope this headache ____ soon.
A goes out B comes away C wears off D passes away

25 They began constructing the bridge in 1960, but several years ____ before the project was completed.
A advanced B elapsed C proceeded D progressed

5

1 After Mervyn's accident and his subsequent appearance in court, he was ____ from driving for a year.
A dispossessed B forfeited C disqualified D invalidated

2 When we put up the shelves in the kitchen, it was very simple. We just had to ____ a few holes in the wall.
A stab B drill C pierce D saw

3 When Mrs Frobisher was taken to hospital, two ambulance men carried her out of the house on a ____
A stretcher B hammock C mattress D hearse

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