

PRACTICE TEST 1

1. She _____ agreed to go with him to the football match although she had no interest in the game at all.
A. apologetically B. grudgingly C. shamefacedly D. discreetly
2. On the way to Cambridge yesterday, the road was blocked by a fallen tree, so we had to make a _____.
A. deviation B. digression C. detour D. departure
3. Tom's normally very efficient but he's been making a lot of mistakes _____.
A. of late B. for now C. in a while D. shortly
4. I know it's difficult but you'll just have to _____ and bear it.
A. laugh B. smile C. grin D. chuckle
5. I didn't want to make a decision _____, so I said I'd like to think about it.
A. in one go B. there and then C. at a stroke D. on and off
6. We are not in a _____ hurry so let's have another coffee.
A. dashing B. racing C. rushing D. tearing
7. She's a bit down in the _____ at the moment – her husband has just lost his job.
A. world B. dumps C. heart D. bottom
8. "How did you know that he was lying?" – "It was just a _____ feeling."
A. faint B. gut C. slight D. vain
9. The new company had been _____ with one problem after another and looked as if it were about to go under.
A. glorified B. tainted C. fraught D. bewildered
10. Mike decided that election to the local council would provide a _____ to a career in national politics.
A. milestone B. springboard C. highway D. turning point
11. As a poet, I think she _____ comparison with the greatest this century. .
A. stands B. makes C. leads D. matches
12. We all have to follow the rules, and none of us is _____ the law.
A. beyond B. over C. above D. onto
13. When disaster _____, organisations such as Oxfam quickly provide help.
A. comes B. approaches C. arrives D. strikes
14. The number of people traveling by air has been growing _____.
A. by leaps and bounds B. from time to time
C. slow but sure D. by hook and crook
15. Drug-taking is a crime which society simply cannot _____.
A. approve B. acknowledge C. consent D. condone
16. I was scared _____ when I looked down from the top of the cliff.
A. tight B. stiff C. hard D. solid
17. The whereabouts of the exiled president remains a _____ guarded secret. Lluà
A. highly B. closely C. deeply D. entirely
18. We should all _____ when advertisers attempt to use unfair practices.
A. make a stand B. make a comeback
C. make amends D. make a deal
19. The company cannot accept _____ for injuries resulting from improper use of rental equipment
A. validity B. liability C. compensation D. privilege
20. Jack never cheats or tricks anybody when he plays. He always goes by the _____.
A. book B. instructions C. principles D. method
21. Recent defeats have _____ his confidence in himself as a player
A. undermined B. disable C. impeded D. hampered
22. People turned out in _____ to watch the parade on the Independence Day.
A. volume B. mass C. force D. bulk
23. Not being able to find my phone number is a pretty _____ excuse for not contacting me.
A. fragile B. frail C. faint D. feeble
24. We were under no _____ about how difficult it would be to achieve our aims.
A. fantasies B. daydreams C. illusions D. deceptions
25. The pollution problems in the town have been _____ by mass tourism in the summer months.
A. exacerbated B. developed C. augmented D. contributed
26. I'm in a bit of a _____ as to what to wear to the wedding.

- A. loss B. quandary C. problem D. bewilderment
27. The problem _____ because neither side was prepared to compromise.
A. amassed B. escalated C. proliferated D. enhanced
28. The Red Cross is _____ an international aid organization.
A. intriguingly B. intrusively C. intrinsically D. intrepidly
29. I couldn't stop myself from _____ with boredom during the lecture.
A. sighing B. gasping C. panting D. blowing
30. My brother found it impossible to _____ his anger and started shouting.
A. restrict B. inhibit C. reserve D. contain
31. Fitting together the thousands of fragments of the broken vase was a long and _____ task.
A. minute B. careful C. painstaking D. minuscule
32. You'll just have to _____ yourself to the fact that you can't always have what you want.
A. acknowledge B. reconcile C. concede D. allow
33. The students had no money left and took out a loan to _____ him over until the end of term.
A. last B. tend C. keep D. tide
34. Money was short and people survived by _____ and saving.
A. scrimping B. scavenging C. scouring D. scrounging
35. Jane was terribly nervous before the interview but she managed to pull herself _____ and act confidently.
A. through B. over C. together D. off
36. This is the _____ timetable for the conference. It may change later.
A. conditional B. indefinite C. provisional D. indeterminate
37. She didn't show even a _____ of emotion when the court found her guilty.
A. gleam B. wink C. flicker D. flash
38. Few people can do creative work unless they are in the right _____ of mind.
A. trend B. frame C. attitude D. tendency
39. It was decided that the cost of the project would be _____, and so it was abandoned.
A. repressive B. prohibitive C. restrictive D. exclusive
40. I didn't really feel like memorizing all these definitions. It was only the risk of getting another bad mark that made me _____ myself.
A. exert B. absorb C. endeavour D. deploy
41. In times of _____, unemployment figures usually rise dramatically.
A. austerity B. severity C. sobriety D. gravity
42. The delight in treasure finding doesn't always _____ acquiring tremendous to lớn phi thường amounts of valuables.
A. dwell on B. poke around C. lay about D. hinge upon
43. Let's _____ the place, it looks so gloomy and unpleasant.
A. miss B. abandon C. depart D. disappear
44. She used the map to discover where she was in _____ to her surroundings.
A. connection B. affinity C. relation D. reference
45. He let it _____ that the Prime Minister was a close friend of his.
A. announce B. talk C. drop D. infer
46. It was a fantastic film. I enjoyed it _____.
A. endlessly B. unendingly C. without end D. no end
47. When the children _____ their toys, I donated them to charity.
A. outlasted B. outdated C. outgrew D. outwore
48. I was in the _____ of despair before I heard the good news.
A. depths B. profundities C. bottoms D. holes
49. When are we going to get rid of all these empty cartons? They've been _____ up the office for weeks now.
A. buttering B. clutching C. cluttering D. botching
50. The luxurious office accentuated the manager's position _____. It enhanced his power and his sense of his own worth. And it made other people feel small.
A. on the pecking pole B. in the nibbling line
C. at the nipping post D. in the pecking order