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Choose the word or phrase that best completes the sentence.

1 Jasper's work experience will allow him to hit ___ when he starts his new job next week.
a a failure
b rock bottom
c the ground running
d from bad to worse

2 Unfortunately, we only have one position and it must go to the ___ candidate.
a wildest
b highest
c strongest
d greatest

3 We had to work around the ___ to produce enough goods to fill the big order we had last week.
a clock
b priority
c day
d overnight

4 Despite his poor performance in last month's athletics trials, Jack is still ___ for a medal in next week's race.
a in the running
b meeting the deadline
c on his plate
d by a mile

5 Although not everyone is a fan of Justin Bieber, most people agree he is worthy of his ___ success.
a influential
b aspiring
c phenomenal
d resourceful

6 Jenny ___ her audition and was immediately offered the part!
a went up against
b scraped through
c took off
d waltzed through

7 You've got one last chance to take this exam and pass, so you'd better ___ and do some work.
a take off
b scrape through
c knuckle down
d excel at

8 Unfortunately, Jamie's plans to tour around Australia didn't ___ due to a lack of finances.
a fall through
b pan out
c pull off
d knuckle down

9 Phoebe ___ all our expectations with her incredible performance in the dance contest.
a attained
b approved
c reached
d surpassed

10 The money laundering scandal lead to the minister's ___ fall from political power.
a prodigious
b precipitous
c dismal
d persistent

11 A major political party is ___ the campaign for tighter gun controls in the wake of last month's shooting.
a procuring
b setting
c spearheading
d fulfilling

12 Unfortunately, Tina's attempts to get a part in a West End show have been a dismal ___.
a downfall
b contribution
c disaster
d failure

13 Robbie is no ___ student; he gets straight As in all subjects and is captain of the football team.
a well-known
b up-and-coming
c self-made
d run-of-the-mill

14 My father was proud of being ___ man – he started out with nothing and now he's a successful businessman.
a an aspiring
b a self-made
c a zealous
d a burgeoning

15 In its ___, the city of Bath was a magnet for wealthy and fashionable people from all over the country.
a dream
b foothold
c prestige
d heyday

16 Zoe's plans to study at university ___ when she didn't get the required grades in her school leaving exams.
a fell through
b wrote off
c got back
d put in

17 Sally attends the ___ Royal Ballet School in Richmond.
a precipitous
b resilient
c prestigious
d persevering

18 I hope I'll be able to ___ today's performance on the opening night.
a aspire
b emulate
c advocate
d persevere

19 William ___ to becoming a powerful politician and has already started to make his way in the world of politics.
a persists
b determines
c aspires
d perseveres

20 Pablo is just twelve years old, but thanks to his parents' encouragement, he is already a ___ chess player.
a prodigious
b peak
c useful
d resilient

LIVEWORKSHEETS

Unit 1

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Read the article about a successful football club and choose the correct answers.

A football fairy-tale come true

The 2015–2016 Premier League football season was full of surprises, not least of which was its unlikely winner. Leicester City, a club which had hit **(1)** ___ in 2014 finishing in fourteenth place, found itself **(2)** ___ of the league one year later and went on to win the title. It was an unbelievable **(3)** ___ which its supporters could never in their **(4)** ___ dreams have imagined.

At the beginning of the season, bookmakers' odds of 5,000 to 1 on Leicester City go to show how far out of the **(5)** ___ they were expected to be. Commentators, fans and sports experts had all but written the team **(6)** ___. But under the leadership of their new manager, Claudio Ranieri, the team went from **(7)** ___ during the season and finally lifted the cup for the first time in their club's history.

This huge **(8)** ___ proves that with courage, hard work and a little bit of luck, even the lowliest team can come out on top.

1	a	top marks	b	the ground	c	the roof	d	rock bottom
2	a	top	b	summit	c	peak	d	head
3	a	turnover	b	turn-off	c	turn-up	d	turnaround
4	a	maddest	b	strongest	c	wildest	d	most intense
5	a	training	b	running	c	driving	d	racing
6	a	off	b	out	c	over	d	through
7	a	A to B	b	bad to worse	c	cover to cover	d	strength to strength
8	a	credit	b	fulfilment	c	accomplishment	d	prestige



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